



# connecting communities



Leeanne was one of three Indigenous women to present at the Indigenous Women's Network during October Business Month

## From the CEO's desk

*It is the end of the year, and it feels like everything happened in the blink of an eye. Nevertheless, we are really proud of what we have achieved so far this year. The most significant milestone is the NRSCH registration as well as the purchase of our own office site. This is of course gives us more confidence as we have achieved two out of the four objectives of the strategic plan that we launched late last year. We thank our staff, directors and members for all their hard work.*

We presented at three conferences this year which shows our commitment in building the housing sector in the NT. We worked together with the newly established Town Camp Futures unit under the NTG and finally we have our own peak body: Aboriginal Housing NT. This is a collaboration with other Aboriginal housing providers across the NT which will help Aboriginal housing sector to have a say in various consultations, policies and this hopefully can enhance living conditions for our people, the quality of housing and development across communities.

We have also once again become part of NT Shelter's Board of Management as an ordinary board member. NT Shelter is a peak body for affordable and homelessness in the NT.

In our office this year, we have added new positions including a dedicated HR and Property Service Manager who supervises all the Property Officers. We also created an additional admin position to help us with project reporting. We upgraded all the IT equipment including server, PCs, phone and software, a long overdue process since our last computer upgrade happened nearly ten years ago! Now we are ready to move to our new office.

We held our AGM and completed our Annual Report for 2018/19 financial year which is accessible from our website. We are proud to announce that this is our 11th unqualified audit. We managed to increase our net asset year after year, this certainly helps us to build a better financial position.

Of course, we are excited to celebrate Christmas, please check our opening hours at the back of this newsletter and prepare your cyclone plan as the cyclone season is approaching.



## Did you know

Town Camp Future Unit and Town Camp Reform Framework 2019-2024 was developed by the NT Government to create sustainable housing model in town camps with five outcomes which emphasises on the local decision making. Yilli Housing collaborates closely with the NTG to achieve this mission and thus creates communities where people are proud to live in.

Enjoy this wonderful season with safety in mind.

Merry Christmas and have a wonderful new year to all our clients and stakeholders.







## Welcoming the wet season!

Berrimah Estate looks so pretty with flame trees blossoming everywhere. The tree is also called the Poinciana (*Delonix regia*) and when it blossoms, it tells us that the wet season is almost here. Our ground crew tidied up the roads, collected cyclone clean up items throughout all communities and cut some trees in preparation of cyclone season.

## Sneak peek of our new shed

We are commencing the renovation of our new office at Yarrowonga. This is our main shed that will be our office and workshop. It should be completed early next year. We will keep everyone updated with the progress. Can't wait for our permanent home!



## Renovation at Amangal

We are proud to handover this house to our tenant at Amangal, Adelaide River. The house has been renovated with brand new stainless steel kitchen at the center of the house with great decoration! Brand new tiles, fans and disabled toilet + shower room.

## Female elder of the year

Congratulations to Helen Fejo who won the Top End NAIDOC Female Elder of the Year Award. As the leader from Bagot Helen works tirelessly to help the Community in establishing the Bagot Abogirinal Corporation and becomes the community champion by representing Bagot at various forums and welcoming visitors who come to visit Bagot Community.



## Launch of Aboriginal Housing NT

Aboriginal Housing NT (AHNT), the first Aboriginal housing peak body in the NT, was launched at the Darwin Convention Center during the AHURI Conference. With the theme "HOME is where the heart is" AHNT strives to be the voice of people who live in urban and remote community in the NT. AHNT is auspiced by the Aboriginal Peak Organisations NT (APONT).



# AHURI Conference

This year Darwin hosted the bi-ennial AHURI Conference. Yilli actively participated in the conference by joining the consultation work group, opening a booth and presenting at the concurrent sessions. We are glad to be part of this National Housing Conference.



## ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

Our latest annual report can be downloaded from our website:

[yillihousing.com.au/publications-and-forms](http://yillihousing.com.au/publications-and-forms)



## Staff Profile



Jayden has been working with us at the maintenance section for nearly one year and now he is at the front office! Please welcome him and say hello to him when you come over to our office.

P.S: This year, we placed our big Christmas tree inside Jayden's office because he loves it!

## Keep pigs healthy & Australia free from African Swine Fever



## Do you have pigs in your community?

There is a disease called African Swine Fever (ASF) which is causing big problems for pigs in other countries. It has recently been found in East Timor and without good biosecurity, could enter Australia.

It's REALLY important that pigs don't eat meat! If pigs eat meat, it can transfer lots of diseases. It's ok to feed your pigs bread and vegetables but DON'T feed your pigs scraps that have meat in them, or feed them food that has been in contact with meat products.

Because of the risk of disease transfer, it's actually illegal to feed pigs with food scraps that contain, or have been in contact with meat.

# Notifications

## Cyclone Season Preparation



It is the time of the year again! Please make sure that you have everything in place:

- Prepare emergency cyclone kit
- Have enough food, water, cash and fuel
- Think of how you would cope with no electricity
- Make an evacuation plan
- Discuss with your family what you will do in the event of a cyclone.
- Know the closest shelter from your dwelling
- Keep Yilli Emergency Number handy (1300 726 820)

## 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. Our front counter will be open on 27th and 31st Dec 9-12PM during Xmas period so you can stock up on power cards.

## Emergency Relief (ER)



We did not receive Emergency Funding this year.

## Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA)



Sign up for CRA to get rental rebate, please talk to your property manager for further info or check out: [tinyurl.com/rentCRA](http://tinyurl.com/rentCRA) on your web browser

# Upcoming events



**Strengthening Our Spirits Launch**  
 CDU Casuarina: Indigenous Learning Precinct B2  
 13 December, 4-7pm  
 FREE event



**Santa Fun on Wheels**  
 Nightcliff Pool foreshore side 22 Dec at 4pm  
**Carols by the sea**  
 Nightcliff Pool 22 Dec at 6pm  
 FREE event



DIGITAL INCLUSIONS

Social justice through digital literacy

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:00 AM					
10:30 AM					
11:00 AM			Probus Marrara BC Workshop Pint Club, 165 Abala Rd, Marrara NT 0812	AIDIA BC Workshop Goyder Electorate Community Room Coolalinga Shopping Centre	Darwin Pensioners BC Workshops 2/48 Albatross St, Winnellie NT 0820
11:30 AM	TBA	Tracy Village, 23 Tambling Terrace, Lyons NT 0810			TBA
12:00 PM					
12:30 PM					
1:00 PM					
1:30 PM					
2:00 PM					
2:30pm	AIDIA BC Workshop Nelson Electorate Office Community Room - Shop 5 Howard Springs Shopping Centre	Greenfields Living - BC Workshop Tiwi Gardens Retirement Village - Tiwi NT 0810	Probus Charles Darwin - BC Workshop - RA0B (Buff) Club - Stuart Park 57 Stuart Hwy, Stuart Park NT 0820	Greenfields Living Durack - BC Workshop Greenfields Living S1 Packard Avenue, Durack Palmerston NT 0830	
3:00 PM					
3:30 PM					
4:00 PM					

Every day across various locations in Darwin and Palmerston  
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Merry Christmas

Office closed	Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12pm onwards
	Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3pm onwards
	Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12pm onwards until Wed, 1 <sup>st</sup> January
Office Opens for Power Cards	Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9-12pm
	Tuesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9-12pm
Please make sure that you have enough power cards. Any call out for power cards will incur \$40 call-out fees.		
Office re-open	Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	