



THE TIWI

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Chairman's Words



Wharf platforms arrive at Tiwi Islands



Every day we all do things, but they have to be done the right way to have good results for ourselves and for our people. The Bombers train hard; they had to keep doing that for 3 years or more before they won the flag. We had to do that with our new Port too – three years to find investors we could trust and who could trust us – that each of us do mean what we say – that we are partners who can add value to relationships and not just want to take everything for ourselves. Two way street I call it.

Living on our Islands the Two Way Street was always going to be a Port to export things we produce – first our timber, but also our minerals. And then other things like vegetables and water and things we haven't even thought about yet. The Two way super highway created by the Port also brings (imports) cargo – some for us and some to go on other ships to other places.

Since the Land Council began, all our planning has been about Tiwi jobs and getting things started that would provide the jobs. Our Port aims for 350 Tiwi jobs over the next ten years. Training has begun. You will see the advertisements in our newsletter THE TIWI in the months ahead. Thirty five years of right way leadership has provided these opportunities for all our families. Only your right way participation will get you the jobs. They are all drug free jobs. They are all exciting well paid jobs. Sure you can. For me, that is what makes me proud as your Chairman – that we are "CAN DO" people.

Our Bush Holiday this year has focused on our kids spending time with family. We survive because of this respect that we have. Respect also that mourns the passing of valued friends and close family with whom we all share the sadness of grieving relatives.

Gibson Farmer Illortaminni, Chairman Tiwi Land Council

Good to know

Australia has 50,000 kms of beaches. Tiwi has 1000 kms.



Port Melville makes progress

July 2012

July 2013



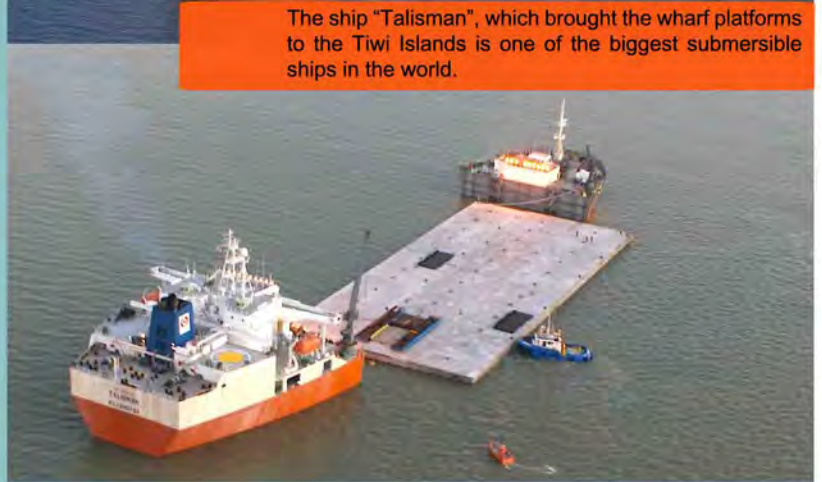
Gibson with Chew Thiam Keng (TK.) CEO of EZION concluding construction detail of Port Melville in Singapore July 2012



Great news for Tiwi. As the Chairman has already said, the port that Tiwi have waited for so long is now making progress with many thanks to our partners from Ezion in Singapore and Perth. The pontoons that will form the wharf were purchased, cleaned and fitted out. They left Vancouver in Canada on board a large heavy lift, submersible ship which sailed across the Pacific Ocean to Tiwi waters. A delay in delivery of the pontoons was because the ship came from the Caribbean and was too wide to fit through the Panama Canal, and had to make its way to Vancouver through the Straits of Magellan, around the southern tip of South America. The ship arrived in Tiwi waters on 10 July and the pontoons were unloaded on 11 July. An exciting day for Tiwi.



The ship "Talisman", which brought the wharf platforms to the Tiwi Islands is one of the biggest submersible ships in the world.



Facts

The 185 metre ship took 6 weeks to pick up and carry the wharf platforms to Tiwi Islands.

Transport cost \$US60,000 per day.

The platforms are part of a \$50 million redevelopment of Port Melville.

