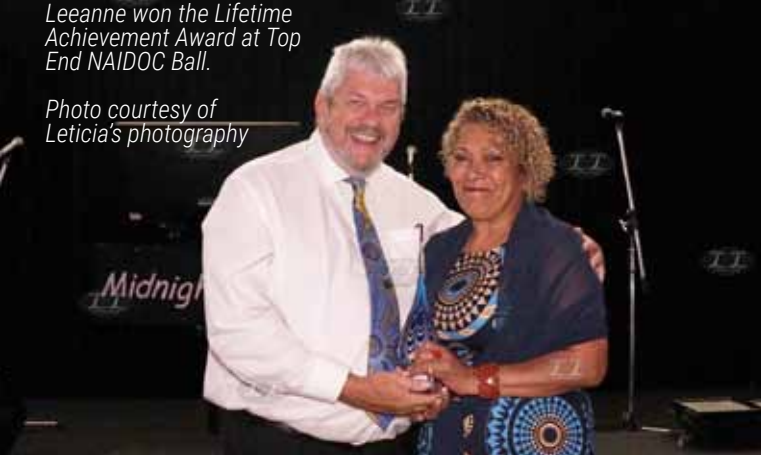




connecting communities

Leeanne won the Lifetime Achievement Award at Top End NAIDOC Ball.

Photo courtesy of Leticia's photography



## From the CEO's desk

*What a year! We survived 2020 and we not only survived but we are growing. We are so proud that despite all the challenges that everyone faced this year, we managed to pull through: we moved to our new office, we opened YiSSA, and moved the secretariat function of AHNT to Yilli. These are such big achievements as there are many, many works done behind the scenes to make these things happen.*

We are grateful to our members and directors, staff members, the Government and other stakeholders who support us continuously.

We have just held our AGM and we congratulate Tania McLeod and Darren Johnson who were elected as Yilli's Directors. We also passed our new rule book which allows us to have an unrestricted number of members. If you are interested to be a member/ director, please contact:  
Samantha (comms@yillihousing.com.au)

We are proud to announce that this year is our 12th unqualified audit. Our new 2019/20 Annual Report can be accessed from our website.

I have been appointed as the Chair of the Aboriginals Benefit Account Advisory Committee (ABAAC) for a two year term. The Advisory Committee assesses and makes recommendations to the NIAA Minister on appropriate projects to be funded from Aboriginal mining revenues. It is such a privilege that I can represent the NT on the federal level, which gives us the opportunity to have our voice heard and this will certainly benefit the Aboriginal community across the NT.

I am also very thankful for the Lifetime Achievement Award that I received during the Top End NAIDOC ball in November. This would not have been possible without the lifetime support of many people in my life.

We are looking forward to celebrating a safe Christmas with our friends and family, so please follow the Government's advice on the COVID-19 safety measures. Please check our opening hours at the back of this newsletter. As we are approaching the cyclone season, please have your cyclone plan ready.

Merry Christmas and have a wonderful new year to you all.



## Did you know

Yilli is now managing a short stay accommodation called YiSSA. It is located at 55 Batten Road Marrara with a current capacity of 50 rooms and will be extended to up to 300 rooms.

Yilli hopes that by the end of next year, the program will be fully developed as a one-stop-service-centre to provide dignity services and creating pathways to end homelessness.

For booking and enquiries please contact: [yissa@yillihousing.com.au](mailto:yissa@yillihousing.com.au) or 040 789 3130.

Due to limited room vacancy, we advise clients to have advance booking confirmation before coming over.

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## Yilli Membership

Yilli Housing is seeking Expressions of Interest for members and skill-based directors to join our Board. Please contact Samantha ([comms@yillihousing.com.au](mailto: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 Yilli Housing
- not an applicant for employment with Yilli Housing
- was not employed by Yilli Housing during the five (5) year period prior to making an application for membership.

### Director eligibility:

- be a member
- submit a resume
- has gone through the YRHAC skill matrix process
- must have the required skill set for the board
- sign the code of conduct and confidentiality
- eligible to be a director under the CATSI Act.

## First staff meeting

Our first all staff meeting in our new office, this year our staff meetings have been brief and sparse due to COVID-19 measures. We feel so lucky and grateful that we are safe up here!



## Donna Hunter - AHNT

Donna Hunter is the Executive Officer of the Aboriginal Housing NT (AHNT), the first Aboriginal housing peak body in the NT. She works from our office in Yarrowonga. She is currently focused on the funding submissions, business plan and AGM for AHNT. Welcome Donna to our office!

# Annual Report 2019/20

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



## FREE LAUNDRY

Free washing + drying now available in Casuarina.  
Visit Remote Laundries Project at 32 Dripstone Rd.  
**Detergent included!**



Opening Hours 9am-2pm Monday through Friday



**Remote Laundries**

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## We say NO to Dan Murphy

Woolworths wants to build one of Australia's biggest bottle shops near three dry Aboriginal communities and we call for Woolworths to abandon the plan. Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education (FARE) has launched Stop Darwin Dan Murphy's – FARE website with a timeline of events.

Learn more about the reasons why we say no to Dan Murphy:  
<https://fare.org.au/darwin/>

### Woolworths wants to build one of Australia's biggest bottle shops near three dry Aboriginal communities

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I'm saying to the Woolworths' boss Gordon Cairns,

“Why do you want to do this when there are plenty of alcohol places around? Please have a heart. We live this day-to-day. If need be swap places with me – I'll come to your house and you come to mine, and then you'll find out what it's like.”

It's really hard but we have to keep going and if we want to get things done we have to keep going and keep pushing ahead and keep on talking about what we decided we are going to do, because the decisions have gotta all be made from community people – that's how it's gotta be.



Helen Fejo-Frith  
Bagot Aboriginal Community

fare



## Staff Profile

Danielle Ahmat 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 two beautiful children, a boy and a girl.

During her free time she likes spending time out bush with her family and teaching her kids how to hunt and gather on land and sea. She follows the AFL and barracks for the Essendon Bombers.

She manages Knuckeyes Lagoon, 15 Mile, Amangal community and the affordable housing properties. “I enjoy engaging with my people and helping them to succeed in their tenancy journey with us here at Yilli!”

# Christmas Closure 2020



Callanan (Palmerston) Office closed	Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12pm onwards
Office re-open	Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12pm onwards until Sun, 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	

## Berrimah Estate Power Card Kiosk Schedule for DECEMBER 2020:

- 1 – 17, 23, 28, 31 Dec: 1PM-3PM
- 18 and 24 Dec: 9AM-11AM

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
29	30	1	2 1 PM-3 PM	3 1 PM-3 PM	4 1 PM-3 PM	5
6	7	8	9 1 PM-3 PM	10 1 PM-3 PM	11 1 PM-3 PM	12
13	14	15	16 1 PM-3 PM	17 1 PM-3 PM	18 Callanan Office Closed from 12PM 9 AM - 11 AM	19
20	21	22	23 1 PM-3 PM	24 Callanan Office Closed from 12PM 9 AM - 11 AM	25 Callanan Office Closed	26
27	28 1 PM-3 PM	29	30	31 1 PM-3 PM	1	2
Callanan Office Closed						
3	4 Callanan Office opens as usual	5	6	7	8	9



## 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 the Yilli Emergency Number handy (1300 726 820)

### 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)

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



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

## school holiday events

Download the full list of school holiday events from this link:

[bit.do/schoolholiday](http://bit.do/schoolholiday)