



THE TIWI

NEWS for
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Chairman's Words



Our dry season (Kumunupunari) makes you think about fires and smoke and when the dry winds blow to flatten the grasses. It also makes your skin become dry and flaky. Seems that every season has things we have to manage properly for the land to give us the rewards from our use of it.

leaching out the poisonous yam over three days with songs and stories that purge the bad thinking and demand proper way behavior. Our traditions had it; our life and businesses today must have it too – Andre, Andrew, Jack and Murphy keeping our waters safe for our own best business benefit; Willy and our



Andre Puautjimi, TIA employee and Marine Ranger at Port Hurd

Good to know

Jennifer Clancy is now our new Chairperson of the Tiwi Education Board. (p.3)



This is our busy time – managing fires; clearing roads; construction of our Port; tending our plantations; looking after the 700 tourists at our Fishing Lodges; making sure our Turtles and fish are safe and why the Golden Snapper are under threat; working out our budgets and getting Audits done. Our Land Council thinks a lot about proper management. Government has a lot of rules about this.

We have management rules too. Walter and Robert had our first Kalama in May with 36 landowners

Rangers keeping our land safe so our plantations can give us the jobs and rewards of harvest and shipping; Jennifer, now Chair of our Education Board, keeping our kids secure to learn and to enter our workforce. Proper way behavior keeps every generation safe.

It includes respect. We all cherish our memories of those very strong people who have left us these past months and whose lives we continue to hold dear as part of our own. *Gibson Farmer Illortaminni*
Chairman

Jobs at Tiwi Islands Adventures



Tiwi Islands Adventures (TIA) operates Melville Island Lodge, Bathurst Island Lodge and the Johnson River Camp. The business is 100% Tiwi owned and employs 22 hard working staff:

- Fishing guides x 10
- Marine Rangers x 1
- Chefs x 2
- Lodge Managers x 4
- Housekeeping & bar staff x 3
- Darwin Office staff x 2

TIA is 100% committed to employing Tiwi people. We are also fully committed to assisting the Tiwi College with on-the-job training in the hope that some of our College students will one day have the opportunity to join the Tiwi Islands Adventures team. Over the next few editions of The Tiwi, I'll explain what qualifications and skills you'll need to have in order to be considered for a job with us. In this edition I'll briefly explain what a Tiwi Marine Ranger does and what qualifications and skills are needed.

Marine Rangers perform an array of important tasks, which include:

- Assisting NT and Federal agencies monitor illegal fishing activity and border security, plus participate in activities such as fisheries research and monitoring for aquatic pests.
- Liaison with fishing lodge operators on Tiwi coastal and marine management issues.
- Facilitate community management of turtle and dugong populations and habitats.
- Operate and maintain a vessel, vehicle and other equipment associated with the position.

The Marine Ranger for the West Coast of Bathurst Island is Andre Puautjimi. Andre carries out regular boat patrols of the Bathurst coast and rivers observing, recording and reporting his findings to the various authorities. When he's not on patrol Andre actively assists the Bathurst Island Lodge team with various lodge maintenance and guest relations duties.

The Qualifications & Skills Andre needs to perform this role include:

- Successful completion of a Certificate II Fisheries Compliance course
- Successful completion of a Coxswain training course
- Strong people skills and report writing abilities
- Ability to live on-site at Bathurst Island Lodge for extended periods of time
- Ability to work from 6.00am to 6.00pm, including weekends, for up to 10 days at a time
- Being an honest, reliable and hard working person.

If you'd like to receive more information about Marine Ranger Training Courses please contact The Tiwi Islands Training and Employment Board on 89415988.

In the next edition of The Tiwi I'll explain what qualifications and skills you'll need to become a Fishing Guide with TIA.

