

Nhulunbuy Town Board
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Nhulunbuy Corporation Board Room, Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory
Tuesday 26 July 2022 at 8:43am

1. Present

Max Duncan (MD)	Chairperson (Nhulunbuy Corporation)
Jim Rogers (JR)	NT Government (NTG) Representative (Teams)
Linda Alexander (LA)	Member
Lynne Walker (LW)	Member
Stacie Irving (SI)	Secretary

2. Apologies

Vicky Blackler (VB)	Rio Tinto (RTA) Gove Operations
Megan Niven (MN)	Member

3. Conflict of Interest

None noted

4. Confirmation of Minutes – 21 June 2022

Moved: LW
Seconded: LA
Carried 5/0

5. Business Arising from Minutes

It was noted that the following from the **Action List** were updated (see *Action List June 2022*).

45/18: Industrial Estate Signage – MD stated installation has commenced; footings have been excavated in preparation for pour of concrete and final installation of signage is due to commence 4 August. MD to contact business owners upon completion of installation. - *Review August 2022.*

57/19 Pedestrian Crossing on Chesterfield Circuit – MD noted further discussions with Nhulunbuy Primary School, a proposal will be presented to the BOD with a view to funding inclusion in the NC July budget review 2022. The review date for the action to be updated to August to allow time to present to Board of Directors for decision. - *Review August 2022*

98/21 – TO Reps on Town Board – Despite discussions with both Gumatj Aboriginal Corporation and Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation regarding an update on suitable representatives from both organisations to attend Town Board meetings regularly there has been no further movement thus far. Work in progress – *Review August 2022.*

111/22 – Recycling Storage in Wet Season – MD communicated with local contractor (NEAL) regarding the requirements for undercover area within the recycling area at NC laydown yard. MD to provide update in August meeting. – *Review August 2022.*

6. Correspondence - In

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Application for Community Assistance Grant – Yothu Yindi Foundation and Max Studios.

Documents Tabled were:

- Community Assistance Application Form
- Budget Information for the event
- Insurance Certificate of Currency

Town Board members support the application from the Yothu Yindi Foundation and Max Studios for the Community Assistance Grant, as part of the partnership program. The application requests assistance with the funding of transport of an outdoor cinema screen to conduct complimentary screening of the movies Higher Ground and My Name is Gulpiil, the board members support the application in principle, subject to the provision of community invitation and accessibility to all community members. MD to seek further details regarding the above matters and send for decision out of session.

Email of Appreciation from Chris Tamwoy.

Town Board members noted the correspondence as tabled.

Email regarding Disabled Carparks – NC Development & Compliance officer.

MD to speak with RTA Gove Operations on behalf of the board members and report back regarding the possibility of additional disabled carparks within the Woolworths carpark.

7. Correspondence – Out

Letter of Support: Community Assistance Grant – Gove Arts Theatre.

LW updated that Gove Arts Theatre no longer requires these funds for this project - to provide transport to two school groups to attend a performance.

It turned out that the Yirrkala School bus was operational to transport children to last week's touring production Trash Magic, and with just NPS requiring transport the cost reduced to \$500. Artback NT were able to fund that cost.

Letter of Request for Information – Community Assistance Grant - Runners North.

Letter of Request for Information – Community Assistance Grant - Nhulunbuy Primary School.

Letter of Request for Information – Community Assistance Grant - Nhulunbuy Youth Productions.

Letter of response - Culturally Appropriate Design for Public Toilets - Endeavour Square

MD drafted a response the local territory member about concerns raised by Yolnu people regarding the configuration of the new toilets in Endeavour Square. MD noted that there was competing matters one of which is disability access that militates against the absolute screening of entry that might have normally been considered.

The reorientation of the access to the new ablution block limits views from the Woolworths side. Some screening has been installed to consider the need of entire community. Works are to be substantially finished by the first or second week of September 2022.

