

## Latest News Update February 2019



### Message from the CEO

Welcome to 2019 - and for many the return to paradise in Nhulunbuy. For the Corporation we have a great deal we aim to achieve across the year with the Board of Director's and our Town Board Members involvement and guidance. We continue to receive positive feedback on many aspects of our service areas and our very dedicated staff who take a lot of pride in the work they do.

A big congratulations to all those nominated for Australia Day Awards. There were many worthy people nominated which is one way to acknowledge the many hours of volunteering people do for our clubs and events across the community. Many thanks to every volunteer who supports ongoing club activities and services in Nhulunbuy. The local Australia Day award recipients were:

Student Citizenship Award	Ryan Jeffrey
Young Citizen Award	Tannah Gould
Citizen Award	Brad Smith
Community Event	NT BMX Titles 2018



### Our Organisation Focus For the First Quarter 2019

- Community engagement - plan, development of survey, feedback opportunities
- Financial Audit for the year ending 31 December 2018
- Safety Team - development
- Corporate Plan Review - with Managers, Town Board and Board of Directors
- Open Space and Recreation Plan review - by CEO and Staff, with Town Board
- Risk assessment review - CEO and Managers
- Performance Management System - CEO and Managers
- Compliance - Gap analysis, risk assessment and community awareness
- Policy Reviews and implementation
- Staff Performance Reviews
- Airbridge - communication upgrade
- Contract Management

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## Let's Get Walking . . .

Five Nhulunbuy Walking Trails have been launched, and include:

- Fitness Trail
- Nhulun Trail
- Town Centre Walk
- Town Lagoon Nature Walk
- Town Beach Walk



**Sandy Kokles-Ridgway, Mita Dargaville and Wayne Wade installing the directional bollards.**

51 walking trail directional bollards have been installed at 8 key sites across the town.

A portable map is available to enable walkers to identify the trails, distances and locations.

The official launch of the five Nhulunbuy Walking Trails was held in the Town Centre on Thursday 28 February 2019.



**Alan Gumbula and Kyle Hennig our amazing Town Centre Caretakers**

## Infrastructure News

Unfortunately, our sweeper was on its return from being repaired in Katherine and was involved in an accident. This has resulted in it being out of action permanently. It may be sometime before we are able to have another sweeper on the ground in Nhulunbuy. In the meantime, the streets will continue to look "unswept" due to weather conditions.

We are continuing our drain cleaning operations but would appreciate any residents reporting any drains in their area that are not working properly.

Capital works program for 2019 will include:

- Plant replacement
- Pump replacements
- Playground equipment upgrade
- Fencing around Waste Management Facility
- Hindle Oval fencing
- SCADA monitoring system for chlorination and sewer stations
- Lighting from Arnhem Road to Melville Bay Road.

**Our two latest employees, Bruce Schokker - Mechanic (left) and Zak Noble - Plumber (right)**



**We would like to congratulate Ralph Pellenat on 30 Years of Service with the Nhulunbuy Corporation**



## Money Matters

**Rates**- notices have been sent out, with an inclusion of information on the budget for 2019 and areas of expenditure and amounts per \$100.

**Audit** - the end of the year audit is well underway with auditors Price Waterhouse Cooper completing a site visit.

## Customer Service

Our Team is working toward delivering a better service to our Tourists in 2019. We are currently preparing a library of information that will assist travellers make the most of their visit to Nhulunbuy whilst working through the accreditation process to be an official Information Service.

**Outstanding monies** - if you have fallen behind in your payments of water, electricity and/or rates then it is best to call us and make a payment plan. If an arrangement is not made and adhered to it is likely a debt collection agent will be in contact with you to pursue any outstanding amounts on behalf of the Corporation.

## Upgrades to the Airport & Surrounds

The Nhulunbuy Corporation welcomes Mr Paul Burns as the newest addition to the Airport team. Paul was recruited from Geraldton WA and has over 5 years' experience in airport operations. He is joined by his partner Jacquie and daughters Addison and Ailee and they are all looking forward to enjoying their time in paradise.



