



THE TIWI

NEWS for
Traditional
Owners



NEWS from your LAND Council

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Chairman's Words



Soon we start a New Year – 2014.

It will still be a year of new fruits and animals and fish on our land. But 2014 will also be the year of harvesting things that our elders planted long ago – JOBS and Tiwi business that feeds the strength of our lives today.

For two years this newspaper has recorded our planning for the things we need in 2014 – our Port; our Harvesting Equipment; our Investment money. Now the NT Government finally getting behind us to support our own Tiwi economy – something that has never happened before.

It is the year for real TIWI JOBS - for Harvesting and Chipping and Trucking and Shipping and Planting New Crops – Why? So our kids can finally believe in jobs on our land and can go to school to learn what that means; and can have children themselves who can really see that their own parents did think about the best for their future and wanted that they live stronger and better Tiwi lives.

Thank you for your support for our Land Council and for our Elders through this year. Hope you all have a Safe and Happy Christmas.

Gibson Farmer Illortaminni, Chairman Tiwi Land Council



**DONE
2013**

Port Melville at Melville Island
Wharf constructed 2013
- private investment



Bathurst Island Lodge
One of three Tiwi Islands Adventures exclusive fishing lodges
Reconstructed and renovated 2013
- private investment



Piliyamanyirra Shopping Centre at Wurrumiyanga, Bathurst Island
Built in 2013
- private investment

Merry Christmas



Tiwi Islands Adventures Wins Major Tourism Award



We are very pleased to pass on the great news that our very own Tiwi Islands Adventures business recently won the prestigious Brolga Award for tourism excellence in the category of 'Adventure Tourism'. The Brolga Awards is the official tourism industry awards program for the Northern Territory.

so this is a fantastic achievement for the Tiwi Islands Adventures team and a win that all Tiwi people should be very proud of'. Andrew told us that, as a winner of a 2013 Brolga Award, Tiwi Islands Adventures automatically becomes a finalist in the 2013 Qantas Australian National Tourism Awards.



Andrew Tipungwuti

Tiwi Islands Adventures Chairman, Mr Andrew Tipungwuti said, "Brolga Awards are only awarded to the very best and most professional tourism businesses in the NT,

A Tiwi business winning a national award for tourism. How good would that be! The judging takes place in Sydney during February so stay tuned..!



NORTHERN TERRITORY TOURISM AWARDS

Winner Adventure Tourism



Nigel Baxter and Janie Morgan, Management Tiwi Islands Adventures picking up the NT Tourism Award on behalf of Chairman Andrew Tipungwuti at the Brolga award ceremony in Alice Springs



Bathurst Island Lodge



Johnson River Camp



Melville Island Lodge

Managers' Notes

Your TLC Executive and Delegates pay our respects to those family members who have passed away over the past months. We would like to again inform our Tiwi Community of work that we are doing with the Northern Territory Government. It is the same work we have been doing for 35 years – attracting investment to drive our private economy and get jobs. At the Full TLC meeting on the 3rd of December, we signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the NTG to work together to do these things with their support. To attract investment and to develop economic opportunities for the benefit of our people.

NO LAND HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR INVESTMENT. THERE CAN BE NO LEASES UNTIL INVESTORS TELL US WHAT THEY WANT.

The Law is clear. Before any leases can be agreed, the Tiwi Land Council must be satisfied that:

- 1. How much land. Where is it?**
- 2. The Traditional owners understand the nature and purpose of the use of the land.**
- 3. That they together agree.**
- 4. That others who may be affected can say so.**
- 5. That the terms and conditions are reasonable.**
- 6. AND that the Federal Minister agrees it has all been done properly.**

The decision on whether or not to lease any Tiwi land is a decision for the Traditional Owners and we will hold many meetings with you before any lease can be agreed. That is Tiwi way. That is the legal way too.



