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Nhulunbuy Town Board
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting
Nhulunbuy Corporation Board Room, Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory
Tuesday 28 July 2026 at 2:00 pm

1. **Present**

Tony Alderman (TA)	NTG Representative
Shaun Adams (SA)	Rio Tinto Representative
Alice Doyle (AD)	Member
Isabelle Pool (IP) (Teams)	Member
Cat Fielke	Member
Stacie Irving (SI)	Secretary
Desiree Rodgers (DR)	Chairperson

Guests:

LAGANT guest speaker Mary Watson CEO cancelled due to illness.

2. Apologies

Shane Whitten (SW)	Chairperson (Nhulunbuy Corporation)
Stacie Irving (SI)	Secretary

3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Confirmation of Minutes – 23 June 2026

Town Board members approved the minutes of the ordinary meeting held Tuesday 23 June 2026 with no changes noted.

Moved: SA
Seconded: TA
Carried 5/0

5. Business Arising from Minutes

It was noted that the following from the Action List was updated (see Action List May 2026).

118/25 – Illegal Gambling and Littering **-** Board members noted item was ongoing and update due in August – *Review August 2026*.

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124/26 – Town Board Member Remuneration -

Noted that the special resolution meeting for voting for a change to the constitution to be held on Friday 31 August after a 21-day period where remuneration for community elected members and traditional owner organisation members will be remunerated in accordance with the NT Remuneration Tribunal annual Determination of Allowances.

Action Items Summary

No comments noted from the board except for Isabelle noting the swing arrangements are dangerous and SW to update on the swing arrangement changes to be made.

Ongoing / Review Items

- 118/25 - Littering and gambling at the Town Centre
- 124/26 - Town Board Member Remuneration
- 125/26 - CEO to review the playground swing arrangements, investigate installation of an additional rubbish bin and arrange clean up works at Rotary Park. – Ongoing

6. Correspondence - In

No correspondence in noted

Correspondence - Out

Letter of Approval – Ana's Hotdogs (with conditions)

The Town Board noted the correspondence as tabled.

Payment was mentioned for home trader costs by SA (which are noted on the letter). IP noted that the home trading policy be reviewed and should only apply to low impact businesses.

7. Monthly Ops Report April 2026

The June 2026 Operations Report, regarding the Community Grants NCL offer to the community, AD would prefer a link to advertise as easy access and pass on. AD remembers Mike sending out comms. TA would prefer for members to let community know from NCL instead of the other way around having the members refer the community to apply. DR to look at sending the link to the members from our website. TA & AD suggested NCL to do a good news story to advertise the grant. AD suggested a cost to roads what was spent in 2026 and what is going to be spent in 2027 as a community guide from the community meeting as it was raised and NCL can advise of our plan and that there is investment for works for the future.

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8. General Business

"Normalisation of Rates"

AD commented to keep businesses in town we need to look at Concessions and costs to rates. The term "normalisation of rates" should not be referred to as this is not a normal situation. Businesses costs regarding paying for rents for employees is not a normal event and if a business have a number of employees their costs are inflated by having to pay rent and should we add to their costs with water and electricity rates in a not normal situation. AD suggested SA to take back to Rio as this is not a normal situation and to not refer to it as such or relief being talked about if the Corp could play a part in that relief.

Housing Availability

TA shared that the data suggesting the community would be reduced in regard to the Housing strategy transition shortage does not match the actual organisations who are needing the housing. The leases here are being looked at by taking a 99-year lease which works in Canberra. Land Tenures are being discussed and will be shared with the community publicly soon and there will be clarity in near future.

Home Trading Policy

IP wants to look at the home trading policies from NCL that are set the same for all businesses, and some businesses are not engaging because of the policy. Can we please look at the scope of this policy and review if the correct businesses are being disadvantages with the intent of home trading policy not being clear. IP suggests there should be different rates for low impact businesses with the intent to trade from home. The initial fees and ongoing fees are steep and if the home business does not have enough revenue to cover the cost of the home trader fee, then the business merely ceases to operate.

9. Any Other Business (Round Table)

None noted.

Feedback From Elected Members

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 2:50pm.

Next meeting: 2:00pm Tuesday 25 August 2026.

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Date: 02 November 2026

Chairperson: Shane Whitten
Date: 02 November 2026