When you enter the airport, departures lounge it is hard not to notice the beautifully crafted wooden tables and benches. These are made from local mahogany wood and superbly crafted by Gumatj. This project was an initiative of the Town Vision and organised by Maria Robbins - Community Heritage Advocate. Installation was expertly carried out by the lads at Datjala Work Camp and the Nhulunbuy Corporation Electrician. Thanks to all.

The original outdated CCTV system in the main terminal building was recently replaced with a new system that is capable of standalone or can be integrated into a wireless point to point network. The new system provides a wider coverage and improved clarity of images.

## Aviation Continued

An upgrade of the flood lighting over the general aviation aircraft parking aprons was conducted late last year. The brightness and intensity level of the lighting has been significantly enhanced using LED lamps. We have received very positive feedback from the pilots about the upgrade.

A focus this year will be on replacing the perimeter fence around the airport. A total of seven kilometres of stock proof chainmesh fencing will be replaced. The upgraded fence will provide an enhanced protection against wildlife entry onto the aerodrome and better security.

## Animal Management

The Town Lagoon was re-opened to the public during January. The bird Hyde has been refurbished which will enhance the wildlife viewing experience.

Access is for pedestrians and push bike traffic only. Motorised vehicles are not permitted.



### Domestic Dogs

January and February have been very busy with stray dogs, with a significant proportion being repeat offenders.

Please ensure your pets are registered and are contained within the boundaries of your property or if out walking on a lead.



## Building Compliance Equals A Better- Built Environment

The current building activities in Nhulunbuy for the past quarter has been fairly active with some major construction activities occurring in the last couple of months. The Development & Compliance Officer has been working with the key stakeholders in town to fast track all the red tape for the building works to commence. However, though the red tape might appear cumbersome to the whole process, compliance with the relevant building codes and standards is everyone's responsibility. The better buildings we have in our town, the better the outcome for our built environment in the long term.

Significant major works in progress are;

- Gove Loading Dock
- The New CAT Shed



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## Compliance Continued . . .

We wish to remind the community that any type of building works requires some sort of approval. This may be as simple as consent for an excavation/temporary shipping container permit to a building approval application for scopes of works such as boundary fences to complex construction activities. Everyone is encouraged to consult NC first on their project, no matter how big or small because 'compliance matters'.

We are looking forward to 2019 as there are some major activities planned. This will be good news for our local contractors and the town in general with a constant demand for services. In the meantime, if you would like to come into the NC office and speak to Luis about anything, he will be happy to support and assist.

## Community

**Town Markets** - The town markets are underway for another year with the next Community market Day Saturday 23 March 2019 at the Town Hall 9am - 12pm with market hosts being Gove Touch Football Association.

### **Bike and Road Safety**

The Nhulunbuy Corporation in partnership with the Nhulunbuy Police have initiated a Bike and Road Safety campaign for Primary School Students which commenced on the 11 February 2019 - for the entire Term 1 of school.

To go in the running for a prize, every time police observe students doing the right thing - wearing their bike helmet, riding nicely etc, they will be given a raffle ticket. They will be told that they are in the draw for a major prize.

This campaign will begin after each school's 1st assembly of Term 1 and will run for 9 weeks with the winners being announced in the last week of term at the school assembly along with a Sausage Sizzle for all to enjoy.

Open to students from Nhulunbuy Primary School, Nhulunbuy Christian College and Yirrkala Bilingual School Students.

Proudly supported by Nhulunbuy Corporation, Nhulunbuy Police, Nhulunbuy Rotary Club, Sea Swift and Gove FM.



