



# THE TIWI

NEWS for  
Traditional  
Owners



## NEWS from your LAND Council

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### Good to know

See included in this edition the new Tiwi Fire Management Plan for this year.



## Chairman's Words



Welcome to our June/July edition of The Tiwi.

We again pass on our condolences to family and friends who have lost loved ones over these past months.

In this edition, I'd like to talk about 'legacy' starting with us being privileged to be part of a wonderful event celebrating the life of Matthias Ulungura with the unveiling of his life sized bronze statue commemorating his capturing of the first prisoner of war on Australian soil during WWII.

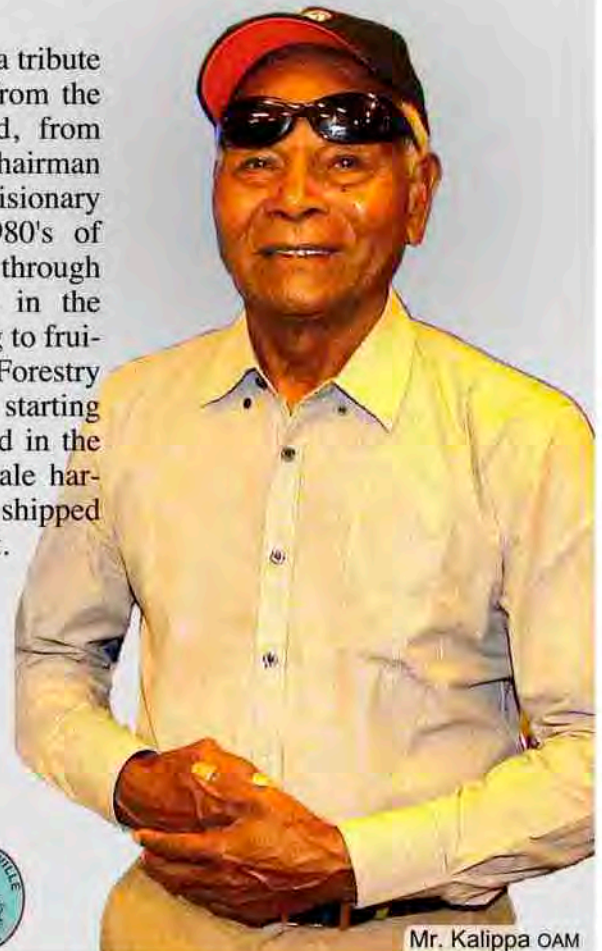
And speaking of legacy, we recently lost one of our all time great leaders in Mr. Kalippa.

You will see in these pages a tribute to the great man who led from the front in everything he did, from being our inaugural TLC Chairman from 1978, to having the visionary insight from the early 1980's of taking control of our future through Education, which resulted in the Tiwi College Dream coming to fruition. He oversaw the Tiwi Forestry and Port Melville projects starting with seedlings being planted in the 80's and 90's to the full scale harvesting we see today and shipped through our world class Port.

He supported other Land Owners with Township leasing and developments on their land. He was pivotal with the inclusion of the Tiwi Bombers being included in the NTFL, the development of Tiwi Islands Adventures. The list of his achievements just goes on and on.

**Vale Mr. Kalippa, your strength, vision and leadership will be sorely missed but your legacy will continue in our lives for many years to come.**

*Gibson Farmer Illortaminni,  
Chairman Tiwi Land Council*



Mr. Kalippa OAM



# Mr. Kalippa OAM - In Memoriam

We not only mourn and grieve the passing of a very special person in the lives of family, friends and so many colleagues from varied work and endeavor across Australia; but also to celebrate a unique and unrepeatable life. A life that has, more than most, left our communities better than he found them. A life that found fulfillment in what he could contribute to strengthen the lives of others and to provide the foundations of dignity in how we managed them.

His vision and remarkable skills are recorded in the pre-incorporation records and minutes of the Tiwi Land Council from the mid-1970's. There you can read of his foresight; - that communities themselves are best able to look after their own futures; - that they require their own good governance to do it; and that Tiwi leadership can be found if called upon to provide it.

