

NAUIYU Daly River, Northern Territory

NT's 2007 Pick of the Litter Award Winner & National finalist 2008

Situated approx 350kms south west of Darwin

Population: approx 600

1 Welcome

NAUIYU Daly River is situated approx 350kms south west of Darwin. The Primary School community is committed to developing pride amongst its students. Environmental improvement approaches are conducted within the school including recycling, reducing litter together with beautifying school grounds. The Community Council takes on the role of coordinating numerous activities and projects and in particular focuses on beautification, recycling and litter reduction.

2 Can recycling

There is major focus on a recycling within the community with various items including cardboard, bottles and cans being collected, sorted, packaged and recycled. Members of the community are committed to ensuring the township and its surrounds are in particularly free of discarded drink cans. The community workforce works each fortnight for two days in collecting, crushing and bailing cans to be delivered to Darwin for recycling. Approx \$5 000 is raised each year which assists in funding activities for local school children.

3 Litter & public recycling

There is major focus on litter reduction with numerous bins in place throughout the community to help reduce unwanted litter within this unique outback environment. Ongoing sweeping and clean ups ensure that the NAUIYU Daly River environment continues to be well presented. The CDEP scheme is a key to the success of this community approach to litter reduction and beautification.

4 Mission church

Pride in the community is a key within NAUIYU Daly River, in particular with respect to the town's Mission church and its surroundings. The community is to be congratulated on their well kept church building and its presentation within. Colourful indigenous hangings and posters are welcoming and provide a wonderful link between culture and religion.

5 Art Gallery

The community of NAUIYU Daly River, the Merrepen people, have a rich heritage and lifestyle. Dreamings have historic origins and are handed down forever. The NAUIYU Daly River community have a special place in history, and they now share their country and heritage through their paintings, crafts and tourism. The Merrepen Art Gallery is a great example of numerous local artists displaying their wonderful interpretations of country and heritage.

6 General

Well kept sporting facilities are maintained with the community encouraged to get involved in activities to ensure a healthy lifestyle. Residents demonstrate pride in keeping public and private areas clean and free from litter with the local Police station leading by example in maintaining an extensive yard and garden area.

Further highlights

The Nauiyu Nambiyu Community Government Council is dedicated to offering the best services to the community. It takes an active approach to working with the community to create a place that all residents can be proud to live. The Council's website is particularly proactive in keeping everyone up to date with what is happening within the community. (www.nauiyunambiyu.nt.gov.au)

The community was originally formed in the mid 1950's as a Catholic Mission. Although local administration is under the Council, the work of the Church is still important. The remains of the Jesuit missions can be found on the western side of the river at Daly River Mango Farm and on Elizabeth Downs Station.

Council's vision is to improve the overall living conditions of the community and to promote a greater capacity within them for self management and self sufficiency.

The town is well served with an extremely efficient and active CDEP program, a busy community supermarket, takeaway, social club, sports facilities including hall, swimming pool and oval, an airport, church, health centre, mechanical workshop and civil engineering section.

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