



THE TIWI

NEWS for
Traditional
Owners



CEO's Message

Hello Everyone and welcome back to *The Tiwi* News Edition No 40.

TLC has been busy over the past six months addressing issues in relation to land use, leases and other matters. What clearly should be pointed out to all, is that under the ALRA (Aboriginal Land Rights Act) decisions made on the use of land, need to be made by the 'Clan Group'.



A. Tipungwuti, CEO

So, this means consultations with the Clan Group, not just Executive and land council members, need to be held prior to making decisions on land use.

Having Derek Mayger back on staff as our Chief Financial Officer/Principal Legal Officer, has enabled us to catch up on several outstanding matters. Other new staff include, Leonie Melder - (Senior Administration Officer) and Emma Kerinauia - (Registrar).

Tiwi Land Council - Registrar

Since Emma has been appointed as Registrar one of her priorities has been to ensure that, the Tiwi Land Council has a list of Traditional Owners for each clan group compiled. Emma is continuously updating the Register and this is one of those functions of the Land Council that will be ongoing and will be a live document.

The Tiwi Land Council members are very pleased that the TO Register is being maintained.

Emma presented each Trustee, a clan group list of all the current members and a new member template at a full land council meeting held on Melville Island in December.

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**New Tiwi Land Council office at:
116 Reichardt Road, Winnellie 0821**

Good to know

Tiwi Forest - First load of Tiwi pine logs shipped.



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There will be meetings held with individual clan groups during the year for the purpose of verifying the existing list of members, since members could move to different locations. Births and Deaths may need to be updated too.

The traditional owners register is an ongoing function of the Registrar.

We have met with several clan groups to do discuss issues affecting their land, they include:

- Tikilaru – in relation to Sand Extraction, also to advise the completion of leases for the Lighthouse at Cape Fourcroy and the Bathurst Island Lodge transfer to Matt Wright.
- Yimpinari – to discuss potential mining on their land and Administration matters in relation to TIA.



- Mantiyupwi – outstanding lease payments, relating to several leases have been addressed. Work will commence soon on the new Visitor Centre/Pontoon/Jetty.
- Munupi – TLC is still working with OTL, Munupi and Tuwanapila Directors to expedite the release of funds connected with the Economic Development Plan and Charitable Status requirement.



Tikilaru meeting discussing sand extraction



Mantiyupwi landowners giving consent for the visitors welcoming centre

New and returning TLC staff members



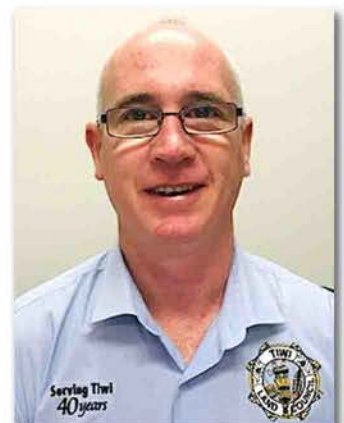
New staff member:

Emma Kerinauia
Tiwi Land Council
Registrar



New staff member:

Leonie Melder
Senior Administration
Officer



Returning staff member:

Derek Mayger
PLO & CFO
(Principal Legal Officer and
Chief Finance Officer at TLC)



CEO's Message



We have now relocated to the new Land Council office in Winnellie. Tiwi now have a place we own and can conduct our Darwin based business from.

We extend an invitation to all Tiwi Entities to use the Boardroom facility we have, to conduct any business dealing. Contact one of our staff to book the Boardroom.

New Tiwi Land Council office
116 Reichardt Road
Winnellie NT 0821



Our Chairman Gibson and I attended a joint meeting with all CEO'S & Chairmen from Land Councils recently to discuss the National Partnership Agreement with Minister Scullion in Alice Springs.

Minister Scullion has indicated that all the Land Councils should have input into the delivery of housing across the NT for indigenous people. The Land Councils agree to having a direct involvement with the Commonwealth Government and the NT Government in how remote Indigenous housing should be delivered.

