



THE TIWI

NEWS for
Traditional
Owners



NEWS from your LAND Council

Good to know

Artists from Tiwi Design, Nguuu exhibit their works in Sydney, Bondi Junction at Art Atrium from 29th of July to 30st of August.



Real Carpet Snake

Painting by Marie J. Orsto Yalinga (Carpet Snake)

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Chairman's Words

With older leaders retiring the Land Council has turned to our own trusted and younger leaders to carry forward the foundations and traditions established by our elders, many who are no longer with us. The rules of land use and land management we have established for the growing wealth and security of our people relies upon our own strengths. Our June meeting acknowledged that we ourselves are responsible. That meeting confirmed 10 members who are the Accountable Management Authority (AMA) of the Land Council. Their governance training will continue through the coming months.

These are important days for us all. Private investment partners are waiting. There are many agricultural and cropping proposals for land-owners to consider. We are also ready to harvest our major plantation assets. Government has made a commitment for funding of our roads and infrastructure to match our private investors.

But we will never forget our families who have made all this possible. Too many are grieving at too many funerals in recent months. We extend our sympathy for your loss and for the sadness that we share.

*Gibson Farmer Illortaminni,
Chairman Tiwi Land Council*



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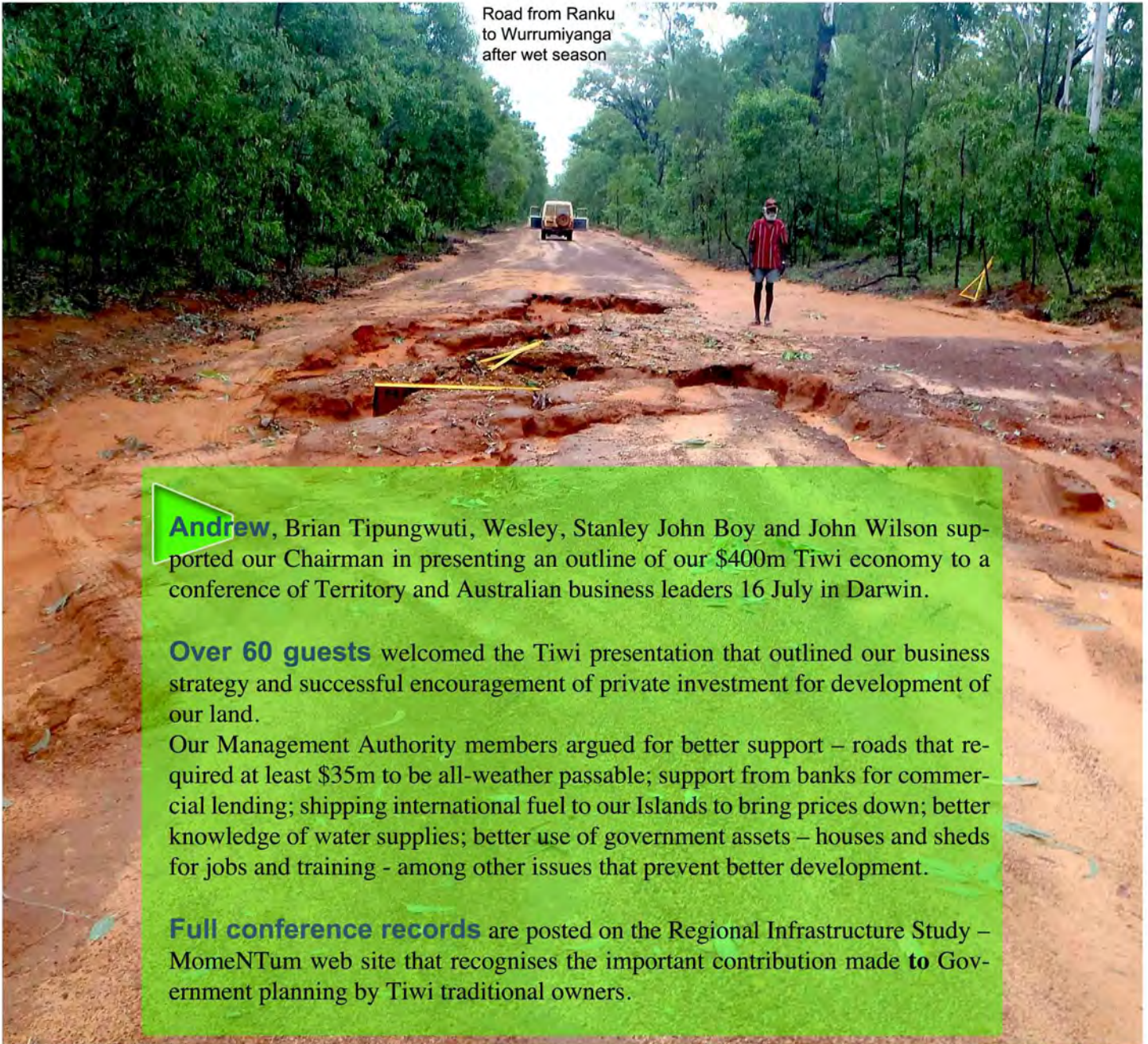
Infrastructure Conference

