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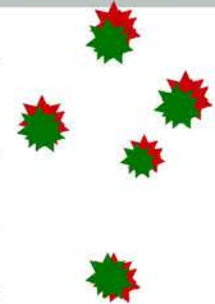
Chairman's Words

2018 has been a very successful year.

It's hard to believe that Christmas is almost here – where did this year go?

Each year that passes seems to have its own character – there are always challenges, and maybe a low point here and there, but more often than not, they are liberally sprinkled with many highlights which bring joy and gladness. I encourage you all to take a few minutes to count your blessings. We all have so much to be thankful for the great achievements of our Land Council.

I am very proud that Tiwi Land Council now has it's first Indigenous CEO, Andrew Tipungwuti after 40 years of serving the community, and you all should be proud of this too since this has now created opportunity for more of our indigenous people to take up leadership roles, this is a reflection of the strong management team of the Land Council.



Gibson Farmer Illortaminni

On a personal level I like to mention that I was re-elected as Chair of Land Council for the third time, now the newly appointed Chair of Port Melville Pty Ltd, and continue the position of Deputy Chair of Tiwi Plantation Corporation, overseeing the significant development of the forestry operations.

This year been an extremely busy, getting our new Land Council office ready, I am looking forward to moving into our impressive new office in 2019, where all of you would feel warmly welcome to be served by our friendly talented and energetic team.

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Merry Christmas And a happy 2019



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Chairman's Words



May we always be ever mindful of the spirit of caring, sharing, love and generosity of the Christmas season, and do our best at all times as we seek to develop as an organisation, improve the prosperity of our community and grow as individuals, contributing in whatever capacity for the benefit of our Tiwi Islands communities.

So let me take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your wonderful support and dedication. Regardless of your current level of involvement, I challenge you to become more engaged with the Land Council and Community.

As 2018 comes to a close it's time for us all to reflect on the positives and look forward to embrace 2019.

On behalf of the Tiwi Land Council let me end by once again thanking you for your support and endorsement of our efforts, and pledge to work even more strenuously for you in the year ahead. I wish you, your families and friends a safe and happy Christmas, and a New Year filled with peace, joy, productivity and prosperity.

Gibson Farmer Illortaminni
Chairman
Tiwi Land Council



FROM THE TOP OF AUSTRALIA



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS 2019



Dealing with Tiwi invaders



In July we reported that we were successful in getting grant money from the NT Government to tackle some of the pests that have made their way to the Tiwi Islands over the years. All of these pests damage Tiwi country and make it hard for the animals that belong here. Since the funding was received, Rangers have been very busy working on these projects.