He was the founding Chairman of the Land Council in 1978 and has remained a passionate advocate of Tiwi development and what he termed "doing things properly" throughout his life. In the days prior to his passing he was still attending meetings; listening to what others had to say about managing fires for yet another dry season and suggesting, "you young ones got to stop lighting them".



1988, Photo by Heide Smith



2012 at Lethbridge mine, Melville Island



Past chairmen: J. Tipungwuti, C. Kalippa, W. Kerinauia, M. Wonaeamirri  
Tiwi Land Council 1995



2015 at Tiwi Forests harvest open day



2014 signing Melville Port deed



2011 speaking at Tiwi Ashes

# Mr. Kalippa OAM 1934 - 2016



No topic, no interest, no aspect of community life was too trivial for him. From airstrips to roads to walkways; from war time wrecks to heritage records; from nurturing wild yams to farming oysters; from fluoride in the water to migrating Terns on Seagull Island; from the quiet reaches of a river to the challenges of a putter on the golfing green; from meetings of the Store Committee, Art Centre, Local Council to the offices of government departments, Senators and Parliamentary leaders. This man of unrivalled interests that went beyond the horizons most of us could grasp in several lifetimes. He managed them all with unshakable determination – a hallmark of his success.

And there were many successes. Foundation of a Land Council ranked high; but in later years he most treasured the establishment of Tiwi College as a boarding School on Tiwi land. Developed with his guidance from a patch in the bush at Pickataramoor, he delighted in the growing confidence of students “Who,” he said, “Can smile and look you in the eye just like their Grandparents did!”

He was determined that the plantations planted by the old NT Conservation Commission be respected and nurtured. “That was the right thing to do. All those Tiwi and Commission people worked hard to get us going,” he said. “We got to do it properly for them and for ourselves!” And so he did; always there for meetings, always ready to travel anywhere to benefit his people and to defend their interests.

His has been a life that began in the declining decades of the six thousand year old traditions of Tiwi governance. He was there to rebuild them anew in our modern settings of today. The destiny of his life has shaped the destiny of our Tiwi communities today.

*John Hicks, former CEO TLC*



Helena and C. Kalippa at their 60th wedding anniversary

# Mr. Kalippa OAM - In Memoriam

As our Chairman has mentioned on the front page of this issue, since our last update to you all in the April/May 2016 edition, our inaugural Chairman and irreplaceable community leader, Mr C. Kalippa has sadly passed away.

He will be fondly remembered by us as a 'long term' Tiwi thinker and leader, who along with those early leaders also now sadly passed on, saw that the best way forward for Tiwi people was to move toward independence and self-sufficiency.

His guidance was crucial - creating and supporting countless efforts to provide a brighter future for all of us via our own Tiwi economy. These now blossoming endeavours include local industry (forestry and tourism ventures to name just two), our own boarding school (Tiwi College), our own NTFL team (the mighty Bombers) and even our own Port Melville,



Tiwi Land Council Executive Management Committee

which now provides the Tiwi Islands with the potential for further economic growth and independence for decades to come.

It was such a pleasure for land council members to watch on in the past few years as our very first Chairman witnessed so proudly these visions coming to fruition for him on behalf of all Tiwi. Our sincerest condolences to Helena and the extended Rioli family during this time. The State funeral held on the 23rd of June was such a fitting tribute to an illustrious life, one that will live on in all our memories indefinitely.

