A SUCCESSFUL SENIORS MONTH

Seniors Month runs in August each year across the Northern Territory. It celebrates older people and their continuing contribution to our community. Seniors Month events encourage older people to have a healthy lifestyle, become involved in a new activity and connect to the community. Refer to the Community Recreation Officer report on page 10 for details on what the Seniors of the Coomalie Shire were involved in.
PROPOSED MERGER UPDATE COOMALIE COUNCIL, BELYUEN COUNCIL AND LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK

Coomalie Council and Belyuen CEO met with the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development at Parliament House on the 12th August 2019. The Council had requested the deputation to be able to present a final draft of a merger proposal for consideration by the Minister and to provide direction to the Councils.

The Councils in presenting reiterated that the proposal for Coomalie and Belyuen merging allows for the establishment of a strong core regional governance model that in the future short to medium term can readily include further communities into the model for a North West Top End Council. Coomalie Council has from the outset of the development of this merger proposal and through the historic discussions over the last decade in the region on various models, pushed for an expanded Local Government model that leads to greater representation sustainability and governance for Local Government communities in the future.

The Minister advised that he will write to the Councils with his position on the merger proposal in the future.

At the meeting with the Minister the briefing also allowed for general discussion on such matters as community safety initiatives by the NT Government and concerns within Coomalie township and rural areas, value to Council of Special Purposes Grants and Regional Infrastructure Grants for road sealing programs, Waste Management looking forward in conjunction with initiatives in the Top End. The Big Rivers Waste Management Group Shredder Project. The Council also extended an invitation to the Minister to visit Coomalie Council in the near future.

2019/2020 PROPERTY RATES

Rate Notices will be issued early September with the due date being the 4th October 2019. Amounts outstanding after the due date will be charged interest of 18% per annum, calculated daily.

All landowners should be aware that Council has resolved to strictly enforce the provisions of the Local Government Act which, if a property has accrued arrears of rates, allows Council to request the Lands Title Office to register a charge over the land unless suitable repayment arrangements are entered into.

Please contact the Council Office if you have not received your Rates Notice by 13/09/2019

Council are currently applying Overriding Statutory Charges on Properties that are in arrears from previous years.

Council are also currently in the process of exercising their Power to sell land for non-payment of rates.

If rates have been in arrears for at least 3 years, and an overriding statutory charge securing liability for the rates has been registered for at least the last 6 months, Council may sell the land.

TERRITORY REL WEEK HOSTED BY DARWIN PARACHUTE CLUB.

From August 31st – September 7th 2019 the Darwin Parachute Club will be hosting its biannual sport development and coaching event “Territory Rel Week”. Up to 150 sky divers are expected for the weeklong activities at the Clubs facility at the Batchelor Airstrip.

RUM JUNGLE LAKE CAPPING MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

The Department of Primary Industries and Natural Resources, Director of Mines, has now submitted a comprehensive letter dated 14th August 2019 and site plans for the proposed capping maintenance works at Rum Jungle Lake as part of Stage 2a of the project. The Department requested Council’s approval to conduct the works as detailed in the letter.

The Director, Project Manager and Technical Manager met with Councillors and staff on site to brief them on the project for the capping maintenance program scheduled for late August until December 2019.

For public information a resolution passed by Council at it’s August OGM can be view in the Minutes available on the Council website.
OPERATIONS

Waste-

Adelaide River Waste Transfer Station and Landfill

NT Government Special Purpose Grant funding has been received that will see the provision of basic office/supervisor facilities at Adelaide River and Batchelor in the future. This will be a necessary step for Council to then consider future Stages of operation of the site and an management model that can be accommodated by Council financially.

Fencing Grants through the NTEPA are also being pursued to enable the sites to be secured.

The above two projects will go a long way towards Council being able to meet control and management requirements associated with the NT EPA Directions Notice received by Council in November 2018. There has been a great deal achieved in 2019 and ongoing changes will be needed in 2019 and throughout 2020.

Council staff will be meeting in the future with the Big Rivers Waste Management Group Coordinator to review progress to date.