Photos by John Hicks

Joyful Moment of Wharf Arrival



TLC Managers and business friends during the arrival of the wharf platforms

Training Ship

Our training has already started for Maritime industry jobs. 9 Tiwi have completed their 28 day course at the Maritime College and are starting to settle into jobs. TITEB and Ezion have also now involved CDU (Darwin University) with our own Tiwi Training Ship able to take up to 12 Trainees at a time while operating between our Home Port Melville – Darwin and other Coastal Ports across the NT.



Ezion Holdings Limited



TIWI Training Ship
T.T.S.



Special features:

- Cargo carrying capacity to 1,000 tones
- Cargo fuel capacity of 700m³
- Cargo Freshwater capacity to 915m³
- Reinforced decks for heavy point load cargo
- Deck cargo area of 480m³
- High capacity ramp can accommodate to-way traffic
- Single man en-suite accommodation for 20 men



Forestry Harvest



Looking after Tiwi environment
Looking after Tiwi jobs



Port construction site at Melville Is., July 2013



Biggest crane ever on Tiwi Islands



Contractors from Marine and Civil have been at Yapilika Forestry Centre since early June. Bathurst Island Housing Association has been busy ensuring that there are enough rooms at Yapilika for not only the forestry workforce, but also port contractors for July, August and into September. Marine and Civil have been working hard and the port construction works are going very well. Marine and Civil have invited students from Tiwi College to visit the site and see the port under construction. The biggest crane ever to arrive on the Tiwi islands is currently at the port and being used in construction of the port. The port is expected to be completed in early September.

This means that the start of harvest of Tiwi plantations will have to be deferred until the dry season of 2014, starting in March. To start a delayed harvest in September this year, and then have to stand down over the wet season October, November, December and January is just not practical. Tiwi have waited a long time for this, but things are definitely now happening. The challenge now is to make sure that forestry has enough money to continue to operate until harvest starts in March of 2014.

The new trial plantings of the Tiwi eucalypt at Yapilika and KI are looking good and growing well, despite the poor wet season.
Roger Smith, General Manager TPC



Yapilika Forestry Centre



Seedlings for Tiwi eucalypt trial planting



As all Tiwi know, the fire season is now with us and the forestry fire crews from Yapilika have been busy protection burning and saving the plantations from wildfire. Please be careful with fire. Any fires which burn the plantations are burning Tiwi trees and Tiwi money.



Managers' Notes



Managers Tiwi Land Council

What an incredible time in our Tiwi lives we have had over the past month. Your Tiwi Land Council Managers and Delegates have been working behind the scenes for the past couple of years to bring our people a major piece of the Tiwi jigsaw puzzle:

- and finally, in July this year, we have delivered with the arrival of the new wharf for Port Melville.

What does this mean for all Tiwi people? It enables us to harvest and export the first of our 30,000 hectares of plantation timber from March next year and with that the promise of real jobs in the Forestry and Maritime industry will come to fruition.

For many, many years our leaders past and present have been saying that the answer to creating a happy and rewarding life for our people is real jobs in our own businesses. With a real job comes the ability to ensure our fridges are never empty, our kids are never hungry, pride in our mums and dads to be able to look after their family, being able to buy our own cars to take our kids to their country and being able to feel good that we are leading rich and rewarding lives.

The challenge for us now is to ensure that we are able to do the training and commit to going to work every day so that we can all benefit from the good days that lay ahead of us.

More fantastic news for us was the announcement of our own Training and Employment organisation, TITEB along with Tiwi Enterprises, winning the RJCP contract. Once again, we have proven that our strong Tiwi Leadership can and does deliver the exceptional results that our people and Government demand. Congratulations to TITEB Chairman, CJ Kerinauia, and his Board of Directors, CEO Norm Buchan and his staff as well as the Directors and CEO, Ray Allwright and Yvonne Kelly of Tiwi Enterprises, who took up and met the challenge face on and have been rewarded for their vision.

And in a further sign of the respect and confidence of business in our Tiwi economy, Mantiupwi welcomed the opening of the Traditional Credit Union Branch at Wurrumiyanga.

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

Quiz

1. How long is our new Wharf at Port Melville?

- a) 150 metres b) 185 metres c) 220 metres

2. Tudawali our famous Tiwi movie star took another name when working in Darwin. Was it:

- a) Billy Marbuck? b) Bobby Wilson?
c) Johnny Whiplash?

