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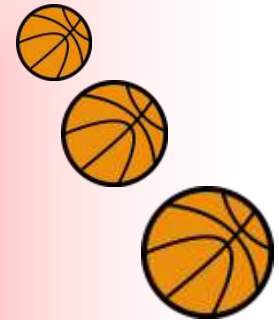


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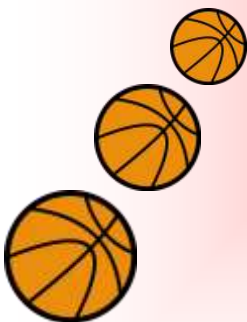


Batchelor kids at Berry Springs Primary School training with the Adelaide 36ers.



ANOTHER GREAT MONTH OF BASKETBALL FOR COOMALIE KIDS

The Adelaide 36ers returned the Top End and once again spent valuable time with the kids from the Coomalie region. There is a growing bond between our kids and the 36ers.



Adelaide River & Batchelor Kids at the game between Adelaide 36ers and Townsville Crocs at Palmerston Recreation Centre





From the Coomalie Council Chamber

RATES NOTICES 2015/16

Council has adopted the annual Shire Plan and Budget for the 2015/ 16 Financial Year.

Council has resolved to increase the Land Rate on the Unimproved Capital Value of properties across the Shire by 4.0%. The minimum Rate on properties has also been increased by 4% for the 2015/16 year. The increase is in line with the long term strategy developed in 2012/13.

There is very little scope within the budget to provide funds for improvement works throughout the Council area. There has been a slight reduction in the level of service for cleaning of the community facilities.

Notices were issued in late August with the due date being the last Friday of September (25th September 2015).

Amounts outstanding after the due day will be charged 20% per annum, calculated on a daily basis.

All landowners should be aware that Council has resolved to strictly enforce the provisions of the Local Government Act which allows Council to request the Lands Title Office to register the Charge over the land unless suitable repayment arrangements are entered into.

The Registration of the Charge will apply to any property with a debt greater than 6 months and debtors have not made proper arrangements to satisfactory repayments.

The registration of the Charge effectively places a caveat over the land. This restricts the ability of the land being used as collateral when applying for loans through financial institutions. There is also an additional cost to the landowner to remove the registration of the Charge.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Residents and land owners should be aware that they have a responsibility to ensure Council has the correct mailing address for Rates Notices at all times. The maximum penalty for not updating Council with the correct address is 20 Penalty Points (currently \$3000).

Council originally obtains its contact information from the Lands Title Office. Again there is a responsibility on the landowner to keep this address up to date as owners may miss important information. The legislation states that a notice is served if it is sent to the last known address of the property owner. This is either the address Council has on its registers or the Lands Title Office has for the property owner.

Please contact the Council if you have changed your address or have not received your rates notice.

ANTICIPATED TRAFFIC DELAYS CHINNER RD

Residents and travellers in the Lake Bennett area should be aware of possible traffic delays along Chinner Road in October and November this year. The delays will be due to traffic control plans being put in place to ensure a safe work place whilst heavy patching and remediation work is being carried out on the road. Most delays should be less than 5 minutes, however there may be circumstances where delays may be longer.

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL



Council recently advertised a tender for

CONTRACT 201516-001:

Heavy Patching Chinner Road.

Council received two tenders and resolved at the OGM 15 September 2015 to award the tender to H&K Earthmoving Pty Ltd for a price of \$334,705.00 inc GST.



FROM THE COMMUNITY RECREATION OFFICER

Batchelor Markets – Exciting news!!! Welcome to the four new Batchelor marketeers who have been very busy creating, designing, painting and gathering goods to sell at the monthly markets. It was wonderful to see you at the September markets and I encourage the local community to come and browse around at the next market on October 11th. I am working with a new coordinator for the monthly markets – to enable this to become a community run market. Council will continue to assist with tables, chairs, insurance, posters and shades.