Batchelor

The removal of Mahogany and Neem tree saplings at Bicentennial Park is now completed.

The removal of low and overhanging limbs on Council road verges has continued.

Ongoing pressure and irrigation problems are occurring at Anzac Park and Havlik Park. Council staff are repairing leaks as they arise. Future grant programs will be assessed for potential upgrade of the various parks in Batchelor and Adelaide River on a priority staged basis.

Adelaide River

The removal of overhanging limbs along Council road verges will commence in the coming weeks.

The removal of Mahogany and Neem saplings has continued.

Bush Cemetery gardens have been mulched/tidied and trimmed.

Roads-

Coach Road

Final 2 km has been sealed.

Flood Damage

Fred Hardy Road south of Adelaide River flood damage repairs complete. Currently finishing off Cadogan Road, Lake Bennett.

Pothole Repairs

Large potholes have been repaired at the War Graves roundabout and on Chinner Road, Lake Bennett.

Other-

Public Toilets – Adelaide River and Batchelor

Renovations on the Swannel Street (Oval) public toilets in Adelaide River are now complete. Over the coming weeks the exterior of these toilets will be repainted, and signage will be replaced. Minor electrical repairs have also been undertaken during the renovations to ensure everything is to Australian Standards.

Myrtle Fawcett Park public toilets had a new concrete pathway and handrails installed.

Floor tiling at the Bush Cemetery Toilets is now complete.

Batchelor Public Toilets – new handrails installed for entrance points along ramp.

General

New bollards have been put into place between the Batchelor Courts and the Power and Water Bores, this is to stop vehicles from driving through from Pinnaroo Street to the General Store.

Site inspection and discussions were conducted on Friday 12th July with the Department of Infrastructure Planning Logistic to improve signage and visibility of the Batchelor roundabout. Works have been recently undertaken improving the roundabout by the Department.

Please see photos of completed Council upgrades and completed works in the Coomalie Region on page 4.
Myrtle Fawcett Park Footpath Works
Myrtle Fawcett Park Tree Removal Works
Batchelor Public Toilet Handrail Works

Adelaide River Sports Court Resurfacing Works
Batchelor Sports Court Resurfacing Works
Fred Hardy Road Maintenance Works

Batchelor Bollard Works
Batchelor Sapling Removal Works
Adelaide River War Grave Access—Pothole Repair
2019 / 2020 RATES NOTICE INSERT INFORMATION

From the President

The Coomalie Council 2019/20 budget was adopted by Council at its meeting held on 18th June 2019 and reflects the Council’s ongoing commitment to deliver to the community a quality service that is consistent with other similar Councils of a similar size, population and revenue base. Council acknowledged the hard work that Council staff and volunteers have undertaken to ensure service delivery in sound and growing and consistent with the current Council’s vision. The rate increase was 3%, which was the minimal rate increase that Council could impose to maintain a service to its customers whilst considering the DP’s and Local Government Standards.

Council continues to review and improve services and has adopted a new strategic plan 2019-2022.

The budget consists of $5.7 million in expenditure and includes the following:

- Gamba & Weed Control $ 59,000
- Transfer Station Licences $ 25,400
- Airports & Road Maintenance $ 70,000
- Roadworks $622,588

The Coomalie Community Government Council is highly dependent on grant funding to cover its operational and capital expenditure. In excess of 50% of the Shire’s income is now generated through grant funding.

Council is continuing discussions with Northern Community Government Council about a regional model for the two Councils in the near future as a commencement towards an expanded, more sustainable model in the North West.

Please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss any aspect of Council’s 2019/20 budget or your plans moving forward.

Young Simplicity

Or Aranda Turner

President

Coomalie Community Government Council
141 Cameron Road Batchelor
Phone 8974 0508
email admin@coomalie.nt.gov.au

2019/2020 ACTUAL INCOME BY SOURCE

2019/2020 ACTUAL EXPENDITURE BY CATEGORY

Council adopted a Base Allowance for Council Members other than the President and Deputy President that shall be at the rates of $600 per calendar month payable in arrears applicable from 1st July 2019, subject to 3% increase in 2020, and any Council Policy adopted on or after 1st July 2019.