MOMENTUM



Setting out Tiwi needs for Government support

Road from Ranku to Wurrumiyanga after wet season



Andrew, Brian Tipungwuti, Wesley, Stanley John Boy and John Wilson supported our Chairman in presenting an outline of our \$400m Tiwi economy to a conference of Territory and Australian business leaders 16 July in Darwin.

Over 60 guests welcomed the Tiwi presentation that outlined our business strategy and successful encouragement of private investment for development of our land.

Our Management Authority members argued for better support – roads that required at least \$35m to be all-weather passable; support from banks for commercial lending; shipping international fuel to our Islands to bring prices down; better knowledge of water supplies; better use of government assets – houses and sheds for jobs and training - among other issues that prevent better development.

Full conference records are posted on the Regional Infrastructure Study – MomeNTum web site that recognises the important contribution made to Government planning by Tiwi traditional owners.



Managers' Notes

Accountable Management Authority



Your Tiwi Land Council has been in discussions, over a number of years, about succession planning and how to best set up the TLC to lead our people into the future.

The Commonwealth Government has passed the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 (PGPA Act), which commenced on the 1 July 2014 and replaced the FMA Act and the CAC Act. This new Act sets the rules for how the Tiwi Land Council must operate as a Statutory Authority of the Commonwealth.

As part of succession, and also in response to these new rules, your TLC has established the 'Tiwi Land Council Accountable Management Authority' (AMA), which consists of ten of our Elder Leaders plus some of our up and coming young Delegates of the TLC. The AMA will carry out the duties previously carried out by your TLC Management Committee, but must also meet the accountability standards required by Government.

At meeting number 282 of the Full Tiwi Land Council, held at Ranku on the 3rd June, 2014, your TLC unanimously resolved, from the 1st of July, 2014, to appoint the following delegates to become members of the Accountable Management Authority:

Chairman of the TLC, Gibson Farmer, the Chairman of Trustees, Danny Munkara, and Delegates Andrew Tipungwuti, Leslie Tungatalum, John Wilson, Stanley Tipiloura, Brian Tipungwuti, David Guy Junior, Wesley Kerinauia and Richard Puruntameri.



Bonaeventure Timeapauta, Pedro Wonaemerri, Dennis Tippakalippa and Emmanuel Tipungwuti are included as potential members when membership positions become available.



Photo by Heide Smith

Members Tiwi Land Council 1988

Many of our incredible leaders of the past 30 years have passed or retired and the Tiwi Land Council sees this membership of the AMA as a good mix of senior Elders and emerging Leaders that will continue the amazing good works of our past leaders for over thirty years and who will lead us into the next thirty years of good governance and wise decision making for the benefit of all Tiwi.

Your AMA would like to hear directly from you about any ideas, issues or concerns that you may have and encourage you to come and talk to us about how we can best make decisions for the benefit of our whole Tiwi family.

Your AMA would also like to take this opportunity to pass on our condolences to family, who have had members pass away over the past couple of months.

Accountable Management Authority, Tiwi Land Council



Tiwi Enterprises - A Thriving Tiwi Business



Tiwi Enterprises has had a very busy year, and is continuing to build a vibrant and successful business. In August 2013, Tiwi Enterprises took over the Nguiu Garage, and this enterprise is a very busy and necessary workshop not just for our own vehicles and machinery, but also for the broader community. Tickets to the SeaLink ferry can also be purchased through the Nguiu Garage.

The fleet of hire vehicles now has 11 vehicles. This is proving to be a popular side to our business, and it is great to see so many people taking



Nguiu Garage Team

up the opportunity to hire vehicles to access their country and to carry out their business on the islands.