TLC has also received support from ABA - (Aboriginal Benefit Account) to fund some works on outstations. We have been working closely with TIRC to determine where this funding can be allocated. Unfortunately, funding is restrictive in how it can be applied. It cannot be used for repairs to housing. Assessments have been conducted on all outstations and bush holiday camps late last year by me and other government entities. Samir Raut (NBC Consultants) has also been involved in the process. TLC full council endorsed that the funding should apply to the outstations only on this occasion.

As we move forward, we will continue to consult and meet with clans, organisations including the NTG and Commonwealth Govt's to work towards a better and prosperous Tiwi future.

*Andrew Tipungwuti, CEO
Tiwi Land Council*

If there is anything that TLC can assist you with, please contact our office and schedule an appointment.
Ph: 8997 0797



Frederick Mungatopi 1958 - 2019



Our sorrow in the passing of our past Chairman is mixed with gratitude for his unique life devoted to family and the service of his people. He confronted the challenges of his years with joyful good humour and optimism capable of relieving the anxiety of those around him.

Our thoughts are with Katrina and family. Thank you for sharing his life with us all.

Frederick Mungatopi was our Chairman of the Tiwi Land Council from 2003 to 2006

Tiwi Resources News



Tiwi Resources has expanded its board to ensure there is 1 member from each of the 8 land owning groups. The new board had its first meeting in November 2018. Board members are:



We are continuing to work with the community to manage income received from land use, and also have some exciting new programs happening. We are working with the Tiwi Land Council to move the Tiwi Ranger program fully into Tiwi Resources, partly funded through a 3-year contract with ILC for fire management.

Other projects coming under the Tiwi Resources umbrella include a land use planning project with Deakin University in Melbourne, and a bush medicine project with Menzies. Both projects involve consultation with community, and we look forward to talking with families about them. Getting input and advice from the community is a key aspect of how we want these projects to proceed.

Mantiyupwi

Malawu

Mirrakawuyanga

Munupi

Tikilaru

Wulirankuwu

Wurankuwu

Yimpinari

Linda Pupangamirri

Jane Puautjimi

Adonis Wommatakimmi

Willie Rioli

Nilus Kerinauia

Wendy Miller

Ron Poantimilui

Alice Munkara (Chair)



