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'CHASE THE JACKPOT'

ADELAIDE RIVER INN





# FROM THE COOMALIE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

## 2016/17 RATES

Rate Notices were issued in late August with the due date being the last Friday of September (30 September 2016).

Amounts outstanding after the due date 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.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Residents and land owners should be aware that they have a responsibility to ensure Council has the correct mailing address for notices at all times. The maximum penalty for not updating Council with the correct address is 20 Penalty Points (currently over \$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 postal address or have not received your rates notice.

## RUBBISH COLLECTION

Residents who have a weekly domestic garbage collection service are reminded that the Council Contractor is required to only pick up one 240L bin per week. The Contractor is not required to pick up additional bins or waste placed next to the bin. Additional bins and additional waste is the responsibility of the owner.

Residents can purchase a second bin at the cost of the service or purchase an appropriate bin from Council at cost, currently \$110.

## SEALING MILTON RD

An opportunity arose in September to apply for another Department of Transport grant. Council has now been allocated a further grant of \$1,412,224 to continue the sealing of Milton road. Council is expected to contribute \$416,790 to the project. These opportunities do not come along very often.

Council should amend the existing Roads Forward Works Program to allow the grant for the Department of Transport and Infrastructure to be incorporated and that Council accept the Grant.

At the completion of the work there will be only about 8 km left to sealed between Batchelor and Adelaide River.

## BATCHELOR LANDFILL OPENING HOURS TO BE LIMITED

Council is introducing limited opening hours for the Batchelor Landfill. This has been forced on Council by scavengers risking their safety at the landfill. Stage 1 has been implemented following the completion of the new fence.

The Batchelor Landfill is now closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays as stage two of rationalising the operation of the tip.

Stage 3 beginning of February and the Land fill will be manned for approximately 20 hours per week. Supervisors will be inspecting loads, and directing traffic.

Stage 4 opening hours limited to approximately 20 hours per week. This is expected to be introduced in mid-April

All residents are reminded to dispose of waste responsibly.



PLANNING TIME TABLE FOR 2017/18 ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET

The process worked well for the 2016/17 year and Council should again adopt it for the 2017/18 Financial Year. The timetable for the process will be as follows:

Time			
Late Feb Early Feb	Newsletter Website Face-book	Invite applications for 2016/7 community grants	
Early March	Newsletter Website Face-book	Invite community comments on existing Long Term and Annual plan	Comments close 7 April 2017
1st or 8th April	Annual shire inspection	Optional.	
18 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Council meeting	Consideration of community comments and direction to staff to prepare Annual Plan and Budget.	
16 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Council meeting	Presentation to Council of draft Plans, Budget and rate declaration	
17 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	NT News, website, newsletter, Facebook	Advertisement Inviting comment on draft plans, budget and proposed rates.	Comments close 9th June 2017
13 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Optional Workshop	To discuss Annual plan and Budget	
20 <sup>st</sup> June 2017	Council Meeting	Consideration of the draft plans and comments received	
21 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Newspaper	Advertise Rates Declaration	
31 <sup>st</sup> July 2017	DLG	Provide copy of annual plan and Budget	

## Coomalie Community Government Council

### Position Vacant

### COMMUNITY RECREATION OFFICER

### 3 YEAR FULL TIME CONTRACT

Council is seeking a passionate person to carry out the role of Community Recreation Officer.

**The work involves developing, organising, managing and supervising Council’s community recreation and development programs.**

Applicants who wish to job share may also be considered

The Position Description and Application Process details are available by calling Council on 8976 0058 or on Council’s website at [www.coomalie.nt.gov.au](http://www.coomalie.nt.gov.au).

Applications will be received until 4.00 pm on Friday 24th February, 2017.