*Executive Management Committee*

## Memories of C. Kalippa (Rioli) by Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu MLA

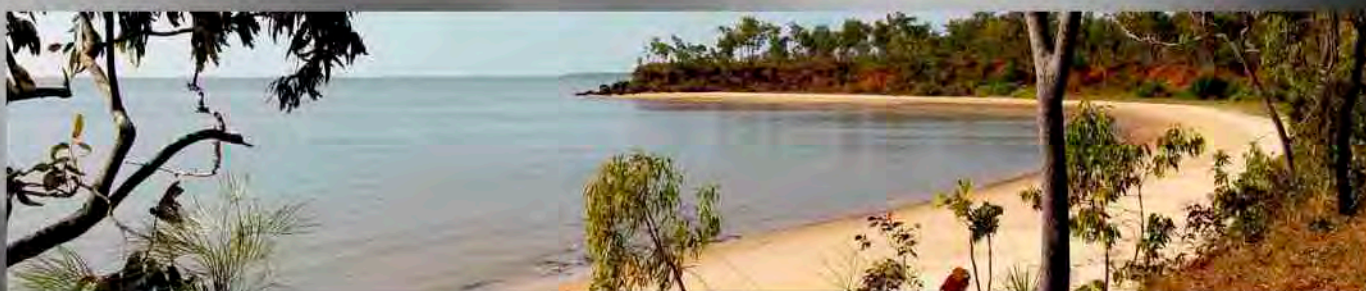
I grew up with Cyril. Our families moved to Garden Point around the same time and we went to school together. As we grew into adults in a time where self-determination and Land Rights were at the forefront of discussions, I knew I wanted to follow in this man's footsteps. He encouraged me to study and work hard. I became involved in the Shire, becoming Chairman and was later appointed to the Tiwi Land Council. During this time my dad told me that Cyril was his nephew. I had always felt a bit nervous sitting next to this man I admired so much, and became proud to know him as my dad's nephew.

I listened to his dreams for our people and admired his involvement in the forestry, Port and in his own business.



Even though he, his son Maurice and I may not have always agreed on politics, I have always felt his support of me as the elected Member for our community. I understand his place in my family now, I thank him for his support and I will work hard to continue his legacy of building a strong economic future for our people.

*Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu MLA  
Member for Arafura*



# Mr. Kalippa OAM 1934 - 2016

I am very proud to have known C. Kalippa (Rioli). We first became acquainted in 2009 while Cyril was an important member of the Tiwi Land Council. That is when we began negotiations for the redevelopment of Port Melville. He might have been small in stature but his spirit was strong. A man of vision, he had a way about him that commanded respect and admiration.

His leadership paved the way for future generations of Tiwi people. He also taught me a lesson in humility that I will always cherish. I am glad to have been a part of his vision for the future of the Tiwi people.

*Smooth Sailing  
Captain Larry*



Larry Johnson and C. Kalippa in 2014

## Mr. Kalippa OAM - Tribute from Tiwi Plantations Corporation

A great visionary and a great leader, the late Mr. Kalippa and four of his colleagues of the Tiwi Land Council Executive, three of whom have also since passed away, approached the Northern Territory Government in 1996 and advised of their determination to establish commercial industries in forestry, fishing, tourism and mining, and to remove Tiwi people from dependency on welfare and government grants. They also advised of their determination to establish their own private college, Tiwi College at Pickataramoor, to provide education for younger generations of Tiwi.

With single-minded dedication and purpose, Mr. Kalippa chaired the Tiwi Plantations Corporation for the past 7 years to deliver the forestry part of this outcome for the Tiwi people. He provided direction for Tiwi Plantations Corporation to secure funding, equipment, staff and the port to enable the export of the first two trial shipments of Tiwi woodchip late last year. Despite failing health in recent weeks, he continued to maintain a vital interest in the ongoing work to secure export markets for Tiwi woodchip.

For Mr. Kalippa, this was not just about forestry, this was about jobs for Tiwi and Tiwi economic independence. It is now up to us to complete this task and fulfil his vision.



L to R: Glen Samsa PMP, Gibson F. Illortaminni TLC, Roger Smith TPC, Craig Philipps PMP and C. Kalippa TLC in 2015



L to R: C. Kalippa, Roger Smith, Hayley Richards NT Government, John Wilson TLC, Gibson F. Illortaminni Chairman TLC

It is my privilege to have known and worked with him.  
*Roger Smith, TPC*

# Mr. Kalippa OAM - In Memoriam

The Tiwi Land Council minutes of the early 1980's has a resolution from this man stating that the Tiwi needed to run their own boarding school on the Tiwi Islands. This was over 30 years ago.

Uncle led the charge with Walter Kerinaia, Robert Tipungwuti and Matthew Wonaeamirri in ensuring this vision stayed true and remained strong. A common theme of 2 decades of TLC minutes shows Uncle's determination to ensure a college was built for the young Tiwi.

