

Nhulunbuy Town Board
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Nhulunbuy Corporation Board Room, Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory
Tuesday 19 January 2016 at 8:30am

Present

Angela MacMillan (AMac)	Chairperson (Nhulunbuy Corporation)
Marina Wangurra (MW)	Rio Tinto Alcan (RTA) Gove Operations
Jim Rogers (JR)	NT Government (NTG) Representative
Lyn Percic (LP)	Member
Gavin Law (GL)	Member
Sharon Georgonikas (SG)	Member
Alyce Fredriksen (AF)	Secretary

1. Apologies

Chris Putland (CP) Member

AMac welcomed all members.

2. Conflict of Interest

N/A

3. Beach Access/ Walkway Visit

The Board members inspected the Town Beach walkway/access to view the progress the Nhulunbuy Corporation has made on the works project.

AMac informed the Board the Nhulunbuy Corporation aims to have the access opened to the public on Australia Day. However, there have been some issues with the contractors which means this may not be achieved.

4. Confirmation of Minutes – 17 November 2015

Moved: GL

Seconded: JR

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes – 14 December 2015 (Nhulunbuy Aquatic Centre lifeguard supervision)

Moved: GL

Seconded: JR

Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes

- Development of the walkway and beach access (07/14): Work is hoped to be finalised by Australia Day.
- Visual access to the Pool (49/14): A banner was erected on the fence line to restrict visual access to the Nhulunbuy Aquatic Centre. This has torn and will be replaced. The Nhulunbuy Corporation will place Golden Cane hedges along the fence line for a longer term solution.
- Community Consultative Committee Charter (35/15): AF sent an email with Committee Charter documentation for the NT Department of Corrections Datjala Work Camp on 11 November 2015.

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- Letter of Recognition (36/15): AMac wrote a Letter of Recognition to the Nhulunbuy Police on behalf of the Town Board to say thank you for their efforts in November 2015. The letter was sent via email from AMac on 20 November 2016.
- Information Desk (38/15): The Nhulunbuy Corporation will continue to update the Town Board on how the East Arnhem Tourist Association (EALTA) is progressing with the Information Desk. AMac informed the Board that EALTA is advertising for a Tourism Officer to be employed on a part time basis at the Nhulunbuy Corporation office.

6. Monthly Operations Report – November and December 2015

Report tabled and noted. AMac highlighted the following:

Chief Executive Officer

- Recruitment for the Manager, Town Operations: AMac advised that Clyde Wade was the successful applicant and commenced his role on 1 January 2016
- Meeting with Airservices Australia: AMac discussed Airservices infrastructure at Gove Airport and is working on finalising a land licence agreement to cover this
- Meeting with Australian Bureau of Statistics in regards to Census: Census will be held on 10 August 2016. JR advised that whilst Nhulunbuy data is collected, it is not clearly reported on because the town lease sits outside Local Government boundaries

Airport Operations

- Taxiway and apron markings reinstated after reseal: AMac informed the Board that line marking has been completed throughout the airport precinct except for some small areas around the terminal carpark
- New water cooler installed in the old terminal building: this was requested by Black Diamond Aviation
- Recruitment for the Airport Officer vacancies: AMac informed the Board that over 70 interviews have taken place since February 2015 to fill two positions. Two preferred candidates will now be visiting Nhulunbuy in the coming weeks

Town Operations

- Water leaks service lines to houses have been bursting at the meters and 63 meters of pipe has been replaced around the affected areas
- Stage 3 of the Water Main Replacement Project (Providence and Pandora): this is due to commence in March 2016
- Sewer lagoon pumps: both pumps were not operating to full capacity during the period. However, both pumps are now back in the lagoon and fully operational
- Animal control: 17 dogs were found at large in November and December. 317 dogs are currently registered and dog infringement revenue for 2015 totaled at \$5,440

Corporate and Community Services

- Community Markets: these were hosted by Rotary in November and Gove Barras Swimming Club in December. Both markets were popular and attracted a high number of stall holders and attendees
- Christmas Banners: erected on 3 December 2015 by Rio Tinto Gove Operations and Manfield Colair. The Nhulunbuy Corporation was very grateful for this assistance
- Christmas lights competition: winners were the Watts Family at 35 Beagle Circuit. Second place went to Scott Greening and Shonane Beazley with Anne Griffiths receiving a Special Mention

Town Feedback (complaints/ compliments/ feedback and suggestions)

Three complaints were received during the months of November and December. All three of these have been addressed to the satisfaction of the complainants.

