



STOP PRESS



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NOMINATE NOW!

We all know someone in Coomalie who should be recognised with one of these Community awards:

Citizen of the Year

Young Citizen of the Year (under 25)

Sportsperson of the Year

Sportsperson of the Year (under 25)

Volunteer of the Year

Event of the Year

Please take 5 minutes to nominate & write a few lines

Nominations close 22nd December 2016

Nomination forms available from Post Office, Clinics, Schools, Council Office & Website.

For more information, contact Coomalie Council on 8976 0058



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 CHEENEY ROAD

Work is continuing on the sealing of Cheeney Rd. Savings with the project have allowed Council to extend the project onto Milton Rd. Funds will allow Council to seal approximately 2 kilometres of Milton Rd. To date, approximately 10 kms has had the initial seal and 4kms has had the second seal completed.

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. Currently the Batchelor Landfill is open from 6.00am to 6.00pm daily

Stage 2 mid-January 2017. The landfill will only be open for 5 days per week. Please check the signs and notice boards for the opening times.

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.

All residents are reminded to dispose of waste responsibly.

UNUSED ROAD

Council are currently investigating the lease or the licence of unused roads. This is a complicated area due to the current legislation. Council will not only be required to consult with the neighbours and the community, but also the Local Member and Minister for Housing and Community Development prior to excluding the public from a road reserve.



BATCHELOR TIP RESTRICTED OPENING HOURS

Currently closed from 6.00pm to 6.00am daily

**STAGE 2 closed 2 days per week
Commencing MID JANUARY 2017**

Inspection and direction of vehicles entering the tip will commence at the beginning of February 2017.

Further stages will involve reducing the number of hours that the tip is open to approximately 20 hours per week.

This will improve safety, assist in controlling the dumping of hazardous materials and improve recycling.

Council regrets any inconvenience.



Coomalie Community Government Council

Christmas Office Closure

Council administration office will be closed from 23 December 2016 and will re open on 2 January 2016.

Councils operations crew will still be running essential services over this time.

For emergency matters, please phone Councils after hours contact on 0487 444 774

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Further Applications Invited

- ◆ Strong, stable and respected Council
- ◆ Diverse leadership role
- ◆ Small close knit and supportive staff

Do you have:

Rural experience, preferably in local government.

Highly developed interpersonal and leadership skills.

Strategic thinking skills and a good governance background.

This is the opportunity for you!

A competitive remuneration package includes rental allowance and private motor vehicle use.

INTERESTED?

Check out the Information Package at www.coomalie.nt.gov.au
Applications should be emailed to mail@coomalie.nt.gov.au by 30 January 2017.





From the Community Recreation Officer

Seniors Christmas party

Christmas is almost here and started on Tuesday 6th December for the Coomalie area with a much enjoyed and colourful Seniors Christmas luncheon party at Rum Jungle Tavern.

With festivities starting with 'welcome' drinks and champagne, the Seniors were overwhelmed by the performance of much loved Christmas carols from a choir of year 3-4 from Batchelor Area School, beautifully accompanied and coached by Miss Lyla Wills. Our thanks indeed to them all for such a memorable start to the Christmas festivities.

The dining room was a treasure cave of colours with superbly dressed party tables, coloured lights and decorated trees. Janet, Christian and their staff produced a great meal experience with special applause from all to Graham the Tavern chef.

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



School Holiday Program

With Christmas nearly upon us and the school year almost over, I am now planning all the events and fun programs for the coming year, starting with the school holiday program in January, beginning with a swimming day and barbecue at the Batchelor pool on Thursday 5th January. See each day events on the School Holiday poster in this edition of Stop Press. It is a varied activity program and promises to have lots of fun and interest for those participating.

Would parents of children joining the program please remember to come into the Council no later than the day before each activity, to sign the permission form and pay the \$5.00 fee to assist with costs. The **program will be on a "no form, no fee, no event" basis to keep things fair for all. Volunteers are welcome** and their children will join in at no cost.

Events may be changed due to very wet weather.

Australia Day 26th January 2017

Australia Day falls on the last Thursday before school starts and the flag-raising and presentation of Australia Day Awards will take place at the Batchelor Area School Hall after the traditional breakfast, beginning at 7.30am.