One of the biggest challenges of this side of the business is maintaining the vehicles to an acceptable standard, and people are reminded that it is their responsibility to look after the vehicles. It is important that any damage is reported to Ray upon the return of the vehicle.

Tiwi Enterprises continues to manage the accommodation on behalf of Mantiyupwi and this is also a very successful activity. The Mantiyupwi Motel now has 16 self-contained single rooms available, as well as the 8 room complex in Enrail and the 6 room complex in Jubilee Park.



Yard Maintenance Crew

The Yard Maintenance Crew continue to build on this side of the business, which now has over 150 clients. The team, led by Ambrose and Roddy, works hard to ensure that they continue to provide a high standard of work and the community is looking great as more and more yards are be looked after.



Jules Kerinauia
Milikapiti Farm
and Nursery

The Milikapiti Farm & Nursery has been running now for 8 years and has established a wonderful orchard, vegetable garden and nursery. Fresh fruit and vegetables are being supplied to local businesses. RJCP will shortly commence activities based at the farm, providing training opportunities for Tiwi in agriculture and horticulture.

Do you need to hire a VEHICLE?
Contact **SHERYL** on **8941 1162**



Do you need LAWN MOWED?
Contact **RAY** on **8978 3755**



Do you need CAR SERVICED?
Contact **BILLY** on **8970 9256**



Ambrose Munkara - Vehicle Hire

Mark Muller will be joining the Milikapiti Farm & Nursery Team and will work with Jules and the crew to build on their current market base, as well as working to expand markets for local produce to the broader Tiwi community.

Tiwi Enterprises now employs over 45 people across all of its activities, and 34 of these are Tiwi. As our business grows, so too does our workforce, and we are committed to providing employment opportunities to Tiwi.

For all enquiries and bookings, please contact:

Darwin Office: 8941 1162; Wurrumiyanga Office: 8978 3755; Nguiu Garage: 8970 9256

Bookings can also be made online at www.tiwienterprises.com

Small Tiwi Mammals and Their Response to Fire Regimes



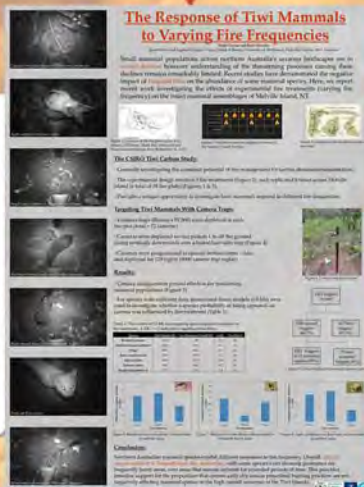
A joint project between the University of Melbourne, CSIRO and the Tiwi Land Council

The Tiwi Land Council, through the Tiwi Islands Fire Committee, is doing a lot of early burning this year to see if carbon credits can be created by having fewer late season fires. While this is good for greenhouse gas emissions, we also need to make sure that early fires aren't having a negative effect on other things that are important on the Islands.

Late last year Hugh Davies from the University of Melbourne got approval from Landowners to set up camera traps in CSIRO's experimental fire plots. Hugh and Tiwi Land Rangers set up 72 cameras to take photos of animals moving through fire plots to see if different fire treatments had any impact on them. Early results are showing that small mammals are not badly affected by early dry season burning. This information was presented as a poster at the Australian Mammal Society Conference in Melbourne during July.



Camera trap



Black-footed tree-rat



Brush-tailed rabbit-rat



Common brushtail possum



Northern brown bandicoot

Hugh and the Land Rangers will continue to collect information from the cameras until at least late 2015, and the information gathered will help us to make sure our fire programme is safe for native animals living on the Tiwi Islands.