*Andrew Tipungwuti
Chairman, Tiwi Islands Adventures*



Andre Puautjimi on regular boat patrol; greeting guests at the Bathurst Island Lodge; assisting the Lodge team

Facts

Tiwi owned Fishing Lodges managed by TIA paid Landowners \$21,264.50 for April fishing in their rivers:

Malawu \$3910.50
Ranku \$3960
Tikilaru \$3960

Wulirangkuwu Snake Bay \$3019.50
Yimpinari West \$4356
Yimpinari East \$2079

Munupi East \$2029.50

Managers' Notes



Managers Tiwi Land Council

Over the past couple of months your TLC Managers and delegates have continued to work for you towards building a sustainable and prosperous future for all Tiwi.

High on the priority list has been the new wharf at Port Melville, which as you read this, is steaming towards the Tiwi Islands and should be in place by August.

The vision of Tiwi Education of your leaders, past and present, is really powering ahead with the Tiwi College undergoing its five yearly registration process and excelling in all areas.

Telstra upgrades, permits, land use requests and decisions, forestry, Tiwi Islands Adventures, Man-

tiupwi taking ownership of the motel at Wurrumiyanga, Land Group meetings, Fort Dundas ceremony, imminent announcement of the Tiwi/Darwin Ferry service, and much more are some of the decisions and work being done every day by your TLC Executive Management Committee and delegates.

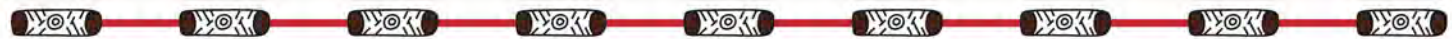
Remember to support your representatives on the Tiwi Land Council and share your ideas and issues so they can be addressed by the members.

Management Committee Tiwi Land Council

Good to know



Jennifer Clancy, a trained Tiwi Teacher, became our Chairperson of the Tiwi Education Board – nominated by Patrick, another professional teacher, and unanimously endorsed by the entire Board. Jennifer is a Mantiyupwi landowner from one of our most illustrious Ulungura families whose land provides the strength and foundation for our Tiwi College.



Diamond Wedding Jubilee

1953



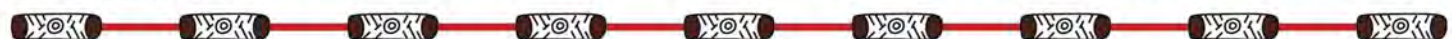
Cyril & Helena at their Wedding on Melville Island 1953

We all congratulate Cyril and Helena Kalippa on their 60th Wedding Anniversary that celebrates their remarkable and unique influence upon our own lives and upon the future of us all. Cyril was the foundation Chairman of our Land Council in 1978 and has guided our decisions with wisdom and humanity through 35 years of challenges and change. Together Cyril and Helena are an enduring example of love and stability during decades of instability. Thank you both for your gentle strength that lifts us all.

2013



Cyril & Helena at their Diamond Wedding at Holy Spirit Church, Darwin



Feral Cat Research



Native mammals killed by cats

Feral cats are a huge problem in Australia, with about 12 million on the Australian mainland and increasing every year. Feral cats eat birds, insects, reptiles, and animals such as possums, bandicoots and even small wallabies. They can have a big impact on island wildlife, and have caused extinctions elsewhere.



Cats eat native birds

Feral cats can also carry infectious diseases such as toxoplasmosis and sarcosporidiosis, which can be passed on to native animals and humans. If rabies were to be accidentally introduced into Australia, there is a high risk that feral cats would be carriers of the disease.



Feral cat



Cats are difficult to control - they are shy, do not take baits readily, move around mostly at night and are difficult to shoot.



Hard to catch



So what can we do? Tiwi Land Rangers are working on a new project with scientists from the National Environmental Research Program (Northern Australia Hub) to find out about the impacts of feral cats on the Tiwi Islands. They have set up some experimental sites outside of Wurrumiyanga, and are doing night trapping to see what animals are around. This dry season they will put a fence around one of the sites to keep cats out, and will measure to see if the native animals are better off inside the protected area. If they are, then we will have a good idea of how much damage cats are causing on the Tiwi Islands. It will take a few years to get the information, but once we have it we can then work out what to do next.

In the meantime, we should all do what we can to keep the Tiwi Islands cat free.



