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## *Fun and Fashions of the Field at Adelaide River Races*



### **Its not too late to enter and exhibit at the show this weekend**

You can still enter exhibits for cooking, agriculture, farm produce and horticulture .

You could be an ARSS champion so bring along your entries to the ARSS Pavilion between 7.00 and 8.00 am on Saturday 9th June.

## *Sports and Recreation*

**Community Youth Centre** - The concrete slab has been poured and is creating much interest in Batchelor town. The builders have begun to erect the building and we hope to have this completed within the next couple of weeks. Students from Batchelor Area School have a never ending stream of ideas and we have already formed a working group. *The future of the "Centre" rests firmly with us* – the kids, parents, family and friends all ‘talking, working and making it happen’. So please gather ideas with your young ones, offer your services and skills in your specific trade, volunteer to join the roster as a supervisor at the “Centre”(Ochre Card needed). Call Mazz on 89760058 .

**Boxing Fitness Classes at Batchelor Area School Hall** – Progressing nicely with the 4pm class for the young ones and the 5pm class for 15 years and up. These classes have inspired a Tuesday 5pm fitness class for those who are keen for more.

**Auskick** – A massive interest from local parents in the Batchelor region is driving this project. We invited the NT Auskick representative for the rural area (Adam Moedt) to come to the local Markets on 13<sup>th</sup> May which generated much interest. A sign up day on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> in Batchelor saw 25 youngsters between 4 and 12 years start their budding AFL careers. The 2<sup>nd</sup> session on the 26<sup>th</sup> May was windy and cold – yet 32 young ones came along. Adam is also in touch with Adelaide River School to coordinate a meeting with students there. We hope to have sessions in Batchelor and also Adelaide River (dependant on the interest).

**Skate ramps** The mobile ramp that was used between both Adelaide River and Batchelor has become a permanent fixture on the established concrete slab at the Batchelor Oval. It requires sanding and painting with a rust proof base colour. We hope to hold an art workshop in the mid year holiday program with local children and paint up the ramp. This project was funded by Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services. Funding also includes a new skate ramp which is about to be installed at the Adelaide River Oval.

**Batchelor Monthly Markets** were held on Mother’s Day in May amid a continuous flow of visitors and locals. What a BIG day we all had. ‘Open Gardens’ at the Batchelor Pad and the markets under the lovely shade trees at the Oval created a wonderful mix for visitors and our Coomalie community.



**June Monthly Markets will be held at the Adelaide River Showgrounds in conjunction with the Show.** The annual Show is to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June at the ARSS Club. In support of the rural community show and to assist with additional attractions the market stall holders have agreed to set up at the show on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June.



## Adelaide River Show - 9th & 10th June 2012

Calling ALL Coomalie residents, please get involved and support the 2012 Adelaide River Show, volunteers are urgently required to assist in many areas.

Pavilion booklets are available at the Batchelor Store or at the Post Office Store in Adelaide River, also online at [www.arss.org.au](http://www.arss.org.au).

If you can assist in the Pavilion to help with jobs such as setting up, recording exhibits, 'manning' the desk during show days please contact Sally Dowdell, 0427 525 669 or email [rnsal@bigpond.com](mailto:rnsal@bigpond.com)

If you can volunteer in any other capacity for the show please contact the ARSS office on 8976 7041 or email [info@arss.org.au](mailto:info@arss.org.au)



## 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 or the Adelaide River Office (AR office open on Wednesday mornings 8am - 10am)

**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 \$70.00 for registered dogs, \$140.00 for unregistered dogs then \$50.00 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 \$30.00

Sterilised Dog \$6.00

Concessions 1/2 price

Rural Dogs - Registration is free and no limits apply



### **Volunteer Tourism Ambassadors Needed**

#### **Batchelor Visitor Information Centre**

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 Ruth on 8976 0067.**



# Community Library News



Some of the Magazines you can borrow from Batchelor Library



Children's activities: Thursday 5.30pm — 8.00pm  
Sunday 1.00pm — 4.30pm

**The Council Office in Adelaide River is open on Wednesday mornings from 8.00am to 10.00am.**

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 12/6/12**

## Coomalie Council Web Site

Visit our Website at <http://www.coomalie.nt.gov.au/>. You will find lots of information about what's happening in the Calendar of Events . A full colour version of Stop Press and the Community Directory as well as information about the pool and dog registration. Contact the Council and let us know your thoughts on how we can improve the web page so it is useful to you. We will consider any



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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 Stacey on 8976 0058 or email [reception@coomalie.nt.gov.au](mailto:reception@coomalie.nt.gov.au)

# Open Garden at the Batchelor Pad

The home of Graeme Cheater and Darryl Butler, usually known as the Batchelor Pad, was in the NT Open Garden Scheme on Sunday 13th May, Mother's Day.