In 2007 Tiwi College was built and opened for students. These early days were testing times, as it is for all new schools. Uncle was unrelenting in his passion for the school to succeed and was able to steer a true course when hard decisions needed to be made. This is a true test of leadership – being ready to adapt during tough times in order to bring about a change in culture, a culture of excellence. Being good wasn't enough for Uncle – he wanted the best for his people.

At board meetings he demanded this excellence - reports were not accepted – they were dissected. He was always ensuring he knew exactly what was going on and would not take reports on face value. Decisions were carefully discussed first and then fiercely upheld. In this aspect, his commitment and responsibility to the young Tiwi is his care was remarkable.

The Tiwi people can now be proud of their school. Even though he was so humble I believe Uncle would feel proud to boast of 80 students who are so happy and proud to be there; of the 80% attendance rate of the school, the amazing staff retention rates and the quality of the education the kids are receiving. His vision will be highlighted this year, when we have 5 graduates complete their full secondary schooling at Tiwi College, and finish with fully completed Stage 2 certificates.

There can be no stronger, more powerful gift to provide for one's people than to empower them with education – the gift of worldly knowledge. Now, the Tiwi are in control of their own destiny. Uncle's foresight and vision will live on for future generations via a school built for them. A Tiwi school, run by Tiwi for Tiwi, and very importantly - on Tiwi country.

In his life's journey, Uncle profoundly influenced so many people because of his wealth of knowledge, thoughtful guidance and strong leadership. Most importantly he has left a wonderful personal legacy of a great tight-knit family, closely bonded together through his values & in this sense he will never leave us, and we will all be better people because of it.

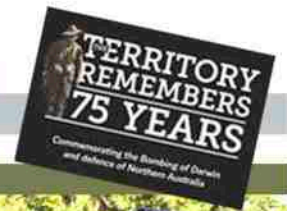
May you Rest in Peace Uncle

*Ian Smith, Principal*



Tiwi College on Melville Island

# Matthias Ulungura statue unveiled



Matthias Ampiyartilawayi Ulungura



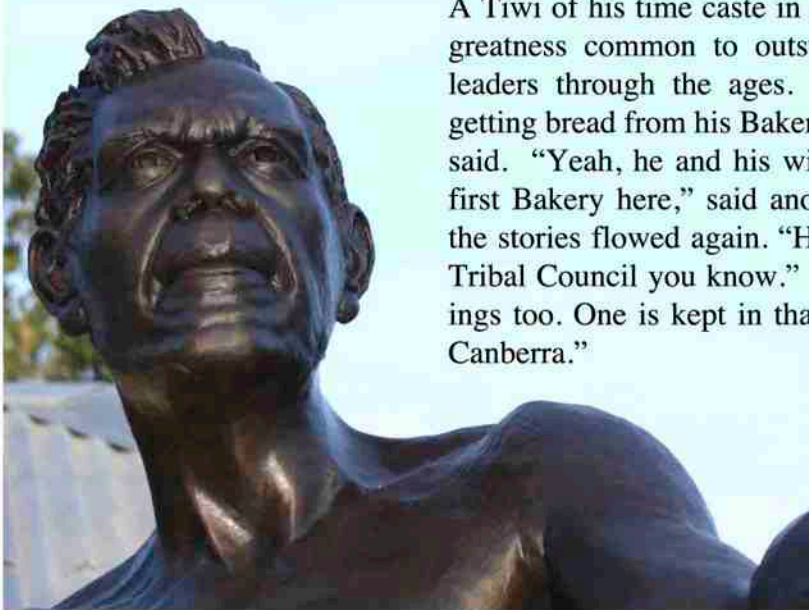
## Matthias is back!

“Go down and see him,” said the morning shoppers up at Walter’s store. We did; kids who had heard the stories; Mum’s and Dads who remember the remarkable man now immortalised in bronze with the morning sun glistening on the face of a near forgotten Australian hero.