Managers Tiwi Land Council

Our landowners know the proper way. Others just make-up stories. Like stories complaining how NTG supporting our business to unlock our assets – Forestry, Tourism, and Ferry and so on strengthens our own business. Business have jobs and training and education that our kids need. Complainers ask why themselves don't get this money for themselves? Pretty simple! Sit down money for Sit down people is not a vision our leaders have for our future. NTG doesn't either. They have supported our vision for business because we have business. Now we have a Port that will make many more businesses possible. Business grows people's lives. Giving money to people for doing nothing hurts their lives.

NTG has not paid money for any leases. They have supported our businesses and agreed to attract more business and investment to our Islands.

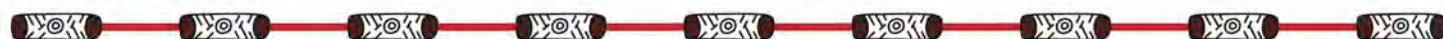
This is a commitment in good faith from the NTG to assist us in bringing the vision and dreams of our past and present leaders to fruition - to finally harvest and export our plantation assets. Giving people money cannot do that. Supporting our business can. We hope this better explains some of the issues that we are currently dealing with and we ask that members of our great Tiwi community come and talk to your TLC Representatives if you have further questions about these or other issues that affect you.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish all our Tiwi families and friends of the Tiwi a great, safe and happy Christmas and New Year period.

Management Committee Tiwi Land Council



Chief Minister Adam Giles, Chairman Gibson Illortaminni and Danny Munkara, Chairman Tiwi Aboriginal Land Trust signing Memorandum of Understanding 3rd of December 2013 at full Land Council meeting, Wurrumiyanga



Memorandum of Understanding



 Northern Territory
Government



TIWI ISLANDS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

TIWI ABORIGINAL LAND TRUST

AND

TIWI LAND COUNCIL

AND

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

DETAILS

The Tiwi Aboriginal Land Trust, Tiwi Land Council and Northern Territory Government are committed to economic development on the Tiwi islands and the creation of jobs for Tiwi people.

The Tiwi people have a proud history of commerce and today own and operate a number of successful enterprises. The Tiwi people recognise that investment and development will create additional opportunities on the Islands for Tiwi people.

The Northern Territory Government is committed to a prosperous Territory for the benefit of all Territorians. The Territory supports the goal of Tiwi people to achieve economic independence from welfare through work and creation of wealth.

1. The parties agree to work together to sustain a prosperous economy in the Tiwi Islands region.
2. The parties will negotiate in good faith to enter into a Partnership Agreement to unlock the potential of the Tiwi Islands region and encourage new investments and the growth of existing businesses, particularly in the pastoral, agricultural, aquaculture, and tourism sectors.
3. The parties will work together to secure additional partners in the Partnership Agreement.
4. The parties will use their best endeavours to finalise and sign the Partnership Agreement by 31 January 2014.
5. The Partnership Agreement will:
 - (a) identify key principles underpinning the partnership;
 - (b) establish a framework to progress economic development for the Tiwi Islands region; and
 - (c) provide for transparent and accountable governance of projects carried out under the Partnership Agreement, including the formation of a steering committee and the implementation of a review mechanism.
6. The parties will conduct relevant stakeholder consultation in developing the Partnership Agreement and will be available for consultation at the request of the other party as reasonably appropriate.

Facts

There are an average of five Crocs living along every one kilometre of river in N.T.

About 1 in every 80 births in Australia is a TWIN.

Message from Member for Arafura



2013 has been a great year for the electorate of Arafura, especially in regards to education. I would like to congratulate George Kypreos, who recently graduated from Kormilda College and will next year go on to study politics at University. I also would like



Francis Kurrupuwu with Komilda College graduate Georg Kypreos

to congratulate the following girls who graduated from Xavier Catholic College; Louise Murphy-Munkara, Edwina Portaminni, Noreen Mungatopi, Sabrina Vigona, Stanalisha Coombes-Tipiloura and Colleen McPherson. Education is a very important issue to me and I am very proud that these young Tiwi people have all achieved this momentous stage in their lives. I wish them all the best in the future and know they will go on to do great things.

Recently I welcomed the announcement by the Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Local Government and Regions David Tollner of \$42,000 for funding for the Wurrumiyanga swimming pool. I am very excited about the news, as the upgrade would be a great boost for the community. This funding will finally complete the works at the pool, which will allow tiles to be repaired, new shade sails and a drinking fountain.