Tiwi Forestry update

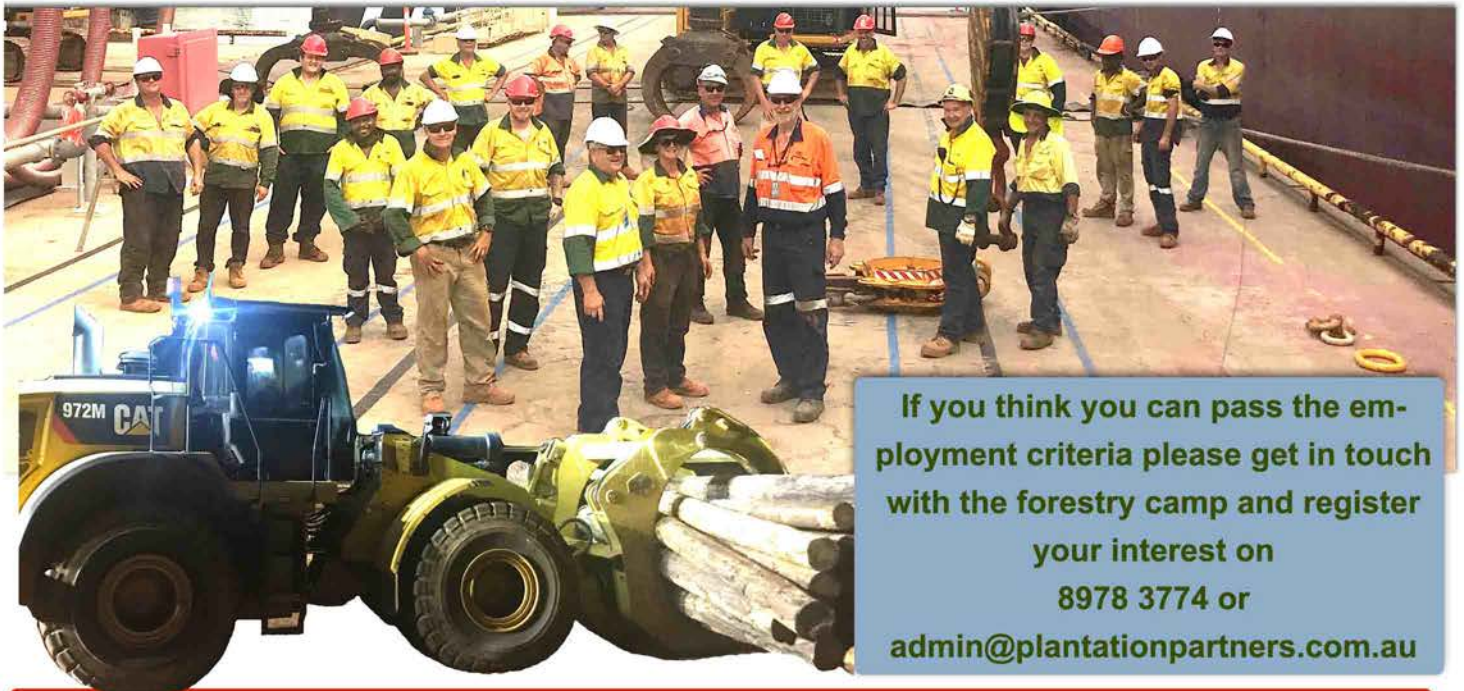


2019 is leading up to be a busy year for PMP and TPC.

After the loading of two vessels (log and woodchip) in December the forestry project has seen a big maintenance shutdown, this has seen a lot of the equipment being repaired but also new trucks and equipment being purchased to help make the project more efficient this year.

Operations will ramp up in April and remain very busy until December. What does this mean? The roads will have larger trucks operating on them but more road maintenance. It also means less trucks on the roads due to the trucks carting larger loads.

The opportunities for work have increased, Operating machinery, trucks and also road works, port works and loading vessels.



If you think you can pass the employment criteria please get in touch with the forestry camp and register your interest on 8978 3774 or admin@plantationpartners.com.au

Safety in 2019!

With us having larger trucks on the roads we ask you to take care when passing on corners or in heavy dust. If you can't see ahead of the truck please drive carefully.

We like to hear how our drivers are seen out there so if you have comments, both good and bad, let us know at the camp.



Type of trucks on the road

Fire season is nearly here!

We will also be getting out into the communities with the fire season approaching. We would like to save as many Tiwi trees as we can in 2019 and are looking to have a fire open day letting everyone know how they can play their part in helping save those Tiwi trees.

If you see smoke in plantations please call the Forestry Camp office on 8978 3774.

Notices for the open day will be put up in community notice boards so keep an eye out.

Tiwi Rangers NAPCAN training



In late February Tiwi Land & Marine Rangers completed two and a half days of training with the National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN).

NAPCAN's strategy is to support and encourage changes in individual and community behaviour to stop child abuse and neglect before it starts.

Rangers regularly do school talks and take students on work experience, so this training is important.

During the training Rangers learned that protecting children is the responsibility of every adult.

Rangers will work to keep children connected to family, community, language and culture and be leaders who stand up for the rights of children and advocate for their best interests.

Rangers will encourage an environment for children where they feel safe, thrive and can develop positive relationships with adults and peers.

All Rangers are required to have an Ochre Card as part of their Commonwealth Funding Agreement.

Anybody who comes into contact with children through their work is required by law to have an Ochre card.

*Bruce Holland,
Tiwi Fire Coordinator*



Sample of Tiwi Rangers "Ochre Card"



Planning for sustainable land use on the Tiwi Islands



Late last year we heard the news that a new research project will be funded by the Australia Research Council, in a partnership between the Tiwi Land Council, Deakin University (in Melbourne), Melbourne University, and Charles Darwin University. The project aims to bring together Tiwi knowledge and scientific knowledge and information, to support Tiwi decisions about land management and development on the Tiwi Islands.