Over 300 people came to visit the garden. Graeme and Darryl nominated the Batchelor Playgroup as their "charity", it being Mothers Day. The gate takings collected by the Open Garden Scheme, \$690 will be able to be presented to the Playgroup in the near future. Many visitors to the Batchelor Pad also attended the Batchelor Markets and bought meals at local businesses, adding considerably to local trading. St Vincent dePaul was invited to provide a refreshment stall at the Batchelor Pad and \$600 was raised to support their trainee chef program being run from the kitchen at the Bahkita Centre in Coconut Grove. This was a successful day by any measure and Graeme and Darryl were pleased to be able to share their garden and bring benefit to the area.



Mums will be able to enjoy The Batchelor Pad this weekend

## Mums invited to Batchelor Pad

A BEAUTIFUL tropical garden will be open to the public this weekend — especially for mums. The garden in Batchelor, 15km south of Darwin, won awards at a recent "Batchelor pad". There's a large fishpond at the front entrance and a lot of native plants, fruit trees, bamboo and ginger plants screening winding gravelled paths. The property will be open as part of the Open Gardens program. The Mother's Day opening coincides with the opening Batchelor markets, which have craft, plant and food stalls. Organisers said the township had a good choice of accommodation and travel garden tours to make a night of the trip. The Batchelor Pad is at 33 Marlborough Crescent and will be open on Sunday. Watch for the yellow direction signs.



### This year is the Australian Year of the Farmer.

For further information regarding the Year of the Farmer contact  
Deb Koch 8976 7225

This is an ideal opportunity to showcase produce and plants by entering Horticultural and Agricultural exhibits in the pavilion at the Adelaide River Show. Perhaps consider setting up a stand/display alongside other stall holders to advertise and market your field of expertise to the local community and beyond.



**CONGRATULATIONS**  
2012 Northern Territory  
Literary Award Winner from Batchelor  
"Pig" by  
KAREN MANTON

## Museum Update

The Batchelor Interpretive Museum is a work in progress with renovation and repairs still happening.

We have great caretakers, James and Denise, who have enjoyed being part of Batchelor's social scene and who have contributed much to the development of the premises and wholeheartedly entered into this project.

Recently we have applied for funding to develop the WW2 exhibit specific to Batchelor. Both Bob Alford (military historian) and Dr Tom Lewis from the Darwin Military Museum will prepare the material for display.

There will be one or two display cases with small items together with their story, similar to the ones at the new Military Museum at East Point. We are not a collecting museum, but if any one has an item which is significant, identifiable and specific and would be willing to donate for the display then please contact Jan Hills -89767006. The donation would be acknowledged within the Museum.

An application is in for professional painting of the heritage listed Block B.

It will be some months before we are advised re these Grants.

We do have sanding machines to prepare the surfaces, and are ready to commence painting in some rooms of Block A.. It would be great to get some volunteers from the community, so if you can spare a few hours to help the current volunteers, we would be grateful for your help.

For all enquiries phone Jan Hills on 89767006 . Leave return phone number and message if not answered. No mobile reception there.

Batchelor committee members include Bruce and Ros Jones, Sue Munro, Ken Gardiner, Prue King, Nick and Rebecca Hughes-.they will be happy to answer queries as well.

The Museum has now got tax deductibility for donations. Grants fund only specific items and we would be grateful for any financial assistance offered for the many items outside the conditions.

### Territory Day Celebrations

will be held at Batchelor Oval and The ARSS Club  
in Adelaide River.

on Sunday 1st July

Food and soft-drinks available from 5.30 pm at  
the Batchelor event.

Bring your own chair, drinks and mozzie spray.

NO GLASS PLEASE



### Saturday 4th August - Picnic Day Weekend

- ◆ Lingalonga Festival at Batchelor Oval 9.00am till dark.
- ◆ Official Opening of the Batchelor Museum.
- ◆ Quizz night at Batchelor Bowls Club

### Councils 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 who will provide a report on the matter to Council at the next Council meeting and respond to you as directed by Council.

*Council is seeking volunteers for the School Holiday Activities. This is a very busy time of year and we would appreciate your support. Please call Mazz on 89760058 or pop in to the Council for a chat if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.*



### CONGRATULATIONS

Dyanne Allport

Dyanne recently received the Chief Minister's Medal for Volunteering Service.