The ceremonials will be followed by games and competitions until the start of the Fundraising Cricket Match at Batchelor oval at 11am.

Come and join in the fun and celebration of being a true blue 'Aussie' on this special day.

Awards nominations are still open so do try to nominate someone you know who has been a good example for the Coomalie community area in one of the six categories available.

Until next year, I look forward to working and sharing with you all in 2017 and wish every one a great Christmas and happy holidays

Sue



75th YEAR - BOMBING OF DARWIN

Ecumenical Service

Adelaide River War Cemetery

Monday 20th February 2017 9.30am

For information contact Sue at Coomalie Council 89760058 or 0437 760 028

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



The Federal Government has confirmed \$10 million will be made available to community organisations to support the efforts of their volunteers.

Eligible organisations can apply for grants of between \$1000 and \$5000, to be used to buy equipment that supports their work, helps train volunteers or improves fundraising efforts.

For more information visit <https://www.fundingcentre.com.au/sample>

Applications close December 20.



School Holidays 2017

Thursday 5 th January	Batchelor KoolPool Day
Tuesday 10 th January	Cmax movie day
Thursday 12 th January	Adelaide River Sport & Smoothie Day
Tuesday 17 th January	Fantastic Fogg Dam
Thursday 19 th January	Palmy Waterpark Day
Tuesday 24 th January	Batchelor CraftyCritta & Crazy Cupcake Day

\$5.00 per child per day

Lunch provided



Children 5 years & under must come with an adult.

BUS

Leaves Batchelor 8.15am Adelaide River 8.45am

Returns Adelaide River 4.00pm Batchelor 4.30pm

For information please phone Sue on 0437 760 028 or 8976 0058



Batchelor Markets

No markets until 9th April, 2017

The last Batchelor Markets were held on Sunday 4th December 2016.

There will be no markets over the following few months.

We will be back again for all the fun of the Batchelor Markets on Sunday 9th April, 2017.

Wishing everyone a happy and Safe Christmas!



Come along and join in the fun around the Batchelor Oval. If you are interested in having your own stall, call Denise on 8976 7117 for more information.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year to all our families, children and teachers in the Batchelor and Adelaide River area. From the Smile-A-Mile team - Jacinta, Teneile, Lynley, Viki and Carmel.

Smile-A-Mile will be celebrating 30 years of service next year. We would like to invite everyone to a family fun day at Freds Pass Reserve, Freds Pass on Sunday 9th July 2017.

This will be a free family event with morning tea, lunch and lots of fun children's activities. We will also have a display of stories and photos of Smile-A-Mile over the years so would love to hear from past and present families, staff and organisation that have been associated with the Fun Bus and Toy Library.

If you are travelling to Darwin, stop in at Freds Pass and have a look at our extensive range of toys and play equipment to borrow from the Toy Library. Only \$55 for 12 months membership – 3 small toys and 1 large toy for 4 weeks at a time. Our new website <http://www.smileamile.org.au/>

Contact:

Jacinta McInnerney

Coordinator

08 8983 2009

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Message from the Adelaide River Markets



The President, Committee and Members of the Adelaide River Community Craft Market Inc. wish all their valued customers and residents of the Coomalie region a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The tourist season for 2017 is looking promising and the market committee invite those who have a unique craft to join this active group with a view of setting up a market stall in 2017.

Due to the retirement of a current stallholder an excellent opportunity exists for an energetic person or persons to take over a productive and profitable craft stall.

This stall currently stocks 8 tables of creative craft. Depending on interest it would be possible to split the current setup into 2 separate stalls. Marquees, tables, tablecloths and stock at cost valuation are available if required.

ARCCM Inc. is a craft and tourist orientated market operating from Glen Huitson Park every Sat, Sun, Mon and Wed throughout the "Dry Season".

Interested persons should enquire in the first instance to the coordinator Trevor on 8976 7213 or 0497 662 215.

Suggest getting in early to be ready for the start of the next season!

Merry Christmas everyone!