2013 Turtle Research Results



Our turtle research at Cape van Diemen continued this year, with 12 nights in April spent counting the number of turtles nesting along 10km of beach. The numbers were around the same as in past years, telling us that the population is still healthy. Some interesting statistics:

- 196 turtles nested over the 12 nights
- 5 nesting turtles were eaten by crocodiles
- 1 dingo was eaten by a crocodile
- 36 nests were dug up by dingoes
- 8 nests were taken by humans - 6 of those for Melbourne University research



Turtle nesting at Cape van Diemen beach

This year Melbourne University researchers took 520 eggs back to Melbourne to hatch in their laboratory. They will incubate them at different temperatures to see how the hatchlings respond. The information collected will be particularly important if temperatures increase as part of global warming, and will give us some good information for managing turtle survival into the future.



Eggs arrive at Melbourne Airport



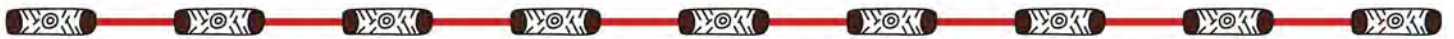
Turtle egg



Eggs weighed for incubators



Eggs in incubator tray



Quiz

- Who introduced AFL Football to the Northern Territory?
a) Brother Pye b) Ted Egan c) Rueben Cooper
- What was the name of the ship that bought the first white settlers to Melville Island?
a) Albion b) Lady Nelson c) Francis
- How much rain did we get this wet season?
a) 1200mm b) 1400mm c) 1900mm
- How much rain do we usually get in the wet season?
a) 1650mm b) 1850mm c) 2050mm
- Who is the Chair of the Tiwi Education Board?
a) Marius b) Patrick c) Jennifer
- What does TAKA mean?
a) Leaf b) Tree c) Bark
- Over how many years have we been trying to register a Tiwi Carbon Project to make money?
a) 1 year b) 3 years c) 4 years
- Who introduced card games and gambling to the Tiwi Islands.
a) Macassans b) white settlers c) Japanese Pearl-ers

Quiz answers on page 10

Tiwi College



Liam Patrick with Ben, Alex, Isadore, Noel and James

In May I had the pleasure of taking five Tiwi College students on a week long trip to Brisbane and the Gold Coast. Ben, Isadore, Alex, Noel and James were selected for the maturity and leadership they display whilst attending school.

At the Gold Coast the boys enjoyed having a swim without having to worry about the threat of crocodiles! There was also a day spent at Dreamworld but the highlight was the time spent at Metricon Stadium where we got to see the Gold Coast Suns train on the Friday and then watched them play on the Saturday night. At training Liam Patrick spent some time chatting with us and having a kick.



James at Dreamworld

From the Gold Coast we met up with Narangba Valley High School (NVHS) who also run an AFL School of Excellence and have visited Tiwi College on several occasions. First of all the boys were introduced to the whole school at assembly. NVHS has more than 2000 students, so at that school there is the same amount of students as the whole population of Tiwi Islands!

The cultural exchange between the students of the two schools has developed extremely well over the past few years and it is something that our younger students should aspire to be part of in the future years.

Ian Brown

Tiwi College Art Exhibition

The show with art works based on the AFL at Alcaston Gallery in Melbourne was a huge success and sold out, with 4 works collected by the Victoria Museum. The boys have been fantastic.



TC students outside Alcaston Gallery, Melbourne



Selected works by (left to right/top to bottom): Steven Stassi; Noel Tipungwuti; Patrick and Gary Puruntatameri; Clancy Puruntatameri; Ian Tipungwuti; Artist Unknown; Donovan Puautjimi; Gary Puruntatameri; Adrian Mungatopi; Anthony Farmer; Antonias Kantilla; Gilbert Alimankinni; Courtney Lynch; Ben Ullungura; Kevin Portaminni



How much carbon is stored on Tiwi?