The research team includes many familiar faces, including Alan Andersen (previously with CSIRO), Hugh Davies and Marg Ayre, and some people working with Tiwi for the first time: Emily Nicholson, Jane Elith, Guru Guillera-Arroita, Brett Bryan and Tom Kompas. Many of us visited the Tiwi Islands in 2016 (see photo) and in December 2018, and have attended SRC meetings. Importantly, we have funding to employ a Tiwi research assistant to work with us on the project.

The first steps of the project will be to work with Landowners to identify what is important for Tiwi people that land management and development can affect, both positively and negatively. We will do this through meetings and discussions, like our discussions with Landowners and Rangers in 2016. This includes working out what different options are for management and development, and how they might affect things that matter to Tiwi people, such as mangroves, special places and plants and animals. For example, one option is a new Indigenous Protected Area, and we want to measure how it can benefit people and nature. Hopefully we will be able to provide information that Tiwi decision-makers need to make the best decisions for Tiwi land and Tiwi people.

Emily Nicholson, Deakin University
Kate Hadden, Tiwi Land Council



Science Reference Committee meeting at Clearwater Lodge



In December last year, Clearwater Lodge at Pirlangimpi hosted the 12th TLC/University of Melbourne Science Reference Committee meeting. We had a brilliant turnout with over 30 people attending, and the conversations were lively and interesting.

An exciting part of this meeting was formalising the committee through a Memorandum of Understanding and Terms of Reference.

Some of the topics covered were:



Peter Vesik, SRC Chair and Gibson F. Illortaminni, TLC Chair signing the MOU

How to measure and manage the impacts of fishing on Tiwi waters.

Creating a system for storing information about Tiwi plants and animals that Tiwi people can look at on their phones.

Research about how fire affects the way young trees grow on country.

Finding out how many feral cats there are on the Islands, and how much damage they are doing to Tiwi animals.

A project with Tiwi Marine Rangers to see how turtle eggs would survive rises in sea level.

How Tiwi communities might be affected by climate change, and what we can do about it.

Collecting Tiwi cultural information and bringing it home.

Finding out how Tiwi animals are affected by fire.

The best way of creating conservation areas on the Tiwi Islands.

A project talking to Landowners about long-term land use planning, and how they want their country to look in the future.



Programs to engage Tiwi youth and school students in science.

Greetings from Tiwi College



Term 1 here on campus has been a busy one so far and is flying by quickly. We are just over half way through the first term for 2019 and have much news to report. We are happy to say that we saw a record number of returning students attend the first day back of school this year and this has set the tone for high expectations and great achievements for the year. New students and staff have settled well into the college and the Tiwi way and all continue to embrace and promote our collective college values of trust, respect, care and mercy.

A record number of our senior students are embarking on school based traineeships in 2019 and work experience and building and construction dates are already planned and being prepared for.

Five of our senior young women will be attending a book reception event in Darwin next week to acknowledge and celebrate their illustration work on books written by author Margaret James. Our senior young men have commenced their training and work in their SEDA Sport and Recreation course and begun delivering football clinics to local primary schools.

Male and female fishing excursions last week marked our mid-term point and both groups caught some amazing fish they could be proud of and everyone had a great time enjoying the beauty and spoils of Jessie River.

On Friday 15th March Tiwi College will be involved in the nation-wide 'Bullying. No way!' initiative and will acknowledge the event with in class learning on the topic, a poster competition and themed assembly. Our Primary and Junior male and female classes will also get to enjoy some traditional Tiwi Culture late this term through a collaboration between our Tiwi Academy and Jilamara Art Centre and this cultural learning will continue throughout the year with an Academy planned cultural camp and intensive Culture Week to come later on.



Our Primary class continues to grow in size and skills this year.



Our male and female mid-term fishing trips to Jessie River were enjoyed by staff and students alike.