Fire ants

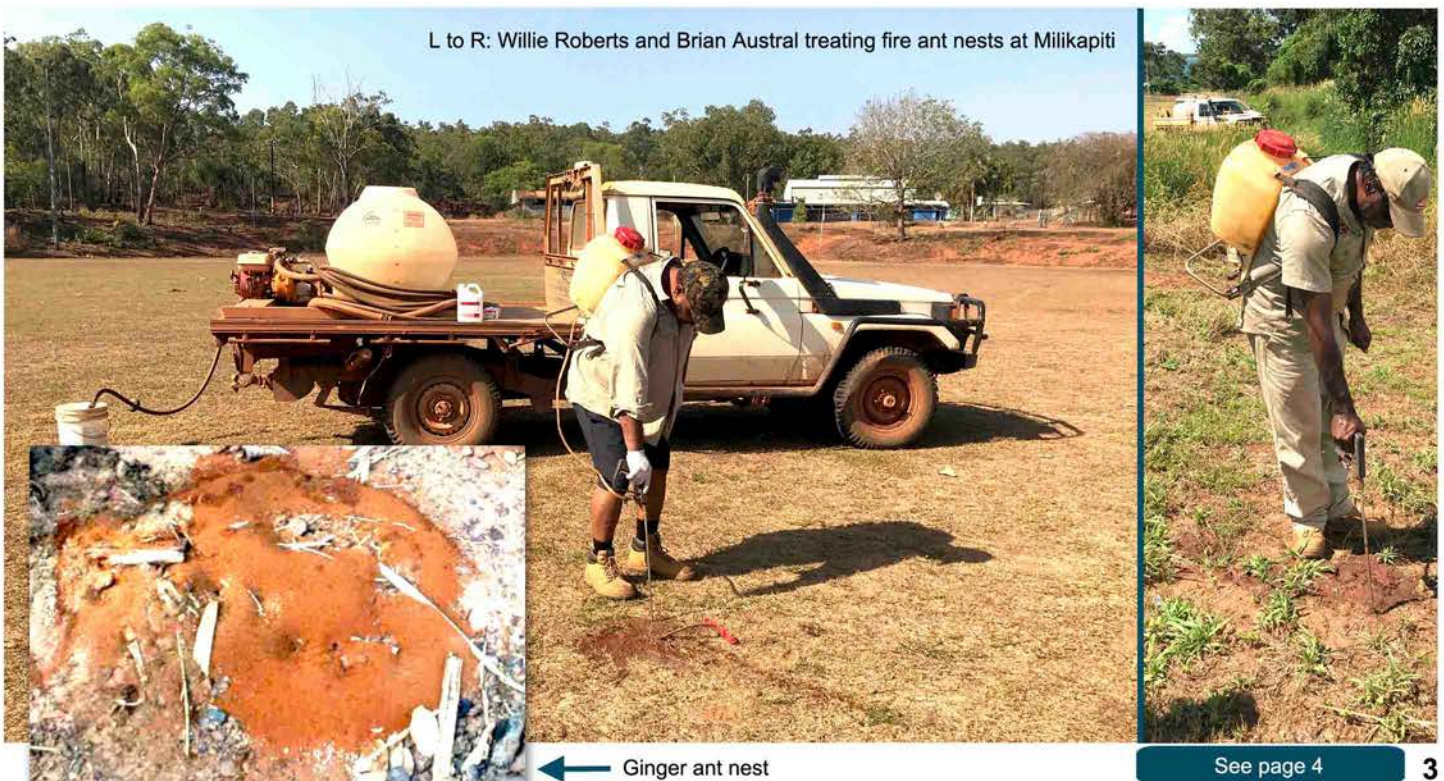


Fire ant nest

Tropical fire ants do not belong in Australia and are a major pest of agriculture and horticulture. They also have a very painful sting which can cause allergic reactions in some people. A survey in 2003 found that tropical fire ants were not present on Bathurst Island, but were at Pirlangimpi, Yapilika and Milikapiti. After a lot of time and money, they were finally eradicated from Pirlangimpi and Yapilika. This work won a United Nations Biodiversity Award.

The new NT Government grant money is now being used to eradicate fire ants from Milikapiti. Rangers Brian and Willie have been trained up, and are working with Magen and Ben from CSIRO. Milikapiti community residents have been very supportive, letting Rangers into their yards to treat the nests, and telling them where the nests are. It may take years again, but once the ants have been eradicated from Milikapiti then the whole of the Tiwi Islands will be free of these pests.

L to R: Willie Roberts and Brian Austral treating fire ant nests at Milikapiti



← Ginger ant nest

Dealing with Tiwi invaders



Feral pig feeding at night

Feral pigs

Melville Island has historically been free of feral pigs, but in 2003 a small population was found near Rangini. After discussions with Land-owners, it was decided that everything should be done to get rid of them because they do so much damage to Tiwi land, plants and animals. A control program was developed, and most of the pigs were removed. There were still some left however, and these have built up again into a small population.

Under the NT Government funding, Marine Ranger James Desantis has been working with Paul Smith to learn new ways of feral pig management. This includes setting up remote cameras to find out where the pigs are, and feeding them to get them to come to an area where they can be controlled. This is also a long term project, but the only way to make sure that no pig escapes into the thick jungle to breed up again.

*Kate Hadden
Secretary Land & Resources
Tiwi Land Council*



Research into bush medicine

Throughout 2018, the Strong Women's group in Wurrumiyanga has been working alongside Menzies School of Health to produce a short documentary film on the bush medicine still used today in Wurrumiyanga. This documentary will be provided to the community and its schools to promote the use of bush medicine into the future.

At the end of the video project bush medicine was made and given out to the community. Jimijinga was provided to many older people to help with their coughs, and tarripilima was given to mothers to treat their children's skin sores. Next year, we are planning to make bush medicine more available to the community and may be providing bush medicine from the Wellness Centre on a regular basis.



Jacinta Tipungwuti boiling up bush medicine



Tarripilima

Tiwi women treating child with tarripilima



Menzies School of Health researcher, Adam Thomson, is also hoping to go to the other communities on Melville Island next year. Senior elder, Pirawayingi Puruntatameri, has welcomed the project to come to Pir-langimpi. So if anyone wishes to share their knowledge on bush medicine and make some to share with people, look for Adam early next year in January and February.

Adam Thomson
Menzies School of Health



Gemma Munkara and Jacinta Tipungwuti with soap tree



Jikiringi [soap tree]

Ranger skills development



Willie Rioli and Bruce Holland at Fire Forum



As well as practicing old ways, it is important for Tiwi Rangers to keep up to date with new ways of looking after land and sea. Throughout 2018 Rangers attended a number of training courses, workshops and conferences to learn new knowledge, update their skills and exchange information with other Ranger groups across the Top End and the rest of the NT. Some of these included:

2018

North Australia Savanna Fire and Carbon Forum run by the Darwin Centre for Bushfire Research. This was the first national forum to support fire and carbon business. It brought together Ranger groups burning for carbon, scientists, government and industry.