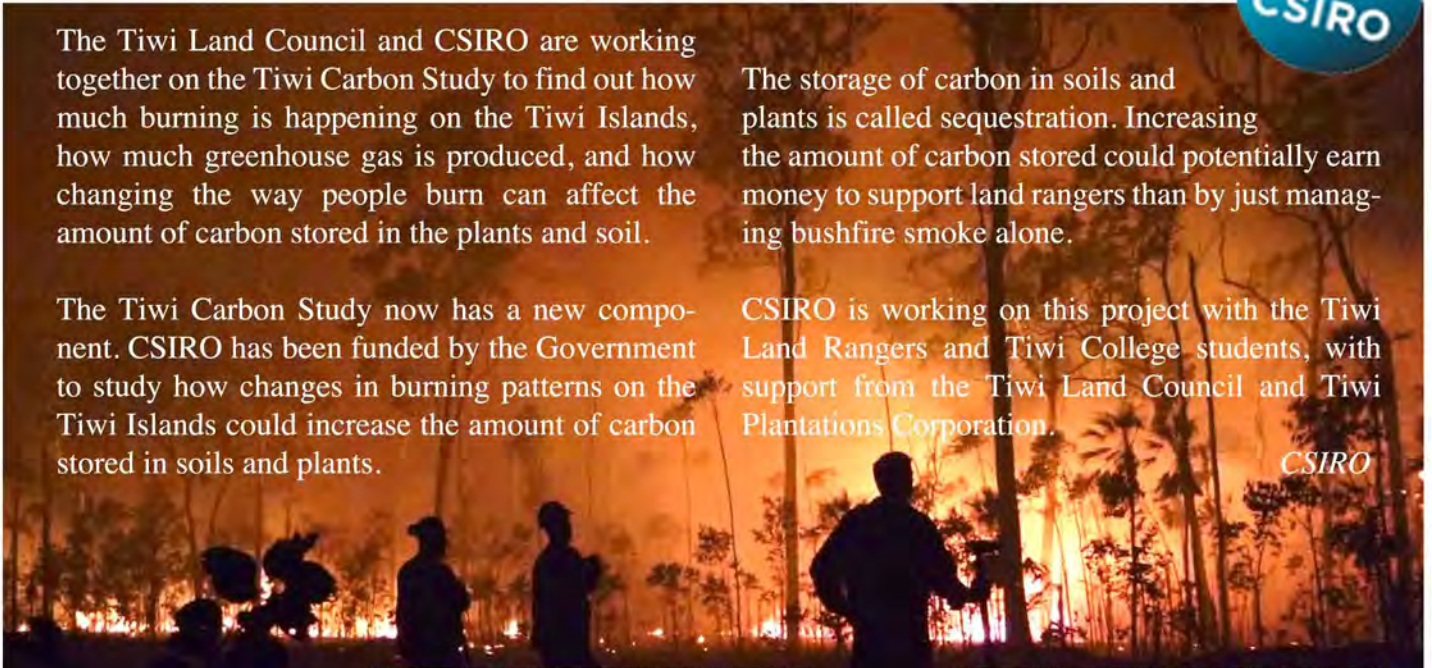
The Tiwi Land Council and CSIRO are working together on the Tiwi Carbon Study to find out how much burning is happening on the Tiwi Islands, how much greenhouse gas is produced, and how changing the way people burn can affect the amount of carbon stored in the plants and soil.

The storage of carbon in soils and plants is called sequestration. Increasing the amount of carbon stored could potentially earn money to support land rangers than by just managing bushfire smoke alone.

The Tiwi Carbon Study now has a new component. CSIRO has been funded by the Government to study how changes in burning patterns on the Tiwi Islands could increase the amount of carbon stored in soils and plants.

CSIRO is working on this project with the Tiwi Land Rangers and Tiwi College students, with support from the Tiwi Land Council and Tiwi Plantations Corporation.

CSIRO



Tiwi College students worked for the past three years with Tiwi Land Rangers and CSIRO staff on the Tiwi Carbon plots at Picka.



