

What an exciting and busy time these next few months will be. As well as entertaining visitors and camping out in this wonderful weather, there is the Fringe Festival (July 7th – 16th), the Darwin Show (July 27th – 29th), the Rosella Festival (28th July), the Darwin Festival (August 10th – 27th) and most relevant of all, Seniors' Month with events throughout August.

Rosella Festival - Friday 28th July

Held on the lawns of the Adelaide River Inn the Festival will begin with a Poets' Breakfast at 8.30am and continue until 3pm. Lots of food, handmade craft and local products, an auction, as well as entertainment for children. See flyer attached for more information.

Seniors' Month activities

Coomalie Branch of COTA is once again hosting a Seniors' Picnic on August 4th. Come along and join in the activities and enjoy the delicious food. See flyer attached for further details.

Coomalie Council has organised two events.

Wednesday 9th – at trip to Crocosaurus Cove followed by lunch at the Trailer Boat Club.

Monday 14th – Community Dinner at Malak with a wide selection of food and entertainment.

For a full calendar of events in Seniors' Week go to www.cotant.org.au/territory-seniors-calendar.

COTA morning tea on Friday 21st

The Coomalie Branch COTA morning tea will be held a week early to avoid clashing with the Rosella Festival and the Darwin Show. It will be held on Friday 21nd of July. Hearing tests by Australian Hearing will be available. Start at 9.30am for hearing and 10.00am for morning tea.

Community Forum – Coomalie Shire

Friday 11th August, at Coomalie Council Chambers, to discuss changes the NT Pensioner and Carer Concession Scheme. Morning tea at 10.00 for 10.30 start of the forum. A flyer is attached giving web pages for more information.

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Regular Events

Bus to Darwin

Fourth Monday of the month

Monday 24 July 2017

Booking essential

Call Jan on 89760255

Morning Tea

Friday 21 July

from 9.30am

Rum Jungle Bowls Club

Quiz Nights

First Saturday of the Month

5 August 2017

7.00 for 7.30 pm

Rum Jungle Bowls Club

Bring Food to Share

\$5 to play

Men's Shed

2 Cutler Place, Batchelor

Tuesdays 8.30am - 2.00pm

Call James Wright on 0488195410

Batchelor (B3) Exercise Group

Every Tuesday

5.00pm-6.15pm

Research Building BIITE

Call Darryl on 89760160

Adelaide River Exercise Group

Every Wednesday

3.30pm

Library, Adelaide River School

Call Darryl on 89760160

Batchelor Markets

Sunday 13 August

8.00am – 1.00 pm

Contact Denise Wright

89767117 or 0488 195 430

Aged Care Community Meeting

A surprising proportion of the Coomalie population is or is approaching the 'aged' group.

In Adelaide River – 76 people are aged between 60 -69 years and 44 aged 70 years and over.

In Batchelor – 108 people are aged between 60 -69 years and 49 aged 70 years and over with a further 138 people in Batchelor aged 50 – 59 years.

To start preparing adequate services for the aging population the Batchelor Health Clinic with COTA arranged an initial meeting in May with the major stakeholders. One finding was the need to find out what services people wanted now or thought they may need in the future.

After the May meeting a survey *Attitudes of the Aged – 2017 Survey* was prepared and distributed. At the time of the June meeting only 47 had been returned. Paul McInerny, the Coomalie Council CEO, stressed the need for more data to be collected. To this end I have attached a copy of the survey. If you have not completed it, please do, and/or distribute to others. Completed surveys can be returned to the Batchelor or Adelaide River Clinic. Although there is a place for names, people do not have to put their names to the survey. The more data we have the easier it will be for our representatives to lobby for services.

Coomalie Area Gardening Group



The next meeting of the gardening group will be on Sunday 30th July at the Batchelor Museum commencing at 11.00am. Come along and learn about the plants around the Museum and bring your gardening questions. Someone there may have the answers to your questions or you the answer to theirs. The group is made up of keen local gardeners who meet on the last Sunday of the month to share tips and ideas.

There will be no meeting in August because people will be busy with Seniors' month. This means that after the meeting on the 30th July, the next will be on the 30th September. If you are interested in being on the mailing list for the group please contact Mary Ashely who prepares the Gardening Group newsletter.

Mary's contact details are: evavalleylot41@gmail.com or ring on either 89760379 /0417816422.

Batchelor Markets

Congratulations Denise Wright and the many other people who made the July market such a success. The day had a wonderful carnival atmosphere about it with more stalls, the cricket match and the line-up of vintage Holden cars.

Next Month, 13th August, is a Car Boot Sale Market. This should be interesting. I love searching through to find a hidden treasure. Look through your cupboards and sheds to see what you could bring along.