The Base Allowance for the President shall be at the rate of $5,500 per calendar month payable in arrears applicable from 1st July 2019, subject to 3% increase in 2020, and any Council Policy adopted on or after 1st July 2019.

The Base Allowance for the Deputy President shall be at the rate of $500 per calendar month payable in arrears applicable from 1st July 2019, subject to 3% increase in 2020, and any Council Policy adopted on or after 1st July 2019.

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**BATCHelor MARKETS**

**Sunday, 8th September**

Batchelor Oval - 8am till 1pm

Live Music

Different stalls each month. September will see arts and crafts stalls, jewellery, clothes, bric-a-brac and collectables, furniture, plants, coffee and cakes, jams and relishes, Aussie BBQ, 2nd hand books & DVD’s, and much more. Tell your friends, tell your family, come along and enjoy the atmosphere of this lovely country markets.

This is a pet friendly event.
With dogs on leashes, we will all enjoy the day.

“Something for EVERYONE”

Please contact Denise for further information.
Mobile: 0488 195 430 - Email: batchelormarkets@gmail.com
Proudly supported by COTA Coomalie
Change starts here
Join our Clean Up in Adelaide River

Date:       Wednesday 18th of September
Time:       4pm – 5:30pm
Meet:       Adelaide River School
Contact:    Stacie: 8976 0058

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Change starts here
Join our Clean Up around Batchelor!

Date:       Thursday 19th of September
Time:       3pm – 5pm
Meet:       Batchelor Pool
Contact:    Stacie: 8976 0058

Children must be accompanied by an adult
Senior’s Mystery
BUS TOUR

Council will be providing a free bus service for a
mystery lunch trip to somewhere in the outer
Darwin area. Plan a day out from around 9am - 2pm

Bus service free
Meals and drinks to be paid at your own expense

Save the date:
Monday, 9th of September 2019
Monday, 14th of October 2019

To save your seat on the bus please call Council on 8976 0058 or
email: recreation@coomalie.nt.gov.au
September Tennis!

Tuesday's
Batchelor Tennis Courts
Kids Session: 4.00-5.00pm
Open Session: 5.00 - 6.30pm

SOFTBALL MONDAYS

Please refer to the Community Recreation Officers Report on page 10

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Hey, Hey Coomalie Residents!

August was a crazy busy month in the Coomalie Region! We have lots of events to acknowledge!

August was **Seniors Month** and it kicked it off with COTA and hosting lunch and activities at the Litchfield Motel. The Council organised a day trip for the Seniors of the Coomalie Region to attend the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory. We had lunch at the Saltwater Café and had drinks for dessert. We had organised a Morning Tea which the Batchelor Museum hosted, that also included free entry (normally $5) and a tour of this historic place that is so close to home. I could see that everyone who attended the events had a great time.

On the first week of August Batchelor Area School celebrated **NADIOC week**. There was so many cultural festivities on the day. The kids had a wonderful time and the adults seemed to enjoy it just as much! I helped Miss Stacey and Miss Deanne with their face painting station.

The Adelaide River School hosted their annual **Adelaide River Festival**. It was great to see so many schools gathered together for this amazing festival experience! The school children had a great time over a couple of days. You could really feel the team spirit and sports festival vibe! They held a range of sports events from track and novelty events to field events. I also got to see Miss Rosie (Our Former Batchelor School Teacher) who is now the Principal of Nganambala School. I was very grateful to be invited to be apart of the event and I want to to do a big shout out to Mr. Clegg and everyone that was involved in this extremely successful event.

**Neighbourhood Watch NT** held a meeting at Adelaide River to promote their new campaign and discussed crime in the local area. Neighbourhood Watch NT are committed to helping to create safer and more secure Territory neighbourhoods. They have developed the Stop. Look. Lock. campaign to educate Territorians on the simple measures they can take to help reduce opportunistic crime.

