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From The Chambers



FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Coomalie Council held its official swearing-in ceremony at the September OGM, Tuesday 16th September 2025, marking the beginning of the 10th term of Council.

At the meeting, the new Council sat for the first time with its inaugural order of business to appoint the President and Deputy President. Councillor Ross McGorman, from the Batchelor Township Ward and Councilor Sharon Beswick from Adelaide River Ward were nominated, with Ross McGorman appointed as President of Coomalie Council by fellow Councillors.

Councillor Chris Whatley from Coomalie Rural Ward and Councilor Sharon Beswick from Adelaide River Ward were nominated as Deputy President by fellow Councillors. This nomination was also uncontested, and as such, Councillor Chris Whatley was appointed as Deputy President.

The elected members of Council for the 2025 – 2029 term are:

Adelaide River Ward

Councillor Alan Roe
Councillor Sharon Beswick

Batchelor Township Ward

President Ross McGorman
Councillor Mae Mae Morrison

Coomalie Rural Ward

Deputy President Chris Watley
Councillor Greg Strettles

At the meeting Council considered the following business:

- Appointing members to the Risk Management and Audit Committee. Deputy President Whatley and Councilor Beswick.
- Myrtle Fawcett Park Toilet Block and the demolition of the old block.

2025/26 Property Rates Notices

Instalment Dates:

1st Instalment—Friday 26th September 2025 - finished

2nd Instalment – Friday 28th November 2025

3rd Instalment – Friday 30th January 2026

4th & Final Instalment – Tuesday 7th April 2026

If you are experiencing financial difficulties honouring your property rate obligations, please contact the Council Office and arrange an appointment to discuss financial hardship options. Council's Rates Concession Policy is available on the website.

What's in a Name?

HUNDRED OF HOWARD

This Hundred is situated southeast of Darwin, but west of the Adelaide River. It was named after Captain Frederick Howard after whom the Howard River was also named. He was later in 1865/66 to command the HMS "Beatrice" which took part in the initial surveys at Escape Cliffs/Adam Bay under Col. Boyle Travers Finniss. This Hundred was one of the first thirteen gazetted in the NT in 1871.

Source: NT Place Names

Free to Residents

Domestic quantities of mulch can be collected from the Batchelor Waste Management Facility.

Commercial quantities are available at \$33.00/cubic metre.

Need to know more?

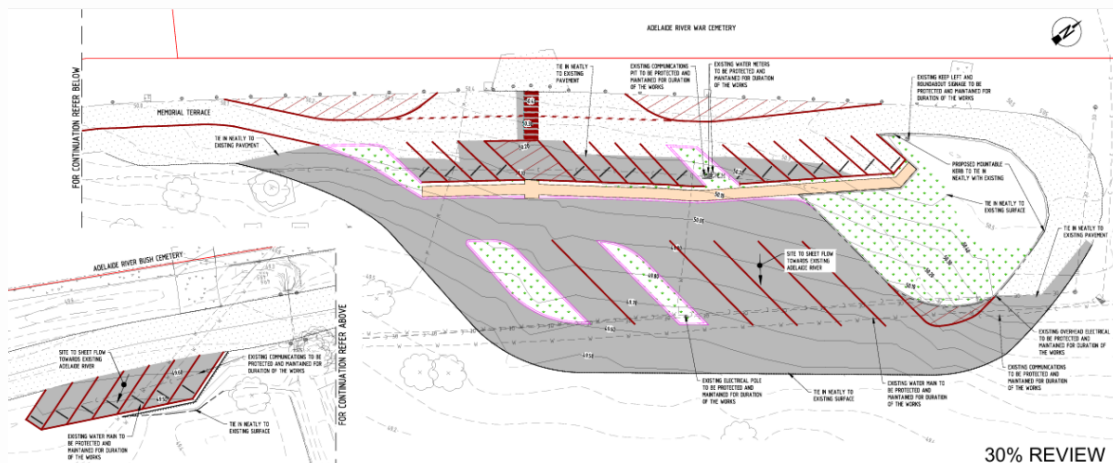
Visit Council Meetings page on our website, www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/council-meetings to access the very latest information.

Council's next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 21st October 2025** at 3:00pm in Chambers, 22 Cameron Road, Batchelor. Council meetings are open to the public.

