

## connecting communities



Leanne Caton in Canberra attending the National Aboriginal Hostel Board.

### From the CEO's desk


Welcome to our March newsletter! It has certainly been a long journey since we first closed our borders. Fast forward one year and we are here, we've made it! We managed to halt community transmission through various measures. We had a lot of meetings, information sessions, public awareness, community closures, government policies and regulations that allow the NT to be one of the safest places in the world.

We should be proud of our collective achievement. Without diligent works from all sectors involved, we wouldn't have made it this far. Now that the government is rolling out COVID vaccines, we encourage all our stakeholders to take part in this vaccination program. We are working together with health care providers to roll out the vaccination to our tenants in the community.

We would like to welcome our new staff members who joined us this year. At our main office, we have Danielle Connop at the reception, Alicia Briston- Executive Assistant, Lee Upton-who covers maternity leave for HR, Helen Brown-Bagot property officer. We also have more staff at YiSSA, there are now more than 20 staff based at YiSSA.

We are strengthening our governance. Through the new rule book, we have the opportunity to recruit more members and directors. Currently, we are looking for directors with legal, IT, and accounting/ finance background to strengthen our skill-based board.

In February, we also conducted the ORIC audit; as part of the NRSCH registration, we requested ORIC to audit our governance to measure our compliance with the CATSI Act. We are glad that we received positive feedback from the Auditors.



### Berrimah Estate mobile kiosk has moved

Our kiosk is now located at **SILA Single Room 16** (behind the old office parking lot)  
The kiosk opens every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 1-3PM

In the next couple of months, Yilli will be celebrating our 18th anniversary, if Yilli were a person we would have reached the legal age! Indeed we've grown a lot in the past few years. We are no more a small organisation at the corner of Boulter Road. We are part of a bigger picture; Yilli represents the housing sector and Aboriginal sector both within the NT and in the national level. We are part of the Aboriginal Peak Organisation of the NT (APONT), Aboriginal Housing NT (AHNT), Aboriginals Benefit Account Advisory Committee (ABAAC), National Aboriginal Hostel Board, NT Shelter, just to name a few. Thank you for everyone's trust and support.

I wish you all happy Easter!  
Be safe, stay vigilant and get vaccinated.



## Happy maternity Leave

Our HR, Kim, is going on maternity leave. Lee is taking over the HR position while Kim is on leave.

We wish Kim all the best for her maternity leave and a healthy mum and bub! See you next year!

## Farewell for Nikki and Jayden

Sadly for all staff at Yilli, Jayden and Nikki have moved onto greener pastures.. Nikki has been with us for more than seven years, started at the reception, Nikki moved to admin assistant position.

Jayden has been with us for more than two years, he started with the R&M team and moved to the reception.

We will miss both Jayden and Nikki.  
We wish them the best for their future endeavors!



## Proud Home- Proud Community

As part of our educational project with the Town Camp Futures Unit, Yilli worked together with First Nation TV to create video campaigns. Sean Hall, the guy behind the video campaigns, came up with a brilliant idea to create an animation series featuring the Prouds. Stay tuned to Yilli Facebook to check out the Prouds videos!

## Meet YiSSA team

Since the opening of YiSSA in June 2020, we have served many clients from all over the NT. We also have staff members who have been with us since YiSSA opening. Let's meet them!

*Right:* Meet Adrian, he is in the kitchen, you will meet him serving breakfast, lunch and dinner for all our clients.

*Bottom left:* Meet Joan, she is the RMS software expert, she is the supervisor for our reception team.

*Bottom right:* Meet Esther and Jess. They are part of our housekeeper team, keeping all our rooms ready for new guests.



## Have you noticed our new signs?

As part of our educational project with the Town Camp Futures Unit, Yilli installed new signages at Bagot, Knuckey Lagoon, 15 Mile, Amangal community and YiSSA.

These signs designed by Sam and each sign contains community's name, Acknowledgement of Country, 'house rules' and Yilli contact information for the public, tenants and visitors.