Burketown Queensland Aboriginal Ranger Forum: attended by nearly 300 Rangers from across Australia, coming together to share experiences, stories and training.



Science Reference Committee in Melbourne: talking about what science is needed to benefit Tiwi people and Tiwi land and sea management.



Territory NRM Conference: a three day conference of presentations, workshops and fieldtrips about looking after land and sea.



NRM The Territory Way

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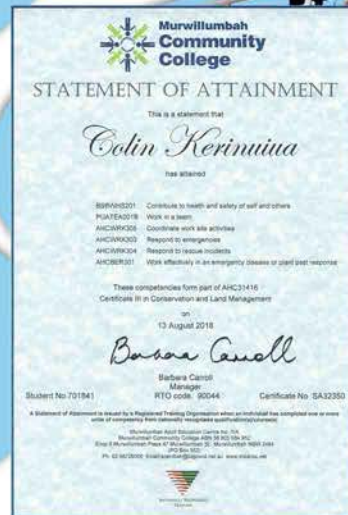


Indigenous mapping workshop in Sydney: a workshop for more than 300 Indigenous land managers from around the world to learn new mapping skills.

Incendiary training: a training course for Rangers so that they can safely do helicopter burning with Tiwi landowners.



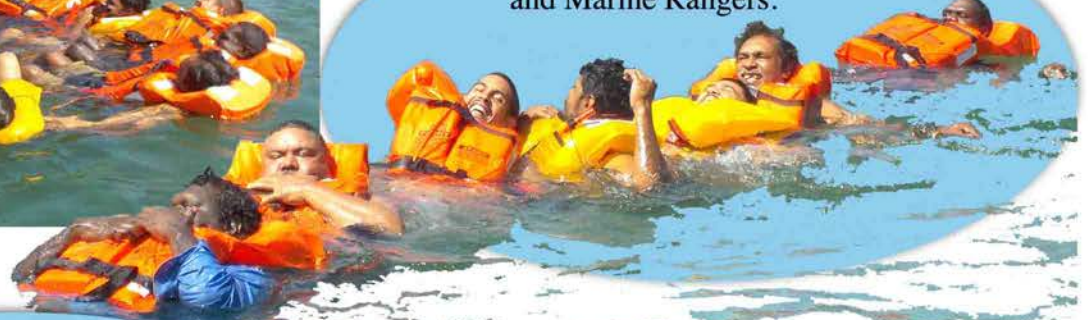
4WD training.



Biosecurity training: workshops and training in Darwin to develop team skills, and learn what to do in a pest or disease outbreak.



Coxswain training for both Land and Marine Rangers.



Certificate III Fisheries Compliance: this training enables Tiwi Marine Rangers to become Fisheries Inspectors. All Tiwi Marine Rangers now have this qualification, and can use it to keep Tiwi waterways free from illegal fishing activity. *Kate Hadden, TLC*



'Defibrillation Machine Project'



In late November the St John team, Nine News Darwin, Larrakeyah Nation TV and the Tiwi Land Council flew over to Wurrumiyanga to kick off the St John 'Defibrillation Machine Project'.

In the past you'd only find a defibrillation machine at the health clinic. In today's world it's common to see defibrillation machines all around the place, like in shopping centres and swimming pools. These are known as public access defibrillation machines. If someone is having a heart attack, it can mean their heart might stop beating. We now know the sooner you can start CPR and get a defibrillation machine on the patient, the better their chances are of a full recovery. Seconds are crucial when someone's heart stops.

Thomas Berry from St John is passionate about giving remote Indigenous communities the same kind of access to these machines that Darwin and

other places all over the world have. This is a heart starting, lifesaving machine!

If someone has a heart attack at the shop in Wurrumiyanga, or at the club, they now have one of these machines there. They will not have to wait for the clinic to come with their machine, that could take 5 to 15 minutes, which is actually a very long time when someone's heart has stopped.

St John is planning to place 260 defibrillation machines in remote top end communities. Wurrumiyanga is the first lucky recipient of these very important lifesaving machines. Three machines have been donated to the Tiwi Land Council from St John and will be placed at the Wurrumiyanga club, NUA Store and Piliyaman-yirra Store.

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St John

'Defibrillation Machine Project'

Each organisation receiving the machines nominated some of their employees to participate in St John CPR training on the day. St John trainer Alex Duncan spent the day teaching participants CPR and how to use a defibrillator machine. The participants are now qualified to use the defibrillation machine if they need to.