From The Council Services Team

Major works include:

- Power has been connected to the Coomalie Bush Cemetery, Civilian Section and the World War II grave areas.
- Work has commenced on the access footpaths to the Columbarium. 2 new head walls and path through the Memorial Garden will commence soon.
- Myrtle Fawcett Park ablution block – Completed. Future works include landscaping, irrigation, vehicle barriers and footpaths.
- Batchelor waste management weighbridge - in progress, weighbridge on site, civils works completed; weighbridge installed; staff training and systems development in progress..
- Sargeant Road new seal - partially completed, cul de sac and alignment to weighbridge completed.
- Cemetery Precinct carpark, pathways and mains power



The survey and design informing the current public tender for the remaining civil works at the Adelaide River Cemetery Precinct. There are 7 new carparks proposed for the Coomalie Bush Cemetery and 16 vehicle and 7 long vehicles proposed at the War Graves end of the precinct.





Images of the new power bollards that have been installed at the Adelaide River War Graves as part of Council's commitment to improving the safety and amenity of local historical venues.

Ongoing works include:

- General road maintenance
- General facility maintenance in both Adelaide River and Batchelor townships
- Mowing of both townships
- Regular activities at Adelaide River and Batchelor waste facilities
- Tree audit & pruning works in Adelaide River and Batchelor
- Dry season maintenance
- Working bee with Rum Jungle Bowls Club to clean up site.

Pre-Cyclone Clean Up

Council will be undertaking the annual pre-cyclone clean up in both Adelaide River and Batchelor on the dates listed in the poster below.

Please ensure your rubbish is placed on the road verge the weekend prior to the scheduled collection period to ensure it is removed in a timely fashion. Any waste put out after this period will not be collected.

UPCOMING COLLECTION DATES

PRE-CYCLONE CLEAN UP

BATCHELOR

Rubbish Out 18th - 19th October
Collection 20th - 24th October

ADELAIDE RIVER

Rubbish Out 25 - 26th October
Collection 27th - 31st October

WHAT TO KNOW

Be sure to get your rubbish out the weekend

prior to ensure a smooth collection process.

Any rubbish placed out after the collection dates will not be collected by Council.



Items accepted:

- White goods
- Furniture
- Small items which may become a projectile
- Items able to be picked up by a single person

Items not accepted:

- Asbestos
- Tyres & Car batteries
- Paint / aerosol cans
- Chemicals
- Medical waste
- Car bodies



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T: (08) 8976-0058

W: coomalie.nt.gov.au/pre-cyclone-clean-up-2025

E: mail@coomalie.nt.gov.au

Wet Season Weight Restrictions

With the official start of the wet season now upon us, weight restrictions are now in force on all Council roads.

To move a vehicle that is outside these restrictions, you must first seek approval from Council. The application form for this can be downloaded from Council's [website here](#)

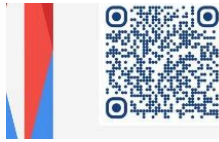
Wet Season Weight Restrictions

Effective from 1st October to 30th April

Restriction Period	Compliance Required	Contact Information
Weight restrictions are in effect during the wet season to protect road infrastructure and ensure safety for all users.	All vehicles must adhere to weight limits during this period to avoid penalties and road damage.	Contact Council on 8976-0058 or mail@coomalie.nt.gov.au for further information



For further information and to download a permit application, please see Council's website www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/forms-and-documents or scan the QR Code below



THE QR CODE BELOW:



Weeds in Coomalie

Siam weed

Scientific name: *Chromolaena odorata*

Declaration status: Class B

Alert

A siam weed infestation was detected in the Top End of the Northern Territory (NT) for the first time in July 2019.

Siam weed is serious and weed management officers are assisting the landholders with control and eradication.

If you have seen it or think you have it on your property, [report siam weed](#).

You should not try to control siam weed without contacting the [Weed Management Branch](#) first.

A control effort that is poorly performed or not followed up can help to spread the weed and increase the problem.

Siam weed has a statutory weed management plan that explains the legal requirements for controlling it.

If you have siam weed on your land, you must follow the weed management plan.

Go to the Territory Stories website to get the:

- [siam weed management plan 2025–2035](#)
- [discussion paper](#) about how the plan was developed.