It is sad to say our numbers have dropped for Monday’s Softball at the Batchelor Oval. We will be **discontinuing Softball** until further notice. BUT never fear - for the month of September will be starting up Tennis on Tuesdays.

This year, we will be participating in Clean Up Australia’s **Great Northern Clean Up**. This is a fantastic opportunity to remove rubbish from our precious natural habitats before the wet season kicks in. It’s also a great chance to volunteer in your local community and meet like-minded people. You can join our sites at Adelaide River or Batchelor Townships. Please see the posters in this Stop Press for more information.

We have our school holiday program organised for the **October School Holidays!** Bunnings will be coming down for a **FREE Do-It-Yourself Workshop. We will be making something awesome! Places are limited**, make sure you book as soon as the programs come out in mid-September.

If you are interested in completing a **Bronze Medallion Course** either FULL or REFRESHER at the Batchelor Pool on the 9th of November, Please Contact Royal Life Saving Australia on 8981 5036.

**ONGOING EVENTS!**

**Funday Monday’s** at Batchelor Area School are every week in the school term. The program runs from 2:45pm and finish at 3:45pm. Make sure you get your permission slips in. Caregivers are very welcome to come and bond with their children.

**Softball on Monday’s** - Has been cancelled. (Please see above.)

**Tennis Tuesdays (for the month of September)** We will be having a children’s session from 4pm – 5pm at the Batchelor Tennis Courts (Rackets Provided). We will also have an open session for the whole community from 5pm -6:30pm.

**Well-Being Wednesday’s** - Adelaide River Primary School. We play sports combined with lots of fun & games. This program runs from 2:45pm to 3:45pm. Make sure you get your permission slips in. Caregivers are very welcome to come and bond with their children.

**Seniors Bingo Morning Tea** – We had an absolute blast at the last Bingo Morning Tea! The event is held on the last Thursday of the month from 9am located outside the Adelaide River Store. If you need transport to come along, please contact me at the Council office. The next session will be held on the 26th of September.

**Seniors Mystery Bus Tour** – Council provides a free bus service for a mystery lunch trip to somewhere in the outer Darwin area. Plan the day from around 9am – 2pm. The bus service will be free, but attendees will be paying for their own meals and drinks. On our last monthly Seniors Mystery Bus Tour, we had lunch at Darwin River Tavern. We are now taking bookings for the 9th of September, tell your friends and help us get a full bus!

Don’t forget to like us on Facebook to see what events we have coming up in the Coomalie Region.

Have a happy day
OUT & ABOUT WITH THE COMMUNITY RECREATION OFFICER

After School Activities
Adelaide River Festival
NAIDOC DAY
Seniors Bingo
Seniors Week
Neighbourhood Watch Meeting
Seniors Morning Tea
29th of August
(the last Thursday of every month)
9am Post Office Store
Adelaide River
Tea, Coffee, Cake & Prizes for Seniors!

TERM THREE
AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS
Mondays @ Batchelor
Wednesdays @ Adelaide River

Signal permission forms are required before participation
Forms available on the Council Website
OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

1st October
Arts & Craft Day
at the Bruce Jones Centre.
We will be having a morning of arts and crafts followed by lunch.

3rd October
Adelaide River Library
spending the day at the Library, reading, writing, playing games

8th October
Bunnings
We will be having the team from Bunnings come down to the Batchelor Oval to conduct a Do-it-yourself Workshop

11th October
Active Fun Day
Circus workshop, games, fun, competitions and theatre sports at the Bruce Jones Centre

If you would like to join us for the school holiday program - permission forms will be out mid-September. They will be located at the Adelaide River Store, Adelaide River Library, Batchelor Area School, Batchelor General Store, Coomalie Council Office and on their website.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BRONZE MEDALION COURSE

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN COMPLETING A BRONZE MEDALLION FULL OR REFRESHER COURSE IN BATCHelor

ON 9TH NOVEMBER 2019

PLEASE CONTACT

ROYAL LIFE SAVING AUSTRALIA

Telephone – (08) 8981 5036
Email – nt@rlssa.org.au

If you have any questions please contact the Senior Administration Officer at Coomalie Council on 89760 058 or via email at admin@coomalie.nt.gov.au
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PH: 0459 082 084