This little machine is easy to use. It talks to you, prompting you every step of the way. A defibrillator machine can be the difference between a good or bad outcome should someone have a heart attack.

Gracelia Gaiyurnbi and Chloe Tipiloura learning CPR



For the official handover at NUA store the Director of Commercial Operations Peter Sargeant handed the machine over to the Chairman of TLC Gibson Farmer, Deputy Chairman Leslie Tungatulum, Executive Manager John Wilson and Tiwi Land Council Trustee for Malawu Ivan Fernando.



Tiwi Land Council was very honoured to receive the machines. We appreciated the opportunity and are proud to be a part of something that will help look after the health of all Tiwi people.

The handover was covered by Nine News reporter Melissa McKay and cameraman Ethan Hutchinson. Also covering the story for Larrakeyah Nation TV was Royce Williams.

Thank you to all the people from the three organisations that participated, and of course St John!

Rachel Burke, Tiwi Land Council

NT Port and Marine



What's happening at Port Melville?

26th October saw the departure of 'MV Alizay 2', a bulk carrier loaded with approximately 35,000 tonnes of woodchips. This represents shipment #14 of Tiwi woodchips to the world and is a great result for everyone. Preparations will now commence for the anticipated mid-December arrival of the first bulk carrier for the export shipment of Tiwi pine logs and woodchip shipment #15 in late December.

During November the Port will be undertaking a great deal of maintenance work both on the wharf and overall Port. This work will be carried out by our Port team with assistance from a project group provided by our sister company AGC.



Port Melville

Exciting news!

On the 10th October, NT Port and Marine were honoured to receive the 2018 'Chief Ministers Award for Excellence in the Defence Industry' which was presented to us at the Australian Industry Defence Network's gala dinner which formed part of the Northern Australian Defence Summit conference. The award was accepted by AusGroup Executive General Manager Nathan Pike who said:

"It has taken years of hard work by a small dedicated team, an investment of over \$200 million and the support of the Territory and Australian government, our customers and especially the Tiwi people as we managed our way through the challenges of building and commercialising the business.

Following the full commissioning of our fuel systems in March this year, it was a proud moment for everyone involved to have the first vessel bunkered at Port Melville to be a Royal Australian Navy patrol boat. As a member of the Defence Support Employer Program, we are committed to respond and support the Australian Defence Force whenever called upon and in whatever capacity we can.

From the outset, our goal was to build and operate Australia's northern most port, that would service and support the Australian Defence Forces, provide a service centre for oil & gas exploration and operations in our northern waters and become a logistics hub for the shipping, fishing and Melville Islands forestry industries. In achieving this, we are able to make significant contributions to the continuing economic development of the Tiwi Islands, providing training and employment opportunities for the Tiwi people.

Over 80% of our team live locally and 30% are indigenous Territorians. Through a great relationship with the Tiwi Islands Training and Education Board, we are building pathways to increase that number as we continue to grow.

We look forward to continuing to support our clients in the Defence, oil & gas, shipping and forestry industries and the local Tiwi community."

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NT Port and Marine

Meet the Port Melville team



Lindsay Whiting is our Port Manager and hails from Tiwi. Lindsay is responsible for the complete management of Port Melville – operations, equipment, the fuel tank farm, the accommodation camp and our personnel. If you have any questions regarding the Port or how we might be able to support your operations, Lindsay is the person to talk to.



Captain David McDonald is our Harbour Master and Pilot. Dave is employed by Argonaut Marine Group who are one of NT Port and Marine's strategic partners and is embedded into our team. Dave is a former Royal Australian Navy officer, qualified vessel master and pilot. Dave is responsible for all Port Melville maritime operations including piloting vessels into the Apsley Strait to the Port, all vessel related matters, the operation and maintenance of the wharf and its supporting infrastructure.



Tiwi College - Graduation



Tiwi College would like to congratulate our graduates for 2018 Tahleea Brogan, Rina Moreen and Julianna Kerinauia. We wish our graduates all the best for the next chapter in their life.

Many of our students are choosing to do a Year 13 next year to help them complete their studies and we are very proud of how highly they value their education and look forward to having them back in 2019.

Stuart Ward, Principal Tiwi College



Graduates Rina Moreen and Julianna Kerinauia

Aboriginal Benefit Account (ABA) Grant Funding Round



Australian Government

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ROUND OPEN

Funding for one off projects that benefit Aboriginal people in the NT.
ABA supports projects not covered by other government funding.

Aboriginal controlled organisations based in the NT are encouraged to apply.

Opens: **3 December 2018** Closes: **1 February 2019**

For more information:

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