The Territory Government and the Tiwi Land Council have signed a Memorandum of Understanding recognising their shared vision for economic development and jobs on the Tiwi Islands. I believe that this historic event marks the start of a new era of cooperation between governments and land councils and I look forward to working with the Tiwi people over the months and years ahead as we try to build an economy on the islands. The goal is to create jobs and break the cycle of welfare dependency that has held people back for so long. Under this Memorandum of Understanding, the Government and the Tiwi Land Council agree to work together to sustain a prosperous economy on the islands.



Adam Giles, Francis Kurrupuwu, Danny Munkara, Gibson Illortaminni on 3rd of December 2013, Wurrumiyanga

The festive season is upon us and Christmas is a time for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, humanity and family; although in today's society this is something that is forgotten and instead people celebrate receiving and giving presents. Although I love this aspect of Christmas we must be mindful that the tradition of Christmas is not materialistic it is family and love.

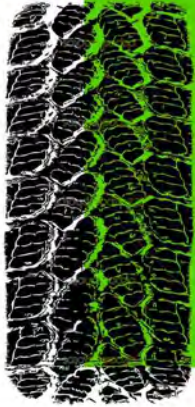
I would like to put on record my thanks to the Tiwi Land Council for their support this past year; it has been a pleasure working with them in the electorate of Arafura. I look forward to working closely with them in 2014, to improve the Tiwi Islands. Mostly I would like to thank the people of Tiwi for their kindness and support. I wish you all a very safe and merry Christmas and a happy new year.

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Tiwi Enterprises



Announcement

Tiwi Enterprises is pleased to announce that Colin Paarman will be returning to Wurrumiyanga to manage the NGUIU garage in January 2014.

Colin will be joined by Dale McCormack who worked at the garage about two years ago. We are looking forward to a very busy and successful year in 2014.



Tiwi Enterprises' Story



Danny Munkara and Ivan Fernando presenting the Tiwi Enterprises' Story in Alice Springs



Tiwi Enterprises was invited to present their story of success to the 2013 Indigenous Economic Development Forum held in Alice Springs in October.

Danny Munkara and Ivan Fernando delivered the presentation to delegates from across Australia, mostly other indigenous business operators, but also government and other business representatives.

The forum provided an excellent opportunity to promote and share the Tiwi Enterprises' story.



Are you looking for

- Vehicles for Hire?
- Accommodation for Rent?
- Lawn Mowing?

Contact Yvonne or Sharon on 8941 1162 or visit www.tiwienterprises.com




OPENING HOURS

Weekdays
9.00am - 1.00pm
2.00pm - 5.00pm

Saturdays
9.00am - 12.30pm



Are feral cats killing off our native wildlife?



National Environmental Research Program



Our native mammals are in broad-scale decline and scientists believe cats are one of the most significant factors

Researchers from the Northern Territory Government have entered into a research agreement with the Tiwi Land Council to undertake mammal and reptile surveys in the south-eastern area of Bathurst Island, with help from Tiwi Land Rangers.

On the first trip in May this year, 24 cameras were set up to get photos of native mammals and find out if there are any feral cats in the area.

In mid-September, the researchers and rangers continued collecting baseline data of mammal and reptile numbers, and samples for a wildlife health and disease investigation. Good numbers of possum, bandicoot and reptiles were caught.

This project, funded by the Northern Australia hub of the National Environmental Research Program, aims to build a better understanding of where feral cats are across northern Australia, which habitats they prefer, and how significant a problem they are for native animals.

Being such effective hunters and predators, cats can have a profound effect on small mammal and reptile populations because native animals did not evolve with this introduced species. Stomach content analysis has shown us that each feral cat kills between 5-30 animals per night (including invertebrates). Cats can also transmit disease to mammals which could place further pressure on declining populations.

