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## The Community pays respect at the Dawn Anzac Day Service

The Council held the traditional ANZAC Day Dawn Service on Wednesday 25th in the beautifully kept grounds of the Adelaide River War Cemetery.

As the sun came up on Wednesday 25th April, some 2000 people were gathered at the War Cemetery to remember and honour the original ANZACS and the thousands who have followed in their footsteps in the 97 years since the Gallipoli landing.

Coomalie Council is grateful for the enormous effort of those who contributed to making the day a truly memorable tribute to the men and women who paid the ultimate price in serving their country.

*This year the Coomalie Council requested financial assistance from local businesses to enable us to keep community ownership of the Dawn Service. A special thank you to the following Corporate Sponsors*

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### Anzac Day 2012

The Adelaide River Show Society would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who volunteered at the ANZAC day breakfast - it was much appreciated.

## ANZAC DAY 2012

The Sound Technician, Batchelor and Adelaide River FERG volunteers and the ARSS Club were awake at 3am preparing for the arrival of visitors and vehicles. The NT Scouts set themselves up at both gates to welcome and hand out poppies, glow candles and programs. They also had the mission of guiding people to their seats under cover of darkness.

Upturned faces gazed at the large clouds hovering directly above and prayed for stars and clear skies. The bagpipes and Drummer heralded the arrival of the Catafalque party from **Tindal Air Base as the hymn "Abide with Me" floated through the War Cemetery. The beautiful voice of local lady Jackie Izod was spellbinding and complimented by veteran blues singer Mike Foley.**

While the wreaths were being laid, the resourceful Master of Ceremonies Senator Nigel Scullion softly asked the Chaplain to send out a plea to the heavens above to keep the rain at bay for a little longer. The wind vanished and the congregation listened quietly to the guest speakers Hon. Rob Knight and Group Captain Forster Breckenridge.

Squadron Leader Yogananda Juste-Constant RAAF *Chaplain* conducted the Prayer Service **with enthusiasm and warmth and the Hymn "Make me a Channel of your Peace" touched many people at the Service. Kimberley Fawcett stood with pride in front of the vast crowd to clearly recite 'The Ode' and was followed by bugler Eric Beale to sound the Last Post.**

The pure voice of vocalist Saysha Ham as she sang the National Anthem thrilled those assembled and the entire congregation joined in with delight. Bruce Jones came to **the lectern to read the very special poem "He was my mate". The kilted 'Piper' Anne took up her bagpipes and played the 'Hills of Argyll' as the Coomalie Volunteers and others laid poppies.**

The crowd progressed to the Adelaide River Show Society where a wonderful hot breakfast was served by the friendly, dedicated group at the ARSS Club. There was a broad memorabilia display, lively two-up and a 1942 Harvard Single Engine plane doing overhead displays. The Noonamah Pub and Tommy and Patsy Fawcett donated the rum to add to your coffee to give the *breakky* the title of a **"Gunfire Breakfast"**, along with the two-up.

Thank you to the NT Government and Department of Transport, businesses and community groups and other volunteers. A special congratulations to Rob, Brigette and Chrissie at the War Cemetery as the grounds looked immaculate. Finally to all who participated in the 2012 Dawn Service - Thank you for a lovely morning.

The Coomalie Community Spirit is fully alive and kicking. **Mazz**



Left: 1942 Harvard Single Engine plane.

Right: Tommy Fawcett helping at the "Gunfire Breakfast" with the essential ingredient.





**A big thank you to Dyanne Allport (Captain - Adelaide River), Wayne Parsons, Donna Renshaw and Neil for their experience and guidance with car parking at the Adelaide River War Cemetery.**



Pictured above are Batchelor FERG. From left to right: Rick Ekers, Amy Brown, Tim Anderson, Carolyn Bilston, Jurg Bronnimann, Elva Pearce, Robyn Bronnimann, Kylie Turner, Sue O'Hagam and Barry Kirk.

## Check out these upcoming events in the Shire

### *Batchelor Markets*

*Mothers Day*



*Sunday 13th May*

Come along and enjoy the ambience of the Batchelor Markets at the Batchelor Oval .

**8am - 1pm** (Batchelor School if it's raining!)

Invite your Mum to the Markets and enjoy strolling around the many stalls full of exciting bits and pieces that would make a lovely gift.

Julia (Markets coordinator of Lingalonga Festival) will be there to chat to anybody that would like information about the festival this year.

### **Saturday 4th August - Picnic Day Weekend**

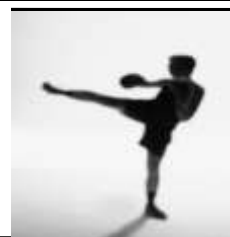
- ◆ Lingalonga Festival at Batchelor Oval 9.00am till dark.
- ◆ Official Opening of the Batchelor Museum.
- ◆ August Quiz Night at the Bowls Club.

### **Boxing Fitness**

Come along and get fit while having fun Thursday afternoons at the school assembly hall.

4pm for those 10 to 15 years and 5pm for over 15 years.