Kate Hadden, Tiwi Land Council



Jose Puruntatameri
Hugh Davies
Collin Kerinaia



Agile wallaby

Islanders need Boats - and Skills



Boat building last year

Bronson Desantis



John Bourke



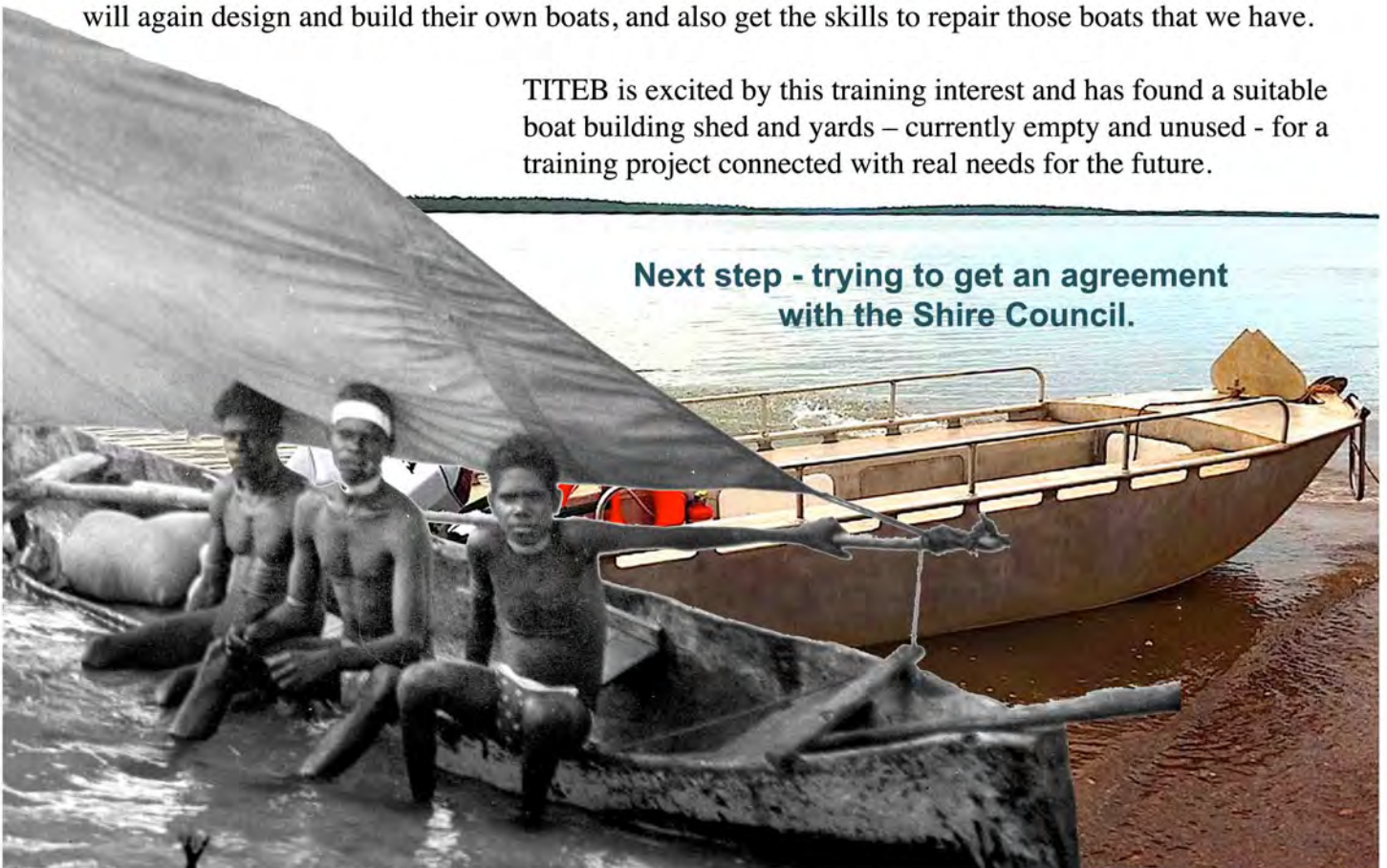
Shannon Cook



Last year a few Tiwi involved in small boat construction were the first since the 1960's to try their hand at boat building again. We hear there is now growing interest to increase this training so that Tiwi will again design and build their own boats, and also get the skills to repair those boats that we have.

TITEB is excited by this training interest and has found a suitable boat building shed and yards – currently empty and unused - for a training project connected with real needs for the future.

Next step - trying to get an agreement with the Shire Council.



Creating own business

Dolores Henry is currently living in South Australia completing her business degree. Recently she started to produce her own post-cards and calenders.



Dolly Henry

“Hi my name is Dolly: I belong to the Tiwi people, who live on the Tiwi Islands known as Bathurst and Melville Island in the Northern Territory.

I belong to the Jamulampi clan group from western side of Melville Island, I am Jpijapunga (cheeky march fly) female member, my family dreaming dance is Yirrikipayi (crocodile).

I love arts because with my disability it helps me heal and strengthen my ability to achieve my goals.