The local creek is always a popular spot to cool down and put on a mud mask on a hot afternoon at the college.



It is exciting to see our school family grow and to welcome new members of staff and students to Tiwi College. We hope to keep the positive momentum established this term going all year long and look forward to many great opportunities, experiences and growth together.

Mana,
Cally Jetta
Academic Coordinator



Port Melville

What's happening at Port Melville?

December and January were a very busy period at the Port. On 27th December the bulk carrier 'MV Alpha Bulker' departed loaded with 13,000 cubic metres of pine logs and on 2 January the 'MV Green Harvest' departed with approximately 35,000 tonnes of woodchips.

This represents shipment #1 of Tiwi pine logs and shipment #15 of woodchips to the world.

Both these loading operations were achieved safely, which is a credit to the Port and PMP teams.

Bunkering operations also continue to progress with several vessels taking fuel at the Port.



MV Green Harvest loading operations at Port Melville

Exciting news!

On the 18th January, NT Port and Marine were very pleased to sign an agreement to become the principal sponsors of the Tiwi Islands AFL competition for the 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 seasons. It is hoped that our sponsorship will assist with the continued success of the TIAFL as both a competition and source of the finest players to be seen in the AFL!





Meet the Port Melville Team

Shelby Noble and Steve Simpson are the Port's Health, Safety, Environmental and Quality officers. Their task is to make sure that everything we do at the Port is done safely, that no injury or harm comes to anyone, that the environment is respected and protected. This applies to all activities and personnel at the Port whether this be the NTPM team, contractors or visitors.

NTPM is part of AusGroup and thus we are committed to the 'Perfect Day' philosophy which can be summarised as 'A day where there are zero injuries or incidents, there is no harm to the environment and all our employees return home in the condition in which they arrived is the definition of a Perfect Day'.



Shelby Noble



Steve Simpson

Shelby Noble:

"Growing up in a fishing community gave me a love of the environment and all things marine. I studied Marine and Environmental Science at university and ended up working as a marine scientist for the Department of Parks and Wildlife before moving on to study humpback whales in both the north of WA and in Puerto Rico. I worked as a quarantine and environmental officer on Chevron's Gorgon Project where I helped to manage 40+ vessels, crew and Cargo. Now working for NT Port and Marine at Port Melville I am able to combine all my favourite things – Marine and Environmental Science, Boats and an amazing community all in a beautiful location."

Steve Simpson:

"After 6 years in the army I went pro fishing on abalone and crayfish in Tassie then 4 years Prawn Trawling in Queensland. Moved back to the mining sector around 1997. Worked as an operator, supervisor, trainer and then decided to put something back into the industry so I moved into HSE around 7 years ago. Left mining about 2 years ago and moved into Maritime Logistics. Been with NTPM since March last year. Love the Tiwi Islands, the people, history etc, and seeing the Port develop to where it is today. Great bunch of people to work with."



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Funeral Information Notice from the CEO

There have been several meetings in relation to the new Morgue on Bathurst Island. We have been advised by NT HEALTH, that they will manage the morgue and it is now in a satisfactory position for operation.

TLC has purchased a morgue/funeral 4x4 vehicle to assist with funeral and transportation of deceased persons. This may also assist with reducing the cost associated with funerals.

TIRC has committed to having a space to hold flat pack coffins and the running of the ferry service out of hours if there becomes a need to travel to Melville Island to transfer a deceased person to the Morgue.

It is important to note that Tiwi Land Council is funded a set amount to assist in the holding of a funeral. Tiwi Enterprises arrange the funerals and Ray has done a great job over the years for us. Once the amount of money Land council is allocated is spent, then families must find the rest of the money. Clans may be able to assist.

Land Council is not funded by the government and does not have the money to fly family anywhere in relation to funerals.