A Tiwi of his time cast in the stature of greatness common to outstanding Tiwi leaders through the ages. “I remember getting bread from his Bakery Shop,” one said. “Yeah, he and his wife set up the first Bakery here,” said another. And so the stories flowed again. “He was on the Tribal Council you know.” “Made paintings too. One is kept in that Museum in Canberra.”



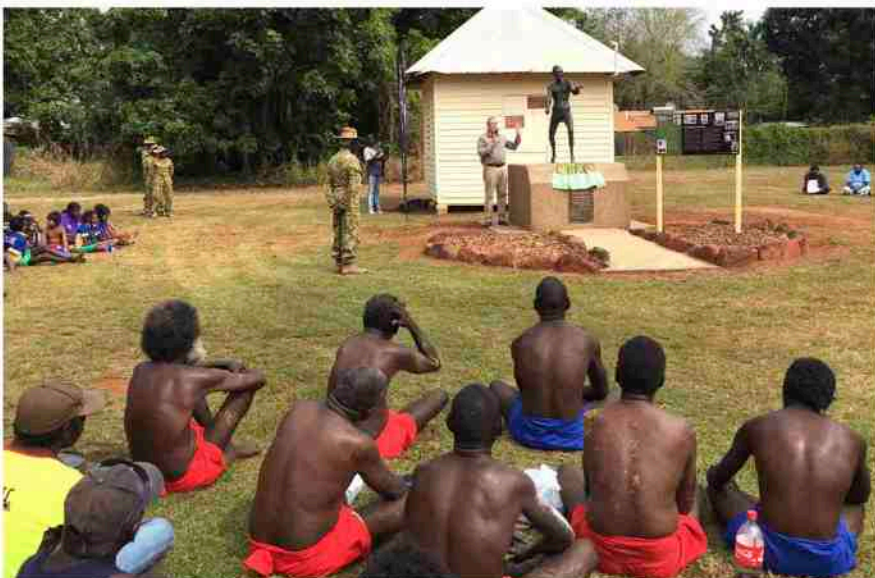
Sculpture by Paul Smits



Photos by M. Quail and J. Hicks

He is back alright! That quiet courage and determination now celebrated throughout Australia never really went away. It is still there among our Tiwi leaders of today.

**If you go down near the old Church you can see what it looks like.**



# Nguiu Club - end of administration



The company **Meertens Chartered Accountants** was appointed as Special Administrators of Nguiu Club since 4 January 2016.

Their appointment ended on 3 June 2016 with the agreement for a new Nguiu Club management. The Special Administrators completed their work. See parts of their final report to the Directors of Nguiu Club Aboriginal Corporation below:



Nguiu Club at Wurrumiyanga

## Final newsletter of Special Administrators

### Club management

In February 2016 we sought expressions of interest from companies to manage the Nguiu Club. Companies had to be experienced in running licensed premises or remote retail or hospitality businesses and willing to provide a working capital loan to the club. The expression of interest and proposal process closed on 4 March 2016.

There were two proposals that met the requirements of our call for expressions of interest. We considered both proposals with the advisory group members. The successful proposal was a joint venture between Mantiyupwi Pty Ltd, the commercial arm of the traditional owners, and Outback Stores. Mantiyupwi will provide governance and financial support to the club but the day-to-day management of the club will be undertaken by Outback Stores.

We have signed an agreement with Mantiyupwi and Outback Stores that will see them work together to manage the club until the 2019 annual general meeting (AGM). The financial support that will be provided by Mantiyupwi, through its Piliyamanyirra Supermarket, will enable important repairs and improvements to be made at the Nguiu Club. We expect that will take some time to be carry out.

Under the agreement we have signed the club will still be owned by the Nguiu Club Aboriginal Corporation and its members. Any profits belong to the corporation and will only be used to repay the club's debts, make improvements at the club and, if there is money left over, to fund community projects. Mantiyupwi and Outback Stores have just been appointed to manage the club for a fee for the next three years.

While the management was not supported by everyone, we believe that this is the very best management arrangement for the club while it gets back on its feet.

### **OWNERSHIP WILL REMAIN IN THE HANDS OF MEMBERS.**

### Licensing

We're pleased to see the club's relationships with the NT Director-General of Licensing and the police have improved over the course of the special administration. This is mainly due to the professional management brought to the club by Outback Stores.

