

Nhulunbuy Town Board Inc.
Minutes of the Informal Meeting
Nhulunbuy Corporation Board Room, Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory
Monday 14 December 2015 at 3:30pm

Present

Angela MacMillan (AMac)	Chairperson (Nhulunbuy Corporation)
Jim Rogers (JR)	NT Government (NTG) Representative
Lyn Percic (LP)	Member
Gavin Law (GL)	Member
Chris Putland (CP)	Member
Sharon Georganicas (SG)	Member
Alyce Fredriksen (AF)	Secretary

1. Apologies

Sarah Thurgood (ST) Rio Tinto Alcan (RTA) Gove Operations

AMac welcomed all members.

2. Nhulunbuy Aquatic Centre

The Nhulunbuy Corporation held three community engagement meetings to discuss the Nhulunbuy Aquatic Centre (NAC). These were held on Sunday 22 November, Monday 23 November and Tuesday 24 November 2015 at the Nhulunbuy Corporation office located on Westal Street.

AMac informed the Board that in conjunction with the community engagement meetings the Nhulunbuy Corporation launched a NAC Survey for residents to provide feedback. 227 surveys were completed and submitted.

AMac discussed the survey content, providing the Town Board with a copy of the results. AMac also provided the Board with pool fob usage data collected over the past 12 months identifying the peak hours of usage for members and highlighting the quiet periods.

AMac confirmed that there are 293 active memberships.

SG asked AMac to clarify whether 'the Nhulunbuy Corporation is going to take any of the feedback presented into account before making the final decision on NAC?' AMac responded by saying 'we absolutely will take all feedback into consideration however sometimes we need to make a decision that may be unpopular...for the right reasons.'

AMac stated the Nhulunbuy Corporation is currently recruiting to fill its lifeguard vacancies. These roles are being advertised with flexible hours, and candidates are being told that shifts could run anywhere between 4am to 8pm at night pending a decision on the NAC's future operating model.

AMac informed the Board that whilst the NAC is managed by the Nhulunbuy Corporation, the asset lies with Rio Tinto. As the operator of NAC, the Nhulunbuy Corporation therefore shares liability with Rio Tinto.

AMac confirmed that 'out of hours' is when there are no lifeguards on duty at the NAC. AMac stated the pool is currently manned from 8am to 6pm Monday to Sunday with the exception of Tuesdays as it is closed for maintenance until 2pm. Therefore, 'out of hours' is currently from 4am-8am and 6pm-10pm.

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LP raised her concerns on behalf of rate payers in regards to the costs that may be involved if an incident was to happen at NAC.

AMac stated there are currently two options available for NAC going forward. Option one is to have manned lifeguard hours extended with no out of hours access to members at all. Option two is to extend manned lifeguard hours and have residents who would like to access the pool outside of these manned hours apply to be an 'Out of Hours User' which could require the successful completion of an induction and proficiency test.

AMac asked the Board for an agreement on the way forward. The Board would like to see the following implemented:

- A mix of extended lifeguard hours (one hour either side of our current lifeguard hours) and a revised out of hours access program
- All fobs activated for 7am-7pm
- Anyone who wishes to swim outside of these hours (4-7am and 7-10pm) will need to apply to the Corporation to enter into an Outs of Hours Agreement
- In order to enter into the agreement, the applicant must successfully complete an Induction conducted by senior pool staff
- The applicant must sign a waiver over and above the existing pool membership indemnity
- Users aged under 14 will not be able to access the pool after hours unless accompanied by a family member who has been inducted

Each Board member agreed the above would be the best proposal for NAC going forward.

AMac committed to circulating a draft Induction Program to the Board and seeking confirmation from its legal representatives and Royal Lifesaving that there are no glaring omissions or concerns about the proposal.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting ended at 4:57pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 19 January 2016 at 8:30am