Basketball News –The Junior PaRBA competition began on 8th August at Bees Creek School and ran for seven weeks, finishing on the 19th September. I was inspired by the dedicated group of youngsters from Batchelor, Adelaide River and Belyuen who were half asleep but keen each Saturday morning - learning many fundamentals of basketball!!!!

Warm ups are essential and fun.

Rules are a foreign concept, but we learnt them.

Drills are tough work.

Listen to the coach and move quickly.

Dribble the ball without looking at it, until it became second nature.

Scoring a basket was applauded loudly.

Teamwork and team players were recognized and encouraged.

Thanks to Minister Higgins, PaRBA, CCGC, Deanne Anderson- Broome, Christie Anderson and Shameka Petterson. A group of 15 students from Batchelor School joined the *Adelaide 36ers* for a training session at Berry Springs School on 8th Sept. **They are now ‘Movie Stars’ after being on the ABC News and also in the NT News with a full page.**

A group from Adelaide River School attended the big game at the Palmerston Rec Centre on 10th September and watched the *Adelaide 36ers take on the Townsville Crocodiles*, and then our Coomalie kids went on at half time to entertain the crowd.

Community Safety Action Meeting – Rian from Amity House came down to the recent meeting on 27th August and spoke with the group about the causes and effects of harmful methyl amphetamine use. The meeting was attended by representatives from Parks & Wildlife, Batchelor Clinic, FERG, BIITE, Night Patrol, Batchelor School, Rum Jungle Tavern, Cooke’s Tours & a couple of interested community people. **A letter of thanks has been sent to Amity House.**

Christmas Carols - I am working with community people to organize Christmas Carols at the Outdoor Education Centre to be held on Sunday 6th December. *Please call Mazz on 89760058 if you would like to be involved.*

Seniors Christmas Luncheon – Tentative date at the Mt Bundy Homestead is Tuesday 15th December. The number of Seniors in the Coomalie Shire has increased in 2015 and I ask locals, business people and organizations to consider a small contribution to assist with prizes & the wonderful luncheon, which gives great cheer to many of our older Australians.

Coomalie Swim Group –Swimming classes begin again on 16th September, Aust Swim and Royal Life will run a Pool Party with us on the 23rd Sept – open to all. The Bronze Medallion Course will be held on 31st October and I have eight people booked in for the full course and eight booked in for the update.

Cricket – Deb and Chris Moyle are coordinating a monthly cricket match in conjunction with the local Markets. The local community are asked to show their support for this initiative and bring the kids, friends and family for a relax, a game, a wander around the markets and a chat.

Grants –

Family Safe Environment Fund Grant for Solar Lighting in Adelaide River – unsuccessful
Submitted a Youth Vibe Grant for the January 2016 Holiday Program.





Active Family Fun Day Celebrating Water Safety Week

This event was held on 23rd Sept and attended by approximately 100 people. Thank you to the wonderful crew from Royal Life Saving, Boof the Barra, BIITE Cadets, Batchelor Police, Rana Everett and volunteer parents



CONGRATULATIONS CHRISTIE



Great news - Christie Anderson has been accepted into 'The Cathedral School' in Townsville under an AIES Scholarship. Christie will depart Batchelor in January 2016 to further her studies and continue to pursue her love of basketball.

Josie Wickham and family wish to thank Laura Graham, Christabel Martin and Mazz Morris for their support and belief in Christie.



Photo by Todd Sharpe (Hamark Holdings)



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On Saturday 29th August 2015, the Adelaide River Show Society hosted the Adelaide River Retro Race Day.

With Daryl Braithwaite performing, a fantastic time was had by locals and visitors.

Bronze Medallion Course

Royal Lifesaving will be coming to Batchelor on Saturday 31st October.

Full course or refresher course.

Please note full course may run into part of Sunday.

Call Mazz if you would like to book a spot.