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



~ Batchelor Area School Hall ~

Thursday 26th January 2017

Big Breakfast from 7.30am

Flag raising and awards follow breakfast

“Everyone is Welcome”



*11AM - FUNDRAISING CRICKET
GAME @ BATCHELOR OVAL*





Batchelor Community Library News

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

December & January Opening Hours

Mon to Thurs 11:00am—3:00pm
 Friday 8:00am—5:30pm
 Saturday CLOSED
 Sunday 1:00pm—4:30pm

Merry Christmas 
 and a Happy New Year

Christmas Closing: Sunday 18th December – Tuesday 3rd January

These hours may vary. Phone 89397103 to confirm.

Christmas stories and gifts to make



Kids' Time in the Library
 Friday 3.00 - 5.30 pm
 Sunday 1.00 - 4.30 pm



Adelaide River Library

RE-OPENING

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



WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
Batchelor Markets	Batchelor Oval	Closed until Sunday 9th April 2017
Seniors Christmas Dance	Rum Jungle Tavern	10th December 6:30pm for 7pm start
School Holiday Program	Various Locations	Various Date between 5th - 24th January 2017
Australia Day	Batchelor Area School	Thursday 26th January Breakfast from 7.30am
75th Anniversary Bombing of Darwin	Adelaide River War Graves	Monday 20th February 9:30am
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.

December Meeting: 20/12/16
January Meeting: 17/01/2017 - subject to change

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



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 December 2016 at 9.30am

Friday 27th January 2017 at 9.30am

Contact Jan Jewell 8976 0255

MONTHLY BUS TRIP TO CASUARINA

Pick up Batchelor and Adelaide River Stores

Monday 19th December 2016

Monday 23rd January 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

DECEMBER/JANUARY 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



Christmas Dinner Dance

10th December @ Rum Jungle Tavern

6.30 for 7.00 start

\$30.00 COTA Members, \$35 non members

Bookings essential, Jan Jewell 89760255

Christmas Pageant in Batchelor

23rd December @ 5.00pm

Start at Mens Shed, Cutler Place

Sausage Sizzle to follow after pageant.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Drawn 17th December @ 8.00pm

Rum Jungle Tavern

Tickets from Sue Mornane, Darryl Butler,

James Wright or Jan Jewell.





BATCHELOR MUSEUM UPDATE - DEC/JAN 2016

There have been few visitors to the Museum in the past month, although entry is available to people who present there. Over the next few months people will be able to visit if they make a pre-arranged time with Denise by contacting her at 0488195430.

Through the year Prue has boosted funds for the Museum by manning the second hand bookstall at the Market. This assists considerably with on-going water , electricity costs etc. Caretakers Cheryl and Terry left us three hand made reindeer which also sold at the Market.

Denise is making cards, depicting local places, scenery. These will be available at the Museum gift shop, but meantime you can contact Denise direct. Part of the sale proceeds also go to the Museum.

Whilst being off the scene physically for two months-due to injury- I have been able to complete several new panels. This includes a WWII print depicting the return to Coomalie of the last flight of WWII. (Richard Luxton will be pleased to see this one in the Museum!)

Also a large panel relating to Alyandabu, the Kungarakan woman of whom Ted Egan wrote a song, prompting Robert Ingpen to paint a picture. The original of the painting now resides at the Northern Territory Library. These, plus another WWII panel, will be placed in early 2017.

Incidentally Ted reminded me recently that Robert Ingpen designed the Northern Territory flag.

We are seeking an experienced person to run the coffee shop at the Museum commencing 2017. It is envisaged that this would be an independent business, working in liason with the Museum which already has regular Tour groups utilising the facility. More detail is available by contacting Denise or myself.

Whilst the Wet season has begun, and there will be protracted rainy periods ahead, the two old buildings housing the Museum, are to be painted externally early in 2017, prior to full opening hours commencing April 1. However we do expect visitors earlier as we are working within The Territory Remembers programme.

The programme will bring visitors to the Bombing of Darwin 75th anniversary on February 19 and some of those people will visit Batchelor. The Museum has an important record centred on this area, which we will be proud to display.

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



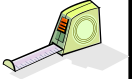
Qualified Counsellor

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

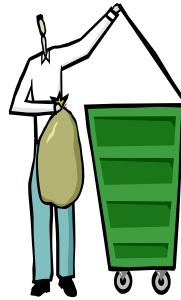
When: Closed for the Wet
 Venue: Glen Huitson Park, Adelaide River
 Contact: Coordinator 8976 7213 adelaiderivermarket@gmail.com

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