Urban and domestic cats were the original source of feral cat populations and continue to add to their numbers. **People can help by getting their cats de-sexed, never letting them roam free, and reporting any sightings of feral cats to the Tiwi Land Council.**

So far the cameras and surveys have only detected one feral cat, but a cat cull may need to be considered on the Tiwi Islands if more feral cats are found.

For more information go to www.nerpnorthern.edu.au or phone (08) 8946 7444.



Ginger moggie - Feral cat captured on one of the 24 camera traps



A brushtail possum being removed from a cage trap



Data is recorded about each mammal trapped



Health checks are conducted to further understand the mammal populations of the region

Year 12 completed on Tiwi Island



This year, Xavier Catholic College Wurrumiyanga (XCCW) and the whole school community is celebrating a monumental occasion. At the end of 2013, six XCCW students – Louise Murphy-Munkara, Edwina Portaminni, Noreen Mungatopi, Sabrina Vigona, Stanalisha Coombes-Tipiloura and Colleen McPherson – will be receiving the Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET). What makes this occasion so significant is that these girls will be the first Tiwi students to receive the NTCET whilst completing their studies at a school on the Tiwi Islands.

These girls are a testimony to this program at XCCW and a reminder to all members of the community that age is no barrier to completing their education.

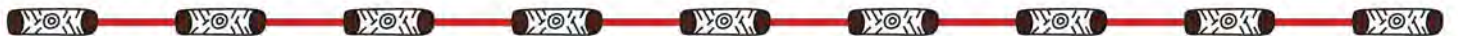


XCCW Graduates: Louise Murphy-Munkara, Edwina Portaminni, Noreen Mungatopi, Sabrina Vigona, Stanalisha Coombes-Tipiloura and Colleen McPherson

As our first Tiwi Island graduates, these girls are leaders and role models for future generations of Tiwi students. They have shown that XCCW students don't need to leave home to complete their senior secondary studies, but can

stay in community and graduate successfully. Three of the graduating students completed their studies as a part of the Year Thirteen program, which was instituted at XCCW at the beginning of 2013. Year Thirteen was started to encourage students that are past school-age to continue attending classes in order to complete their NTCET.

The girls have had a challenging year, coming to school every day and working hard with their teachers to complete all their work and assignments. Their teachers Russell Smith, Cheryl Hughes, Michael Joseph and Tahnee Gale have worked extremely hard alongside these six girls to support them throughout this journey.



Quiz

- Where is the Court that manages Abuse, Hate Speech and threats on Facebook?
a) California/USA b) Ireland/Australia
c) England/Germany
- What do Mangrove worms eat?
a) Insects b) Leaves c) Wood
- How many teeth does a crocodile have?
a) 28 b) 48 c) 68
- A day is the time it takes for the earth to make one complete spin of itself. What is a year?
a) The time taken to spin once around the sun.
b) The time taken to spin 12 times around the moon.
c) The time taken to see the Southern Cross again.
- Who is the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs?
a) Warren Mundine b) Adam Giles
c) Nigel Scullion
- What day of the week is Christmas Day 2013?
a) Monday b) Wednesday c) Sunday
- When does School go back in 2014?
a) 26th January b) 27th January c) 28th January
- Who was the famous Tiwi with a Restaurant named after him?
a) Tudawali b) David Kantilla c) Holder Adams

Quiz answers on page 10

College students teach climate change



In October, Tiwi College students became teachers for a day at Millikapiti School.

CSIRO have been working this year with the senior girls on a range of climate change science activities. The program culminated in the girls visiting Millikapiti School and sharing what they'd learnt throughout the year.

The girls used a range of engaging and fun activities to teach the whole school about climate change. The real teachers were out of a job for the morning! Tiwi College Principal, Ian Smith, was full of praise for the Millikapiti School visit. "Students passing on knowledge to other students.....makes my heart warm", he said.

As part of the program, the senior girls built a large 3 Dimensional model of the Islands to increase their awareness of Tiwi geography, and help communicate the potential implications of rising sea-levels. The girls started out in March with just topographic maps, sheets of cardboard and lots of glue. After months of careful work they had built and painted an impressive model of the islands.

