

Latest News Update August 2019



Message from the CEO

Corporate Plan – Community Feedback

Reviewing the Corporate Plan in February and March of this year provided opportunity for people to give feedback on priorities, what we do well, areas we can improve on and top priorities for the next 5 years. We had just under 2% or 56 people respond in total, which we hope to improve on next time. Please see page 7 in this newsletter for the results.

The feedback has been included in setting the Corporate Plan for the next 5 years until 2024 with the plan available on the website. Many thanks to those who did take the time to provide their valuable feedback.

Communications

We have been working on different ways of communicating information which has included:

- Radio interviews – monthly
- Quarterly Newsletters
- Market stall – monthly – meet a variety of staff
- Social Media – notices and links
- Notice Board, posters and notices
- Website/in person – feedback forms
- Community surveys – various times

We appreciate feedback and trust the above will assist in providing more information on what we are getting up to across the community. If you would like to speak directly with a Town Board member, Senior staff or the CEO please call Stacie on 8939 2203 who can arrange an appointment.

Our Organisation Focus For the Third Quarter 2019

- Completion of Corporate Plan – sign off from Board of Directors
- Budget Review for 2019
- Growing Safety Culture
- Open Space and Recreation Plan – Consultation with user groups
- Policy reviews and implementation
- Contract and tender renewals
- Customer Service Charter
- Non-compliance matters
- Building guidelines review
- Capital plant purchases
- Contract Management
- Workforce Development Planning
- Youth Council Development and support
- School Holiday events
- Community events: Territory Day, Dolly's Dream: Tick and Kate Everret, Markets, NAIDOC week
- Owning a Dog – awareness and responsibilities

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Money Matters

Unimproved Capital Value (UCV) - Assessments have been completed. These values will drive our rates billings for the next 3 years.

Electricity - During the last month we have experienced a higher than normal number of queries relating to electricity/ water billing. We apologise for any inconveniences and appreciate your patience whilst we improve our processes.

If you need to query your bill, please consider the following first;

- Compare the number of days between current and prior bills - these days may vary between billing periods and will drive a change to the final bill
- Divide your bill by the number of days and compare with your last bill or a similar period
- Consider the season. In the heat of summer, appliances will work harder and this will increase electricity consumption.
- Check your meter. The reading should be the same sequence of digits, but a higher number due to current consumption.
- Consider what appliances continue to run even when you are away

If you still feel there is an error please direct your query either to office@ncl.net.au or your billing agent.

Rates - Final payment for rates were due 28 June 2019. This includes the \$37.50 installment charge for part payments.

Waste Management Facility - A note that the waste facility can currently accept cash , cheque and EFTPOS.

Animal Control

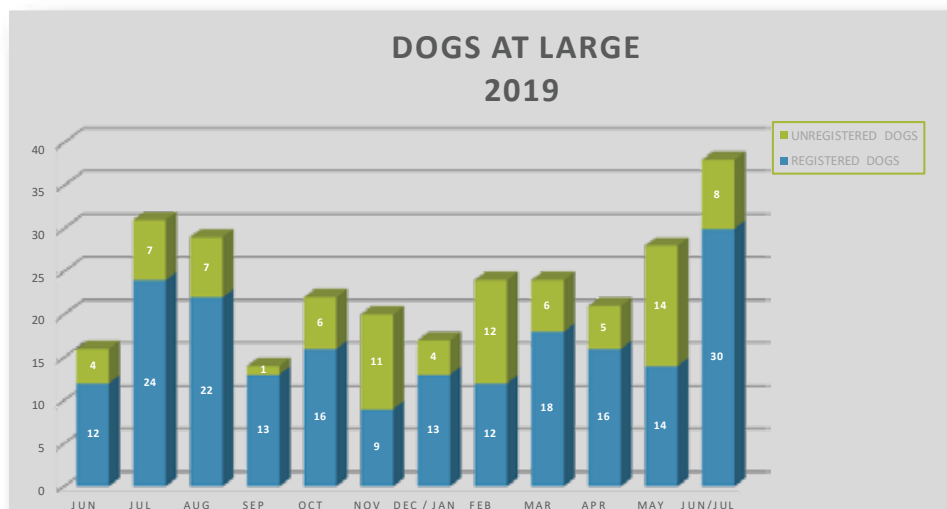
It has been a busy few months in terms of dogs. During June/ July there were 38 Dogs at large with 8 being unregistered.