Siam weed, also known as 'pitchforking weed', is native to Central and South America.

It has become a serious weed in Africa, South East Asia, Papua New Guinea and in North Queensland.

Siam weed was first found in Australia in 1994 at a grazing property near Tully in Queensland. Eradication was not successful.

For more information get the:

- [siam weed brochure PDF \(598.5 KB\)](#).
- [siam weed management guide PDF \(8.2 MB\)](#).



From the Ranger

DATES RELEASE FOR OCTOBER VET CLINIC DAY

Batchelor – 15th October 2025, Rum Jungle Bowls Club, Batchelor

Adelaide River – 16th October 2025, The Access Shed, Adelaide River

To utilise this clinic, all dogs must be registered with Coomalie Council, this can be done at the Council office.

You can find the Fee's and charges for this clinic on Councils website, under fees and charges.

Available procedures for both canine and feline-

Desexing

Health checks

Vaccinations

Nail clips

Available for purchase -

Tick and flea collars

Wormers

FERAL CAT TRAPPING PROGRAM –

The feral cat trapping program is run alongside with the vet clinic day.

To ensure your domestic cat is not caught, please keep all domestic cats in your household from the 13th to 16th October 2025.

If you wish to host a trap, please contact the Ranger at Council on 8976-0058.

DOG REGISTRIONS ARE DUE FOR RENEWAL

Dog registrations are due for renewal for the 2025-2026 year.

50% discount applies to concession card holders.

50% discount applies to desexed animals.

Only one discount can be used at one time.

Desexing certificates or concession cards need to be provided to enable a discount

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GAMBA GRASS EDUCATION DAY –

Council is partnering with NT Weeds branch for the upcoming Gamba Action Program (GAP)

We will be holding a Gamba Grass education session on Saturday 1st November 2025 at the Bruce Jones Centre, Batchelor from 8am – 12pm.

The education session will include –

- Spraying lesson with a backpack spraying and a spraying unit,

- Herbicide education,
- Herbicide application demonstration,
- Gamba identification,
- Gamba education,
- A BBQ will also be held!!

Herbicide will be distributed at the Education Day.



REGISTRATIONS DUE

2025-26 dog registrations are now due for the
1st September 2025 – 31 August 2026 year.

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be provided to enable the discount to be applied.

Should your dog no longer
reside in Coomalie, please
contact Council on the
below details..

COOMALIE (DOG MANAGEMENT) BY-LAWS 2002 state:
Township properties have a limit of two (2) dogs per
property and must be registered.
Rural properties do not have a limit but must be registered.

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WET SEASON ANIMAL REHOMING DONATION DAY!

SAVE A PAW NT, our NT based animal rehoming group that give unclaimed, mistreated, and unloved animals a second chance at life.

It's time to show our community support, celebrate and appreciate those who advocate for the ones who can't speak.

Over the last 12 months, save a Paw NT have given 27 animals from the Coomalie Region, a safe, loving second chance at life.

Save the date:

Wednesday 15th October 2025 – Bowls Club, Batchelor

Thursday 16th October 2025 – Access Shed, Adelaide River

Drop off points will be available alongside Councils vet clinic days.

A gold coin donation is also available at Council office and at the Vet Day.

All contributions will be donated straight to Save A Paw NT by the Coomalie Council Rangers.

What to donate?

Coming into the wet season, the following donations will be highly appreciated.

Dog and Cat items - **Packaged food, collars, leads, puppy/kitten milk, parasite prevention**

The smallest of donations will go a long way.

From Community Services Team

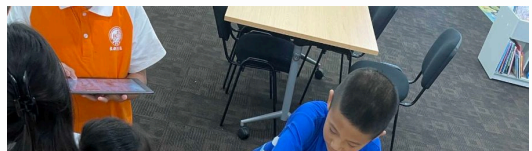
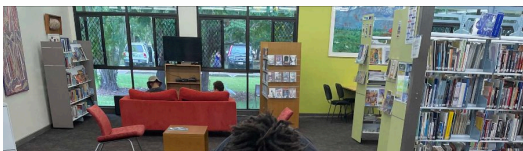
School Holiday Activities

An action packed 2 weeks of holiday activities occurred at Batchelor Pool and our Community Libraries at Adelaide River and Batchelor.