3. What event drew the biggest crowd ever at the MCG?

- a) an AFL Final b) a Concert Performance
c) an Evangelical Sermon

4. When did the Tiwi first play at the MCG?

- a) 1979 b) 1992 c) 2010

5. Who is the new coach of Tiwi Bombers?

- a) Willie Rioli b) Shane Tipuamantumirri
c) Aussie Wonaeamirri

6. A Bank has just opened at Wurrumiyanga. What is its name?

- a) Westpac b) Commonwealth c) Traditional Credit Union

7. What is the name of the Administrator of the Northern Territory?

- a) Ted Egan b) Sally Thomas c) Adam Giles

8. How old was the oldest person ever recorded proven by a birth certificate?

- a) 104 b) 116 c) 122

Quiz answers on page 6

Port Melville Quarantine



Off loaded floating wharf platforms at Tiwi Islands, 11th July

The arrival of the floating wharf at Port Melville was an exciting event. The pontoons started off in Canada and travelled through many different countries and oceans, so it was critical they didn't carry any pests or diseases.

Before leaving Canada, the hollow insides of the pontoons were treated with insect spray, rat baits and chlorine, and then sealed up. The outsides of the pontoons were heat treated and scraped clean with heavy equipment to make sure no barnacles were alive and attached.



Mechanical scraping of barnacles before leaving Vancouver, Canada



One platform after cleaning, Vancouver, Canada

When the pontoons arrived in Northern Territory waters, they were first towed to Darwin Harbour. Staff from NT Fisheries inspected the pontoons and took 50 samples back to the laboratory for analysis. The analysis showed that there were no pests of concern for NT waters, so the pontoons were safe to be towed to Melville Island.

Ezion and NT Fisheries did an excellent job of making sure the environment of the Tiwi Islands was kept safe from the introduction of marine pests.



Quarantine inspection in Darwin



Taking samples, NT Fisheries

QUIZ ANSWERS from page 5

1. c) 220 metres, (made of 2 panels, 110 metres each)
2. b) Bobby Wilson, (using the surname of his father's boss in the 30's)
3. c) Evangelical Sermon (Billy Graham Ev. Crusade in 1959 with more than 130,000 people)
4. b) 1992, September 13th (Tiwi Islands played the curtain-raiser to Geelong v West Coast Semifinal - against Kimberly)
5. a) Willie Rioli
6. c) Tradional Credit Union
7. b) Sally Thomas
8. c) 122 years + 164 days - Jeanne Calment, France

New Jobs Program



Office hours:

Nguiu 8am – 4pm Monday to Friday (closed 12 – 1pm)

Pirlangimpi 8am – 4 pm Monday's and Tuesdays (closed 12-1pm)

Milikapiti 8am – 4pm Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays (closed 12 – 1 pm)

The new Remote Jobs in Communities Program, RJCP is now underway and the TITEB Team has been working very hard to get the program going. The Remote Jobs in Communities Program was a government initiative, to streamline services to improve employment opportunities and community participation in remote communities. By combining Job Services Australia, CDEP, and Disability Employment Services a higher level of support for jobseekers and participation in activities in the community is sure to improve.

The TITEB RJCP team is coming together and we have managed to get some experienced and passionate staff on board. All have worked on the Tiwi Islands before and bring with them a wealth of skills, knowledge and ideas that they are willing to share to ensure the new program is a success. We look forward to sharing these skills with Tiwi people in order for the RJCP to be a Tiwi run program in the future.

We have started conducting appointments for the 590 jobseekers on the Tiwi Islands to get them commenced in the new program. These people include Income support participants both on new start, disability and those continuing on CDEP Wages. At these initial appointments we explain the new changes and how this will affect each individual and importantly we are gathering feedback about what type of activities they would like to participate in their community, what employment they are interested in and what they think we can do to provide a quality service.

With little time to spare since announcing the provider for the new program that commenced on the 1st July, we are working extremely hard to set up activities, identify employment and training opportunities for our jobseekers. With the feedback provided by jobseekers and other community members we have some great ideas about activities and opportunities and are working really hard to make them happen.

We look forward to meeting with employers to discuss employment opportunities and how we can support them in employing Tiwi people, we would also like to be present in community meetings and seek feedback from all members of the communities.

It is important to know that the TITEB RJCP team are there for the Tiwi Island Communities, we are passionate and are determined to make the new program a success!



