

**NHULUNBUY TOWN BOARD INC**  
**REPORT - MEETING 21 JUNE 2011**

Town Board met again on Tuesday, 21 June 2011. Two (2) apologies were received – Mr M Kidner – RTA Representative and Ms R Verdel – Elected Member.

Topics discussed at this month's meeting were –

- **Fluoridation:** - The fluoridation system has now been repaired and commissioning is expected to take place in the next couple of weeks.
- **Playground Request Ark Park:** - There has been no progress on the availability of land for a playground in the Ark Park area. The Town Board are awaiting RTA's response.
- **Cyclone Shelter:** A report has been prepared on the use of the Town Hall as a cyclone shelter. The corporation will need to source funding for this upgrade to be implemented.
- **BPay Facility:** - The Chairman advised that the implementation of BPay may take about twelve (12) months to finalize. Credit card and EFTPOS facilities have been installed and well received.
- **Park Toilet Facilities:** Discussions have been held with the skate park users and they are not in favour of toilet facilities being placed at the skate park. The Chairman advised that Lions Park facilities would need to be considered in the next budget.
- **Airport WIFI Station:** Internode need to establish what type of modem is required for the public internet station at the airport. A contract will then be forwarded to the Town Administrator to finalize this project.
- **Garden Beds:** - Beautification of the road verge on Matthew Flinders Drive has been approved by the Church. NCL's horticulturalist has inspected the site and suggested a 2-3 meter wide strip be planted with natural vegetation and reticulated.
- **Street Lighting:** The lack of street lighting at the T intersection of Beagle Circuit & Melville Bay Road was again discussed. As this issue is beyond the Corporation's control the community should raise their concerns directly with RTA.
- **Banyan Road Bus Stop:** The members requested the Chairman write a follow up letter to RTA with reference to moving the bus stop further along Banyan Road to near Garnet Street. Currently it is positioned dangerously close to the corner and in a very wet area.
- **Noxious Weeds:** Spraying of noxious weeds has commenced. As a result of the very wet 'Wet Season' implications are likely to be experienced for the next couple of years.
- **Town Hall:** The Corporation was disappointed to learn we were unsuccessful in our application for a grant to improve disabled access to the Town Hall. Whilst the application was very well written there was fierce competition this year as a result of all the Australian natural disasters. If future renovations are carried out in the Town Hall disabled access could be included as part of this.
- **Contracts:** The Swimming Pool has been put out to tender again and has now closed. This revised tender is for basic operations of the pool. The Corporation has given a six (6) month extension to the contracts for the Waste Management Facility and the Garbage Collection. Tender documents will be reviewed and drawn up in the coming months. Advertisements will be placed in the Arafura Times later in the year.
- **Woolworth's Car Park:** - Once again there was discussion around safety concerns in the Woolworth's Car Park. This has been raised with the responsible authority and as it is not a Corporation responsibility they can take no further action.
- **DA419 - 11 Wattle Close:** The Building and Regulatory Officer addressed the meeting and answered questions around this Development Application which consists of ten (10) x three (3) bedroom duplexes with carports. One unit will include disabled access. The dwellings are single storey and each has private open space. Landscaping of the project

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will form part of the Building Application approval conditions. After some discussion the members recommended that Development Application No 419 be supported.

- **New Signage – Medical Facility:** Some dissatisfaction was expressed around the size and positioning of the newly erected signage on Matthew Flinders Way for the proposed medical centre. A Building Application for the sign was lodged with the Corporation; however the sign was erected prior to being approved. Also historically, all new signage proposals are presented to the Town Board for discussion and comment. The members requested the Chairman write to RTA stating the Town Board members reject the sign.
- **South Oval:** Mowing of the grass at South Oval was again raised. The Corporation, Northern Land Council and the Traditional Owners are in discussion to find an appropriate solution to this issue.
- **Mulch:** A member asked if the mulching machine at the Waste Management Facility is operational at present. It was reported that the tyre shredder which has been previously used to mulch is operational but a specific mulching machine would be ideal. The members indicated there would be a market in town for any surplus mulch after the Corporation's requirements were filled.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.25am.

**The next Town Board meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 19 July 2011.**