Pool activities included a Treasure Hunt, Water Olympics and general Fun & Games.

Activities at the libraries consisted of Science and Gardening activities, movies & board games, along with a school holiday reading challenge!

See images below from the activities.







Seniors Mystery Bus Tour

September's Mystery Tour travelled to the Marrakai Military Museum to see a wonderful display of World War II items, we also managed to get quite the history lesson about all of the displays from the owner!

A nice lunch followed at the Humpty Doo Tavern.

The next Seniors Mystery Tour will be held on Thursday October 30th. Pickups are available in Adelaide River, Batchelor and the Lake Bennett bus stop.

PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT DATE TO THAT PLANNED

Mystery Bus Tour Pass

Departure Adelaide River Batchelor	Destination Unknown	Items Needed Walking shoes, hat & Water
Seat Number 16B	Bus Number A-12345	Activity/Lunch at own cost



Departure Time **8:30 AM** Date **October 30, 2025**



Contact Council to
book your seat.
8976 0058

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No Ticket

Active Remote Sport Program

For term 3 Council has engaged Softball NT to run a 6 week program at Adelaide River and Football NT (Soccer) to run Batchelor's program.

Adelaide River - Thursday from October 23, 2:45pm - 5:00pm

Batchelor - Wednesdays from October 22, 3:00pm - 5:00pm



Join Our Weekly Soccer Program

Fun and energetic after school activity!

Our after school soccer program is designed for students of all skill levels. Join us Thursdays from 23rd October at Adelaide River Oval from 2:45pm for 6 weeks. Experience teamwork, develop skills, make new friends while having a blast on the field.



JOIN THE GAME

EVERY WEDNESDAY STARTING OCTOBER 22, 2025 AT BATCHELOR SCHOOL HALL FROM 3:00PM FOR 6 WEEKS!


SIGN UP AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS!



Batchelor Pool

With the sudden retirement of our long serving Pool Supervisor, we have had to make some changes to pool operation hours until a permanent replacement can be found.

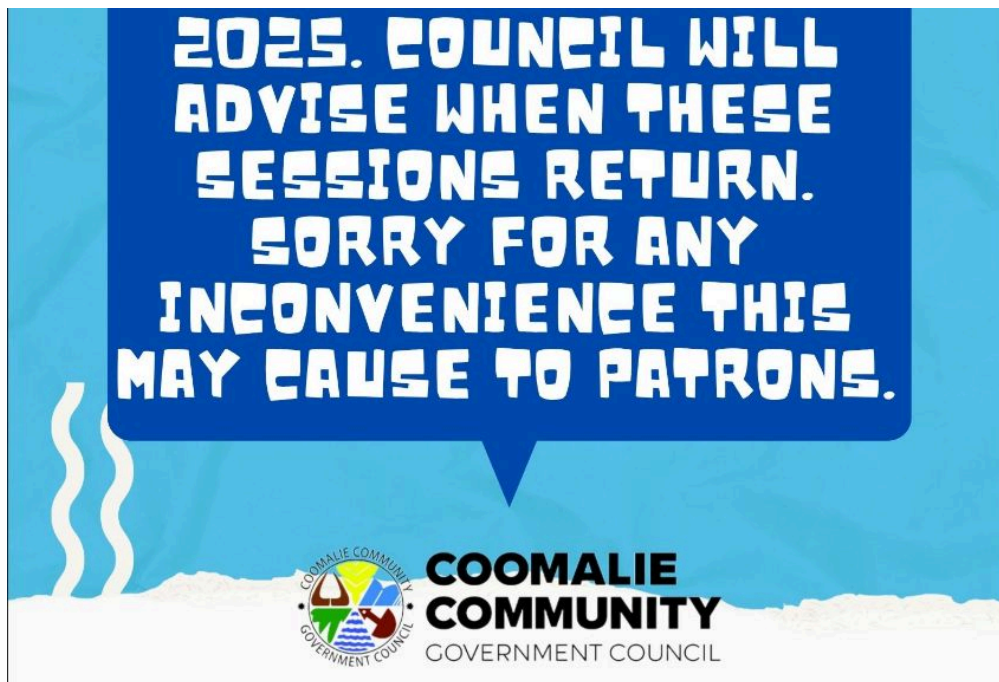
Batchelor Pool will open to the public for the afternoon sessions as normal, unfortunately we cannot provide early morning lap swimming sessions at this time.



