

## Build Up



From this month, for a few months, Terry Wright will not be able to drive our monthly bus trip. He will be recovering from a medical procedure.

A number of replacement drivers will be found and in October Richard Luxton will drive.

A big thanks to Terry who has been driving the monthly COTA bus for quite a few years. It is volunteers such as Terry that enable Coomalie Branch of COTANT to run our activities. Wishing Terry all the best for a speedy return to health.

As a result of the new driving arrangement it has become absolutely essential that everyone on the bus books beforehand. And please note that the person to call is Jan Jewell on 89760255.

We have commenced hiring a trailer from Cookes Tours to ensure any items purchased are under cover even when every seat on the bus is taken. Thanks to Linda and Robbie Douglas for arranging for us to have use of a trailer.

The gardening group is generating a lot of interest amongst those who come along to our gatherings. One project we are undertaking, as the more humid months unfold, is to take cuttings and pot up plants from the older crotons around Batchelor that date from the establishment of the town. If you think you have such a croton growing in your garden and would like to donate cuttings let me know.

The next gardening group get together is to be held at Mary and Dennis Ashley's place at the address in the side box. Mary advises it is the property on the LEFT hand side of Miles road when heading FROM Batchelor. It has large white double gates and a plaque that says *Denmar Downs* (with a picture of a horse)

Stay cool in October.

*Darryl Butler*  
Editor  
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## Regular Events

### Bus to Darwin

Monday 24 October 2016  
Booking now essential!  
Call Jan on 89760255

### Morning Tea

Friday 28 October 2016 from 9.30am  
Rum Jungle Bowls Club

### Quiz Nights

First Saturday of the Month  
7.00 for 7.30  
Next Quiz: Saturday 5 November  
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

Tuesdays 5.00pm-6.15pm  
Research Building BIITE  
Call Darryl on 89760160

### Adelaide River Exercise Group

Wednesdays 3.30pm  
Library, Adelaide River School  
Call Darryl on 89760160

### Gardening Group

11.00am Sunday 30 October  
41/505 Miles Road  
Eva Valley.  
Hosts: Mary and Dennis Ashley



*You are invited*

## *Annual Christmas Dinner & Dance*

*COTANT Coomalie Branch*

*Annual Dinner Dance at Rum Jungle Tavern*

*Saturday 10 December*



*Advance bookings can be made now Call Jan on 89760255 or Darryl on 89760160*



## **BACHELOR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT .**

See Santa and helpers parading through every street of Batchelor

**Friday 23 December 2016**

**5pm – 6.30pm**

Come rain or shine

### **Petition on Patient Transport in Coomalie**

The petition Coomalie Branch organised asking the Government for more readily available patient transport to and from Coomalie collected 370 signatures.

The petition will be handed to local member Gary Higgins for tabling in the first sessions of parliament

### **Social Research on Ageing in Place.**

Principal Research Fellow, Heather Gibb, from Charles Darwin University has been visiting Batchelor and interviewing a group of locals about issues to do with ageing and living in a remote place. Heather is working in conjunction with COTA in the NT to develop a model of putting and coordinating caring services for ageing people in remote locations. Heather is using Batchelor and Coomalie as a case example. A couple of weeks ago Heather met with some of the people she has interviewed at Rum Jungle Bowls Club and shared a draft copy of her initial report which is to be published soon

The key issue that is coming out are that when people advance to the point of needing care the way in which services are provided and coordinated can leave quite a bit to be desired. Also most service models rely heavily on professional delivery and mostly ignore capacity that may already exist within a small rural or remote community. For example, volunteers who often do a lot to help individuals out, can be ignored by service providers who struggle to really understand the context of peoples' concerns and needs

I would be happy to try and answer any other questions on this research and will report further in this newsletter as the research and the follow up unfolds.

Darryl

### **Jan Jewell to become Chair of COTANT**

As a result of some changes in the Board of COTANT, Jan Jewell is set to become the Chair of the Board and as a result also become a board member of COTA Australia. Congratulations to Jan. These roles, however, are entirely voluntary and very demanding, so please wherever you can, give Jan your support and encouragement.