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YiSSA Christmas party



## From the CEO's desk

*It's December. We have so many stories to tell you all.*

First of all, we have held our AGM this year. Regina Bennett was re-elected as the vice chairperson, congratulations Regina! This year we received our 13th unqualified audit, which means we managed our finances very well. We also received several expression of interests for Audit and Risk Committee membership, thank you for the applicants. We are still looking for members and directors, if you are interested please contact [comms@yillihousing.com.au](mailto:comms@yillihousing.com.au).

I maintain my position as the Chair for the Aboriginal Housing NT (AHNT) after the AGM that has just been held last month. With the five-year funding that we received, we will be able to recruit more positions to increase AHNT capacity as the representative of Aboriginal housing providers in the NT.

We are so proud of all our employees, who rolled up their sleeves and got vaccinated to protect our community. We faced no issue with the vaccine mandate that has been enforced last month because we are a fully vaccinated organisation!

As of November 2021, we relinquished One Mile Dam management. Due to lack of funding and continuous challenges we decided to move on so we can channel our resources for the greater good.

Last month we completed a house renovation in Woolaning and we are now focusing on house renovation in Belyuen. We also have a few projects in the pipeline, thanks to our funding bodies and organisations who believe in us, we will do our best to serve our community.

As we are approaching wet season we encourage our tenants to be ready with their cyclone plan. Please make yourself familiar with your surrounding area, know your nearest cyclone shelter and what to do in the event of emergency.

We are looking forward to celebrating a safe Christmas with our friends and family. Please be COVID wise, follow government's direction and get vaccinated.

Please check our opening hours at the back of this newsletter. Merry Christmas and have a wonderful new year to you all. //

## Did you know



Yilli has more than 50 staff members and two offices. Yilli main office is at 23 Callanan Road Yarrowonga, next to the Gateway shopping mall. The staff in this office consist of property managers for the long-term accommodation, corporate team and grounds/ maintenance.



The other office is called YiSSA (Yilli Short Stay Accommodation) located at 55 Batten Road Marrara. More than half of our staff members work from YiSSA. They are working on rotating shift, servicing up to 300 short stay rooms. Our staff takes care of the admin/ reception, housekeeping and grounds maintenance. We also have Darwin Christian Ministry who manages the catering at YiSSA, Mission Australia who manages the case management and other agencies to support YiSSA guests during their stay in Darwin.





## Woolaning renovation

Our contractor completed the renovation at Woolaning. As part of the renovation, the bathroom was modified with removal of the bath tub and plumbing works performed. All walls and ceilings were cleaned, prepped and freshly painted.



## Romone @2021 NT Track and Field Championships

Romone, our staff member, participated in the recent NT Athletics Championship (1st to 3rd September). Romone won 4 Gold Medals and winner of the Rolly Howard Memorial 100 meters run with a trophy! Congratulations Romone!

## Yilli's fishos

To keep our staff's sanity and to show them that they are valued employees, we send them to fish! Yup! that's what they want for their outing and that's what they got! They really enjoyed it and it seem that's fishing is their go-to team bonding activity for years to come!



## YiSSA Christmas party

Thank you to Joan, Sharon, Kelly and all other staff at YiSSA who organised Christmas party for YiSSA staff. This is our first Christmas party dedicated for YiSSA staff, truly it's been an amazing year at YiSSA!



# Annual Report 2020/21

Our latest annual report can be downloaded from our website: [yillihousing.com.au/publications](http://yillihousing.com.au/publications)

## Staff profile

Rosie Hewitt is our Community Property Officer, based in our Yarrowonga office.

She is a local Indigenous woman, born and bred in Darwin. She has an amazing partner and four grown up children, 3 boys and a girl, 10 grandchildren – 6 girls and 4 boys, 1 great grand daughter, also has many extended families throughout the Communities.

She likes spending time out bush with her family and teaching her kids and grandchildren how to hunt and gather on land and sea.

She follows all sports, AFL/AFLNT where she has her grandchildren and many family members playing.

She works in the Belyuen Community, manages Amangal community, 5 Homelands Bulgul, Pandayal, Wairuk, Walangurminy and Woolaning properties.



## Yillili Membership

Yillili Housing is seeking Expressions of Interest for members and skill-based directors to join our Board. Please contact Samantha (comms@yillihousing.com.au) to receive relevant documents and membership forms.

### Member eligibility:

- at least 18 years of age
- an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person
- permanently resides within a distance of 250km of the Darwin GPO
- not an employee of Yillili Housing
- not an applicant for employment with Yillili Housing
- was not employed by Yillili Housing during the five (5) year period prior to making an application for membership.

## Mark's farewell

The Yissa team farewelled our groundsman Mark Dietrich at a morning tea.

Mark has been part of Yissa for nine months and we will really miss him. We constantly get feedback on how neat and tidy our grounds look and we have Mark to thank for that.

We wish Mark well in his new role as a storeman.

# Yilli Christmas closure 2021



Callanan (Palmerston) Office closed	Friday, 10 Dec 12pm onwards Friday-Tuesday, 24 Dec 12pm onwards - 28 Dec
Office opens	Wednesday- Friday 29-31 December 2021
Office closed	Saturday- Monday 1-3 January 2022
Office opens	Tuesday, 4 January 2021

## Berrimah Estate Power Card Kiosk Schedule for DECEMBER 2021:

Please make sure that you have enough power cards. Any call out for power cards will incur \$60 call-out fees.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 1 PM-3 PM	2 1 PM-3 PM	3 1 PM-3 PM	4
5	6	7	8 1 PM-3 PM	9 1 PM-3 PM	10 Callanan Office Closed from 12pm 9 AM- 11 AM	11
12	13	14	15 1 PM-3 PM	16 1 PM-3 PM	17 1 PM-3 PM	18
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This schedule is correct as of 1 December 2021.  
In the event of lockout/ lockdown this schedule might change.



## Notifications

### Cyclone Season Preparation

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

- Prepare an 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's Number handy (8935 0100)

### Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA)

Did you know that you might be eligible for 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

### We value your feedback

You can send your 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).

### Job Vacancies

Yilli Housing is looking for Expressions of Interest for: receptionists and housekeepers  
Please email your CV to: [hr@yillihousing.com.au](mailto:hr@yillihousing.com.au)

### Berrimah Estate Mobile Kiosk

Yilli housing runs a mobile kiosk in the old office for Berrimah Estate tenants every: **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 1-3 PM**  
You can buy power cards, washing machine tokens, pay rent and check mail from our mobile kiosk. (Please refer to the mobile kiosk schedule during Christmas closure)



YiSSA short stay accommodation opens as usual, 7 days a week 7AM-10PM.

Please contact YiSSA directly for room enquiries:

Mobile: 040 789 3130 – email: [yissa@yillihousing.com.au](mailto:yissa@yillihousing.com.au)  
55 Batten Road Marrara

## City of Darwin Christmas events: [darwin.nt.gov.au/explore/whats-on/christmas-in-darwin#xmas](http://darwin.nt.gov.au/explore/whats-on/christmas-in-darwin#xmas)

MONDAY 6 DECEMBER	TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER	THURSDAY 9 DECEMBER	FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER	SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER	SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER
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