Batchelor Pool

LAP SWIMMING

MORNING LAP SWIMMING SESSIONS ARE TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE FROM FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER



From the Community Libraries Team

Five-Year Agreement Secures Future of Batchelor Community Library

Coomalie Community Government Council CEO and Batchelor Indigenous Institute of Tertiary Education (BIITE) CEO, Renee Long, have recently signed a landmark five-year agreement to co-locate the NT Government-funded Batchelor Community Library.

This partnership ensures the continued delivery of a vibrant, contemporary library service for both residents and BIITE students, providing a safe and inspiring environment for learning and community connection.

The agreement strengthens the existing service level arrangements, guaranteeing access to resources, technology, and programs that meet modern standards while preserving the library's role as a welcoming hub for the Coomalie region.





Our Community Libraries have been very busy places of late with people trying to get away from the current steamy weather.

Community Library Opening Hours

Adelaide River

Thursdays 3:00pm to 6:30pm

Fridays 3:00pm to 6:30pm

Saturdays 9:00am to 2:00pm

Batchelor

Fridays 3:00pm to 5:30pm

Sundays 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Community members and visitors are all welcome at the library during the times above.

Should libraries be closed on short notice, or late opening for any reason, Council will publish this information to its Facebook page.

Some additional information relating to Batchelor Library can be seen below.

NEW ARRIVALS

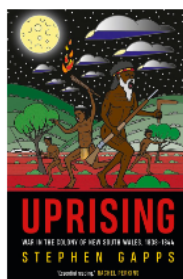
in the library



CONSPIRACY NATION /

Ariel Bogle and Cam Wilson

'There are microchips in vaccines'; '5G spreads COVID-19'; 'the Australian government is hiding a list of powerful predators' – Conspiracy Nation exposes the world of Australian conspiracy theories, their history, appeal and political influence. It's easy to dismiss these as fringe concerns or imported concepts, but conspiratorial ideas are gaining traction with everyday Australians, and being wielded by those in power.



UPRISING / Stephen Gapps

The incredible story of this extensive frontier resistance warfare for the first time – a series of wars that were conducted along a huge area of the Murray-Darling river system, across many First Nations' lands, in a concerted defence of River Country.



Scan QR code to
search the library
catalogue

www.batchelor.edu.au/library

KIDS
SCIENCE FEST
WITH THE RADICLE ROADSHOW



Activity List

Floor is Lava
Science of Keeping Cool
Glow in the dark painting
Giant Magnetic Tiles
Virtual Reality
Many more

**10 -NOV-25
MONDAY
14:30 - 16:30**

Batchelor Institute Library

For More Information about CDU Radicle :
<https://www.radiclent.net/>



COTA

Special Morning Tea

Where: Litchfield Outback Resort

When: 9:30am Thursday 23rd October 2025

Consumer Affairs Talk on Scams and your rights.

Contact: Jan Jewell on 0408 762 257

Grey Panthers in Coomalie Dance Group

Where: Batchelor Tavern

When: Every Wednesday 10:00am - 12:00pm

Contact: Daryl Butler 0428 983 098

Agemoves

Where: Old Rum Jungle Tavern, Batchelor

When: Every Tuesday 10:00am - 11:30am

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Contact: Darryl Butler 0428 983 098 or Prue King 0427 332 803

Combined session for people of Coomalie.

Yoga and Pilates are available on alternative weeks.

All Coomalie people are encouraged to attend both or either sessions.



Do you have a question about your rights as a consumer when buying goods or paying for services?

Want to learn more about scams and get tips on what to look out for and how to protect yourself?

