



connecting communities



Leeanne Caton, Helen Fejo and Jerry Rice from DICE visiting Helen's newly refurbished house at Bagot Community. Helen is finally back to her brand-new house! After so many house renovations in Bagot, she finally gets to see her own house refurbished. She couldn't be happier with the way her new house looked. She had waited for more than 20 years to get a major renovation like this and it is just in time for Christmas!



Did you know

Yilli Rreung Aboriginal Corporation is an organisation under CATSI Act - Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006. We are regulated by ORIC (Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations) where the majority of members and directors must be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

From the CEO's desk

In the blink of an eye it's December, time flies but we are happy with what we have accomplished this year. It has been a fantastic year with a lot of challenges and achievements. From Cyclone Marcus- that cost us heaps- to new management and many (many) meetings and consultations as well as Town Camp Projects. We really thank our staff, directors and members for all their commitment all these years.

We have held our AGM and completed our Annual Report which you can access from our website. We are grateful for the commitment of our board members, whom many of them have been with Yilli since the beginning.

Of course, we are excited to celebrate Christmas...ho...ho...ho... This year we are having meetings and mini celebrations in two places. One at Bagot (19th Dec 10AM) and one at Berrimah Estate (20th Dec 10AM). We are planning to have similar meetings in other communities next year, but for now residents from other communities are welcome to come over and join these upcoming events either at Bagot or Berrimah. During the meeting, we are going to talk about CRA.

What is CRA? CRA is Commonwealth Rent Assistance which basically helps you to receive rental rebate. Under certain criteria, you can get assistance of more than \$150 a fortnight. We encourage you to sign up for CRA, please talk to your property manager for assistance.

We also just completed a new Strategic Plan which will direct us over the next three years. There are a lot of opportunities on the horizon but we can't do it all without a strong workforce and management, hence Yilli is striving to increase our quality and capacity in all aspect. One of the strategies is to get registered under NRSCH. This registration will allow us to achieve national community housing provider standards by 2019.



Finally, Christmas is not Christmas without safety! Please be safe and enjoy this wonderful season with your family and friends. Make sure you have a cyclone plan in place during this holiday period and check the tips in this newsletter if you are going away for Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, thank you for all your support!



Amangal renovation

A house has just been renovated in Amangal. Amangal is a community in Adelaide River with nine houses.

Christmas deco

This is not an ordinary Christmas tree, this tree has been with us for many many years!
Thanks to Jessica who put up the Christmas tree this year. She did a great job utilising all the existing decorations and made our office beautiful. Fun fact: We hadn't bought new xmas deco in the past 5 years, we are proud to be able to reuse and recycle!



Mark farewell

We had a farewell party for Marcus back in September. Marcus (left) had done wonderful jobs in keeping up with the property repairs and maintenance. He was on Yilli's Annual Report cover last year too! We really miss him and wish him good luck in his future endeavours.

Strategic Plan Meeting

We had had our Final Strategic Plan Meeting in Berrimah Estate with all of our directors and our consultants from PwC Indigenous Consulting: Shane Hamilton, Sharon Noske and Michael McGregor.



Les Huddleston

We bought special paintings from our local artist, Les Huddleston, and hang them in our office. He is the father of our staff member, Nikki. If you, too, are interested in getting his artwork, check out his facebook page: Les Huddleston Lipwurrunga Aboriginal Art

DIY tips Going away for Christmas?

Going away for Christmas and School holidays? These are some tips for you to secure your unoccupied home over the Christmas break:

Ensure your vehicles, windows, doors and gates are locked and take valuable items with you –(including keys) or keep it secure and out of sight.

Keep your property clear of loose items that could cause damage during extreme winds and don't let thieves help themselves by leaving handy tools and stools/ladders outside your house.

Unplug your appliances before you leave to avoid power surges and to save energy, electric water heaters are especially known to use a lot of electricity even when you don't use it.

Clear the fridges, dispose all perishable food and empty the bins. Just in case the power went off, the last thing you want is rotten smell and thawed fluid all over your house.

Shut off the water main. Even a small water leak can cause a big damage if its left unnoticed for days, worse, it could flood your house and leave you with heavy maintenance and water bills.