0437 760 028

recreation@coomalie.nt.gov.au





Exercise peer group in Adelaide River

Commencing Wednesday 30th September 2015

Weekly thereafter

Community Library-Adelaide River School

3.30pm-4.15pm

Group Leader is Darryl Butler - Darryl has been the leader of the B3 Exercise Group in Batchelor for over 8 years

Enjoy a supportive group atmosphere

Exercises drawn from a range of approaches including Yoga, Pilates and Contemporary Dance.

Contact: 0428 983 098

89760160



COTA NT Coomalie Branch



Batchelor Markets



Sunday 11th October @ Batchelor Oval

8.00am to 1.00pm



Try a delicious Gourmet Sausage; Grab a cool drink, yummy coffee and cake.
Check out the jewellery, plants, clothing, books, homemade soaps, bric-a-brac,
chutneys, jams and fantastic furniture.

(All electrical items must be checked and labelled by an electrician)

Keen to have a stall & need to book public liability cover, call Mazz at Council - 89760058.

~New Market Coordinator ~

Denise 0488195430



~ CRICKET AT 10AM ~
"COME AND PLAY A GAME"



Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 6th December, 2015

@

Batchelor Outdoor Education Hall

7PM to 8:30PM

ALL WELCOME



CRICKET

... Play... Watch ... Get involved ...

11th October

10am @ the Batchelor Oval

(Local Markets from 8am - 1pm)

Depending on who turns up will determine format



Everyone is welcome

Further information: Deb 0407 271 357



Library News

BATCHELOR LIBRARY

Kids' Time in the Library

Monday – Friday 3.00 – 5.30 pm

Sunday 1.00 – 4.30 pm

Children's Magazines - these have plenty of stories, puzzles, and competitions for boys and girls.



ADELAIDE RIVER LIBRARY

We are open Thursday 2.30 to 7pm; Friday 3.30 to 7pm;

Saturday 9am to 2pm. Bring the family & stay for a cuppa.

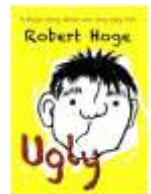
Here is part of an excellent review of the book Ugly by Robert Hoge by Madelene Bull

“Ugly” is what Robert Hoge thought he was. When he was born he was so ugly his mother didn’t want to take him home but lucky the rest of the family voted to keep him. Once he got home they all fell in love with him even his mother. Robert has grown up with many operations and with those operations he has to get his face changed but the main thing is that he goes through a rough time throughout school.

The students at his school have given him 10 nicknames.... the worst is ‘Toe Nose’ and the reason for that is because when he had an operation he got some toe put on his nose. His plan of a perfect life has just fallen out of reach because of his face.

Read this beautiful book to find out about Robert’s life. My opinion of this true story is that it is mainly sad. For example, Robert’s mum makes me emotional when she wanted him to die when he was born.

If you want to read this book you might like it because it is different and it is exiting when you don’t know what is going to happen. Robert would love you to read it so you can get his point of view of his disability. If you know anyone like Robert, let them know so maybe they can write a book about themselves!! Robert hopes for adults and children to read this book and to inspire and engage younger readers. By: Madelene



Tourism Top End is currently looking for Volunteers to assist at the Batchelor Visitor Information Centre.

If you are passionate about the Top End, would like the opportunity to meet new people, and want to share your enthusiasm about the wonderful things to see and do in and around the Coomalie region, then Tourism Top End would be very grateful for your help at the Batchelor Visitor Information Centre.

Half or full day shifts available and on the job training provided.