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RUM JUNGLE TAVERN
FUNCTION ROOM
10.30AM - 12PM
COST: $5

CONTACT
DARRYL 0428 983 098
ADMIN@TRACKSDANCE.COM.AU

Tracks believes “dance is a whole of life activity”
Rosella Festival

Another successful Rosella Festival was held at the Adelaide River Inn on Friday 26th July. Several new stalls were welcomed. The Poets kicked off the festival then there were raffles carried out during the day. Matt Brann from the ABC was onsite to broadcast the Country Hour live from the festival.

Thanks to Jason Smith at the Inn for his continued community support, Gary Higgins leader of the Opposition & the NT Government for their assistance. We would also like to thank Berry Springs Hardware, Peter Brown Gem Gallery Rubyvale Qld, City of Darwin Cruises, Nugget Finder Australia, CC Picks Australia, DD Leather, Adelaide River Auto Port & Café, Nugget Finder Detector Coils, Fish 4 U, Christine Johnstone and Humpty Doo Prospecting. This year the kids had a jumping castle, face painting and a clown to enjoy and they had a great day!! Thanks to our volunteers who make this event such a success.

Overall another well attended & successful Rosella Festival
There was no meeting of the Coomalie Gardening group in August.

However some members entered the "Keep Australia Beautiful" gardening competition for over 65 year olds.

This will be the third year this competition has been run.

Coomalie area were blessed last year with a Best Rural Garden winner for the Top End from this area as was the Rural garden runner up.

On Wednesday the 20th August 3 judges travelled to Batchelor to judge four gardens.

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Decisions on winners were announced on August 26th at a free luncheon for participants being held at the Italian club in Marrara.

Winner for best rural Garden - Mary Ashley

Runner up - Cheryl K Bruce

Highly Commended Water Smart Garden

1. Mary Ashley
2. Cheryl K Bruce
3. Lyla Wills
4. Myra Skinner

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The next meeting of the Coomalie Gardening Group will be held at 11 am on Sunday 22nd 2019 at the home of Denise and James Wright at Coomalie Farm.

All are welcome.

No age limits

No cost to join etc.

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All enquiries can be directed to Coomalie Gardening Group
Email coomaliegardeninggroup@gmail - phone 8976 0379

please “like us” on Facebook
Weeds

Weeds can have serious negative impacts on the economy and the environment.

They can also negatively impact social and cultural activities such as fishing, boating, swimming, bush walking and hunting.

A weed can be described as any plant growing out of place. Usually, weeds are introduced and spread by people. Most weeds grow in disturbed areas but they can also grow in native bush environments. In some cases, they can even change the landscape.

Scientific name: Neptunia plena
Declaration status: Class A and Class C

Water mimosa grows in the coastal regions of southern North America, Central America, northern South America and tropical Asia.

It was deliberately introduced to Australia as an ingredient in stir fries.

Water mimosa prefers canals, ponds and swamps. Plants prefer from 30 to 80cm of slow-moving water, full sun and hot and humid conditions.

There are currently no known infestations of water mimosa in the Northern Territory (NT).

Water mimosa was found in a number of farm dams in south-eastern Queensland in 2006, but all of these known populations have been controlled.

This weed has been found twice in the NT.

In 2001, an infestation was found in Virginia, then in 2012 another one was found in Nhulunbuy.

• Both of these infestations have been eradicated and management programs were put in place. These sites continue to be monitored.

