

# CULLEN BAY NEWS

A Quarterly Newsletter for the Residents of Darwin's Best Suburb

## **Welcome to the July 2016 of the Cullen Bay News.**

*The Cullen Bay Marina Management Corporation is happy to be sending out the Cullen Bay News as a way of keeping our residents more informed as to what is happening in and around our great suburb. We will be sending these out bi-monthly and hopefully you will find something in here that is interesting for everyone.*

**Did you know** – The Marina has been invaded by the foreigners at the moment with several waves of international boats calling into Darwin awaiting the departure of three International Rallies and Races. The first to depart will be the sail Indonesia rally when 43 boats (about six of these are in our Marina at the moment) will depart for Indonesia from the Darwin Sailing Club on the morning of Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July. This is always a spectacle as most vessels will leave under Spinnaker taking advantage of the seasonal South Easterlies. Following them on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August there will be eight boats competing in the locally run Darwin to Ambon Rally, with the World ARC Rally, a round the world race/rally departing on the 29<sup>th</sup> of August with over a dozen competitors. The Marina has a very multicultural feel to it at the moment with boats from America, Sweden, South Africa and New Zealand visiting, so Cullen Bay is an International destination for the boating community. Many people don't realise that Darwin is a recognised entry port for foreign vessels entering Australian Waters and Customs clearances is done on the Cullen Bay pontoon so Cullen Bay is the first Australian soil that these vessels set foot on. We process about 70 boats a year, with the pontoon itself being under constant video surveillance by both Customs Cameras and the CBMMC network



**The AGM is coming** – Yet another year has passed with plenty of things being achieved, and I am proud to announce that the AGM for Cullen Bay Marina Management Corporation will be held on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of August at the Museum Theatre opposite the Ski Club. All documentation for the meeting will be sent out to all Corporation members in the coming weeks, including nomination forms for anyone that would like to join the Committee and have a more active part in the future of Cullen Bay. If anyone would like to discuss anything about the AGM or nomination then please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience. Hopefully we will see you all there .



**Around the Estate** – Whilst we have seen a huge reduction in anti-social behaviour and crime throughout the estate, we still have on plenty of occasions witnessed opportunistic persons walking down our streets at all hours of the night, trying car doors and garage and front doors of residents. We commend many residents for ensuring that their property is secure of an evening, but we cannot stress how important this is to ensure the whole community is safe. In the Commercial Precinct a month or so ago, entry was gained into a Restaurant through an unlocked door, and Alcohol and money from the tips jar was stolen. This started a spate of break-ins with a further four restaurant break-ins occurring within the next two weeks, with two of the restaurants having repeat break-ins. The restaurants installed Alarm systems and the break-ins stopped immediately. This just goes to show that if we make it difficult for these people,

then they will move on to easier targets. A tremendous addition to your home security is the installation of motion sensor lights in your front yards, We can see from the residents that are located near our cameras that have installed sensor lights have on several occasions caused people in their yards to simply move on once the lights are activated. We are still doing up to 10 security patrols of the estate every night, and I am happy to say that our combined efforts are actually working. Well done.

**Territory Day done and dusted.** – Another great Territory Day was enjoyed by all, well apart from the cats and dogs anyway. We once again opened up Cullen Beach for fireworks, placing signage in other areas of the estate directing people to this area. All in all, most people were very well behaved with only a couple of incidents that we observed. One car threw a firework out of the car into one of our elfresco areas, unaware that our vehicle was following him and we got it all on camera. After a call to our friendly boys in blue who paid the person in question a visit the following day, we received a call back from the Police thanking us and informing us that the \$1880 fine that was given made the person involved realised it was a pretty dumb thing to do. The same went for the people letting off fireworks from one of the Apartment Buildings the night after Territory Day.



**Landscaping the Estate** - We are currently rolling out our improvements to the Causeways on Gribble and Perkins Courts that are a jointly funded project between CBMMC and the City of Darwin. I am very pleased to say that the projects is rolling over very nicely with Gribble Court being completed already, and Perkins Court soon to follow. There has been fairly substantial works going on in these areas that have given the landscapers some interesting challenges as the slope of the gardens is very extreme, and all the old top soil had to be removed, new soil replaced, weed matting installed, new irrigation, Plants and the new rock cover. We would like to thank the residents in

the immediate areas for their co-operation and patience whilst we have had machinery working in the area, however I am sure you will agree that the end result will be worth it. Whist the gardens look great now. Within a couple of months once the plants get established we will see a blanket of purple in these areas that will really make the streets look something special. We will also be planning a new avenue of trees in Kahlin Beach over the next week or so as per our long term plans as highlighted in the Revitalisation Plan, as it is only a matter of time till our avenue of Palms in this area that have been planted on top of a water main will have to be removed.



**2016 C.B.M.M.C. AGM  
MUSEUM THEATRETTE  
6.00PM WEDNESDAY THE 24<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST 2016**