

NHULUNBUY TOWN BOARD INC
REPORT - MEETING 20 SEPTEMBER 2011

The recent Town Board meeting was held on Tuesday, 20 September 2011. All members were present. Mr James Rogers, the recently appointed Government representative attended and was welcomed.

Topics discussed at the September meeting were –

- **New Signage:** - Nhulunbuy Primary School has been in consultation with our Building & Regulatory Officer with regards to a proposed LED sign to advertise school events. This was presented to Town Board as a request for preliminary advice. Members generally supported the proposal subject to the location of the sign and approval of appropriate bodies.
- **Pedestrian Crossing:** - Discussion was held around the confusion of some motorists and pedestrians at the Chesterfield Circuit pedestrian crossing. NCL are considering an upgrade to this crossing. Various options were discussed. There was further discussion about the speed limit signs in Matthew Flinders Way and the location of these will also be reviewed.
- **Triple J:** Board members raised the possibility of another radio station for Nhulunbuy. Currently an application for Triple J is being investigated.
- **WIFI Hotspot at Airport:** A location at the airport has been determined following testing which provides 100% coverage for both phones and internet. The Hotspot should be operating within the month. Advertising and signage will be completed once this is operational.
- **Proposed Works:** The entrance to Arnhem Village has been re-developed. NCL can now progress programmed works to the road outside this entrance.
- **Dog Attacks:** A report was made to NCL after a woman and two dogs were attacked by a pack of six dogs near Hindle Oval No 1. This pack is very dangerous and caution should be taken when out walking. An attack at the family flats is also being investigated by NCL. All incidents and reports should be made to NCL's Building & Regulatory Officer on Ph 0417 391 507.
- **CCTV:** An upgrade has been completed on the CCTV cameras in Endeavour Square.
- **Parking Blitz:** NCL will be targeting the airport again as people have become complacent. NCL appeal to motorists to comply with the signage.
- **Pool Shelter:** Discussion was held around the proposed pool upgrade. A recent grant submission was unsuccessful. One member suggested upgrading in stages and applying for smaller funding amounts. A member offered some ideas to help strengthen applications for funding. Sponsorship from local businesses was discussed. The entrance, first aid room and kiosk will be a priority when funding becomes available.
- **Skate Park:** The skate park has been re-opened again. Dew as a result of painting early in the morning has caused the paint to bubble. NCL plan to close the park next year to allow for re-painting of the surfaces. School holiday times will be avoided for these works.
- **Water Fluoridation:** An update on the water treatment plant indicated no problems are being experienced.
- **Cat Shed:** NCL provided members with a copy of their Cat Shed building inspection report which was carried out by NCL Building & Regulatory officer.
- **Harvey Norman:** A considerable amount of debate was held about Harvey Norman holding a stall at the local community markets. Board members welcomed the competition but felt the community markets were not an appropriate place for this to take place. Whilst no stall holder has been disadvantaged members were concerned about the impact on local businesses which support local events and questioned if this will open

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the flood gates. NCL will review the zoning and guidelines for the community markets and call for submissions to establish what structure local residents would like to see for the markets.

- **Industrial Estate:** A member enquired as to the reason why Fincham Close in Industrial Estate has not been sealed and if the same rates applied to these blocks. Discussion followed around levies paid previously and other issues in Industrial Estate, however sealing of the road is not on the agenda. Rates are calculated in relation to the land value. A member recommended a case be put forward as to why the road should be sealed.
- **Lions Park:** Members discussed the high usage of Lions Park and recommended that toilet facilities should be considered to enhance the park for users. NCL will consider this when preparing their next budget.
- **Recycling:** NCL will investigate recycling facilities in town and prepare an article in Arafura Times.
- **Water Usage:** The town is experiencing problems with the high water usage. When a sprinkler ban is implemented there is no decline in water usage. People are asked to be more vigilant and to use sprinklers between 5.00pm and 9.00pm only.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.05am.

The next Town Board meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 18 October 2011.