Tiwi Land Ranger Vivian Kerinauia collects ash to measure carbon from the experimental fires

Photos CSIRO

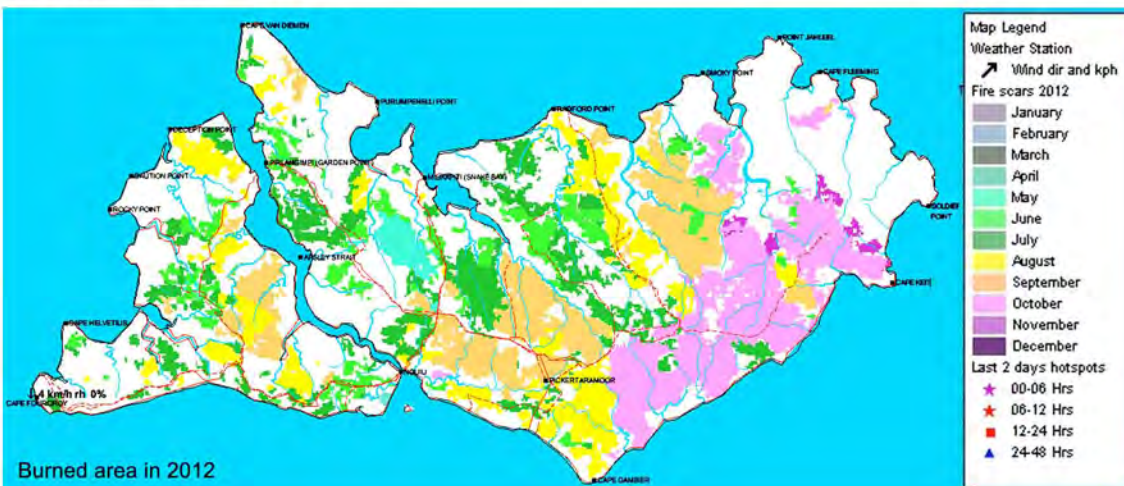
Can we earn money with carbon?



Carbon credits are earned by producing less greenhouse gas. To produce less greenhouse gas, we need to burn less, or burn earlier in the year. If we burn the same as we have done in the past, then no credits are earned, and there won't be any money.

Last year was a good year for burning earlier and less, and we could have earned some carbon credits. Then there was a big fire in October that burned a lot of southeast Melville Island. Because of this fire, we ended up with no credits.

Everyone is encouraged to go out to their country and burn it early – as soon as the grass is dry. If we get it right, we might just be able to earn some money from carbon credits in the future.



Message from Member for Arafura

There have been some wonderful achievements since I last wrote in *The Tiwi*. On 16 April members of Parliament met with the Board of Telstra to request improved services in their electorates. In my case I was very interested to improve the services available on the Tiwi Islands and within the Electorate of Arafura. I spoke on the need to improve reception at Ranku, and Outstations such as Condor Point. I emphasized that we need complete coverage of all parts of the Tiwi Islands.

Last month, the Minister for Alcohol Rehabilitation Robyn Lambley, visited Bathurst Island at the invitation of Tiwi traditional owners to inspect the potential location of an Alcohol Treatment facility at the Four Mile, on Bathurst Island. She met with Traditional Owners, and other important stakeholders, to discuss the importance of the facility to the Tiwi and to the Government's Mandatory Treatment plans. Many Tiwi are very concerned about the terrible impact of a continuing cycle of alcohol and drug dependence upon individuals, their families and the wider community.

In late April I had the pleasure of presenting a number of trophies to Tiwi Bomber's players after their impressive appearance at last year's Grand Final. The Tiwi Bombers continue to be a strong force within the AFL – NT competition and I am very proud of their performances.

During 14 – 16 May, I represented the people of the Tiwi Islands and the electorate of Arafura in the Parliamentary sittings. I spoke on a number of issues of concern to our people including new initiatives for the Budget which had an important impact on the Tiwi Islands and the wider electorate of Arafura. I also spoke in Parliament on the important issue of Child Protection.

It was my sad duty to speak in the condolence motion for the Sceney family, tragically lost recently in an aircraft accident.

In the near future I expect to be travelling to the main communities on the Tiwi Islands to listen to peoples' concerns. I expect a key issue for discussion and consultation will be local government arrangements on the Tiwi Islands.