For further information, please contact Prue on 8976 0385



WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
Cricket	Batchelor Oval	11th October 10am
Batchelor Markets	Batchelor Oval	October 11th 8am-1pm
Bronze Medallion Course	Batchelor Pool	31st October Phone Council for more details
Carols by Candlelight	Batchelor Outdoor Education Hall	Sunday 6th December 7pm-8.30pm
Coomalie Swim Group	Batchelor Pool	Every Wednesday from 3.30pm
Exercise Peer Group	Adelaide River School Library	Every Wednesday 3.30pm-4.15pm
Barefoot Bowls	Rum Jungle Bowls Club	6:30pm, Every Wednesday Night
Karaoke	Rum Jungle Tavern	Every Friday Night
Yoga	BIITE Research Building	Every Tuesday—5pm
Lawn Bowls	Rum Jungle Bowls Club	Every Wednesday—6:30pm

Adelaide River Council Office operates from Adelaide River Library.

Thursday & Friday 3:30pm - 7:00pm

Saturday - 9:00am - 2:00pm

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

Next meeting 20/10/15



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is published monthly so if you have any events, news, public notices or articles you would like to place or to advertise in our next edition please contact Council on 8976 0058 or email: admin@coomalie.nt.gov.au

Council's Complaints Process

If you choose to raise concerns to (or compliment) Council you are requested to write to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) outlining the details. There are two (2) forms on the Coomalie Council website <http://www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/> under Forms and Services; one is for complaints about dogs (Dog Complaint Letter) and the other is for general complaints (General Complaint Letter).

On receipt of your concern/issue the CEO will provide a report on the matter to Council at the next Council meeting and respond to you as directed by Council.

Dogs in the Coomalie Shire

All dogs within the Coomalie Region over 3 months of age must be registered.
You can register your dog at the Coomalie Council Office.

Dogs must be on a leash at all times in any public area otherwise they will be impounded.

Fees apply if your dog has been put in the pound.

Impoundment fees are initially \$90.00 for registered dogs, \$165.00 for unregistered dogs then \$60.00 per day while kept in Pound. Registered dogs are kept for 3 days and unregistered dogs are kept for 2 days.

Unregistered dogs must be registered before being released from the pound.

Registration Fees



Town Dogs - A limit of 2 dogs per household applies

Entire Dog \$40.00

Sterilised Dog \$11.00

Concessions 1/2 price

Rural Dogs - Registration is free and no limits apply



OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER

COTA NT (COOMALIE BRANCH) COMMITTEE

If you have anything you wish to discuss please contact:

Jan Jewell - 8976 0255 Darryl Butler - 8976 0160

MEN'S SHED

Cutler Place Batchelor

Every Tuesday 9.00a.m. to 2.00p.m.

Contact James Wright 0488 195 410.

MORNING TEA

Rum Jungle Bowls Club Batchelor

Friday 30th October 2015 at 9.30am

Contact Jan Jewell 8976 0255

MONTHLY BUS TRIP TO CASUARINA

Pick up Batchelor and Adelaide River Stores

Monday 26th October 2015

For bookings and pick up times contact Terry on 8976 0333 or 0457 237 564

QUIZ NIGHTS

Rum Jungle Bowls Club— First Saturday of each month Starting 7.00pm

Bring a plate to share and BYO drinks. Make up a table of 6 or join on any table. Winning table per round enjoys a trip to the fridge for the goodies.

Entry \$10.00 Concession \$5.00 Young or old!!!

Contact Graeme on 8976 0160 or Jan Jewell on 8976 0255

Games night at Rum Jungle Bowls Club

Saturday 17th October

7.00p.m. for 7.30 start

Bring a plate and BYO drinks

\$5 to play- donations to COTA Coomalie

This helps to provide funds for seniors bus trip to Casuarina and other events in Coomalie.





BATCHELOR MUSEUM UPDATE - OCTOBER 2015

Along with an obvious reduction in tourists, our visitor numbers have fallen a lot in this past month. For now we are continuing to open each day though this is difficult with so few volunteers. Great thanks are due to Denise Grecian-Wright for managing the situation and for doing many of the hours. Also thanks to Vick, who has continued to be there for Mondays.

