

We are coming to the end of the year so this month's *Newsletter* is mainly about up and coming events.

### **Remembrance Day Ceremony – 11<sup>th</sup> November**

A ceremony will be held at Adelaide River War Memorial. All are welcome. The Coomalie Council and COTA Coomalie Branch will provide refreshments after the ceremony.

### **Coomalie Council Seniors' Luncheon**

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at the Tavern. Come along and enjoy the fun. Bookings are essential as seating is limited. Phone Hilary at the Council on 89760058, to book your place.

### **COTA Coomalie Christmas Dinner Dance**

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December, at the Tavern 6.30 for 7.00 start. Cost will be \$40 for non-members and \$35 for members for a meal and a glass of champagne on arrival as well as door prizes.

### **Christmas Pageant – 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

The pageant will begin at the Coomalie Community Shed, previously called the Men's Shed, at 5.00pm. All welcome to join in and return for a sausage sizzle.

### **Coomalie Community Shed**

The Men's Shed is now called Coomalie Community Shed as the Coomalie group did not agree with some of the regulations set out by the Men's Shed group. One of regulation being that no women could attend.

Enjoy the Festive Season and I hope to see you at some of these events. Other items to follow are about Neighbourhood Watch, Cenrelink information, the Coomalie Aged Care Group and the Coomalie Gardening group

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## **Regular Events**

### **Bus to Darwin**

Fourth Monday of the month  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 2017  
Booking essential  
Call Jan on 89760255

### **Morning Tea**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November  
from 9.30am  
Rum Jungle Bowls Club

### **Quiz Nights**

First Saturday of the Month  
4<sup>th</sup> November & 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017  
7.00 for 7.30 pm  
Rum Jungle Bowls Club  
Bring Food to Share  
\$5 to play

### **Coomalie Community Shed**

2 Cutler Place, Batchelor  
Tuesdays 8.30-2.00  
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 12<sup>th</sup> November  
8.00am – 1.00 pm  
Contact Denise Wright  
89767117 or 0488 195 430

### **Neighbourhood Watch NT**

A Neighbourhood Watch group is starting again in Coomalie. Senior Constable Tracy-Dale Middleton's talk on 4<sup>th</sup> October explained how Neighbourhood Watch involves people in crime prevention programs which are aimed at the protection of property and personal safety. On the night, as well as other items, we were supplied with marking pens that works on fluorescent light to brand property. I found mine most useful and much easier to use than using an engraving tool.

For more information about the organisation and to become a member go to the NT Neighbourhood Watch NT website at:

<http://www.nhwnt.org.au/>

From here you can learn more about NHWNT and become a member.

The success of Neighbourhood Watch depends on the cooperation between residents and police, but more importantly between residents themselves. The more members there are the more we can develop initiatives and educate residents on their personal safety. Have a look at the website and consider becoming a member.

### **Centrelink Financial Information session**

Ms Jo Moore from Centrelink Financial Information Service, presented a session on the Aged Pension on 18<sup>th</sup> October. Her talk covered how the pension is calculated, the assessment of income and assets, concessions, your rights and obligations, taxation and Centrelink Services. Most important she gave us a phone number, 132 300, to ring for further information and personal consultations either on the phone or face to face. I have used this service and feel I gained some understanding of the process.

### **Coomalie Aged Care Group**

Discussions continued between Coomalie Council, the Health Clinics, COTA Coomalie and Commonwealth Department of Health representatives on how to provide services for the aging Coomalie population. An important step to establishing the need for services is for residents age 60 years and over to register through the Commonwealth Government Aged Care portal. To this end Coomalie Council supported the concept of a *Sign up Program* for Coomalie seniors. Batchelor/Adelaide River Health Clinics will assist in this process and so enable eligible seniors to be registered and be assessed under aged care programs.

Coomalie Council is also seeking urgent funding for an Aged Care coordinator for at least a two year period to set up and assist with programs.

### **Coomalie Area Gardening Group**



The Coomalie Gardening Group continues to meet once a month and now has a facebook page. Just type in 'Coomalie Gardening Group' to join.

The next and last meeting for the year will be hosted by Dennis and Mary Ashley at Denmar Downs, Miles Road, Eva Valley on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am.

At this meeting a new committee will be chosen for 2018. For more information on the group visit the facebook page, contact Mary Ashley at [evavalleylot41@gmail.com](mailto:evavalleylot41@gmail.com) or phone on either 89760379 /0417816422.