Kristie Warren, Chanel McCasker, Phillipa Walsh

Sally Endemann, Ryan Buckley

Mike Harrison has been instructed by TITEB to prepare a plan to implement our work for training into Tiwi jobs and career pathways for our people into the Tiwi workforce.

If you would like more information on the new program or to be involved or give feedback please don't hesitate to call into one of our offices or call:

Phillipa on 0438 739 909 or Norm on 89 41 5988

Message from Member for Arafura



L to R: Bernard Tipiloura, John Wilson, Leslie Tungatulum, Brian Tipungwuti, John Hicks, Cyril Kalippa and Francis Kurrupuwu welcome the Port at Melville Island, 11 July 2013

On Thursday, 11 July 2013, I had the great pleasure to welcome with many Tiwi who had made this wonderful development possible, into the Apsley Strait, the large vessel bringing important infrastructure to the new port being established near Pirlangimpi on Melville Island.

Port Melville is a great example of what shared visions and astute partnerships can achieve. Tiwi landowners need to export their wood chips and their minerals. Our investment partner, Ezion operate many ships across northern Australia.

These ships will work with us to export our produce. Port Melville is one of the finest ports in northern Australia. Port Melville has deep water and is a sheltered harbour, with good tides for large vessels to load and unload. Developments at Port Melville will be very good for the Tiwi people. We have large timber resources on Melville Island. Some of these were first planted in the 1960s. These timber plantations are owned 100 per cent by the Tiwi.

It is expected that around 300 000 tons of chip per annum will be available for export to Asia. In addition, the Tiwi islands is rich in minerals such as rutile and zircon. There is a large market for these minerals in Asia, as well.

The Port will provide us with the means to export our valuable products to Asia. These markets are the most rapidly growing economies in the world. The Port will also be a major source of real jobs and real income for Tiwi people. It is expected that the Port will lead to about 350 new job opportunities for the Tiwi people – in marine and shipping. This wonderful venture is a credit to the Tiwi Land Council, Tiwi Landowners and Tiwi Enterprise. They deserve our most sincere thanks and congratulations. Such important economic development provides the foundation for our future and a more productive and happy life for the Tiwi people.

In more good news, a Grant of \$20 000 was announced recently for the Milimika Festival for 2013, by the Country Liberals government. The Country Liberals wish to support the continued presentation of local contemporary arts and culture and the internationally famous heritage of the Tiwi Islands, through this Festival.

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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TLC Operations Centre at Picka



The Tiwi Land Council Operations Centre at Pickataramoor is now up and running. We are located just across the creek from Tiwi College.

TIWILAND COUNCIL HQ



Picka Creek

Land Council Centre

All enquires can now be made direct to the "Picka" TLC office, now with phones and computers hooked up, it can receive and promptly respond to all Tiwi Land Council enquiries.

If we can't answer your questions we can point you in the right direction!

Contact details:

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Terry: m 0409 640 549 (no mobile coverage when at Picka)

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Office hours

Monday – Friday

8:00am – 5:00pm

We can be contacted on:

Picka HQ Office

Ph: 8970 9373

The Tiwi Land Council HQ at Picka is now also a fully functioning emergency First Aid station. If anyone is travelling out to this part of Melville Island and require medical assistance, we can provide emergency First Aid until professional help arrives from Milikapiti or Pirlangmpi.



Meeting at Picka TLC Centre



TIWI LAND COUNCIL

Pedro Wonaeamirri in America

“We Are Tiwi”

Jilamara and Munupi Art centres held a joint exhibition at Harvey Art projects Gallery in Sun Valley Idaho, USA. July 5th -29th.

This is the first time a commercial exhibition has been held in the USA by both art centres. They want to expand their sales internationally to help build a strong economic base for both current and future Tiwi artists.

An important component of these activities is spreading the understanding of Tiwi Culture and its unique mark making on canvas, paper, the distinctive Pukamani poles and iron-wood carvings.

Chairman of Jilamara Pedro Wonaeamirri travelled to the USA to attend the opening of the exhibition. Pedro says:

“It was a long journey and the first time for me as senior artist to visit the USA and I really enjoyed the trip. I thought the title of the show, “We are Tiwi” was very strong, all about Tiwi Art.