### Community Dividend Fund

Apart from what has to be put towards repaying debts, profits from the club can only be spent on purposes described in the club's rule book.

Profits belong to the club – they can't be given to managers. Profits must be kept by the club for investing in more improvements to the club's facilities or held in the 'Community Dividend Fund' to pay for community projects.

If and when funds are available in the Community Dividend Fund, the corporation will seek applications from community organizations for grants from the fund – but remember payments from the fund must meet the objectives in the club's rule book.

Please note, applications to the Community Dividend Fund will be considered by the club's board of directors in consultation with the managers.

### Board of directors

The corporation's new board of directors will comprise up to 10 directors.

The directors appointed by us at the end of the special administration are:

- Jennifer Clancy (Mantiyupwi)
- Wesley Kerinaia (Mantiyupwi)
- Russell Pupangamirri (Mantiyupwi)
- Stacey Parker (Mantiyupwi)
- Bonaventure Timaepatua (Mantiyupwi)
- Angelo Orsto (Mantiyupwi)
- Danny Munkara (member director)
- Ivan Fernando (member director)

The directors appointed by us will decide whether to appoint independent directors at their future director's meetings.

### Safety reviews

The health and safety issues for club patrons and employees remain key concerns for the new management of the club. We worked with Mark Rhodes and Scott Marley, the new managers, to fix the most urgent safety problems raised in the club's risk management plan, and we're pleased that other health and safety changes will be made now that a permanent management company has been appointed.

### End of the special administration

We are confident the Nguiu Club will continue to improve under the new management. We'd like to thank the managers, club staff, the advisory group members, patrons and the Registrar's office for all assistance they have given us during the special administration.

We wish the Nguiu Club and its members the very best for the future.





# Letter from Sergeant Renae McGarvie



Hi everyone,

Firstly I would like to thank all the Tiwi and non-Tiwi people at Wurrumiyanga for making my family and I so welcome here and taking the time to say hello and show us the right path(literally) to places and how to find the right people.

I arrived on Island on 23rd May and commenced work as the Officer in Charge of Wurrumiyanga Police Station on 30th May 2016.

My partner, Justin is employed by the NT Department of Education and will be working as the Remote School Attendance Officer on Tiwi Islands starting Term 3.

My daughter, Anika is 6 years young and she is in Angie's Year 1 class at MCPS and loving it...especially no shoes, school bag or homework!

I also have a 20year old son Amyas that lives in Adelaide where he is studying at University and he can't wait to get over here and meet all the Tiwi mob and catch some fish! I have included some recent photos of my family to share with you.



Sergeant Renae McGarvie's family: L to R partner Justin, daughter Anika and son Amyas



Sergeant Renae McGarvie with partner Justin and daughter Anika

In terms of my 18year career span with the Northern Territory Police I joined in 1998 and was posted to Alice Springs. I have since worked in Groote Eylandt, Adelaide River, Daly River, Wadeye and Darwin. I have been a Police Instructor at the Academy and also a Prosecutor at the Magistrates Court in Darwin. I have also completed a Bachelor of Education in my spare time;) and qualified to teach from Transition to Year 10.

In this 18th year being a Cop I did some soul searching and decided it was time to get my family and I back to Community and my passion, which is helping people learn and grow to be healthy, strong and positive in their everyday lives. I love to keep fit and healthy and be involved in my Community along with my family.

My work mantra has always been "Treat others as you would like to be treated". I am very excited to be here with my family and learning a lot about the Tiwi culture, lifestyle and language and in turn I promise to Serve and Protect this Community in every way possible.

I am open, honest and welcome your positive feedback and recommendations to help improve my service as a Police Officer to yours and now my Community.

**Let's work together to be strong,  
positive and help each other.**

**Come see me for a cuppa  
and a chat anytime. 😊**

*Renae*

# NT Fisheries Agreement Consultation



**A Review** of the Tiwi/NT Government Fisheries Agreement is due to take place from 1st July 2016. In preparation, the Tiwi Land Council organised preliminary community information sessions in Milikapiti, Pirlangimpi and Wurrumiyanga during the week of the 16th May. Leading the consultations was Bo Carne, who is the Senior Indigenous Policy Manager with NT Fisheries. Bo was able to explain the Agreement in detail and hear community concerns.