We have had many new registrations over the last few months, however there is still a long way to go with an estimated 300 unregistered dogs.

Annual dog registrations are due for renewal by 1 November 2019 and notices will be sent out in September.

**Graph Indicates
Proportion of
Dogs at Large**

**June 2018 - June/July 2019
Registered & Unregistered**



Animal Control Continued ...

We have seen a number of dog attacks recently and remind residents that you are responsible for ensuring your pets are restrained at all times.

Dogs at large can have a number of negative impacts on the community including:

- Dog attacks / menacing of other dogs or people
- People fearful of walking our streets
- Traffic hazards
- Disruption of dogs within their own yards
- Unwanted pregnancies / puppies
- Infringements issued
- Domestic dogs attacked by wild animals
- Lost Dogs

A reminder that the Town Lagoon is now open, however this should still be treated as a dangerous area. Please be cautious when enjoying this area, as we have trapped a high number of crocodiles there during the year. Do not venture too close to the water and do not swim under any circumstances. There is no camping permitted in the Lagoon area.

Award Winning Nhulunbuy Recreation, Open Space and Trail Plan

On behalf of Parks and Leisure Australia, congratulations on winning the SA/NT Strategic Planning Award for your entry Nhulunbuy Recreation, Open Space and Trail Plan. Our prestigious Awards of Excellence showcase the excellent work of parks and leisure professionals who deliver enormous benefit to our communities. Each year the quality and innovation showcased in projects submitted continues to increase with over 220 being received this year, leading to a highly competitive rivalry to take out the top honour as regional winner. As a regional award winner you now progress to the national awards for Strategic Planning Award. You will be competing against other regional winners of the same category, the winner of which will be showcased as the best in Australia for 2019.



Community Information - Traffic Management

Traffic Management is designed to protect workers, road users and pedestrians. Traffic Management Plans are a legal requirement under the Traffic Act and failing to either implement or abide by a Traffic Management Plan can lead to prosecution.

During the implementation of Traffic Management Plans, Nhulunbuy Corporation aim to cause the least inconvenience to local businesses and road users. We greatly appreciate Nhulunbuy residents co-operation.

Building Compliance Matters for All of Us ... a letter from Luis

Dear Community,

Building Compliance matters for all of us.

Nhulunbuy Corporation (NC) building standards are in place to provide a safely built environment and thus, an environment which all our residents and the visitors to our tight-knit community can thrive in.

Did you know that by being located in a cyclone prone region, anything that is attached to the exterior of a building needs to be fixed correctly to withstand a minimum Category 2 cyclone? This includes but not limited to the following;

- Roofing and wall cladding,
- Satellite dish,
- Solar-hot water and solar panel system
- Windows,
- Roller shutters,
- Large advertising signage.

The purpose for these requirements is to ensure none of these items become projectiles in high wind or extreme weather conditions, which it poses a serious risk to the community safety during these weather events. By consulting with the Development Compliance Officer (DCO) at NC first for all your projects great and small, together we are enhancing our community in the long-run.

The DCO at NC can also advise about unique particulars to any project that is a requirement under the National Construction Code. Whether it is building setback requirements, the correct location of smoke alarms or what can be built in a particular area around the town and in the industrial estate. For more complex works advice can be given to areas such as Access & Egress, Service Equipment and Health & Amenity. The first point of call is a quick friendly chat with your DCO at the Corporation.

Regards,

Luis De Araujo

Development Compliance Officer

Wearing Orange in the Office for Harmony Day

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations.

It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

Choosing to wear orange on Harmony day shows support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.



