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## 75th ANNIVERSARY - BOMBING OF DARWIN

**Sunday 19th February 2017 marked the 75th Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin.**

The Bombing of Darwin Service was held at Adelaide River War Graves on Monday 20th February.

It was a beautiful service, co-ordinated by City of Darwin and Coomalie Community Government Council.

We would especially like to thank Kaitlyn Dwyer, Trevor Horman, & Andrew Turner for their important contributions to the service.





# 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.

Council has decided to strictly enforce the provisions of the Local Government Act. All properties with an outstanding balance at the end of March 2017 will have a Statutory Charge imposed. This is a legal process which results in the property not being able to be sold or used as collateral for a loan. The additional charges associated with the imposition of a statutory Charge are added to the current outstanding amount.

## 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.

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

Contractors have commenced manning the Land fill. They will be onsite for approximately 20 hours per week. Supervisors will be inspecting loads, and directing traffic.

Opening hours will be further limited to approximately 20 hours per week as trends emerge. 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			
Early March	Newsletter, Website, Facebook	Invite community comments on existing Long Term and Annual plan	Comments close 7 April 2017
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 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
13 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Optional Workshop	To discuss Annual plan and Budget	
20 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Council Meeting	Consideration of the draft plans and comments received	
21 <sup>st</sup> June 2017	Newspaper	Advertise Rates Declaration	
31 <sup>st</sup> July 2017	DLG	Provide copy of Annual Plan and Budget	

The community is invited to make comment about the current Strategic Plan and Long Term Works Plans. These are available on the website and a copy can be obtained by contacting the office.

**COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

The next election for Councillors will be held at the end of August. Nominally the date is the 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017. It is however likely that the voting process will be similar to the recent Northern Territory Elections and voting will not necessarily be on the day. It looks likely that there will be a polling place in Adelaide river on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August for two hours and in Batchelor for two hours on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

It is probable that the polling place in Adelaide River will be the Adelaide River school and the Council Chambers in Batchelor.

Eligible voters may apply for a postal vote online prior to the election. This will then be forwarded in the mail to the voter. Voters may also pre vote Darwin, Palmerston, Katherine and Alice Springs in the two weeks leading up to Election Day.

Nominations to become a Councillors will occur in early July.



## Coomalie Community Government Council

### Position Vacant

#### Senior Administration Officer

8 Month Relief Contract Part time position – 30 hrs per week

The successful applicant will have extensive experience in Local Government office management with high quality computer skills. They will also have good communication skills, high level of discretion and the ability to work well within a small team. A high level of self motivation is essential.

The Position Description and Position Information is available via [www.coomalie.nt.gov.au](http://www.coomalie.nt.gov.au) or by phoning Council on 8976 0058.

Applications will be received until 4.00 pm on Monday 20th March, 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

### Position Vacant

#### Community Recreation Officer

3 Year Full Time Contract

Further applications invited

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).

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## 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 auspicng body such as an incorporated body. However Council will consider projects from groups of residents interested in a community project. In this case the auspicng 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.*





# COME AND JOIN US

to clean up our community



- \*Batchelor Oval (8am-12pm)
- \*Adelaide River School (8am-12pm)
- \*Lake Bennett (8am-12pm)

A BBQ lunch will be provided for all volunteers



When rubbish is gone, nature can carry on.

SUNDAY MARCH 5



All Community members including juniors, and community groups are invited to form an **organising committee to run this year’s Lingalonga Festival**. In recent years it has been run by Coomalie Council staff. The Council will continue to support the festival, but will no longer be planning or organising it.

The Festival has previously been held on the Territory long weekend of Picnic Day in early August. It has always been a free, family oriented day including market stalls, live music, and various arts and crafts, or performance events and included a Grand Parade. A free family film night and a successful cricket tournament is held on the same weekend. This format is completely flexible in all aspects.

The Festival will not be held this year unless a Community based committee is formed.

For further information, or to join the register of volunteers please contact Hilary Brett at Coomalie Council on 89760058.

## Glyphosate Program

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

The Glyphosate Program is open to Coomalie Rural Ratepayers and is available from Coomalie Council in Batchelor during office hours, Mon-Fri 8am to 4pm.



## 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



# ANZAC Day Dawn Service

TUESDAY 25th April 2017

Adelaide River War CEMETERY

Please note traffic restrictions apply

Service begins at 5.30am sharp

Limited seating is available on application. Strictly for current & ex service people, wreath layers, aged people and those with special requirements. For bookings please call Coomalie Council 89760058.

Poppies (gold coin donation) and programs will be available at entrances.

Glow stick candles will be available for \$2.00.

Traditional Gunfire Breakfast & two-up follows the service at the Adelaide River Show Society, Dorat Road.







## MEMORIAL DRIVE TRAFFIC RESTRICTION ANZAC DAY Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017

The public are advised that due to the Anzac Day Commemorations, Memorial Drive in Adelaide River will be restricted to traffic from 4.00am to 8.00am on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Restrictions will occur from the Adelaide River School to the Adelaide River War Cemetery.

