

Nhulunbuy Town Board
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Nhulunbuy Corporation Board Room, Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory
Tuesday 25 March 2025 at 8:49am

1. Present

Shane Whitten (SW)	Chairperson (Nhulunbuy Corporation)
Vicki Blackler (VB)	RTA Representative
Jim Rogers	NTG Representative
Wesley Van Zanden (WVZ)	Member
Catherine Fielke (CF)	Member
Mandaka Marika (MM)	RAC Representative
Stacie Irving (SI)	Secretary

2. Apologies

None Recorded

3. Conflict of Interest

None Noted.

4. Confirmation of Minutes – 28 January 2025

Town Board members approved the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Nhulunbuy Town Board meeting Tuesday 28 January 2025 with no changes noted.

Moved: VB
Seconded: WVZ
Carried 6/0

5. Business Arising from Minutes

It was noted that the following from the **Action List** were updated (see *Action List January 2025*).

113/23 – Town Centre Revitalisation Committee – SI updated board members on the correspondence received from Activate Territory. NC to investigate cost to implement container of items as noted in Activate proposal and feed back to board members. - *Review April 2025*.

117/24 - NC to invite OIC from Nhulunbuy Police to attend next month's Town Board Meeting - SW noted that representatives from NT Police will be attending today's meeting. – *Review April 2025*.

It was noted that the following be added to the **Action List** (see *Action List March 2025*).

New Action – SW to write to the GPHG regarding the littering and increased illegal gambling activities in the Town Centre Areas. – *Review April 2025*.

New Action – SW to draft a letter of thanks to Megan Niven and associated social media post acknowledging her service to the Nhulunbuy Town Board. – *Review April 2025*.

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New Action – SW to speak with the Nhulunbuy Corporation Board of Directors regarding the function of the Town Board including the Nhulunbuy Youth Council through to Town Transition. – Review April 2025.

8:50am Guest Speaker - Jody Nobbs – NT Police

- **Local Emergency Committee Update** – At this time there is still no projected tropical cyclone activity predicted in the region, however there is significant wet weather over the eastern and western regions of our area becoming more widespread over the next week. LEC still ready to engage should a weather event develop.
- **Crime Statistics** – East Arnhem region property crime quarter by quarter is still trending down and, on a year-by-year basis we are also trending down broadly attributed to new electronic monitoring device capability, allowing additional focus on known repeat offenders in the area. Offences against the person such as assaults and domestic violence incidents are higher than Nhulunbuy police prefer, however on a quarterly basis they're stable and annually trending down. Still approximately 60% of Nhulunbuy police attendance is domestic violence incidents.
- **Road Safety Updates** – Nhulunbuy police have had a large focus on road safety following the quadruple fatality in our area following the Christmas period. NT police had the speed camera in the area a couple of weeks ago, local officers are in training with the camera being stationed in the area more frequently moving forward. A total of 1,956 vehicles screened with approximately 45 speed violations were noted.
- **Drug Interactions** – Drug detection dogs visiting the East Arnhem region on a regular basis with Nhulunbuy police noticing a high prevalence of Kava supply in the Northern Territory mainly through criminal activity from other states.
- **Liquor Accord** – Nhulunbuy police continue with licensees in the area and to reduce alcohol induced harm with increased walkthroughs of licenced premises.
- **Litter & Gambling Activities** – SW noted the increase in littering and late-night gambling activities in the town centre areas, whilst acknowledging the Nhulunbuy Corporation are responsible for the cleaning and maintenance of the town centre landscaped areas and carparks. Nhulunbuy police officers actively patrol the areas making sure there are no intoxicated people or assault incidents. NC staff have raised concerns and asked what the officers are doing to address the littering and possible harm to young people exposed to the activities given that gambling in public is illegal. If during these patrols NT police officers have concerns around the status of a young person, they make referrals through to partner agencies regarding the protection of these young persons. If NC staff, see incidents such as these regarding young persons then they should call the Nhulunbuy police directly.
- **Additional CCTV Installation** – Nhulunbuy police are meeting with NTG agencies in the coming weeks to scope additional CCTV coverage in Nhulunbuy and surrounding areas.
- **Violence in Communities** – MM noted the Nhulunbuy police response to violence at certain times and Nhulunbuy police noted their ongoing scope to include more CCTV monitoring in community areas.
- **E-Scooter & E-Bike Use** – Town Board members discussed the prevalence of their use and the safety issues around the use of shared pathways and roadways. Town members also noted the parental responsibility around ensuring their children are

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behaving in a safe way. Nhulunbuy police have instigated public messaging around the use of the devices in and around Nhulunbuy.

6. Correspondence - In

Email Activate Territory – Regarding Activation Nhulunbuy Funding.

Town Board members noted the correspondence as tabled by exception with no further comments noted.

Application for Community Assistance Grant – Runners North Club.

Document Tabled were:

- Community Assistance Grant Application Form
- Public Liability Insurance Certificate of Currency
- Invoice for the licence fees to be covered by the club.

It was resolved that:

Town Board members support the application for Community Assistance funding to provide assistance with licence fees to screen the Trail Running Film Festival Global Tour 2025 at the Nhulunbuy Town Hall.

Moved: WVZ

Seconded: SW

Carried 6/0

7. Correspondence – Out

Letter – Gove Peninsula Harmony Group – Recommendation to NT licencing.

Town Board members noted the correspondence as tabled. SW updated the community correspondence being drafted currently to be published to the community. JR noted the further messaging to occur through social media and radio channels.

Home Trading Permit Application - Letter of Support – Sown.

Town Board members noted the correspondence as tabled.

Home Trading Permit Application - Letter of Request – Groove in Gove.

Town Board members noted the correspondence as tabled.

8. Monthly Ops Report January / February 2025

The Nhulunbuy Town Board tabled and noted the Operations Report for January / February 2025 with the following items referenced by exception.

Incident Reports – SW noted the three incidents and outlined the most serious being an injury while trying to remove vegetation, the other two were a minor vehicle incident and slip and trip at the Nhulunbuy Aquatic Centre.

Bylaws (Environmental and Abandoned Vehicles) – NC have received the second draft of the by-laws and have been given the deadline of August 2025 for implementation of these by-

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laws. Once NC receive the second draft approved from NTG we will publish a plain English version to the community to satisfy the consultation required by NTG.

9. General Business

Compliance Communications – Change to Permit requirements to Install Fences.

Town Board members noted the Nhulunbuy Corporation is trying to ensure as closely as possible we align with the regulatory requirements in Building Control Areas.

Town Board Resignation.

Town Board members noted and accepted the resignation of Megan Niven as elected Town Board member for approximately ten years. VB noted SW should draft a letter of thanks for Megan's service on behalf of Town Board and social media post.

Town Board Election 2025.

SW noted that recent nominations for the three vacant positions for elected members on the Nhulunbuy Town Board closed on Friday 21 March 2025, with one nomination received.

It was resolved that:

Town Board members accept the nomination received and approved the election of Isabelle Poole unopposed.

Moved: VB

Seconded: JR

Carried 6/0

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 10:24am.

Next meeting: 8:30am Tuesday 29 April 2025.

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