You do not need to let the whole world know that your house is empty by sharing holiday updates on social media, agree?

Turn your fans on as Darwin can be very humid, you don't want to go back to a mouldy house.

Ask a trusted friend or neighbour to check your house every now and then.

If you are going away for an extended period, please let your property manager know so that we are aware and can keep an eye on the house.

Annual report 2017/18

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



Strategic Plan 2019-2022

The full version can be downloaded here:
tinyurl.com/YILLIstratplan

Strategic Plan 2019-2022

15 Celebrating 15 years

Goals:

- Become the recognised leader in the community housing sector in the NT
- Secure a permanent home
- Increase housing stock by 200 houses
- Create and maintain strong and effective partnerships

Key Performance Indicators:

- Recognised as the preferred provider by government funders and seen as the leader by the industry
- Strengthen Yillihousing financial independence
- 222 secure the First Aboriginal Community Housing provider to achieve National Registration in the NT
- Create and maintain effective streams in order to leverage capital
- Expand Yillihousing asset base
- Reduce reliance on government funding
- Adopt National Disability System for Community Housing (NSCH) registration by 2019
- Obtain progress towards housing up to top tier of the NSCH registration
- Achieve registration as a member of Real Estate Institute of Northern Territory (REINNT)
- Enhance NDIS and private sector client base
- Maximise Commonwealth grant assistance
- Maximise and diversify revenue stream
- Yillihousing lead the establishment of Aboriginal Corporation Alliance in the Greater Darwin Region
- Yillihousing to participate in the establishment of Aboriginal Housing Peak Body
- Form alliance with other Aboriginal Housing provider's CEOs
- Develop a communication strategy and community engagement plan
- Coordinate and collaborate to influence systemic change in NTG
- Yillihousing expertise in housing arena is valued and sought after
- Partnership agreement to support further establishment of the Aboriginal Housing Peak Body
- More integrated services for families
- Communication and Community Engagement Plan

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 would you 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 24th and 27th Dec 9-12PM during Xmas period so you can stock up on power cards.



Emergency Relief (ER)



We have run out of Emergency Funding for this year, there won't be any more ER until next 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 on your web browser

Operational Hours during Christmas



Yilli office closed:
 Friday, 14 Dec 12PM onwards
 Friday, 21 Dec 4.30PM until Tuesday, 1 Jan 2019.
Reopen:
 Wednesday, 2 Jan 2019

Power cards will be available from Yilli Office on Thursday 24 and Thursday 27 Dec 9 AM- 12 PM
Please make sure you have enough power cards for this period. Any call-out for purchasing power cards will incur call-out fees.



Upcoming events

Bagot EXPO

19 Dec 2018, 10AM-12PM
@Bagot Hall

Berrimah Estate EXPO

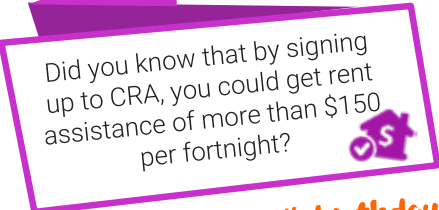
20 Dec 2018, 10AM-12PM
@Berrimah Estate Community Hall

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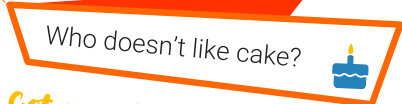
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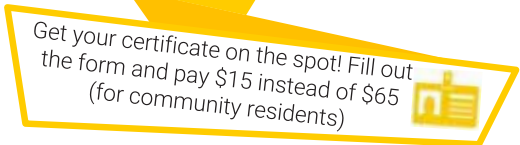
Learn more about Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA)



Celebrate Bagot 80th birthday (at Bagot only)



Get your birth certificate done



Check out our booths:

- Centrelink
- Northern Territory Consumer Affairs
- Top End Women's Legal Service Inc.
- Dept of Attorney-General and Justice (Aboriginal Justice Unit, Birth Deaths and Marriages, Fines Recovery Unit)
- Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission
- Territory Families
- Child Australia
- Catholic Care
- Larrakia Nation (Night Patrol, Tenancy support)