Postal Address: PO Box 20, Batchelor NT 0845 Email: [mail@coomalie.nt.gov.au](mailto:mail@coomalie.nt.gov.au)

Leigh Ashford  
Chief Executive Officer





# Coomalie Community Government Council Community Grants 2017-18

## GENERAL

Competitive Grants are available for Community Groups based in the Council area in the following areas:

- Operational costs
- Renewal and Improvement Projects
- Events

The total pool this year is will be determined by Council when it considers the 2017/18 Budget. Council has allocated \$8000 for each of the last two years. The most grants do not exceed \$1500. The maximum grant available is \$5000.

All grants must be acquitted by 30 June 2018.

Council may award an alternative amount then the amount requested. This will be subject to the Community Group making up any shortfall.

Grants will be paid after evidence has been supplied that the project or project component has been completed.

Applications must make reference to the appropriate goal, objective or action within the Council Shire Plan.

Unincorporated groups may need to be sponsored by an auspicing body such as an incorporated body. However Council will consider projects from groups of residents interested in a community project. In this case the auspicing body will be the CCGC

## EXAMPLES:

- |               |                          |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| Operational   | Payment of Utility costs |
| Project Costs | Reroof a shed            |
| Events        | Hire of a stage          |

## INSTRUCTIONS

All applicants must fill out the Community Grants Form available at [www.coomalie.nt.gov.au](http://www.coomalie.nt.gov.au)

## CLOSING TIME

*Grant Applications close 4 pm Friday 31st March 2017.*

# Glyphosate Program

Northern Territory Government Weeds Branch is still running the free Glyphosate program for gamba grass.

The Glyphosate Program is open to Coomalie ratepayers and is available from Coomalie Council in Batchelor during office hours.

For more information please phone Council on 8976 0058



# 75th ANNIVERSARY - BOMBING OF DARWIN

Ecumenical Service

Adelaide River War Cemetery

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 11.00am

For information contact Coomalie Council 89760058

## Batchelor Museum

As part of the 75th Bombing of Darwin commemorations, the Batchelor Museum will be opening daily from 10am-4pm for the period of Wednesday 15th February - Sunday 26th February 2017.

For more information please contact Jan Hills at [jhills13@activ8.net.au](mailto:jhills13@activ8.net.au)

**YOU'RE 18-35 YEARS OLD...**

**DEADLY... IT'S TIME!**

From the earliest time, Aboriginal people have connected, exchanged ideas and learnt from one another. The community of Oodnadatta would like to do the same by welcoming three Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander volunteers to join the community - on 10-week volunteer projects - to share experiences, culture and create positive change together.

Airfares, accommodation and more covered.  
 For full details and to apply visit: <http://bit.ly/VolunteerInOods>  
 Contact: Lenore 0427 927 960 or Lucy 1800 331 292

The Aboriginal Volunteer Program is delivered in partnership between the community of Oodnadatta, SA Aboriginal Reference Group, Waikaringa SA & NT and Australian Volunteers International (AVI).





# CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2017

Sunday March 5th

Adelaide River, Batchelor and Lake Bennett

Teams in the above locations will be volunteering time to help keep Coomalie beautiful. If you would like to register to be part of the Adelaide River, Batchelor or Lake Bennett team, please contact Council on 8976 0058 or [reception@coomalie.nt.gov.au](mailto:reception@coomalie.nt.gov.au).



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## Site Supervisor / Organiser

### VOLUNTEER NEEDED

**Council are seeking a site supervisor / organiser for 2017's Clean up Australia Day** Batchelor Site. Without a site supervisor the Batchelor site cannot be registered.

The Site Supervisor / Organiser will be responsible for the following duties:

- setting up the registration table on the morning of Sunday March 5th
- ensuring volunteers complete registration forms
- brief all participants on safety requirements
- distribute clean up materials
- delegate clean up areas
- other duties

A site guide and other resources will be provided as well as support from the council.

Please contact the Council on 89760 0058 or [reception@coomalie.nt.gov.au](mailto:reception@coomalie.nt.gov.au) if you are able to volunteer your time towards this community event.





