

Some interesting events this month.

### **One is the COTA Coomalie Branch AGM**

When: Sunday 24th September at 4.00pm.

Where: Rum Jungle Bowls Club.

Everyone is welcome.

Nominations for committee members are being sought. Are you interested in being on the Committee or do you know of someone, who would? Please come along. It is vital to have a strong Committee to lead the Branch forward.

Contact Jan Jewell 89760255 or just come along.

### **The second interesting event is Ted Egan's visit.**

When: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm

Where: Batchelor Museum

This is sure to be an entertaining evening with Ted introducing his book on John Gilruth, who served as the first Commonwealth Administrator from 1912- 1919.

Ted feels Gilruth has been treated harshly by historians and asks for a re-appraisal of this complex man. One of the things Gilruth was passionate about was the development of Batchelor Farm, so the talk and book will be relevant to Batchelor.

Some light refreshments provided but also BYO.

### **Attitudes of the aged -2017 Survey**

As of August 30<sup>th</sup>, 104 of the Surveys had been completed and returned. These are still available at the Health Centres.

The next step is to investigate what packages or grants the Commonwealth Dept of Health offer to assist the aging and how the Council or another body could apply for these. An essential element seems to be the employment of an aged care coordinator to facilitate services to the aged. Paul McInerny, Coomalie CEO, will organise a meeting with Commonwealth Department of Health representatives, to find out how best to proceed.

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## **Regular Events**

### **Bus to Darwin**

Fourth Monday of the month

Monday 25 September 2017

Booking essential

**Call Jan** on 89760255

### **Morning Tea**

Friday 29 September

from 9.30am

Rum Jungle Bowls Club

### **Quiz Nights**

First Saturday of the Month

7 October & 4 November 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 8.30-2.00

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 9 September

8.00am – 1.00 pm

Contact Denise Wright

89767117 or 0488 195 430

### Australians wasting \$70 million a year in unused gift cards

With Christmas not far away this was a timely reminder in the National Seniors Australia online magazine *Connect* 531, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

A study by comparison website finder.com.au found that 14% let funds expire on gift cards in the past two years. Hints for getting the most from gift cards include

- Spend as soon as possible
- Putting the card in your wallet as soon as you receive it
- Ask sales assistant to write on the back of the card the remaining amount
- Regift the card or swap it with a friend for cash
- Check out websites such as CardHub (<https://cardhub.com.au/>), that allow you to buy or sell your gift cards at a discount

### Congratulations Stony River on winning the 2017 Public Housing competition

Gardening is so beneficial for people’s health by keeping them mentally and physically active. May you inspire others to “have a go”.



## BATCHELOR MARKETS

Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> September Batchelor Oval - 8am till 1pm

Come one; come all to our community Batchelor Markets.