**NT Consumer Affairs Outreach Officer
Janine will be visiting the
Litchfield Outback Resort, Batchelor
Thursday 23 October 2025
9:30 am to 11:30 am**

Come and join us! Bookings are essential for catering purposes. Phone Jan on 0408 760 257 (leave message if unanswered)

Web: www.consumeraffairs.nt.gov.au | Email consumer@nt.gov.au | Telephone (08) 8999 1999 or 1800 019 319

SMS: 0401 116 801

DARWIN: 1st Floor, The Met Building, 13 Scaturchio St, Casuarina NT 0810 | PO Box 40946, Casuarina NT 0811

Community Groups



Batchelor
Markets

8am to 1pm
Town Centre

SUN 12TH OCT 2025

BTC MARKETS WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK OUR VALUED STALL HOLDERS, COOMALIE COUNCIL AND THE COOMALIE COMMUNITY FOR THEIR GREAT SUPPORT. WITHOUT THIS SUPPORT THE MARKETS WOULD NOT BE NEARLY AS GOOD AS THEY ARE. SO COME ON DOWN AND ENJOY THE LAST MARKET OF THE YEAR. NEW STALL HOLDERS ALWAYS WELCOME - PLEASE EMAIL [BATCHELORMARKETSNT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:batchelormarketsnt@gmail.com)



FREE ENTRY

CHRISTMAS





BATCHELOR
MUSEUM
DEVELOPMENT
ASSOCIATION INC



We are happy to welcome Mark and his dogs to caretake at the Museum over the next couple of months. Visitors to the Museum have varied greatly- even over consecutive days- in these last few weeks. But we are happy that people are still coming despite the onset of the build-up and less comfortable weather conditions.

We are hopeful of getting approval for our plan to rid the Museum grounds of several tree stumps that are deteriorating, but would be better completely gone.

Unfortunately one of the bird baths bought and installed by Pete when he and Barb were here has been broken, but it is great to have a resident caretaker again so that the water points we have can be kept full for the birds.

A panel referencing Kathy Mills (nee McGinness) great contribution to literature and music- to name a few of Kathy's achievements- has been printed now and will be

installed shortly.

I have always thought that it would be wonderful to have Kathy's song "Arafura Pearl" playing as people stepped into that part of the Museum. Such beautiful words to which Top End people can relate and visitors could appreciate.

One of our recent visitors had come previously, and so brought photographs to donate, and also gave us the names of the men in one of the local WW2 pictures on display, as her Father is one of the soldiers. It is always special for visitors to recognise a relative in pictures displayed.

In October we are expecting two groups of people-the U3A and also the Probus club from Darwin to visit, so there will be several of us around to welcome them.

If there is a group from COTA or others locally who would care to come, please be in contact. For direct contact locals Lucinda and Gaye would be happy to discuss; otherwise Lucinda and I are at the Museum on Tuesdays.

Jan Hills



Rum Jungle Project Update

The latest newsletter from the Rum Jungle Mine Project can be downloaded from Council's website [here](#) and scroll to the section on Rum Jungle Mine Project Newsletter.

You can also view the latest Quarterly Stakeholder report on our website as well.





Meet 'n Greet Op Shop

The op shop and Meet 'n' Greet event will be held tomorrow, Friday 10th October 2025 commencing at 10 am and closing at 11.30 am.

Op shop has many bargains and delights. Come and browse.

Tea, coffee etc together with sausage rolls and biscuits etc will be served at no charge.

Both the NILS ladies and safety officers will be in attendance

Everyone is welcome.

Come on over to 25 Mardango Cres, Batchelor and bring a friend.

See you there!

This will be the start of an exciting week end with the Batchelor Markets taking place on Sunday.