In Kind Support

Date received	Organisation	Activity	Support granted	Financial cost
7 November	Moto-X Club	Carry out earth works	Use of loader from dump	\$520
11 November	Arafura Dance	Put lighting up for end of year concert	Use of EWP	\$300
13 November	Arafura Dance	End of year concert	Waiver of fees for Town Hall	\$824.50
15 November	Nhulunbuy Speedway	Carry out earth works	Use of loader from dump	\$520
16 November	Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation	White Ribbon Ball	Use of 40 tables from Town Hall	\$200
19 November	Nhulunbuy Police Station	White Ribbon Day obstacle race	Waiver of fees for Hindle Oval and use of tables	\$263
5 December	Lothar Dostal	Santa lolly drop	Waiver of fees for Hindle Oval	\$142
11 December	Moto-X Club	Carry out earth works	Use of loader from dump	\$520
12 December	Rachel Blundell	Women's Gift Exchange	Waiver of fees for Town Hall	\$1924.70
22 December	Moonfish Productions	Rehearsal for White Ribbon Ball	Waiver of fees for Town Hall	\$100
Month total				\$5,314.20
Year to Date				\$28,572.72

7. Correspondence**In**

- Email from Martin McCarthy – Mobile Vendor application was supported by the Board with concerns noted in absentia by CP who asked that consideration be given to existing businesses that are already operating within the Town Centre on Saturday mornings in particular. The remaining Board members stated that whilst this is a consideration, it should not limit competition
- Email from Patricia King – Mobile Vendor application was declined by the Board due to the criteria. The Nhulunbuy Corporation will ask Patricia to apply for a Home Trading permit instead

Out

- Email to Nhulunbuy Police – Letter of Recognition

8. General Business– **Community Assistance Policy**

AMac raised her concerns about who is eligible to apply for the Nhulunbuy Corporation's Community Assistance Program.

AMac tabled both the eligibility and non-eligibility criteria for the In Kind Support and Community Assistance Policies as these are different.

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AMac asked the Board if they are comfortable with the Community Assistance Policy as it stands or would they like to see the policy reflect the same eligibility criteria as the In Kind Support Policy.

It was resolved that: The Town Board decided that the policy can stay as it is for now, as they have discretion to decline an application if they believe it is not supporting the community in one way or another.

– **CAP Application – East Arnhem Regional Council**

The East Arnhem Regional Council applied for the Community Support Program to supply and install lights and fans to improve the safety of the Nhulunbuy Sober up Shelter.

It was resolved that: The Town Board declined the CAP Application that was submitted by East Arnhem Regional Council for the value of \$1,250 on the basis that the works should be included in the Council's maintenance program.

– **CAP Application – Nhulunbuy Police**

The Nhulunbuy Police applied for the Partnership Program to purchase prizes for resident children and supply a BBQ at the end of the Bike Safety Campaign Event.

It was resolved that: The Town Board approved the CAP Application in principle for the value of \$2,500. The Board sought confirmation of any external funding that has been secured by the police as part of this project before final approval is given.

– **CAP Application – Ladies Fishing Classic 2016**

The Ladies' Fishing Classic applied for the Community Support Program to help cover costs for purchasing Sun Smart shirts for the Ladies' Fishing Competition in March 2016.

It was resolved that: The Town Board approved the CAP Application that was submitted by the Ladies Fishing Classic for the value of \$1,250 on the basis that this event attracted a number of visitors to the town and was a valuable community event.

– **Australia Day Awards**

AMac provided the Board with nominations for Young Citizen, Citizen and Community Event of the Year Australia Day Awards. The members viewed the nominations and selected the following winners: Ineke Wallis (Young Citizen of the Year), Leanne Parise and The Garland Family Halloween Haunted House.

– **Lions Park Toilets**

LP questioned if Lions Park would be getting toilet facilities. LP stated that Lions Park had previously been discussed by the Board and she thought that it was to be budgeted for in the future. AMac said discussions were held early last year about the cost involved in installing toilets which was quite significant. AMac informed the Board this action was taken off the agenda as it was not cost effective. However, AMac stated that the Nhulunbuy Corporation could again investigate this project and provide the Board with a follow up.

– **Town Beach carpark**

LP questioned why the Nhulunbuy Corporation did not seal the gravel road of Eugenia Avenue leading to the Town Beach carpark in the 2015 resealing project. AMac informed the Board the Nhulunbuy Corporation were only conducting resealing works last year and to complete the sealing works at the Town Beach carpark would require expensive earthworks. AMac stated that these earthworks were not allocated in the budget for 2015. The 2017 budget plans to cover the Town Beach carpark, Dartnell Close and the unsealed areas of the Industrial Estate.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting ended at 10:47am.

Next meeting: Tuesday 16 February 2016 at 8:30am.

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