

Nhulunbuy Town Board
 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
 Nhulunbuy Corporation Board Room, Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory
 Tuesday 26 August 2025 at 8:36am

1. Present

Shane Whitten (SW)	Chairperson (Nhulunbuy Corporation)
Shaun Adams (SA)	RTA Representative
Catherine Fielke (CF)	Member
Isabelle Pool (IP)(Teams)	Member
Stacie Irving (SI)	Secretary
Desiree Rodgers (DR)	Observer

2. Apologies

Lucaster Clothier-Fairs (LCF)	NTG Representative
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3. Conflict of Interest

None Noted.

4. Confirmation of Minutes – 29 July 2025

Town Board members approved the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Nhulunbuy Town Board meeting Tuesday 29 July 2025 with no changes noted.

Moved: CF
Seconded: IP
Carried 4/0

5. Business Arising from Minutes

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

118/25 – Correspondence to GPHG regarding the littering and increased illegal gambling activities in the Town Centre Areas. - SW followed up circulation of second draft for review with Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporations' (RAC) CEO and Community Representative for direct feedback before sending to Gove Peninsula Harmony Group (GPHG) members. Due to the recent passing of an elder NC have not yet received any feedback. - *Review September 2025.*

119/25 – Town Board Meeting Attendance by student members. – SW has reached out as requested by board members to gauge appetite for the school SRC members to attend upcoming Town Board meetings to discuss youth related topics yet to be determined. SW also referenced the historical Nhulunbuy Youth Council membership and the lack of availability of Town Board members to engage with youth members and in turn deliver on their requests or provide solutions to the issues raised by the youth council members. SW to reach out to CMC for their feedback. CF referenced the cyclone shelter project and requested an update on the progress of the project. – *Review September 2025.*

120/25 – Town Centre Revitalisation Projects Update – SW provided an update on the painting of the town centre toilet block discouraging graffiti or tagging. NC have some similar painting works planned for the wall behind the courthouse and have been completing the removal of some garden beds and remediation back to grassed areas which

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is still progressing along with the investigation of running power into the town centre area for the installation of utility bollards in the area to support events being held in the area. SA requested clarification around the origin of this action and whether it was in response to / support of grant funding, SW provided clarification of the history around the action. – *Review September 2025.*

6. Correspondence – In

Application for Community Assistance Grant – East Arnhem Futsal Association.

Document Tabled were:

- Community Assistance Application Form
- Public Liability Insurance Certificate of Currency

It was resolved that:

Town Board members support the application for Community Assistance Grant funding to East Arnhem Futsal Association to provide items to assist in the operation of a pop-up canteen.

Moved: SW

Seconded: SA

Carried 4/0

Late Item - Application for Partnership Program Grant – Arafura Dance Association.

Document Tabled were:

- Partnership Program Grant Application Form
- Public Liability Insurance Certificate of Currency

It was resolved that:

Town Board members support the application for Partnership Program Grant funding to Arafura Dance Association to assist with costs associated with attending the Follow Your Dreams dance competition in Darwin in September.

Moved: SW

Seconded: CF

Carried 4/0

7. Correspondence – Out

Correspondence from OIC Nhulunbuy Police Regarding Use of Fireworks.

The Nhulunbuy Town Board noted the correspondence from OIC of Nhulunbuy Police regarding the use of fireworks as tabled with no further discussion.

Correspondence regarding the Updated Playground Design – Lions Park.

SW thanked IP and CF for their valuable input to the final review of the design.

SW also noted that NC will possibly close the park a couple of weeks before the installation due to the possibility of works required on the stormwater running through Lions Park. The new playground is planned to open before Christmas 2025.

SA to seek clarification / investigate the name of 'Lions Park' given the sign may need to be updated as park of the new equipment installation.

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CF referenced an email sent to SW regarding the installation of fencing as part the project outlining possible fundraising initiatives to aid in funding the addition of the fencing.

SW also noted the possibility of RTA support through their grant funding opportunities.

8. Monthly Ops Report July 2025

The Nhulunbuy Town Board tabled and noted the July 2025 Operations Report with the following items noted by exception.

Citizenship Ceremony – SI referenced the cover photo; SW noted the Governor General in attendance and the highlighted the exceptional organisation at late notice of Manager Community Development and Community team members that resulted in such a successful event.

Community Forum – SW noted the upcoming date to be set at the Board of Directors Meeting for August, with the date for the forum likely to be scheduled around the Gove Futures Reference Group update and align with the community consultation requirements of the Bylaws.

Mulch at WMF – SA referenced the availability of mulch to the community, SW noted the WMF staff have been treating the mulch to minimise risk of spreading weeds.

9. General Business

SW requested board members give consideration / feedback regarding the timing of Town Board meetings going forward.

Board members noted the possibility of meetings being held at 2:30 to 3:30pm in the afternoons however not later than 5 pm.

10. Any Other Business (Round Table)

RTA Update (SA)

SA noted the following updates:

- RTA to conduct a community day towards mid to late October 2025.

Feedback From Elected Members

CF noted the 40km flashing (school zone) signs not operating during the necessary times, SW to reach out to NC infrastructure team to investigate purchase and installation of static signs for ease of maintenance and less electrical infrastructure.

SA referenced the lighting on the Beagle back track, SW clarified that the missing solar lights were part of a warranty claim by NC's original contractor, the contractors' business now been sold so NC Manager Strategic Infrastructure is following up the obligation to supply with the contractor that has purchased the business. NC are also investigating the opportunity of installation of mains powered lights on streetlight poles in the same area.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 9:57am.

Next meeting: 8:30am Tuesday 23 September 2025.

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