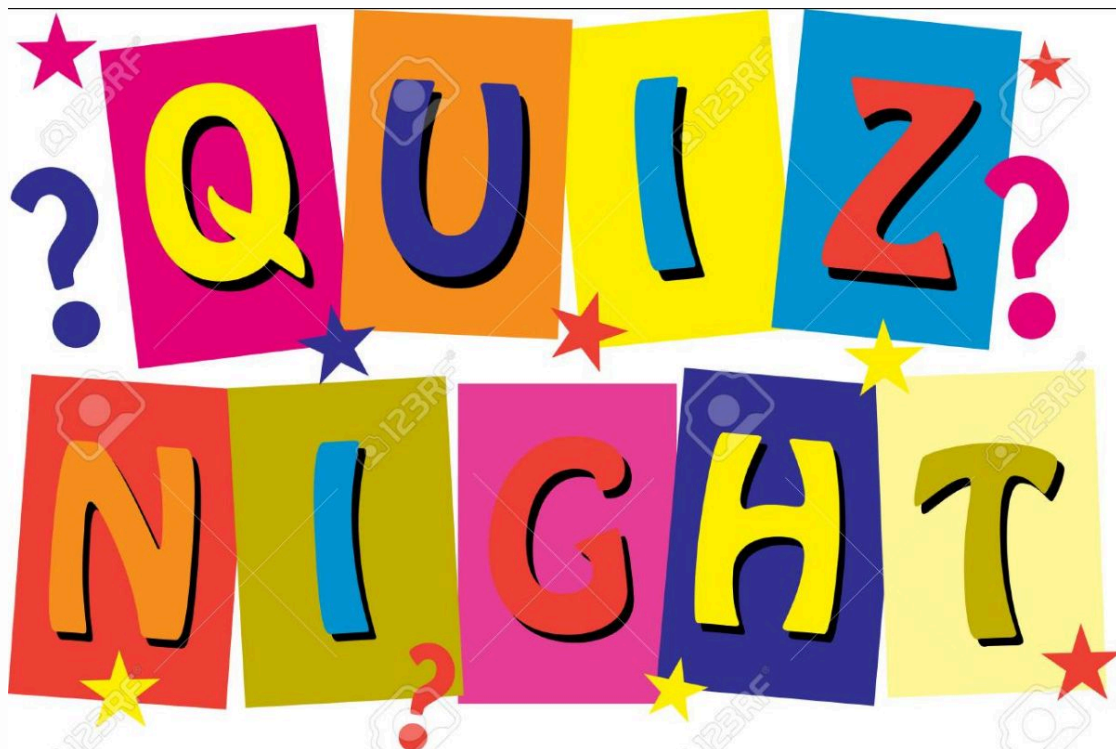
St Francis Church

Every Sunday

Mardango Cres, Batchelor

9:00am service start with morning tea at 10:30am





Community quiz night at the Batchelor Litchfield Outback Resort every second Friday evening.

ALL WELCOME!

The next quiz nights will be held Friday 10th & 24th October at 7.00PM.

Save The Date



WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
Agemoves	Old Rum Jungle Tavern	Tuesdays 10:00am - 11:30am Call Daryl Butler 0428 983 098 or Prue King 0427 332 803
Council Run After School Sports	Adelaide River School	Mondays 2:45pm - 3:45pm During School Terms
Grey Panthers Dance Classes	Old Rum Jungle Tavern	Wednesdays 10.30am Call Darryl on 0428 983 098
Seventh Day Adventist Church	Mardango Cres, Batchelor	Every Saturday 11:00am
St Francis Church Service	Mardango Cres, Batchelor	Every Sunday 9:00am start 10:30am Morning tea
St Francis Op Shop	St Francis Church Mardango Cres, Batchelor	Every 2nd Friday 9:30am - 11:30am
St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church	Bruce Jones Community Centre, PInaroo Cres, Batchelor	First Sunday of every month

From Emergency Services

Adelaide River Police Station
Northern Territory Police

C/- Post Office,
Adelaide River 0845
(08) 8976-7042

Batchelor Police Station
Northern Territory Police

PO Box 21,
Batchelor NT 0845
(08) 8976-0015



Adelaide River Health



Batchelor Primary Health

Centre

Becker St, Adelaide River 0846
(08) 8976-7027

Care Centre

27 Pinaroo Cres, Batchelor 0845
(08) 8976-0011

The Boring But Necessary Stuff

Council's Feedback Process

If you choose to raise concerns (or compliments) to Council you are requested to write to the Chief Executive Officer outlining the details. There are two (2) forms on the Coomalie Council website; one is for [complaints about dogs](#) and the other is for [feedback](#).

You can also fill out one of the two forms on [Council's website](#).

Council Meetings

Council Meetings are generally held on the third Tuesday of each month and are open to the public but are closed for any confidential sessions.

Next Meeting: 3:00pm Tuesday 21st October 2025

Stop Press

Should you know of someone that still wishes to receive a paper-based version of the Stop Press, please email [Stop Press](#) to be added to the printed mailing list.

Just a reminder, if you would like an article published, please email it to [Stop Press](#) by the 20th of each month. Each month we start with a clean canvas without articles being rolled over.

Please ensure you have read Council's policy [1.06 Community Communication Policy](#) before submitting an article.

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