**There was a lot of interest** and discussion, and there will be more meetings and opportunities to have your say. At the end of the consultations the Tiwi Land Council will write to NT Fisheries with all of the community responses in order to work out the best way forward.

## Aboriginal Coastal Licence

Tiwi Islands Inter-tidal Agreement

Information sheet

### Opportunity for Tiwi people to do small fishing operations

As part of the Blue Mud Bay agreement, the Northern Territory Government has made significant changes to the Aboriginal Coastal Licence to ensure it is more viable for Aboriginal people wanting to catch and sell fish. The Tiwi Land Council wants to ensure our fish are managed sustainably, so anyone wanting to use larger nets will need a licence from the NT Government.

**Tiwi people who want to catch fish and give it away do not need a licence.**

An Aboriginal Coastal Licence is only needed for Tiwi people who want to catch fish and sell to others, including local shops. If Tiwi people would like to apply for an Aboriginal Coastal Licence, contact the Tiwi Land Council or the Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries. The licence cost is \$50.00 per year.

To assist Tiwi people interested in operating a small fishing business, NT Fisheries will be delivering seafood industry training.

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For more information visit Tiwi Land Council website at [www.tiwilandcouncil.com](http://www.tiwilandcouncil.com) or phone 08 8970 9373  
Fisheries website at [www.dpif.nt.gov.au/Fisheries](http://www.dpif.nt.gov.au/Fisheries) or  
phone 08 8999 2144



# NT Fisheries Agreement Consultation



## Giving fish away (Traditional fishing)

## Selling fish (Aboriginal Coastal Licence)

<p>Tiwi people can fish as they have always fished:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Tiwi people can continue to practice customary traditions and catch fish for family and give it away to community.</li> <li>✓ Use a fish trap.</li> <li>✓ Use other fishing gear like handlines, fishing rods, spears and bait nets.</li> <li>✓ Use crab pots.</li> <li>✓ Do not need to tell NT Fisheries what you catch.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Must not get money for fish.</li> <li>✗ Must not use large mesh nets.</li> </ul>	<p>An Aboriginal Coastal Licence allows Tiwi people to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Catch and then sell their fish.</li> <li>✓ Use up to 100 metre net with 65 mm mesh.</li> <li>✓ Use a fish trap.</li> <li>✓ Use other fishing gear like handlines, fishing rods, spears and bait nets.</li> <li>✓ Sell fish to anyone, including the local shops.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Application fee to be paid and own fishing gear to be used.</li> <li>✗ No crab pots.</li> <li>✗ No fishing in 'Reef Fish Protection Areas'.</li> <li>✗ No targeting of barramundi, mud crab, spanish mackerel or king threadfin.</li> <li>✗ Must do 'seafood handling' training.</li> <li>✗ Must do an interview with the NT Government before a licence can be issued.</li> <li>✗ Must send all fishing information every month to NT Fisheries to help monitor how much fish is being caught.</li> </ul>
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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING AN APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF AN ABORIGINAL COASTAL LICENCE

As the submitted form is a legal document all details on the form must be provided. Incomplete forms will not be approved.

1. Applicant is required to complete the application, specify name, contact details etc.
2. Council or Community group to complete section on the right hand side of the application form.
3. A support letter is required from the Council or Community Group recommending the licence applicant to be the holder of an Aboriginal Coastal Licence for a particular area.
4. A map depicting the proposed area in which fishing will occur must be submitted with the application.
5. Proof of identity of the applicant, photograph or driver's licence must accompany the application.
6. The \$50.00 application fee may be paid by the following methods:
  - Direct Credit Transfer
  - Cash Cheque
  - EFTPOS
  - Credit Card

\*Note: You must conduct an interview with the NT Government before a licence can be issued. This can be done by telephone or from a NT Government employee in your community.