Francis with parents and Year 12 student ans staff Gunbalanya May 2013

I very much look forward to talking and listening to your concerns.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time at the contact details below.

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Healthy Hearts and Strong Community



Wokay Bourke

Heart Foundation working with the Tiwi Islands for better health.

Have you seen people with red Heart Foundation shirts walking around your community? What are they doing!

Those red shirts are people working with the Heart Foundation. They will be working in Milikapiti, Pirlangimpi and Wurrumiyanga, talking to community members to find out what people think about their own and other people's smoking.

The Heart Foundation wants to find out what you would like in your community to protect people from harm caused by smoking.



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Why?

Did you know that smoking is a major cause of heart attack? Too many people are ill with heart problems and too many people are dying from heart attack. Smoking is a major cause of heart attack and other heart problems. The Heart Foundation's work is supported by Tiwi Islands Shire Council and Catholic Care NT. We aim to support existing programs such as the Karlu Bong Bong groups and NTG QUIT 100, and look forward to continued work with key organisations such as the clinics, schools, child care centres and Sport & Rec. Together we are promoting a healthy smoke free environment across the Tiwi Islands.



How can you help?

Talk to the Heart Foundation people to let them know what you think about smoking in your community, and how you think we can work together to stop people becoming sick from tobacco smoking.

What else can you do?

Later in the year there will be workshops and information sessions, and everyone is welcome to come along. We will keep you posted about activities or events in your community.

If you would like any more information or to get involved please speak with Family Support Worker (Catholic Care / Heart Foundation):

Wokay Bourke and Cassandra Daniels. pH:8982 2700



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Fort Dundas - part of our history



The Land Council has been working with the NT Government to record the memory of 33 early settlers buried at Fort Dundas on Melville Island between 1825 and 1828. These people were Royal Marines; Convicts and their wives sent to Melville Island in 1824.



Landowners danced in respect of lives lost during the first European settlement of North Australia 1824-1828. The names of the settlers were gathered and unveiled with the support of Keven Young, Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory.



Cyril Kalippa, Keven Young, Gibson Illortaminni unveiling the plaque



The Fort in Apsley Strait was selected as a good site by Phillip Parker King in 1818. A Sydney Business identity William Barnes, who traded between Sydney and Indonesia heard about the site and pushed to open a Trading Post on Melville Island to develop trade into Indonesia and China. A Trading Port, Fort and Farm were developed in 1824. The place was abandoned in 1829. Further north at modern day Pirlangimpi the first settlers house was not built until 100 years later - in 1928.



Fort Dundas' Ruins

HMS Lady Nelson



Tiwi dancers Tony Pilakui, Noel Galala, Tracy Puruntatameri

The Ship that brought the first settlers to Melville Island in 1824 in company with HMS Tamar. On her second trip with supplies, Lady Nelson was beached and burnt on Baba Island near Karachi in Pakistan where the Crew were all killed.

Fort Dundas on the Tiwi Islands - First European settlement in North Australia

QUIZ ANSWERS from page 5

1. c) Rueben Cooper, attended Prince Alfred College (Adelaide) and got a team going when he came back in 1919 to Darwin
2. b) Lady Nelson
3. b) 1400mm (Nov.-May 2013)

4. b) 1850mm (average Nov.- May each year since 1964)
5. c) Jennifer Clancy
6. b) Taka is the name of Tree or any wooden plant
7. c) 4 years - without any success
8. a) Macassan fisherman from nearly 500 years ago

Tiwi Bombers

The 2012/13 Tiwi Bombers Football Club season came to an official close with the announcement at the Wurrumiyanga Presentation Day of Pularumpi player Jason Puruntatameri as the Club Champion. Attended by 80 players, officials and supporters the Nguiu Club proved an excellent venue.

Based on votes from the 22 matches played "Pura" who was one of only 3 Tiwi Bomber players who played every game won the major award from runnerup Rupert Pupangamirri and 3rd placed Dion Munkara.