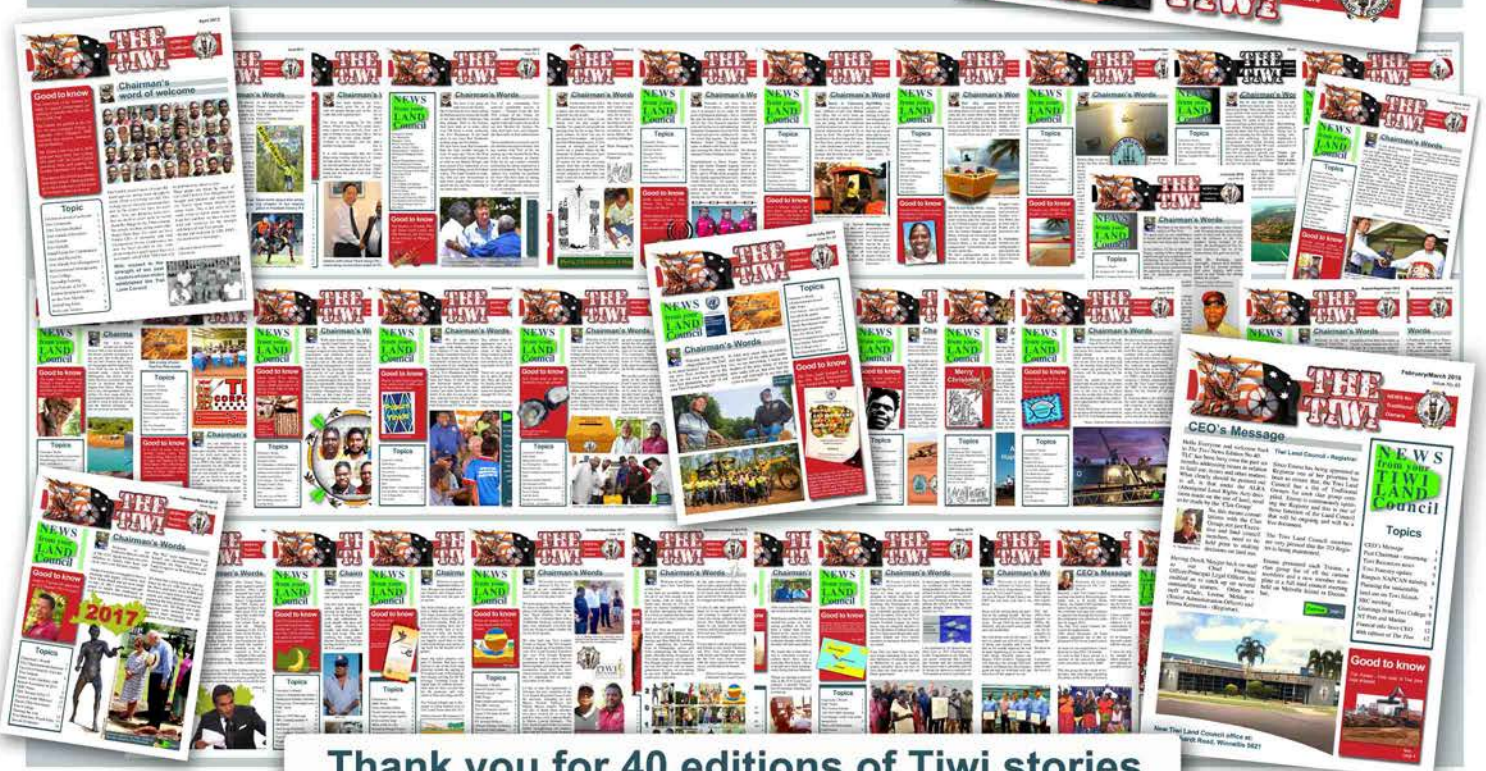
They are also not funded to provide for dancers or food.

Costs increase when a deceased person must be flown to Darwin. The Morgue can only hold a deceased person for a limited amount of days before the body would have to be flown to Darwin as the Morgue facility is not a Freezer. Where possible funerals should be conducted on island within 7 days of the death of a person.

Andrew Tipungwuti, CEO TLC



40th edition of *The Tiwi*



Thank you for 40 editions of Tiwi stories