Our booked tour company is still bringing people through several times a week, and additionally Denise conducted a group through the Museum for another tour company last Sunday. The group included interstate school teachers looking at places to bring school groups in the future. Hopefully there will be a response!

A replica album of photographs was added to the Rum Jungle collection-Kim Creed, who now lives in Canada, sent in an album of coloured pictures of the mine and country and they have scanned well.

Slowly display additions are happening for the other areas too and there will be quite a lot of expansion ready for the new season in 2016. Meantime there will also be lots to do maintenance wise. The external doors and a few areas in Block A need touch up painting.

We were devastated that someone chose to slash trees and plants overnight recently. One tree, carefully nurtured for several years to provide future shade, has died. The other small tree has so far persisted and will hopefully recover. The Mango and Tamarind trees and pot plants have withstood the damage.

The small number of people who care for the Museum are very committed and would be happy to introduce others to know and experience this community asset-it is a very rewarding activity, and many people who visit are delighted to talk with locals.

The Museum has proved to be a destination and a focus for persons who want to connect with their parents or relatives who served during WW2 in this area. I mentioned the doctor who had been at MRS1 last month-now there is a lady whose Mother served at the hospital at Adelaide River coming to talk with me in a few weeks.

It has been timely to gather the information from the mining era before it is lost and also for WW2 as this year of remembrance emphasises.



DONATIONS to BATCHELOR MUSEUM

Whilst the Batchelor Museum is primarily an interpretive one, we have been given some wonderful display items. When you visit you will see the name on the object and the person who has donated it- some of the notices are yet to be done.

Items must be given permanently to the Museum and there is a form which we will have available- the format given to us from the Military Museum in Darwin, please be aware this is a common policy of museums.

Be proud of the Museum – it will showcase the unique town of Batchelor and will be a valuable resource to bring visitors from all over.



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WHAT'S ON IN COOMALIE

Meals

When: Wed-Sun from 6pm

Venue: Adelaide River Show Society (ARRS Club)

Contact: ARRS Club 8976 7041



Qualified Counsellor

When: Every Thursday any time

Venue: Batchelor Health Centre

Contact: 8976 0011 Batchelor Health Centre or 8943 9600 Darwin

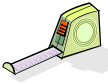


Mens Shed

When: Tuesday 8.30am to 3.00pm

Venue: 2 Cutler Place, Batchelor

Contact: Darryl Butler 8976 0160




Bible Study

When: Tuesday 7.30pm to 9pm

Venue: Seventh Day Adventist Church Mardango Cres Non denominational

Contact: Ros Jones 8976 0078



Church Seventh Day Adventist

When: Saturday - Sabbath School 10am, Worship 11am

Venue: Seventh Day Adventist Church Mardango Crescent

Contact: Ros Jones 8976 0078

Adelaide River Market

When: CLOSED DURING THE WET

Venue: Glen Huitson Park, Adelaide River

Contact: Coordinator 8976 7213 adelaiderivermarket@gmail.com

Church St Francis of Assisi

When: Sunday 9am, children services on first Sunday of month

Venue: St Francis of Assisi Anglican Church, Mardango Crescent


Contact: Sue Bligh 8976 0988

Church of the Resurrection

When: Every 2nd and last Sunday of the month 11am

Venue: Memorial Terrace Adelaide River

Contact: Father Jim O'Gara




St John Volunteers

When: Wednesday 5pm - 7pm

Venue: Ambulance Shed or Batchelor Health Centre

Contact: Jan Powick on 8976 0360 Ages: 18 plus



Batchelor Fire & Emergency Response Group

When: Every 2nd & 4th Monday @ 6pm

Venue: Fire Shed

Contact: Barry Kirk 0419 949 266



Coomalie Council has Wheelie Bins for sale \$110.00



OP Shop

When: First Saturday of month

Time: 9am to 1pm

Venue: St Francis of Assisi Anglican Church, Mardango Crescent

Contact: Sue Bligh 8976 0988




LOCAL LOGO'S

