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Yilli Rreung Staff during NAIDOC March in Darwin CBD



From the CEO's desk

Welcome to July's newsletter. July is always the most exciting month for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community as we celebrate NAIDOC week. Those who are based in Darwin certainly had a blast with so many events organised and sponsored by more than 30 organisations and we are proud to be one of them. This year we were a Gold sponsor for Darwin NAIDOC. We also supported Family Fun Days in Bagot and Berrimah.

In this issue, we would like to welcome our new staff: Daniel Norris (Property Officer), Kimberly (Human Resources) and Amy Danks (Receptionist). We also have Darren Johnson as a new board member. Please welcome all of them to Yilli's family!

We ended last financial year on a high note! We completed more than 100 projects. Our communities look stunning! The majority of the houses in Bagot, Knuckkeys Lagoon, PIV and Amangal have been renovated. Our residents are really proud of their houses. Check out the projects pictured in this issue.

Another milestone that happened recently was the IT upgrade. Although our clients wouldn't feel the difference but our staff were smiling from ear to ear as the computers are now super speedy!

I also had the honour of speaking at the National Housing and Homelessness Conference in April, I talked about the human factor of homelessness. Many times we set our eyes on data and figures. We often forget that those numbers are people who live among us. During the NT Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) Reconciliation Week luncheon, I shared a stage with Michael Long, it was an honour to be able to share my life story alongside his.

Further to Yilli's growth, we have just secured a business loan to purchase our new headquarters in Yarrowonga. We have some major renovations to do before we relocate our operations in early 2020.

Last but not least, we are finally registered under NRSCH! What does it mean? NRSCH is the regulatory system for community housing providers across Australia. This means we comply with the national rules to manage community and affordable housing across the country. The Government and the public can be confident that we are a viable organisation, well governed, and have financial stability. This means a lot to us as we are striving to be the leading Indigenous housing provider in the Top End. What's more, we are the first Aboriginal Corporation in the Top End to be registered under NRSCH. Thank you so much for your support and trust. Enjoy the rest of the day!

CEO
Leeanne Caton



Vet visit @Bagot

A few weeks ago, AMRRIC Vet Team visited Bagot community to care for our furry residents. The team were kept busy desexing a total of 18 animals, including 4 cats and 14 dogs. Filming with Aboriginal Broadcasting Australia occurred also, developing small clips about animal care and welfare, to be used on local Indigenous TV. This has been organised for some time by AMRRIC staff with certain Bagot community residents.

Yilli Housing sponsored this Bagot Community veterinary program with the support of City of Darwin, The Ark Animal Hospital and delivered by AMRRIC. It was a very productive day with great support from the residents of Bagot especially Helen Fejo, one of the community leaders.



Renovated houses and new fences at Knuckey's Lagoon and PIV community



Yilli Rreung/DAIWS NAIDOC Family Fun Day

This year family fun day was indeed fun. Everyone had a blast! Many Darwin locals came with their children and grandchildren to this event which was happening in our community hall. Jaylene the organiser deserves a pat on her back.

We had agencies including the Cancer Council, Deadly Choices, Top End Health Service and Danila Dilba. The kids were enjoying the face painting, water slides, jumping castles, petting zoo, arts and crafts and of course everyone enjoyed the BBQ organised by Yilli mob.

Tips to reduce Water use

Nearly all of us have had issues with the whopping water bills, even though Yilli's tenants are not technically paying the water bill directly, we know that our communities are faced with big water charges. Yilli is actively working with the stakeholders to reduce these charges but you can do your part too. Here are some tips to save water and keep our water cost low:



**Report leaking taps immediately
Call 1300 726 820**



**Don't use sprinklers in the heat of the day. Do it at night for about 30 minutes.
Don't let it run the whole day**



Make sure the dishwasher and washing machine are running on a full load



Shower for less than 5 minutes, turn the tap off while brushing your teeth or shaving



Use the half flush, if your toilet has one



Always close taps properly



Wash fruit and vegies in a bowl of water instead of under a running tap, use the water to water the garden



**Is your toilet always hissing at you?
It could be a leak. Get it fixed**



When doing dishes by hand, wash them in a sink, not under running water

water costs money, save water = save money, save the environment

Staff Profile

Everyone, meet Amy!

Amy Danks is our new receptionist at Yilli. She has vast experience in administration and customer service both in real estate and early childhood sectors. She is a great asset to our corporate team.

She has three lovely children. Amy enjoys spending time with her young family and enjoys the outdoors



Notifications

Berrimah Estate Mail collections



Berrimah Estate is not serviced by Australia post. If you are residing here, there are a few options to receive your mail: (1) Set up a PO BOX; (2) Op for email billing; (3) Collect your mail directly from Berrimah Post Office, make sure that your address states "C/O Berrimah Post Office"; (4) Set your mailing address to your relative's house; (5) Collect mail from Yilli Office (the least recommended option). Our staff will collect mail every Tuesday only. All mail will be kept in a box at the receptionist's desk for a month and residents can collect them during office hours.

Berrimah Estate Power Cards



On Fridays, we run our business from 7am-4.30pm, please take a few minutes to buy power cards during these office hours to avoid \$40 out-of-hours charges, or worse, power outage! Just to be on the safe side, spare at least \$20 on your power box for the weekends.

Emergency Relief (ER)



We do not have Emergency Funding at the moment.

Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA)



We encourage all residents to sign up for CRA to get rental rebate. Please talk to your property manager at your earliest convenience.

Public holidays (June-Nov 2019)



Our office will be closed for the following public holidays and functions:

Show day: Friday, 26 July

Picnic day: Monday, 5 August

Yilli's team building: Friday, 16 August (from 2.30pm onwards)

Please make sure you have enough power cards for long weekends. Any call-out for purchasing power cards will incur \$40 call-out fees.

Pre-cyclone Clean-up

25 August 2019: Darwin Zone 1

Alawa, Anula, Brinkin, Casuarina, Jingili, Karama, Leanyer, Malak, Marrara, Moil, Muirhead, Nakara, Tiwi, Wagaman, Wanguri, Wulagi

15 September 2019: Darwin Zone 2

Bayview, Coconut Grove, Fannie Bay, Ludmilla, Millner, Nightcliff, Parap, Rapid Creek, Stuart Park, Woolner

September- October 2019: Palmerston

Please check the Palmerston City Council website for more updates.

November 2019: Berrimah Estate and Communities

Berrimah Estate, Bagot, One Mile, Knuckey's Lagoon, PIV

Exact dates will be announced in October



Upcoming events



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award

Opening Night: 9 August, 6-10 PM

Exhibition: 10 August - 3 November 2019

Museum and Art Gallery, FREE entry



National Indigenous Music Awards (NIMA)

10 August 2019 | 6 PM

at Darwin Garden Amphitheatre,

Tickets: \$40



Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair

9-11 August 10 AM- 4 PM

at Darwin Convention Centre

FREE entry, open to the public

National Housing Conference 2019

Housing future communities

27-30 August 2019

nhc.edu.au



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Fees apply: www.nhc.edu.au