Traffic will be restricted to a one way traffic flow towards the War Cemetery from 4.00am to 6.30am.

The one way traffic flow will be reversed from 6.30am to approximately 8.00am to allow traffic to leave the Adelaide River War Cemetery area.

Drivers are reminded that they must follow the directions of the traffic controllers at all times.

### Reserved Parking and Seating

Available for Veterans, Current & Ex Service people, aged people, wreath layers and those with special requirements & limited mobility.

Please contact Coomalie Community Government Council on 89760058 by Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017, to apply for a reserved parking and seating pass.

*Council regrets any inconvenience that these arrangements may cause.*

Leigh Ashford  
Chief Executive Officer  
Coomalie Community Government Council



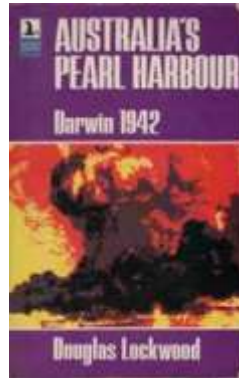
# Batchelor Community Library News

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

## Bombing of Darwin

Want to learn more about the Bombing of Darwin?

The library has a range of online resources, books and DVD's



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



## Adelaide River Library Community Library

Library Hours Thursday & Friday 3.30 to 7pm, Saturday 9am to 2pm

*If you haven't been to the Adelaide River Library recently, or are new to the Community, come and visit. Miss Hilary is back and the Saturday Morning tea party is on again at 10.30 The T2 shops in Perth have very generously donated a huge range of teas and some beautiful new pots and cups for us to enjoy, so come and try something new.*

*Coomalie Council services are available again during Library opening hours. We can process dog registrations, complaints, equipment hire bookings, the documentation required for the free Glyphosate program and ANZAC Day bookings.*

*We look forward to sharing our welcoming and comforting space with everyone*

*See you soon*

*Miss Hilary*



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
Clean Up Australia Day	Adelaide River School, Batchelor Oval, Lake Bennett	Sunday 5th March 8.00am start
ANZAC Day Dawn Service	Adelaide River War Graves, Memorial Terrace Adelaide River	Tuesday 25th April 5.30am sharp
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.

March Meeting: 06/03/17

**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



### MARCH 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 31st March 2017 at 9.30am

Contact Jan Jewell 8976 0255

#### MONTHLY BUS TRIP TO CASUARINA

Pick up Batchelor and Adelaide River Stores

Monday 27th March 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 - MARCH 2017

OPEN! The Museum had a thorough spring clean over three days so it was ready for display over the period when visitors are around Darwin for the 75<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the Bombing of Darwin. Many thanks to Denise who organised the days, and to our volunteers- Sue, Carol, Amy, Sean, Paul, James. Then we are all manning the Museum on roster until Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February. The café has also been open on those days.

After such a massive effort we will keep opening weekends so that there is opportunity for locals and early-season tourists to attend. I have developed some new panels and also had formal signs made for some display objects, as well as moving some so that they display better.

I was in Darwin Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> for the Bombing of Darwin ceremony, and it was bigger, better than ever-some visitors remarked to me at Adelaide River next day how wonderful it was when the Veterans laying wreaths were clapped, and people stood to acknowledge them.

The Adelaide River service went well, and visitors appreciated the opportunity to visit the beautiful but sobering cemetery. There were three busloads of visiting WWII people driven from Darwin as well as others in their own vehicles, plus a number of locals. The local school children came and brought round cups of cold water which was appreciated. It was obvious from the three events that I attended how many people were in family groups; adult children supporting parents, and some bringing young children.

We have endeavoured to promote the Museum through NT Tourism, City of Darwin and Tourism Top End, but there were people I spoke to who hadn't any information. I handed brochures about Batchelor Museum (and my own WWII camp) to people on the buses to read and hand around. Some are staying longer than the set activities so may well visit the Museum in coming days.

The third activity I attended was a talk from Peter Forrest about a postal worker, Arthur Wellington and his last letter to his wife and child, written at 1.30am on February 19, 1942. The baby had been born in a very old Darwin Hospital, and was present at the talk-as was another lady who also was born at that same hospital-relevant pictures had been located and were shown by Sheila Forrest.

"That is so" I responded to a query in an ABC interview on Monday 20<sup>th</sup>, asking about the comment that there is not enough notice given to places outside Darwin which were bombed and also played a significant role in WWII. A great opportunity to talk about the unique role of Batchelor and surrounds. An insight can be achieved by visiting the WWII section of our Museum-take the opportunity.

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.



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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



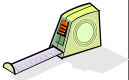
## Qualified Counsellor

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

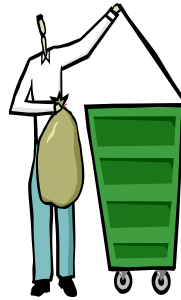
When: Closed for the Wet  
 Venue: Glen Huitson Park, Adelaide River  
 Contact: Coordinator 8976 7213 adelaiderivermarket@gmail.com

## 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