Dyanne has been with the NT Fire and Rescue Service and NT Emergency Service for 16 years, coordinating all aspects of the Adelaide River Fire Emergency Response Group including emergency response, training, maintenance, recruitment and social events.

The NT Governments Free Glyphosate Program is finished for this calendar year.

20 litre Glyphosate can be purchased from the Council for \$110.



# FUTURE AFL STARS

# AUSKICK



# LITTLE TACKERS HAVING A GO



# What's on in Coomalie

## *Crafty Ladies*

When: Monday 7.30 pm  
 Venue: Adelaide River Library  
 Cost: \$2.00 per session  
 Bring your cup  
 Contact: Alva Houston 8976 7224

## *Lawn Bowls*

When: Monday 6.30pm for 7pm start  
 Venue: Bowls Club  
 Bring a plate of finger food  
 Contact: Carolyn Bilston 8976 0077

## *Cota Bus Service*

When: 4th Monday of the month  
 Pick up: Batchelor Store and Jocks, Adelaide River  
 Contact: Terry 0457 237 564

## *St Johns Ambulance Volunteers*

When: Tuesday 5pm to 7 pm  
 Venue: Batchelor Health Centre  
 Ages: 18 plus  
 Contact: Bruce Garnett 8976 0077

## *Bible Study*

When: Tuesday 7.30pm to 9pm  
 Venue: Seventh Day Adventist Church  
 Mardango Cres  
 Non denominational  
 Contact: Ros Jones 8976 0078

## *Mens Shed*

When: Tuesday 8.30pm to 3.00pm  
 Venue: 2 Cutler Place ,Batchelor  
 Contact: Darryl Butler 8976 0160

## *Batchelor Play Group*

When: Wednesday 9.30am to 11.30am  
 Venue: Yellow building behind pool  
 Parents and children welcome  
 Contact: Kerrie Crosbie 8976 0952

## *B3 Exercise Group*

When: Wednesday 5pm  
 Venue: Batchelor Institute Research Building  
 Based on yoga, tai chi and pilates  
 Contact: Darryl Butler 8976 0160



# What's on in Coomalie

## *Batchelor Fire & Emergency Response Group*

When: Wednesday 5pm  
Venue: Fire Shed  
Contact: Carolyn Bilston 8976 0077  
All Welcome

## *St John Volunteers*

When: Wednesday 5pm  
Venue: Ambulance Shed  
Contact: Bruce Garnett 8976 0077

## *Cota Morning Tea*

When: Last Friday of month 9.30am  
Venue: Rum Jungle Bowls Club  
50+  
Contact: Jan Jewell 8976 0255  
Darryl Butler 8976 0160

## *Karaoke*

When: Friday  
Venue: Rum Jungle Tavern  
All Welcome

## *OP Shop*

When: First Saturday of month  
9am to 1pm  
Venue: St Francis of Assisi Anglican  
Church, Mardango Crescent  
Contact: Sue Bligh 8976 0988

## *Quiz Night*

When: First Saturday of month  
7pm  
Venue: Rum Jungle Bowls Club  
Contact: Graeme Cheater 8976 0160

## *Meals*

When: Saturday 6pm to 8pm  
Venue: Adelaide River Show  
Society (ARRS Club)  
Contact: ARRS Club 8976 7041

## *Church - Seventh Day Adventist*

When: Saturday - Sabbath School  
10am, Worship 11am  
Venue: Seventh Day Adventist  
Church Mardango Crescent  
Contact: Ros Jones 8976 0078



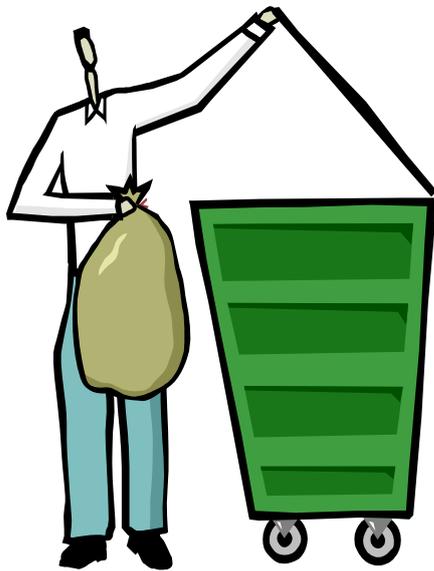
# What's on in Coomalie

## *Church of the Resurrection*

When: Every 2nd and last Sunday of the month 11am  
Venue: Memorial Terrace Adelaide River  
Contact: Father Jim O'Gara

## *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



*Coomalie Council has  
Wheelie cheap Wheelie Bins  
for sale  
\$55.00*