Members of the Bagot committee  
Invite you to come and meet

### Helen Brown



Yilli Housing Property Officer for Bagot Community

**Monday 9am – 3pm**

**Tuesday 9am – 3pm**

Mobile: 0438 473 180

Please come up to the  
**BAGOT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**  
to report issues with maintenance and housing



## Staff profile



**Everyone, meet Danielle Connop!**

Danielle is our Reception at our main office. Danielle started at YiSSA before she's transferred to our main office.

She's born in Alice Springs. During her free time she likes visiting friends and family. She also enjoys reading books and fishing.

Danielle is expecting her first grand daughter anytime soon! so exciting!



# Notifications

## Berrimah Estate Mobile Kiosk



Yilli housing runs a mobile kiosk at SILA ROOM #16, the kiosk is open every: **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 1-3 PM (Please take note of our Public holidays below)**

You can buy power cards, washing machine tokens, pay rent and check mail from our mobile kiosk.

Please check your mail while visiting the kiosk as mail older than 2 months will be returned to the post office.

Please spare a few minutes to buy power cards during these hours to avoid \$60 call out charges. Just to be on the safe side, have at least \$20 on your power box for the weekends. Alternatively you can walk-in to our new office site during office hours to buy power cards.

## Tenancy Survey



We are running 2021 tenancy survey. All Yilli's tenants are encouraged to participate in this survey. Our property officers will visit your house for this survey. Alternatively you can come to our office/ contact us to join in the survey.

## Public holidays (March - June 2021)



Our office will be closed for the following public holidays:

Good Friday: Friday, 2 April

Easter: Monday, 5 April

Anzac Day: Monday, 26 April

May Day: Monday, 3 May

Queen's Birthday: Monday, 14 June

*Please make sure you have enough power cards for long weekends.*

## Expression of Interest



Yilli Housing is looking for Expression of Interest for: receptionists and housekeepers.

Please email your cv to: [hr@yillihousing.com.au](mailto:hr@yillihousing.com.au)

## We value your feedback



You can send your complaint/ feedback through:

[info@yillihousing.com.au](mailto:info@yillihousing.com.au) or download

'Customer complain and feedback form' from our website: [yillihousing.com.au/publications-and-forms](http://yillihousing.com.au/publications-and-forms).

# Awareness

Who? what? where? when? why? how?



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## Do you have any questions about COVID vaccine?

There are many information out there, but the reliable ones can be found at:

- [coronavirus.nt.gov.au](https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au)
- [health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines](https://health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines)
- or your local clinics like Danila Dilba

Danila Dilba can help you answer COVID vaccine questions. Email your questions to [communications@ddhs.org.au](mailto:communications@ddhs.org.au)

In the meantime, make sure your contact details are up to date at your local health care clinic and if you have questions, speak to a trusted health professional at your local clinic

## Ehrlichiosis disease in dogs



The tick-borne disease Ehrlichiosis was first detected in Australia in the Kimberley region in May 2020, and has since been detected in numerous communities in WA, the NT, and SA.

### What is Ehrlichiosis?

Ehrlichiosis (pronounced Err-lick-ee-o-sis) is a tick-borne disease caused by the bacteria Ehrlichia canis. The bacteria lives in blood of infected dogs, and is spread by Brown Dog Ticks.

### How do I prevent my dogs from getting Ehrlichiosis?

The best way to stop ehrlichiosis is to stop ticks from biting your dogs. All dogs should be treated for ticks and preventatives should be used on a regular basis.

Environmental tick control is also important. It helps to keep grass in backyards cut short and to stop your dogs from roaming in bushy areas. Brown Dog Ticks are very good at establishing in houses and sheltered places, and can build up in big numbers.

For more information, please read this FAQ: [amrric.org/resources/ehrlichiosisfaq/](https://amrric.org/resources/ehrlichiosisfaq/)

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## NTIBN MEMBERS SHOWCASE

YILLI HOUSING ABORIGINAL CORPORATION  
Friday 26 March 2021  
10am to 12pm  
23 Callaghan Road  
Yarlwonga 0830, NT



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## HAPPY EASTER

from all Yilli Housing Staff