

connecting communities



Leeanne Caton hosted a ministerial visit to Knuckey's Lagoon refurbishment project. L-R: John Adams; Jamie Chalker (CEO of Department of Housing and Community Development); Leeanne Caton; Hon Gerald McCarthy (Minister for Housing and Community Development); Peter Holt (Ministerial Advisor); Ray Pratt (DICE)



Did you know

Yilli Rreung means "a meeting place". Historically, it is located at a cliff near Doctors Gully area; a place where Larrakia lit bonfires to guide canoes across the harbour to their camps located behind where the YMCA now stands. Yilli Rreung was also the name of the ATSIC region that covers Greater Darwin Region.

From the CEO's desk

Welcome to Yilli's first newsletter! I have been at Yilli for nearly four months now and I am very delighted to be part of such an amazing corporation. As a new CEO, I strive to build on the good work by continuous improvement on service delivery and I am committed to building relationships with all stakeholders, including tenants and community leaders.

My goal is not only to provide culturally relevant service but also to enable our people to become independent and proud of the house and community they live in.

I just returned from the National NAIDOC Women's Conference in Sydney along with our vice chairperson, Regina Bennett, as we celebrate and recognise the contribution of women to our society and acknowledge the NAIDOC theme of "Because of Her, We Can".

This year, under the Town Camp Project, we have upgraded numerous houses, community roads, street lights and many more projects to come. We are thankful and honoured by the trust and confidence given by the NT Government to manage all these projects. We couldn't be happier for our tenants when they cried in tears of joy, seeing their newly renovated house.

This year we also celebrate our 15th year anniversary. From a humble beginning of just seven employees in 2003, now we have over 20 employees with 80% Indigenous employment rates, over 250 properties, more than 2000 residents and nine years of unqualified audits. This has placed us as a reputable leader in affordable and community housing industry in the Top End.

More importantly, as a not-for-profit organisation we are not driven by making large returns, instead, we give back to the community as much as we can; we support local employment and sponsor events including the recent NAIDOC Ball, where we sponsored Apprentice of the Year Award.

Yilli Rreung is currently going through a National Accreditation process and is aiming to become the first Aboriginal Community Housing Provider in the Top End and therefore a 'Preferred Provider' of Government service contracts.

I look forward to hearing what you have to say in the way we provide service to our people. With listening, respect, focus on clients and clear direction for the future Yilli will continue to grow and excel in this field. I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter of Yilli that we will deliver three times a year.



One Mile Dam

Mindy Timber and her family moved back to her stunning 3-bedroom house at One Mile Dam after the long-awaited renovation. She was so grateful for the efforts made to give her house a new lease of life.

Bagot civil works

Various renovations have been completed at the community of Bagot. New roads were paved, steel bollards were installed and LED street lights are on the way to increase the security around the community. New car parks were allocated next to the community hall to accommodate visitors and community events.



Our Board

Top L-R: Jon Harris (Chair person), Leeanne Caton (CEO), Tania Mcleod (Secretary); Bottom L-R: Regina Bennett (Vice Chairperson), Lorraine Beetson (Treasurer), Kelly Yates (Member).

Road Upgrades

Major road upgrades have just been done in Minmarama and Knuckey Lagoon community. The roads are now sealed, with proper road signs and speed bumps. No more potholes and dirt roads!



NAIDOC March

Yilli is proud to join NAIDOC March in support of this year's theme: Because of Her, We Can.

DIY tips

Changing a Lightbulb/ fluorescent tube

Changing a light bulb is something you can do yourself at home

(For downlight lightings, please ask for assistance from our maintenance team).



1. Buy a new light bulb. Light bulbs can be purchased in all shops for less than \$10. Make sure that the light switch is turned off. It is important for electrical safety that the light switch remains off when changing the bulb.



2. Stand on a sturdy ladder or chair and gently push the light bulb in. Then turn it around until it comes out. Remember to throw the old bulb/tube in the bin.



3. Take the new bulb.



4. Place the new light bulb in the light fitting and push in and then turn the bulb around until it is securely fitted.



5. Check that the light is working by turning the light switch on.



6. If the light still does not work, please check whether you have fix the light bulb to the light properly. It may also be the problem of the sockets, please contact our maintenance for assistance.

Cyclone Clean-up

19 August: Darwin Zone 1

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

9 September: Darwin Zone 2

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

1-2 September: Palmerston Zone 1

Durack, Marlow Lagoon, Driver, Gray, Moulden, Woodroffe

6-7 October Palmerston Zone 2

Farrar, Gunn, Bakewell, Roseberry, Johnston, Bellamark, Zuccoli

Cyclone Clean-up dates from Berrimah Estate and Town Camps will be announced soon.



Staff Profile

Jessica Parnell

If you've been to Yilli lately, you must have noticed a new face at our front desk! Please welcome Jessica Parnell, our new receptionist. She has a lot to share with us and she is a great asset to our corporate team.

She has worked in various Administration roles over the past 5 years, including positions with NTG, Ironbark and Ayers Rock Resort. She brings a wealth of knowledge in administration and customer service.

Jess was born and raised in Darwin, in her spare time, Jess enjoys spending time with her nieces and nephews.

Jess will work closely with the corporate team and property managers as well. She can assist you with housing applications and emergency relief funding.

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) Receive bill statements and correspondence through E-mail instead;
- (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 (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 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.

Suggestion Box



We value your feedback, please drop your suggestion into the feedback box at reception. You can also send your feedback through info@yillihousing.com.au or download 'Customer complain and feedback form' from our website: yillihousing.com.au/publications-and-forms. For urgent maintenance call 1300726820 (Yilli tenants only).

Emergency Relief (ER)




Yilli helps tenants and clients with financial difficulties by providing ER for rents, bonds, power and water bills (T&C applies). Please contact our office for more information.

Expression of Interest



Yilli Housing is looking for Expression of Interest for several positions: Carpenters, handymen and cleaners. Please drop your cv to: info@yillihousing.com.au

Upcoming events



June Oscar AO

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner

We want to hear from all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and girls about what is important to you

Come have your say!
Darwin

Thursday 2 August	Friday 3 August	Friday 3 August
Michael Long Learning & Leadership Centre, Conference Room 9.30am - 1.30pm	Palmerston Recreation Centre, Community Room 9.30am - 1.30pm	Casuarina Senior College (Closed session for girls 12-17 years) 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Refreshments will be provided at each session.

For more information and to register please email wiyiyaniuthangani@humanrights.gov.au or call 02 9284 9600



National Homelessness Week

Ending Homelessness Together



8 August 2018 10:00 - 12:30pm

Sponsored by NT Shelter

Mindil Beach



Darwin The 12th Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair
10-12 August
10am - 4pm: FREE entry, open to the public
Darwin Convention Centre