Don't forget to bring a towel and a mat. Gold coin donation





## 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 exhibits are open for young and old and categories include:

Art, Craft (from sewing, scrapbooking, quilting, cardmaking and floral arrangements to wood/metal/leather work), Cooking, Photography, Horticulture, Farm Produce, Preserves, Beverages - there is something for everyone to enter! Pavilion booklets will be available mid May at the Batchelor Store or at the Post Office Store in Adelaide River, also an updated version will soon be 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



**TOURISM  
TOP END**  
wild life - wild land

### 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



New free access to 50 Online Resources from your home or using the Library computers.

To access these you must be a member of the Batchelor Community Library.

The resources available cover a wide range of subjects from general reference to specific life skills, health information, online magazines and newspapers plus some sites for children.

With 50 different resources there will be something to interest you.

**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.**

## 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 suggestions.

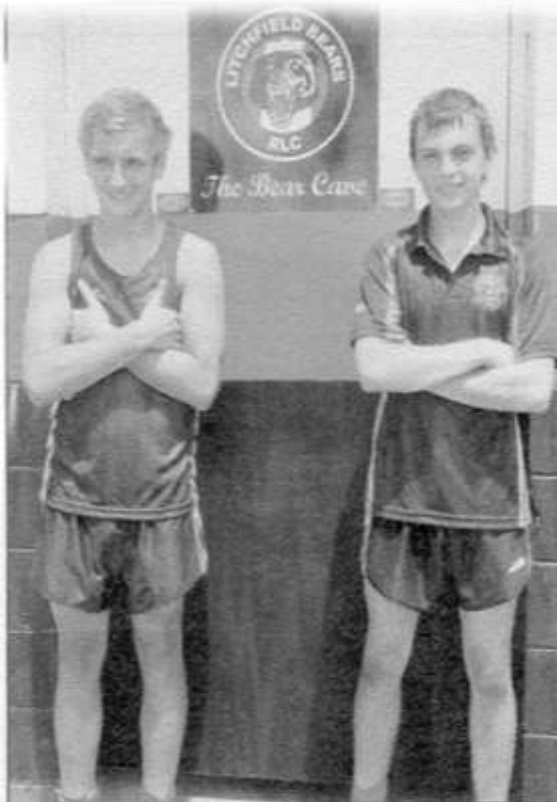


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### *Up and coming Rugby League Sportsman from Batchelor*



Tom Ford and Jacob Penhaligon are back from attending the

Jacob Penhaligon was one of 2 Northern Territory Rugby League players to be selected to attend the Sydney Rugby League Academy. The aim of the camp was to promote skill development and sportsmanship. While in attendance the group received elite coaching from Rugby League development staff and guest coaches along with meeting current NRL players (Manly Sea Eagles) during the four day live in camp.



### 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.**



### **Adelaide River Show Society**

**Jobs available:** Bar Manager. Check [www.arss.org.au](http://www.arss.org.au)



Come and join in

# SING-ALONG



# DANCE-ALONG

At the ARSS Club

**Fri 18 May from 6 pm.**

For more info call Therese 89 886 886  
or Sandy 89 760 342

**CELEBRATE MUSIC WEEK**



**National Walk Safely to School Day**

Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

For more information contact Batchelor Area School 8976 0077



# May Day

at

Adelaide River Railway Heritage  
Precinct

on

Monday 7 May 2012

from 10am until 4pm or so!

Featuring a WW2 theme and music

Visit the new WW2 Exhibition Hall

View our updated rail heritage displays including the new  
1934 TANGYE three cylinder water pump

Guided **Walk to the "Hole in the Hill" WW2 Signals Corps**  
site

Guided tours around the Rail Heritage Precinct

**Inspect the "new" 1950's vintage fettlers cottage**

Morning Teas, Sausage Sizzle, cold refreshments

Trevor Horman  
0417 838 578







# 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

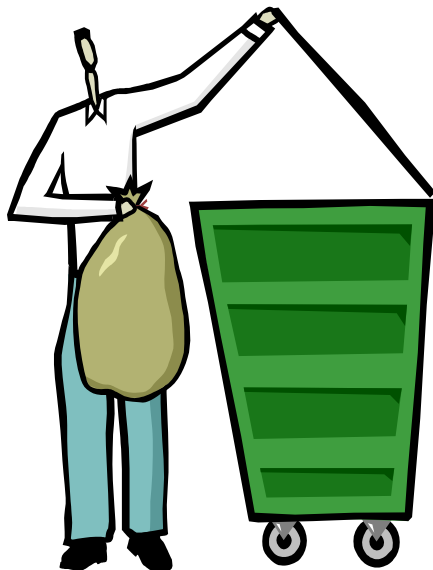
## *Church St Francis of Assisi*

When: Sunday 9am, children services on first Sunday of month  
 Venue: St Francis of Assisi Anglican Church, Mardango Crescent  
 Contact: Sue Bligh 8976 0988



## **Adelaide River Cup and Races**

**SATURDAY 2nd June 2012**



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