8. Monthly Ops Report June 2022

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Items referenced by exception in the June operations report:

- **Additions to staff** – MD noted the commencement of a Casual Customer Service Officer who comes with a great deal of experience from Carpentaria Shire Council. The position for Plant Operator closes on Wednesday 3 August 2022.
- **50th Anniversary Event** – MD noted the need to expedite the decision regarding community members or organisations that maybe recognised for their significant contributions to the Nhulunbuy community. LW noted the increase in funding for the 50th anniversary event, with MD noting that it had increased from \$50K to \$110K along with an additional \$140K of in-kind support from RTA Gove Operations in the form of the stage and scaffolding needed for the performances at the event.
- **Gove Harmony Group Meeting** – To be postponed till the 6 September, topics to be discussed are likely to include the following:
 - Application of the Commonwealth changes which doesn't directly affect the Nhulunbuy Permit System which is under the liquor act.
 - Proposed costs of changes to Permit System.
 - Resourcing and the provision of local permit officers.
- **CEO external Meetings** – MD visited Darwin in June and attended the LGANT Waste Management Symposium and also met with territory representatives about the renewal of our waste management licences, which is well underway. Another meeting with Darwin contractors was also conducted about compacting and removal of motor vehicles from the Gove Peninsula Waste Management Facility and the degassing of whitegoods.
- **Snap Send Solve** – MD noted the system is working well with respect to infrastructure complaints, review is still underway of the Customer Feedback Policy.
- **Animal Management** – Domestic dogs at large has been a constant challenge throughout the month of June, NC Animal Management Officer has also attended and disposed of buffalo on town lease.
- **Building Services Review** – MD met with GHD consultants regarding streamlining with RTA, the NC process for building assessment and equivalent compliance with the National Building Code. NC compliance officer will assess with regard to this process the commercial, industrial, and residential buildings, giving NC the ability to issue certificates of existence.
- **Airport Terminal Works** – MD to meet with Scope NT who are the contractors commencing the terminal works. Pre-fabrication of a lot of materials is being completed, the program will run for twelve weeks from the second week of August 2022.

It was resolved that:

Town Board members accept the Operations Report June 2022 with no further items referenced.

Moved: LW

Seconded: LA

Carried 5/0

9. General Business

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Ride Share Business

MD presented the late item, that is a request for conditional approval. MD to circulate the correspondence via email to all board members. NC have requested the usual home trading information regarding compliance such as insurances and authorisation from NT Licencing to operate the ride share business.

MD to respond to the individual with the board members conditional approval subject to all the compliance regulations being met, that the alternative taxi service application will be assessed in the usual manner.

NTG Update – Jim Rogers

- JR updated the board members about the number of ministers visiting the region, four in total including the Chief Minister, visiting for GARMA and who have events and engagements in town.
- Launch of the Regional Economic Growth Plan which is a significant plan over 10 years to grow the local economy by approximately 40% over that period in an inclusive way so that all community members benefit. JR will share the plan with board members once it has been released.
- Community Benefits Funding Announcements were made this week, Gove Boat Club was awarded funding which will help upgrade their shade sails etc.
- Minor event community grants for up to \$15K to help to support the 50th Anniversary Event.
- Pedestrian Crossing could be a good candidate for the next Community Benefit Funding round for projects that is open now for approximately the next month, funding can be up to \$250K.
- LW requested an update on CCTV Project for Nhulunbuy Town Centre, JR noted the installation works are due to commence in September 2022. MD responded that he has initiated a meeting with his team 2pm today since he has been notified on the 20 July 2022 of the intent for the works to commence on 5 September 2022. The Nhulunbuy Corporation wishes to facilitate and assist but there are some questions about the footprint of laying cables on the Aquatic Centre side of Westal Street. JR to forward maps of the project to MD.

Feedback from Elected Members

- **50th Anniversary Recognition** – JR mentioned the possibility of using the Australia Day Award recipients since the last anniversary event 25 years ago. This would provide an inclusive group that has already been vetted by the Town Board members over 25 Years.
- **Home Trader Inquiry** – Board members queried that an approved Human Services business providing respite care. MD and SI to investigate.
- **Donga in Place @ Nhulunbuy South** – LW requested clarification on the process involved in such installations. MD thanked LW for bringing it to our attention and he will enquire about the address mentioned.
- **Rocks at Nhulunbuy South** - MD to investigate whether their needs to be additional rocks installed.
- **Town Board Election** – LW noted that the August Town Board meeting will be her last meeting. MD has sought further information about the roles in the Town Board and should hear an outcome regarding this matter in the coming week, with a view to Town Board election being held at the beginning of September.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 9:38am.

Next meeting: Tuesday 24 August 2022, commencing 8:30am.

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