

**NHULUNBUY TOWN BOARD INC**  
**REPORT - MEETING 17 MAY 2011**

The May Town Board meeting was held on Tuesday, 17 May 2011. All members were present at this meeting.

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

- **Digital TV:** - In order to progress Digital TV, the Nhulunbuy Corporation Ltd is considering the idea of bringing a Kristal Electronics representative to Nhulunbuy to carry out an assessment of the requirements needed to have the Nhulun (Mt Saunders) television tower rebroadcast the digital channels.
- **Fluoridation:** - The Corporation has been working on the Chlorine/Fluoridation system to rectify a number of problems that have hampered its operation. The company who installed the plant, West Water will send a staff member over to re-commission the plant in about two (2) months time.
- **Playground Request Ark Park:** - The Town Administrator will speak with the Acting Superintendent of Community Relations at Rio Tinto Alcan (RTA) to establish if there has been any advancement on this request.
- **20 Year Plan:** - Due to the operation of a Northern Territory Taskforce and an RTA committee, both of which are dealing with the future of Nhulunbuy, the 20 Year Plan has been placed on hold whilst discussions take place with these groups to ensure that the process meets all requirements and has the support of the major stakeholders.. Various local agencies have expressed their willingness to work co-operatively when the process is recommenced. The Corporation's 20 Year Plan will mirror the NT Government 2030 plan.
- **Garden Beds:** - The Town Administrator met on site recently with Church officials to discuss the beautification of the road verge on Matthew Flinders Dr. The Church officials are supportive and have requested that the Corporation write to the Catholic Church seeking approval to progress the work.
- **EFTPOS/Credit Card Facility:** - A Town Board member passed on residents "Thanks" for the installation of the card facility.
- **Road Repairs:** - The Town Board raised the issue of road repairs. The Corporation has been unable to undertake repairs as a result of the wet sub base. Repairs should commence shortly when the moisture level drops.
- **Woolworth's Car Park:** - There was further discussion at this meeting regarding safety concerns in the Woolworth's Car Park. The slippery painted arrows and rio bar which is protruding from vehicle buffers are a safety concern. This is not a Corporation responsibility and has been referred to the appropriate body for action.
- **Mission Grass:** - The Town Administrator reported that Dhimurru has raised concerns about weed control in town and particularly Mission Grass outbreaks. Due to the very wet 'Wet Season' spraying has not been possible for much of this season. Spraying within town has recommenced and will remain a priority for the Corporation.
- **Men's Shed:** - This agenda item was deferred from the last meeting as the Town Administrator was on leave. A Board Member suggested that a Men's Shed be formed at the old hockey oval. This suggestion was put forward to benefit residents in town, particularly Gove House residents; to provide an area to tinker around and socialise, as opposed to visiting clubs and pubs. The Town Administrator has spoken with RTA about this suggestion. As the hockey oval is in the sporting precinct this location is not seen to be an appropriate site for a Men's Shed. Also there is currently a similar facility operating in the Industrial Area and the general consensus is to find a means of supporting and enhancing the current facility.

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- **Grants:** - The Town Administrator reported that the Corporation has applied for three (3) grants; a Regional Development Australia Fund grant for the Nhulunbuy Regional Sporting and Recreational Development Hub at the Town Pool, and two (2) NT government environmental grants for improvements in the Town Lagoon (Gayngaru) and for a water conservation program called H2Omorrow – The Nhulunbuy WaterSave Initiative
- **South Oval:** - There was further discussion at this meeting re mowing of the grass at South Oval. The Town Administrator reported that this area is not in the Special Purpose Lease and therefore the Corporation is unable to undertake any work on this site. Discussions are to be held with the Northern Land Council and Traditional Owners on the rehabilitation of the area. A member raised that this could be a fire risk as the grass is quite long.
- **Cat Shed:** - Members discussed the dilapidated condition, status and liability of the Cat Shed. This is an RTA asset and no works have been programmed in the near future.
- **Bike Paths:** - A member thanked the Corporation staff for clearing the gravel on the bike paths. Some further work is required near the lagoon substation/Solandra area and this request will be forwarded to the Manager Engineering Services. Issues have also been raised for cyclists on the bike paths outside the town leases in relation to pedestrians and particularly dogs not on leads. The bike path was constructed as a means of safe transport for RTA staff that choose to ride their bikes to work. Residents are requested to keep their animals on a leash on all paths so that the danger to all concerned is minimised.

The meeting closed at 9.40am.

A tour of facilities managed by NCL was held following the meeting. Some members were surprised by the range of facilities the Corporation manages.

**The next Town Board meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 21 June 2011.**