COTA NT Coomalie Branch  
Christmas Hamper Raffle  
2016



THANKS TO OUR AMAZING  
SPONSORS

Woolworths Coolalinga

Mr Prawn

Judy & Mal at Batchelor Store

Rum Jungle Bungalows

The Butterfly Farm and Pet Garden

Batchelor Service Centre Shop

Thanks to everyone who bought tickets  
And  
Thanks to Rum Jungle Tavern for selling tickets over  
the bar and allowing us to use their cool room

COTA (NT) COOMALIE BRANCH

The committee of COTA (NT) Coomalie Branch would like to express their appreciation and thanks for the donation of time and goods by the following people for our Batchelor Christmas Pageant.

Gary Higgins MLA

Batchelor Police

St Johns Ambulance

Bruce Garnett

RS Gardening

Batchelor Store

As well as Cota Coomalie branch members and other volunteers who helped on the day.

## BACHELOR POOL HOURS



Monday	3.00 pm to 6.00 pm
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	3.00 pm to 6.00 pm
Friday	3.00 pm to 6.00 pm
Saturday	1.00 pm to 6.00 pm
Sunday	12.00 pm to 6.00 pm



Australia Day Celebrations were held on Thursday 26th January 2017.

A lovely breakfast cooked by our fantastic Volunteers was enjoyed by the community, followed by the official ceremony.

Congratulations on the following people who received an award:

- Young Citizen of the Year                      DILLION MAILON
- Citizen of the Year                              SUSAN BLIGH
- Young Sportsperson of the Year              BONITA PENHALIGON
- Sportsperson of the Year                      DARRYL BUTLER
- Volunteer of the Year                          JAN JEWELL & DARRYL BUTLER
- Community Event of the Year                **'CHASE THE JACKPOT' ADELAIDE RIVER INN**

A big thank you to all our sponsors, performers and helpers.

- The Australia Day Council of the NT
- Batchelor Area School
- The Waler Horses
- Batchelor FERG
- Batchelor Police
- Miss Lyla Wills
- The breakfast crew and all who volunteered to make our Australia Day successful







# Seniors Christmas Lunch 2016



The Seniors Christmas Party was held at the Rum Jungle Tavern on Tuesday 6th December 2016.

It was a beautiful event, with the venue looking amazing and the food divine. A fantastic attendance from Seniors with over 60 people coming together for the Christmas festivities.

Lots of generous sponsors enabled all sorts of hilarity as gifts and prizes were distributed and opened, and a Kris Kringle was shared by all.

Special thanks must go to COTA and the Adelaide River Market Committee for their extreme generosity, and to all the sponsors and helpers who made the day a huge success for everyone.





# Batchelor Community Library News

Come and discover your Community Library. We offer a range of items to borrow as well as activities for children.

## Welcome back from your Holidays

Want a healthy start to the Year? The Library can help you access information about health with books, magazines, DVDs and web sites.



<b>Kids' Time in the Library</b>	
Friday	3.00 – 5.30 pm
Sunday	1.00 – 4.30 pm



## Adelaide River Library Community Library

Adelaide River Library is now open.

Library opening hours are

- Thurs 3.30pm - 7pm
- Fri 3.30pm - 7pm
- Sat 9am - 2pm



Please note that Council admin functions are currently unavailable at the Adelaide River Library.



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**



# SAVE THE DATE



WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
75th Anniversary Bombing of Darwin	Adelaide River War Graves	Monday 20th February 9:30am
Clean Up Australia Day	Adelaide River, Batchelor, Lake Bennett	Sunday 5th March
Batchelor Playgroup	Pre School Grounds Batchelor Area School	Every Friday during School Term 9.30am - 11.30am
Social Bowls	Rum Jungle Bowls Club	Every Tuesday from 6pm Every Thursday from 5pm
Exercise Peer Group	Adelaide River School Library	Every Wednesday 3.30pm-4.15pm
Karaoke	Rum Jungle Tavern	Every Friday Night
B3 Exercise Group	BIITE Research Building	Every Tuesday—5pm

Adelaide River Council Office operates from Adelaide River Library.