It was a small gallery but it was good to see Tiwi art in a different gallery. Sun Valley was a good community and has many mountains. We travelled to the top of one of these called Bald Mountain where people ski in the winter time. The American accent was also very different but I could talk to them. Breakfasts were very big and I could not eat all of the food. The beer was very different in taste to Australian beer.

Hopefully in the future Tiwi artists from Melville island will have more exhibitions in the USA and can travel there to see the different countryside.”.

Geoff Crispin, Jilamara



Exhibition at Harvey Art Projects Sun Valley, Idaho USA
July 5-29th 2013

Gallery director Julie Harvey welcomes Pedro Wonaeamirri



Julie Harvey, Pedro and Geoff Crispin travelling to the mountain top



Pedro gives a talk about Tiwi culture at the local library

Good to know



Several artworks were sold before the exhibition opened indicating interest in Tiwi Art. Munupi and Jilamara are looking forward to continuing this exciting new opportunity expanding the knowledge of Tiwi culture and artwork in the USA.

Tiwi Bombers Coach Appointment



Tiwi Bombers Football Club President Mick Burns today announced the appointment of 2013 Tiwi Island Football League Premiership Coach Willie Rioli as Senior Coach for the 2013/14 season with a second year option after the 1989 Nichols Medallist took the Imalu Tigers to an undefeated season.

The multi St Marys Premiership player succeeds inaugural Premiership Coach Leigh Crossman who is planning to relocate to Victoria later this year.

President Mick Burns said that the Club were thrilled with the quality of applications but that Willie Rioli's experience and status within the Tiwi Island and NTFL community were major selection factors.

Rioli was keen to continue the approach of recent seasons when it has introduced 10 young Tiwi players to the NTFL including last season's Rising Star nomination Adam Tipungwuti who earned selection in the 2013 Queensland Under 16 team whilst at school in Brisbane, said Burns.



Willie Rioli, Senior Coach

Willie Rioli will lead

a coaching team made up of the club's inaugural 2006 coach Gregory Orsto (Nguuu), Premiership Captain Shane Tipuamantimirri (Milikapiti/Pickataramoor), second year assistant Cameron Hotton in addition to brother and fellow Nicholls Medallist Cyril (Junior) Rioli (Darwin).

Specialist Coaches will include

former St Marys champion goalkicker & multi premiership player Brian Stanislaus and former Geelong/Adelaide star Ronnie Burns.

Willie Rioli was a recent recipient of a prestigious National Indigenous Leadership Scholarship which will mean missing some games but the Club is confident the experienced leadership group and support coaching panel will manage his absence.

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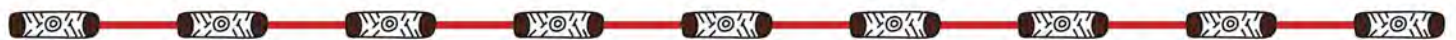
Willie Rioli (Head Coach)
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2.00pm - 5.00pm

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9.00am - 12.30pm



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- Accommodation for Rent?
- Lawn Mowing?



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

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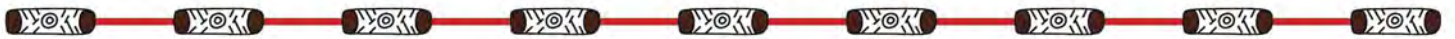
Opening of the Traditional Credit Union Branch at Piliyamanyirra Shopping Centre, Wurruminyanga



Opening Ceremony



New front counter at TCU, Wurruminyanga



Facts

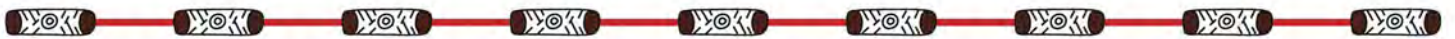


Magpie Geese mate for life and can have two wives at the same time. Both wives use the same nest.

Darwin ranks number 12 in the list of the most expensive cities to live in the world!



In the past three months 4771 Australians went broke. 26 of them in the NT.



Find the Word

Find the 18 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.

WHARF
TALISMAN
QUARANTINE
PLATFORM
VANCOUVER
PANAMA
PEDRO
USA
TITEB

CANADA
PICKA
FIRST AID
MILIMIKA
SPORT
YAPILIKA
FOREST
WANT
PORT

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