## Nhulunbuy Town Board - Update

Recent nominations for two expiring positions are below;

**The following members were elected unopposed for a period of 4 years:**  
Chris Arnold Lynne Walker (re-nominated)

**The following elected member term has expired:**

Hannah Fincham Thomson

## Town Board Achievements for 2018

- **Ping Pong Table** - Purchase of Ping Pong table for Aquatic Centre (to be installed in 2019)
- **BBQ's & Shades** - Purchase of BBQ's and shades for the Skate and Hagney parks (to be installed in 2019)
- **Water Bubblers** - Purchase of Water bubblers for Hindle ovals 1 & 2 (to be installed in 2019)
- **Bike Racks** - Purchase of bike racks for town centre
- **CCTV and Lighting** - Safer Communities Application - In collaboration with NT police an application for funding to improve safety across the town centre and main streets was submitted. The application included the provision of more CCTV cameras, improved and new lighting and monitoring to be managed by the NT police. (Notification expected in March 2019)
- **Walking Trails** - Support for the design of trails, bollards, signage and maps completed, (Trails to be completed in early 2019)
- **RV Dump Point** - Installation of RV Dump point
- **Christmas Banners and Decorations** - Purchased and used

## Mobile and Home Vendors Approved 2018

- PARTY BLING
- PROPELLERZ
- POPPY THAI
- GREEK FOOD/ DESSERTS
- LISEYBELLE BAKES
- 2JS MINING PTY LTD
- LET'S GET REAL FOOD
- LANSCAPE HANDYMAN
- BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS

Please Note: If you are a home or mobile trader you are required to be registered with the NC, and may require health certification.

## Community Assistance Grants Approved 2018

Nhulunbuy Motorcycle Club	\$1000
Nhulunbuy Childcare Services	\$1000
Nhulunbuy Amateur Swimming Club	\$1000
Gove Peninsula Tennis Club	\$500
Arafura Dance Association	\$500
Gove Country Golf Club	\$1000
Gove Squash Club	\$1250
Nhulunbuy Primary School	\$2500
Gove Country Golf Club	\$1250
EAsst Arnhem Futsal Association	\$1250
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Halloween at the Garlands	\$1250
Nhulunbuy BMX Club	\$1250

# Community Calendar

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## Town Board Matters Addressed

- Directional signage for visitors and new residents
- Inadequate lighting on Matthew Flinders Way Pathway between Melville Bay Road and Arnhem Road
- Pedestrian issues on Arnhem Road
- Support to continue Night Patrol
- Australia Day Citizenship Award assessments
- Review of Mobile and Home Trader policies
- Development Application – “Old Post Office”

## Important Community Information

Residents and visitors in the Top End are being urged to take precautions to protect themselves against mosquitoes, with potential Kunjin virus activity detected in the East Arnhem and Darwin regions.

“To avoid mosquito borne disease, use personal mosquito protection and avoid being outdoors in or close to wetland areas or places where mosquitoes are active, especially after sunset,” Ms Kurucz said.

Symptoms of Kunjin virus and also Murray Valley Encephalitis disease can include severe headache, high fever, drowsiness, tremor and seizures (especially in young children), with MVE being potentially fatal.

To minimise the chance of being bitten by mosquitoes, people should:

- use a protective repellent containing 20% DEET or picaridin as a supplement to protective clothing when outdoors in mosquito prone areas.
- wear light-coloured clothing with long sleeves, long trousers and socks, between dusk and dawn in areas where mosquito bites are likely.
- avoid outdoor exposure around dusk and at night near areas of dense vegetation and other areas of high mosquito activity.
- use mosquito-proof accommodation and camping facilities at night.
- use mosquito coils, mosquito lanterns and barrier sprays containing bifenthrin in patio and outdoor areas near houses.
- ensure children are adequately protected against mosquitoes.

## Useful Contact Numbers

Nhulunbuy Corporation Emergency Works on Call .....	(0407) 972 550
Nhulunbuy Corporation Animal Control .....	(0419) 838 064
Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation .....	(08) 8939 2700
Community Affairs at Rio Tinto Gove Operations .....	1800 931 377
Liquor Permit Office .....	(08) 8987 0451
Gove Peninsula Waste Management Facility .....	(08) 8987 2340
Sodexo Property Maintenance .....	1800 316 720