Thursday & Friday 3:30pm - 7:00pm  
Saturday 9:00am - 2:00pm

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

February Meeting: 21/2/17

## 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).



## 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 in Batchelor or Adelaide River or via email.

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 and \$165.00 for unregistered dogs, then \$60.00 per day kept in Pound. Registered dogs are kept for 3 days and unregistered dogs 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



### FEBRUARY 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 24th February 2017 at 9.30am

Contact Jan Jewell 8976 0255

#### MONTHLY BUS TRIP TO CASUARINA

Pick up Batchelor and Adelaide River Stores

Monday 27th February 2017

Bookings essential

Contact Jan Jewell 8976 0255

#### 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 fee for all players is now \$5.00

Contact Graeme on 8976 0160 or Jan Jewell on 8976 0255

COTA Coomalie would like to thank Terry and Rex for running the bus trips for a number of years.

Terry has had to stop for health reasons and has decided to have an extended break. COTA Coomalie Branch wishes Terry all the best with heartfelt thanks for his contribution.

Darryl Butler is now working on developing a list of potential bus drivers so if you have an LR endorsement on your licence and would like to help even just once in a while, Darryl would love to hear from you.

89760160.

As we now have a roster of drivers it is very important that all passengers ring Jan on 89760255 to book their seats, also if you wish to be dropped off some where else other than Casuarina, please inform Jan when you book your seat. This is important so each driver can plan their routes and are aware of pickups in the Coomalie area.





BATCHELOR MUSEUM UPDATE - FEBRUARY 2017

As advised in the last bulletin, the Museum will be open around the time of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service of the Bombing of Darwin on February 19. Committee members will give the buildings a clean and tidy session beforehand.

We anticipate opening from February 15 through that week, and then for the week following the services at Darwin on Sunday 19 and Adelaide River War Cemetery on Monday February 20.

If requested we will fit into other requirements. I have been told that the Council of Darwin City is expecting some 5000 visitors for the event and that is a huge number to cater for, so hopefully some will have time to come down the track to Batchelor and Adelaide River.

Anticipate having several more panels for the WWII section by then too.

We are looking for additional committee members and also Museum attendants especially to help out this year. Training is available and it can be very interesting to interact with our visitors and assist them. Especially if they have reason to visit because of family ties. Please talk it over with Denise Grecian-Wright, Sue Bulmer or myself if you are thinking you might assist.

Following the rainy season the two original buildings are to be painted. This should brighten them up considerably and make them more visible to the visitors.

I am looking to portray a few more recent Aboriginal Defence Force personnel in the Anzac area so if you know of a local Indigenous member of the Defence Force who went to Korea, Vietnam or to more recent war zones then I would be interested to talk with you please. There is space within the Aboriginal war service area and an opportunity to add several profiles. Please contact me on 89767006 and 0438119350. Leave your phone contact or else leave a message with James Wright at the Men's Shed, or Sue Bulmer .

Again, a Kungarakan or Warrai artist is wanted please. Same contact detail.

Jan Hills President

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.



**Member for Daly Rural Territory Voice**

**Gary Higgins**  
Rural Territory

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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



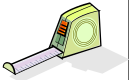
## Qualified Counsellor

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: James Wright 0488 195 410



## Church Seventh Day Adventist

When: Saturday - Worship 11am  
 Venue: Seventh Day Adventist Church Mardango Crescent  
 Contact: Ros Jones 8948 5720

## Church of the Resurrection

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



## Adelaide River Market

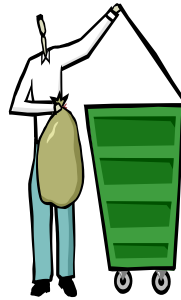
When: Closed for the Wet  
 Venue: Glen Huitson Park, Adelaide River  
 Contact: Coordinator 8976 7213 adelaiderivermarket@gmail.com

## 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

## Coomalie Council has Wheelie Bins for sale

\$110.00



## 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 Thursday @ 6pm \$2 BBQ to follow  
 Venue: Fire Shed  
 Contact: Rick Ekers 0409 676 658



## 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 Logos