Water mimosa could have all of the following impacts:

• restrict water flow in creeks and drains
• increase water loss and reduce water quality
• create a favourable habitat for mosquitoes
• reduce fish activity
• replace native wetland plants
• restrict recreational water sports and boating access.
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**Adelaide River Police Station**
Northern Territory Police
C/o Post Office, Adelaide River, NT 0845,
08 8976 7042

Officer in Charge:
Remote Sergeant Peter Birch

**Batchelor Police Station**
Northern Territory Police
PO Box 21, Batchelor, NT 0845,
08 8976 0015

Officer in Charge:
Remote Sergeant Paul Parkanyi
Batchelor Primary Health Care Centre
27 Pinaroo CRESCENT, BATCHelor 0845
- 08 8976 0011

Opening times:
- Monday: 8:45am - 4:00pm
- Tuesday: 8:45am - 4:00pm
- Wednesday: 9:00am - 4:00pm
- Thursday: 8:45am - 12:00noon
- Friday: 8:45am - 4:00pm

Closed from 12:00 – 1:00pm daily

Services:
- Antenatal Care
- Infant & Child Health
- Immunisations
- Adult Health Checks
- Palliative Care
- Chronic Disease management
- Sexual Health & Family Planning
- Nutritionist

Doctors are available ONLY by appointment:

Dr Russell Carter— 9:00am—2:45pm Tuesdays
Dr Lucy Hurlstone— 9:00am—2:45 Monday
9:00am—2:45pm Wednesday
9:00am—12:00am Thursday
Dr Bekkie Lee— 9:00am—2:45pm Monday
9:00am—2:45pm Wednesday
9:00am—2:45pm Thursday

FIRE BAN ADVICE

CONTROLS IN FIRE BAN AREAS

A fire is not intentionally to be lit by a person in the open air, within a Fire Ban Area.
- The one exception is if the fire is lit for cooking or boiling water, and;
- no flammable material is within minimum of 4 m of the fire
- the fire is attended at all times while lit
- the fire is extinguished without delay after use.

When the fire danger rating is ‘Severe’ or above, a ban on lighting fires in the open may be imposed.

facebook.com/BushfiresNT nt.gov.au/bushfires twitter.com/bushfiresnt
Controlled Cyclone Clean Up

With thanks to the positive response from 2018 cyclone clean up, Council has decided to conduct a 2019 cyclone clean up in Batchelor and Adelaide River.

**Batchelor Town** clean up will take place on Monday 14th of October
(put out on Sunday 13th October)

**Adelaide River Town** clean up will take place on Monday 21st of October
(put out on Sunday 20th October)

Council is limiting pick up to a 6x4 trailer size with a height of 1m per household.

Pick up from the front verge which will be in a manageable pile.

*Due to Occupational Health and Safety requirements, Council reserve the right to not pick up items which are deemed by the staff to be unsafe, hazardous or too large for manual handling. Any items put out that are not acceptable will need to be removed by the resident.*

**Items acceptable for pick up** –
- Green waste (palm fronds, branches etc)
- Small items which may become a projectile during a cyclone
- Items able to be picked up by a single person

**Items not acceptable for pick up** –
- White goods
- Asbestos
- Tyres
- Car batteries
- Paint/ aerosol cans
- Chemicals
- Medical waste/ sharps
- Car bodies

Any items put out not acceptable for pick up or put out after collection will need to be removed by the resident at the household.

This clean up is still on a trial basis and requires the co-operation of residents in complying with the rules above.

Any questions please contact the Council on ph 8976 0058.
DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES 2019/2020

COOMALIE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

Notice is given pursuant to section 158 of the Local Government Act that the following rates and charges were declared by Coomalie Community Government Council ("Council") at the ordinary council meeting held on 18th June 2019 pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Local Government Act ("the Act") in respect of the financial year ending 30th June 2020. (A copy of the assessment record is available for inspection, free of charge, at any of the Council's public offices. A person may apply to the Council for the correction of an entry in the assessment record.)

Rates

Pursuant to section 155 of the Act, Council declared that it intends to raise, for general purposes by way of rates, the amount of $947,210.00.

Pursuant to section 148 of the Act, the basis of rates are differential valuation based charges with differential minimum charges.

Pursuant to section 149 of the Act, the basis of assessed value is the unimproved capital value.