Aviation News

Airport Operations Officer Bradley White has just completed 1 years service. The picture attached is of Bradley umpiring the AFL Grand Final out at Ramingining.

On 22nd May, Gove Aerodrome held it's aerodrome emergency exercise. This is an annual requirement which aims to test our Aerodrome Emergency Plan and switches between a tabletop and live exercise from year to year. Our tabletop exercise this year involved representatives from our local aerodrome operators, Fire and Emergency Services, Nhulunbuy Hospital, St Johns, Air North, Menzies along with our Airport Operations Team.



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The Aerodrome Emergency Plan was tested well and all stakeholders took valuable information and experiences out of the exercise. The operations team would like to thank all participants for their input and availability on the day.



Operations Staff have been busy with a number of regulatory works such as the ongoing painting of the runway, mowing and slashing works, 6 monthly inspections along with our daily and weekly Aerodrome Serviceability Inspections.

Operations Staff have also started some planned works including restoring power to the Heli shed and the beautification of the terminal gardens project. Many thanks to Parks & Gardens Operator Ralph Pellenat for his advice and guidance with the garden project.

Mobile and Home Vendors Approved 2018

- "Beached As" Fish and Chip Mobile Food Van
- "Roaming Flames" Wood Fired Pizzas

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 1st & 2nd Quarter Approved 2019

8EAR Community Radio Gove FM	\$1250
East Arnhem Archers Club	\$1000
Nhulunbuy Amateur Swimming Club	\$1250
East Arnhem Co-Op	\$1250
Nhulunbuy Regional Sports Fishing Club	\$1250

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Community Directory

Due to community request the Nhulunbuy Corporation has been working alongside Rio Tinto have started compiling information to create a community Directory. If your organisation, club or business hasn't registered their details with us yet please email Wanda at wsutter@ncl.net.au for information on how to have your details recorded for the next edition.

Submissions have now closed for our community directory. We will advertise when the directory is available on social media.



Nhulunbuy Corporation has teamed up with East Arnhem Regional Council to install a container recycling cage at the Waste Management Facility.

Recognising that not everyone can take advantage of the recycling service currently being offered by the Nighthawk Recycling Centre, this new service is available 7 days a week during the normal operating hours at the Waste Management Facility.

Nhulunbuy Corporation would like to thank EARC and Gumatj Waste for assisting in making this service possible.



Emma Clay (EARC), Beta Saukuru (Gumatj) and Mark Renwick (Nhulunbuy Corporation)

Domestic Green Waste

Throwing green waste over your fence into parks & reserves is considered littering and makes it difficult to maintain these public areas. It is unsightly and takes away the amenity of the reserves.

These reserves are for all residents to use. It is free to dispose of domestic green waste at the Waste Management facility.



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Domestic Green Waste can still be deposited for 4 more months in the domestic green waste bins currently located on Providence Circuit, Wuyal Road, Chippis Road, Jasper Road, Singing Rocks Road, Pandora Circuit and Whitewood Circuit.

JOINT DECISION BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS & TOWN BOARD

In the interests of improving work practices and effective allocation of resources, the Board of Directors and Town Board members have united to decide to cease the provision of green waste bins.

This service will cease as of 1 November 2019.

The Nhulunbuy Waste Management Facility provides all residents of Nhulunbuy free access to offload any residential green waste free of charge.



The NT Litter Act 1972 will be enforced as required



The Town Board is interested in providing factual information (as provided below) on water Fluoridation prior to seeking community feedback on having this in Nhulunbuy. Our current water supply is not fluoridated. Further information will be provided on how and who to make feedback to in the near future.

Please visit the following links on the Nhulunbuy Corporation Website:

<http://www.ncl.net.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/FAQs-Fluoride.pdf>

<http://www.ncl.net.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/fluoridation-public-statement.pdf>

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

Town Lagoon Guided Walk

The Nhulunbuy Corporation conducted free Lagoon guided walks. NC Animal Management Officer Dave gave a brief history of the Nhulunbuy area and the lagoon, pointed out bush tucker, talked about crocodiles and buffalo and identified birds and animals.