The Tiwi Land Council plan to use model for future landowner consultations about land and sea management. The project is part of the Inspiring Australia: Unlocking Australia's Potential Program, supported by the Australian Government through the Department of Industry.

Barbara Mckaige, CSIRO



Tiwi College girls, Alex Guy and Natalie Lorenzo, demonstrate the 3D model of the Tiwi Islands to Millikapiti primary students.



CSIRO's Maeli Cooper (far left) looks on while Bobette Minniecon and Dellarosa Puruntatameri run an activity for the younger students.

The Murrakapuni and Climate Change song



Tiwi College senior girls Nancy Puruntatameri, Jessica Bailey and Alex Guy recording lyrics.



The senior girls were filmed by VAMPtv's Todd Williams to make Murrakapuni and Climate Change song music clip.

This year the Tiwi College senior girls wrote a song about climate change, as part of their work with CSIRO. The song was produced with help from the NT Music School's VAMPtv, an online arts forum for remote schools, and was launched last month across the NT. Have a look on YouTube: <http://youtu.be/chwU6DLQdrk>

Barbara Mckaige, CSIRO



A new computer for every child



It is not often that a school can say it has a computer for every single child who attends the school but MCPS has signed up for a special scheme that allows us to say just that. The computers are called XO's. By next year every child in every class will have an XO of their own to use at school. The XO's will add greater variety to the children's learning.

Ian Marmont, Principal



A Year 1 student using their XO computer for the first time



A highlight of Term 4 was a visit from Cathy Freeman

Cathy spoke to the students about the importance of education and having a dream for your future. The students then watched Cathy winning the 400m at the Sydney Olympics. Cathy hopes to return next year and have the Cathy Freeman Foundation work with our school.

Meredith Quail



"Having a dream.."



Cathy Freeman at MCPS

QUIZ ANSWERS from page 8

1. b) Ireland/Australia (Facebook Statement 15 Nov. 2013)
2. c) Wood
3. c) 68
4. a) Time taken to spin once around the sun.

5. c) Senator Nigel Scullion
6. b) Wednesday, 25th December 2013
7. c) 28th of January 2014
8. b) David Kantilla - Kantilla's at Marrara Stadium

Tiwi Super Trees



Facts

Trials of our Tiwi super Eucalyptus Tree these past four years say it is growing over 1cm every day! – Now over 16metres high.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR**



Find the Word

Find the 19 words below in the grid.
The words can go forward, down or diagonally.
Some letters can be used for 2 words.
Draw a coloured line around each word as you find it.

NEW YEAR
SUPER
TREES
BROLGA
AWARD
FACTS

CHRISTMAS
LANDOWNERS
LAW
LIGHTNING
CROSS
AMEN
MAMMAL

GAP
PORT
PERCENT
HAY
MEN
DREAM

L	A	N	D	O	W	N	E	R	S
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Tiwi Enterprises - Tiwi Ferry

Due to the success of the ferry service it is recommended that you always reserve your seat by **booking with Tiwi Enterprises at Nguui Garage** to avoid being left behind when the ferry is full.

In recent weeks the ferry has been full on several occasions. Any seat purchased up to two hours prior to departure time will be automatically reserved to ensure you can travel on your desired voyage. The cut off point for passengers is 146 including babies and children.



100% TIWI OWNED



TIWI CHRISTMAS FERRY



FULL FARE - \$80 RETURN

CONCESSION FARE:

(Senior & Health Cards) - \$60 RETURN

CHILD (Aged 5 to 14) - \$40 RETURN

CHILDREN (Under 5) - FREE

TIWI ISLAND CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

Sunday, 22nd December 2013: Depart Cullen Bay 1230
Depart Wurrumiyanga 1530

Monday, 23rd December 2013: Depart Cullen Bay 0730
Depart Wurrumiyanga 1030

Thursday, 26th December 2013: Depart Cullen Bay 0730
Depart Wurrumiyanga 1030

Friday, 27th December 2013: Depart Cullen Bay 0730
Depart Wurrumiyanga 1530

Sunday, 29th December 2013: Depart Cullen Bay 1230
Depart Wurrumiyanga 1530