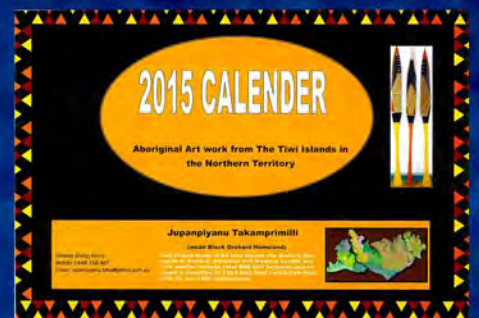
I strongly believed that art is important to all of us. It shows beauty and helps display our creative talents. It inspires Love, compassion and other feelings.



Art is Education, and a sense of identity, through story lines, Dreaming, and through Ceremony.

Art also help heals of the personal wounds brought about by mental health and its illness. Art can heal some of these wounds.”

Dolly Henry



Tiwi College - The HR-Project



The Hayden-Reynolds Garden project has been an outstanding, long lasting relationship with the Tiwi. From humble beginnings the project has grown in to a charitable entity which provides a range of equipment to cater for not only the farm – but programs within the school, using the relentless energy of Guy Reynolds and Matthew Hayden and their loyal network of generous friends.

The generosity of Macquarie Bank throughout this project cannot be stated enough. They have stayed loyal to the project and the staff have been wonderful contributors in more ways than one.

Some milestones of the project:

- 2010/11 Delivery of 1000 tonnes of soil
- 2011 Purchase of and planting of 300 trees
Double fencing around farm
Building of chicken and duck sheds
Purchase of Bobcat
- 2011/12 Purchase of tip truck, 2 gators and industrial mowers
Plants & greenhouse seedlings purchased
Construction of 30 seat outdoor classroom & storage area
- 2012 Purchase of trimmers, chainsaws, edgers and tools
- 2012 /13 All plantings from greenhouse seedlings
- 2013 Dam built
Waterfall and fountain installed
- 2014 Toyota twin cab donated by Aaron Heath (Vanderfield)
Gator purchase
Solar powered water pump purchased and installed



Before



After

The Garden now has all of the equipment necessary to continue the great work required at the farm. The attention for the future will be to develop a program of skilling up young adults from the school and train them to be responsible for jobs. So this year the project has budgeted for 3 school based apprentices to work on the farm and contribute to this remarkable project.

The Tiwi Education Board has been very proud of this relationship with the Hayden Reynolds team. Many hours and extremely high standards have been committed to this project – so that the Tiwi community can embrace it and feel the happiness and pride of the achievements so far and the possibilities into the future.

Ian Smith, Principal

The Hayden Reynolds Project has blossomed and has had great outcomes for the young Tiwi – we alone as a college simply could not have done. These include:

- Donation of 87 laptops (65 from Sarah Williams and Stephen Ung of Macquarie Bank, 22 from The Hayden Way).
- an additional 70 laptops, scheduled to arrive in 2014
- Library book study program of 75% of school's library books
- 80 new headphones for student use.
- 40 new headphones arriving 2014
- Regular clothing donations for staff and students, including student clothing for interstate visits
- Regular ICT support from Macquarie Bank Sydney staff
- Sporting equipment donated by Macquarie Sports
- 2 year sponsorship of "Books in Homes"
- 2 year sponsorship of Indigenous Literacy Foundation
- 2 year commitment to SkinnyFish in Darwin for B2M visits



Some Tiwi Garden assets

Through Visitor's Eyes



This time: visiting from New York

ELLIE LIPE



There has never been a tighter knit community of people like the one at Tiwi College in Pickataramoor.

I was lucky to be able to see it for myself for a couple weeks while I helped out at the Tiwi Land Council and Tiwi College this July, and I have never experienced anything like it.

I've never been to a place where there are more buffalo than people, driven on bumpier roads, known someone to backflip on a trampoline so many times in a row, or seen so many bright stars fill up just one sky at night.



But I felt the greatest surprise a few days into my stay at the community dinner that the college holds every Thursday. Everyone would sit on the basketball court eating dinner and just talking and laughing. A soccer match would soon break out on the courts and I would watch as students and faculty, girls and boys, would play together and dance to blaring music. Nights like these truly represented the spirit of the school and showed how Tiwi College at Pickataramoor is not only a place where you learn but is also one family of people from all over the islands, from all over Australia.

I sadly left this little family of Picka knowing that there was not another set of people in the world like them!