1. Batchelor Township Ward and Adelaide River Township Ward

In respect of allotments classified as "Residential" or classified as "Commercial" in the council assessment record, a differential rate of 0.005377 of the assessed value with the minimum amount payable in the application of this rate being $986.00 multiplied by:

i. the number of separate Residential Parts or Units that are adapted for separate occupation or use on each allotment (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act); or
ii. the number 1 (one),

whichever is the greater.

For the purposes of paragraph 3, "Residential Parts or Units" means a dwelling, house, flat or other substantially self-contained residential unit or building.

2. Batchelor Rural Ward, Adelaide River Rural Ward, Coomalie/Tortilla Ward and Lake Bennett Ward

In respect of allotments classified as "Residential" or classified as "Commercial" in the council assessment record, a differential rate of 0.001977 of the assessed value with the minimum amount payable in the application of this rate being $831.00 multiplied by:

i. the number of separate Residential Parts or Units that are adapted for separate occupation or use on each allotment (pursuant to section 148(4) of the Act); or
ii. the number 1 (one),

whichever is the greater.

3. Pastoral leases under the Pastoral Land Act

In respect of allotments of land which is pastoral land, as defined in section 3 of the Pastoral Land Act, a rate of 0.000306 of the unimproved capital value with the minimum amount payable in the application of this rate being $376.45.

4. Mining tenements

In respect of allotments of land which are subject to mining tenements as defined in the Act, a rate of 0.003475 of the unimproved capital value with the minimum amount payable in the application of this rate being $890.96.

Note:

i. Contiguous leases or reasonably adjacent leases held by the same person will be rated as if they were a single lease.

ii. If the owner of the mining tenement is also the owner of the land underlying the mining tenement and is liable for the rates for the underlying land tenure, only rates payable are either the rates for the mining tenement or the rates for the underlying land tenure, whichever is the highest.

Charges

Pursuant to section 157 of the Act, Council declared the following charges for the purpose of kerbside garbage collection provided, or which council is willing and able to provide.

Council intends to raise $386,215.00 by these charges.

5. Residential Allotments

In respect of allotments classified as "Residential – not vacant" in the council assessment record, where Council is willing and able to provide the service, a charge of $442.00 per annum per allotment.

The service provided is a kerbside collection of the contents of one 240 litre bin per week.

6. Commercial Allotments

In respect of allotments classified as "Commercial" in the council assessment record, where Council is willing and able to provide the service, a charge of $911.00 per annum per allotment. This includes businesses operating food, commercial or accommodation businesses.

The service provided is a kerbside collection of the contents of one 240 litre bin twice per week.

Where a ratepayer in respect of an allotment classified as "Commercial" in the council assessment record, has requested, and the council is willing and able to provide the service instead of the service described above, a charge of $2,393.00 per annum per allotment.

The service provided is a kerbside collection of the contents of one 660 litre bin twice per week.

7. General Waste Management

In respect of all allotments which are not liable for charges under paragraph 5 or 6 above, a charge of $208.00 per annum per allotment for access to the Council’s waste management facility for the purpose of depositing waste from the allotment, regardless of whether or not the facility is used.

8. Payment

The due date for payment will be notified in rates notices and will be at least 28 days from the date the notice is issued.

9. Interest Rate for late payment

The relevant interest rate for the late payment of rates and charges is fixed in accordance with section 162 of the Local Government Act at the rate of 18% per annum.

Paul McInerney, Chief Executive Officer
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
MONTHLY BUS TRIP TO COOLALINGA AND GATEWAY
Pick up at Batchelor and Adelaide River Stores
Monday 23rd September 2019
Booking Essential—We are now using our now 12 seater bus and 11 passengers plus driver to allow for seats for walkers, wheelchairs and shopping Contact Jan Jewell 89760255

MORNING TEA
Rum Jungle Bowls Club Batchelor
Friday 27th September 2019—9:30am start
Contact Jan Jewell 89760255

COOMALIE COMMUNITY SHED
Cutler Place Batchelor
Every Tuesday 9.00a.m. to 2.00p.m.
Contact James Wright 0488 195 410

September dates to remember
COTA NT (Coomalie Branch) Committee
If you have anything you wish to discuss please contact
Jan Jewell—8976 0255

QUIZ NIGHT
QUIZ NIGHT IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

ALERT
AGM
COTA NT Coomalie Branch
AGM Meeting
Friday 27th September 2019
4.30p.m.’
Rum Jungle Bowls Club,

All members are invited to attend.
Any member who wishes to nominate to be on the committee please contact Jan Jewell on 89760255.