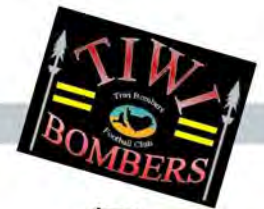
The 20 year old Tiwi Bomber defender joined the Club this season after previously playing with a mainland club while at school in Darwin and has now played 61 senior NTFL games. Jason is employed in a Sport & Recreation role at Pularumpi.



Club meeting at Wurrumiyanga 2013



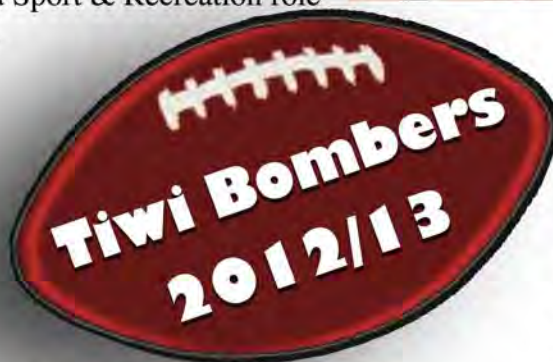
Shane T., Jason P., Gerrard C.



Jason Puruntatameri



Jason P. in the game



Other awards announced were:

Andrew McMillan Yilga Social Media Award: Wayne (Jo Jo) Pilakui

Best Finals Player: Dion Munkara

Leading Goalkicker: Gerrard Cunningham 56 goals

Runner Up Goalkicker: Roy Kantilla 53

Best Defender: Jason Puruntatameri

Best Team Man: Dion Munkara

Most Improved: John Patrick Munkara

Best 1st Year Player: Adam Tipungwuti

Volunteer of the Year: Steve Sutton (Head Trainer)

Club Supporter of the Year: Denise Officer

The awards function also acknowledged the history making achievement by Captain Shane Tipuamimirri who became the first Tiwi Bomber to win the NTFL Nichols Medal for the competition Best & Fairest player. In an exciting count Shane polled a Best on Ground vote in the last game of the year to win the award.

Rupert Pupangamirri was also applauded after winning the NT News Player of the Year and the ABC Player of the Year.

The Club has advertised the Senior Coaching position after 2012 Premiership Coach Leigh Crossman indicated family plans will prevent him taking the very difficult role next season. Also moving on after providing great support for several seasons as Assistant Coach will be Peter Rioli.

The Board, members and players wish both officials and their families the best for the future.

Photos by Joy Cardona

Good to know

- Gunja has over 400 chemicals. Gunja smoke contains more than twice as much cancer producing substances than tobacco smoke.

- Seagull Island has about 60,000 Crested Terns visit each year to breed – about 10% of the total world Tern population.

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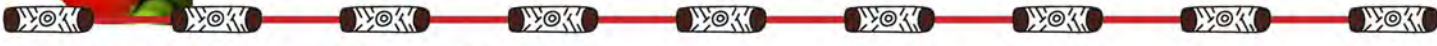
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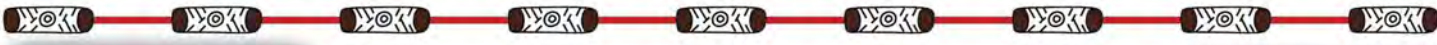
Find the Word

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B	U	R	N	I	N	G	C	A	T
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E	C	B	Z	X	T	N	F	K	F
D	F	H	Y	Q	U	S	I	U	X
D	C	E	A	D	R	Y	C	O	U
I	X	A	T	B	T	I	W	I	M
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G	O	T	K	R	E	G	G	S	R
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Find the 16 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.

- FORT DUNDAS
- JENNIFER
- TURTLE
- EGGS
- CAT
- TIWI
- HEART
- BURNING

- LODGE
- JOB
- DIAMOND
- WEDDING
- RANKU
- DRY
- TAKA
- RANGER



THINK

**ABOUT
YOUR
BURNING**

SEE PAGE 7



Facts

There are 50 species of Mangrove that exist in the world. 32 of them live on the Tiwi Islands.

In May at the MCG:
Tiwi College Boys
Hoist The Colours