By Ellie Lipe



Photo left: Ellie, Matty Larkin and Tiwi College Primary School teacher Miss Steph McKenzie
Photo right: Ellie, Matty Larkin and Terry Larkin at Pickataramoor airstrip



Photos by Rachel Burke

Tiwi Bombers - Support



New Head Coach Willie Rioli will launch the 2014/15 season on the first Tuesday on August 5th at Real Estate Central Oval at Wurrumiyanga.

The new Toll Tiwi Bombers Coach has put in place a plan targeting nothing less than the Club's second TIO NTFL Premiership.

But to achieve the dream we need everyone who loves and takes pride in the Tiwi community to support THEIR team - the Toll Tiwi Bombers.

The commitment, passion and discipline we want and need from the Toll Tiwi Bomber players and Coaches we also want from the Tiwi people in 2014/15 – without it we will not succeed.

The Club is desperate for Corporate support from members of the Tiwi Corporate Group in addition to the retail and social clubs at all Bathurst Island communities. Without your business and community support the Toll Tiwi players cannot be provided with the resources we need to compete against the mainland clubs.

The Toll Tiwi Bomber Board which includes prominent Tiwi Island community members Cyril Kalippa, Andrew Tipungwuti, Barry Puruntatameri and Danny

Munkara acknowledge and thank the mainland support of large corporate companies Toll Holdings and Real Estate Central but we need help from more island businesses.

For players who want to be part of the playing dream training attendance is compulsory wherever they are located. All players must bring boots and runners to all training sessions in August – remember No Train then No Play! We proved last year when we missed the finals for the first time in 7 seasons that 90% commitment is not good enough – make us all proud players!

To the Tiwi Community – become a member, get involved in running home games and be a supporter rather than a follower!

The Toll Tiwi Bombers, “One Dream One Team”

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Quiz

1. When is Jilamara's 25th Birthday?
a) August 2014 b) January 2015 c) June 2015
2. How many new cars arrive at Port Darwin every month?
a) 150 b) 450 c) 700
3. Dams of water in NT lose water from evaporation. How much every year?
a) 1 metre b) 4 metres c) 6 metres
4. 22 people died on NT roads last year. How many were aboriginal people?
a) 8 aboriginal people b) 12 aboriginal people c) 16 aboriginal people

5. What is the total area of land owned by Tiwi traditional owners?
a) 5640 square km b) 7560 square km c) 8320 square km
6. Who won the World Cup in Soccer?
a) Brazil b) GERMANY c) Argentina
7. Who wrote down the first words about Tiwi people?
a) Marteen van Delft b) Matthew Flinders c) Bishop Gsell
8. How many single engine aircraft exist in Australia?
a) 2500 b) 5500 c) 9000



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A special Tiwi Islands Adventure



Croc eats croc
Photos by Warren Smith



Warren Smith

Warren Smith [Wasa], the well known and super experienced TIA fishing guide is now even more famous: he photographed out the back of Snake Bay a very big crocodile eating another big crocodile.

His photos and story got published in the Daily Mail Australia newspaper and made it around the world. No doubt Wasa's fishing guests had an unforgettable Tiwi Adventure.

20th Wedding Anniversary



Jennifer and Brian Clancy renewed their vows on 18th June 2014 during a beautiful celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary at Pickataramoor.



Sister Anne and John Hicks



Rachel Burke and College Girls



Tiwi Musicians



Buffet

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- 1. a) August 2014
- 2. c) 700 cars
- 3. b) Up to 4 metres every year
- 4. c) 16 aboriginal people died last year on NT roads

- 5. c) 8320 square kilometres or 832,000 hectares
- 6. b) Germany Winner for the 4th time

- 7. a) Commander Marteen van Delft in May 1705
- 8. c) 9000 single engine aircraft There are only 2000 jets and twins.



25 years Jilamara Arts & Crafts



This year's annual Tiwi Art Network Exhibition showcases a broad range of work from the three art centres on the Tiwi Islands – Munupi Arts and Crafts, Tiwi Design and Jilamara Arts and Crafts.

The opening is on Friday 8th August at 10.00am with a morning tea, welcome to country, Tiwi dancing and Tiwi artists in attendance.



Dates: Friday 8th - Wednesday 13th August
 Time: 10am-5pm
 At: The Reflection Room
 Double Tree by Hilton on the Esplanade
 116 The Esplanade Darwin

For further information: Mel Goetze on 08 8941 3593
 or visit us online www.tiwiart.com/2014
 where the exhibition catalogue will be available for
 download the day before the exhibition opens.

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