

NHULUNBUY TOWN BOARD INC
REPORT - MEETING 19 APRIL 2011

The second meeting of the new Town Board was held on Tuesday 19 April 2011. An apology was registered from Ms Verdel. The remainder of the board members were present.

The following topics were discussed at this month's meeting –

- **Airport Hotspot:** - A free WIFI Hotspot will be installed at the Gove Airport for use by our clientele. NCL are yet to sign the contract and arrange signage however, this project is nearing completion.
- **Tour of NCL Facilities:** - The newly sworn in Town Board members will tour the NCL facilities following the next meeting.
- **NT Thunder Visit:** - It was reported that NT Thunder will be holding clinics at Hindle Oval and Yirrkala Oval on 11 & 12 May 2011. For further information speak with Chris Wallace at RTA.
- **Streetscape:** - Beautification of the streetscape on the corner of Chesterfield Circuit and Matthew Flinders Way was discussed again. Further investigations of this project will continue and will again come up for discussion at the next Town Board meeting.
- **South Oval:** - Mowing of South Oval was raised. NCL have ceased mowing the entire oval as part of the oval is not on the town lease. NCL will hold discussions to arrange a suitable outcome with regards to safety and fire risk.
- **Men's Shed:** - A suggestion was put forward to set up a 'Men's Shed' for Gove House residents. A hobby shed currently exists in the Industrial Estate. Further discussion is to take place at the next meeting.
- **Teenagers Hang Out:** - There was a further suggestion for a "Teenagers Hang Out Area' to be established. It was reported that this is on the radar at RTA.
- **School Crossings:** - A more defined warning at school crossings was discussed. Some school crossings are painted with red paint and yellow trims with a big '40' painted on the road. NCL will check the requirements for school crossings to ensure these are being met.
- **Recycling:** - Recycling in the township was discussed. There are various organisations carrying out recycling. It was decided to compile a list of who recycles what and where the collections points are.
- **Skate Park:** - The current state of the graphic work at the skate park was discussed. The art work has deteriorated due to a seal being omitted which would have provided protection.
- **Bike Path:** - A report was made about the loose gravel which has washed over the bike path in a few areas, making the track dangerous. NCL will endeavour to clear this.
- **Ark Park Playground:** - Rio Tinto Alcan and the Town Administrator have met to discuss a suitable site for a playground in the Ark Park subdivision. NCL have not received any notification re this project to date.
- **Digital Television:** – The Corporation continues to discuss the introduction of Digital Television with the Federal Government. Progress has been very slow. The Government are looking at rolling this out in 2013.
- **Endeavour Square:** - Businesses in Endeavour Square received no notification that works were being carried out. Some businesses were disadvantaged as customers found it difficult to access their stores. NCL were not responsible for these works but will look into improved communications.
- **Town Lagoon:** - There was some discussion around maintenance of the lagoon and surrounding paths. NCL are looking at the management of the water and vegetation/bull rushes etc. The Board was unsure who has responsibility for the paths however a suggestion was made that some board walks would service the area well.
- **Bus Stop:** - It was raised that the bus stop on Banyan Road near Chesterfield Circuit, opposite Lions Park was dangerous as cars are unable to go around the bus. The bus stop area has a continual wet problem causing the bus to move further out to avoid the muddy area. NCL will write to RTA to endeavour to resolve this problem.
- **What's Happening:** - The Community Sport and Recreation Officer has commenced sending out an email to advise residents what is happening in the township.
- **Arafura Times:** - The Town Board report will continue to be featured in the Arafura Times.
- **Airport Car Parking Lines:** - It was raised that the line marking in the airport car park need to be re-painted. This has been noted.
- **Roads:** - There were reports of various roads requiring maintenance due to the very wet season. These will be noted and forward to the Depot for action.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10am.

The next Town Board meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 17 May 2011. This meeting will be followed by a tour of the Nhulunbuy Corporation facilities.

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