Have you installed your firebreak?
At the end of May 2019, 1,000 warnings were issued to landowners who failed to install a firebreak.
Landowners must install a 4 metre break around the perimeter and around any permanent structures.

Firebreaks will ultimately save property and life.
Those who don’t comply they will be hit with a $15,500 fine plus the costs recovered if Bushfires NT have to install the firebreak.

* Flyer courtesy Bushfires NT
Batchelor Library News

First Sunday in September is Fathers’ Day and the Library has a large range of books, magazines and DVDs to entertain and educate Dad. One useful magazine when you are thinking about buying something is Choice. Other informative magazines are Men’s Health, Grass Roots, Subtropical Gardening, Fishing and Gardening Australia. Come and select from our collection.

Kids’ Time in the Library
Friday 3.00 – 5.30 pm
Sunday 1.00 – 4.30 pm

Adelaide River Library News

Opening Hours
Thursday 2.30 to 6.00pm  Friday 2.30 to 6.00  Saturday 9.00am to 2pm

Everything is going very nicely at Library, we are enjoying the company of our regular visitors, and meeting some new people every week.

Council would like to welcome our two new Library Relief Officers Lance and Merryn who have fitted in so well with our Library family and are both very caring and connected community members with exceptional multitasking and child wrangling skills.

Our special thanks to Lucinda for volunteering on Thursdays which allows us to have a fun and engaging session after school each week, her willingness to help and share her knowledge is greatly appreciated.

Saturday mornings are quality time for our youngest patrons, and it is wonderful to see the older children helping, including and caring for the little ones. We are very proud of the way you look after each other.

Come and join us for relaxing and fun times at Library

Miss Hilary and the Library Crew
ALL DOGS IN THE COOMALIE AREA MUST BE REGISTERED WITH COUNCIL

NEW ANNUAL DOG REGISTRATION DATES

2019/20

1ST SEPTEMBER 2019 - 31ST AUGUST 2020

CCGC passed a resolution at its June 2019 OGM to support and comply with the NT Local Government Animal Management Reference Group Implementation Plan; Item 1 - Common Annual Registration dates across Councils

Discounts apply for Concession card holders - Town Dogs (2 dogs per household restriction)
Town dogs - $30 (Sep – Aug) Town dogs - $20 (Mar – Aug)
Rural Dogs (no restrictions)

For further information on dog registration contact Council via email on mail@coomalie.nt.gov.au or call 8976 0058

YOUR DOG.
YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

DOGS IN THE COOMALIE SHIRE

NEW Registration dates

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
Registered Sept-August (1 year) $30.00
Registered March—August (6 months) $20.00
Concessions 1/2 price
Rural Dogs - Registration is free and no limits apply
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**Coomalie Community Government Council**

**Facebook Page**

For updates on community events, lost dogs, and much more find us on Facebook at 

https://www.facebook.com/CCGCbatchelor/

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Get Stop Press in full colour online from the NEWS tab at www.coomalie.nt.gov.au or get on the mailing list email admin@coomalie.nt.gov.au and ask to be included.
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**ORGANISATION ACTIVITIES**

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<td><strong>Contact:</strong> Steve Austin 0428 965 870</td>
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**Council’s Complaints Process**
If you choose to raise concerns to (or compliment) Council you are requested to write to the Chief Executive Officer outlining the details. There are two (2) forms on the Coomalie Council website 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).

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

**September Meeting:** 6:00pm 17/09/19

**Adelaide River Council Office** operates from Adelaide River Library.

**Changes to times**
- **Thursday** 2:30pm - 6:30pm
- **Friday** 3:30pm - 6:30pm
- **Saturday** 9:00am - 2:00pm

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