## Traditional Owners to Benefit after Agreement

Tiwi Islands Inter-tidal Agreement

Information sheet

### Building trust and strong relationships

A 20-year agreement was signed between the Tiwi Land Council and the Northern Territory Government in November 2014. A “win-win” solution was achieved with limited access negotiated for fishing in the inter-tidal zone provided the needs of the Tiwi Traditional Owners were satisfied.

The agreement was considered multiple times by the Tiwi Land Council in the second half of 2014 before being endorsed by the Tiwi Traditional Owners and custodians. The package includes:

- protection of the Tiwi owned fishing lodges on Bathurst and Melville Islands
- a stronger more viable Aboriginal Coastal Licence
- Tiwi engagement in fisheries management in all waters around the Tiwi and Vernon Islands
- additional income opportunities from visiting fishers.

The agreement will deliver long-term benefits to the Tiwi community, and was back-dated to come into effect as of 1 July 2014.

Table: Tiwi Islands fishing arrangements, before and after

Before (Closed waters)		After (Limited access)	
<p>✓ Permit required for all non-Tiwi to access all creeks and rivers on the Tiwi Islands.</p> <p>Note: No permit required for access to the Apsley Strait or to fish waters outside the inter-tidal zone.</p>	<p>✗ Difficult to stop people from doing the wrong thing, even if they had permits.</p> <p>✗ Difficult to 'police' people going up creeks and rivers without permits (non-compliance).</p>	<p>✓ Voluntary code of conduct to improve communication and make sure visitors respect the rights of Traditional Owners.</p> <p>✓ Increased marine ranger powers through amendments to the Fisheries Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NT Fisheries will provide training to marine rangers to give them greater fisheries enforcement powers such as the authority to inspect vessels, fishing gear and catch, and to issue infringement notices.</li> </ul> <p>✓ Water Police and NT Fisheries to work with Tiwi marine rangers.</p>	<p>✗ Southern areas and creeks off Apsley Strait opened up for permit free access.</p>

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# NT Fisheries Agreement Consultation



Before (Closed waters)	After (Limited access)
<p>✗ No Tiwi research or engagement in fisheries management.</p>	<p>✓ Tiwi owned fishing lodges now have exclusive access to the inter-tidal waters on the north of Melville Island and the western side of Bathurst Island.</p> <p>✓ Permit required for non-Tiwi to access 'Exclusion Zones'.</p> <p>✓ Tiwi people now engaged in fisheries management processes in all waters around the Tiwi and Vernon Islands (including beyond inter-tidal waters), through a joint management committee.</p>
<p>✓ \$10,000 income gained from fishing access permit fees each year.</p>	<p>✗ Cost greater to administer each year than income gained from fishing access permit fees.</p> <p>✓ A one-off \$30,000 payment to build a new recreational fishing camp along the Apsley Strait.</p> <p>✓ Additional income opportunities from fishers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitors will also be permitted to visit the townships of Wurrumiyanga and Pirlangimpi where they may be able to buy fuel and supplies or visit the art gallery provided 24 hours' notice is given.</li> </ul>
<p>✓ \$60,000 Tiwi marine ranger grants from NT Fisheries.</p>	<p>✗ Tiwi marine ranger grants from NT Fisheries were not guaranteed each year.</p> <p>✓ An increase from \$60,000 to \$135,000 a year guaranteed for 20 years (including \$75,000 to support land owning clan groups as well as \$60,000 directly to the marine ranger program) administered by the Tiwi Land Council.</p>
<p>✓ Aboriginal Coastal Licences.</p>	<p>✗ Standard Aboriginal Coastal Licence.</p> <p>✗ No Tiwi engagement in licences due to restrictions.</p> <p>✓ More opportunities for Tiwi people to generate income via stronger Aboriginal Coastal Licence through amendments to the Fisheries Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• While not a full commercial licence, the Aboriginal Coastal Licence is only available to Aboriginal people and provides the opportunity to operate a small scale licence to develop the necessary commercial fishing, quality control and marketing skills required for a full scale commercial licence (see Aboriginal Coastal Licence information sheet).</li> </ul>

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# Possible cane toad sighting



## at Wurrumiyanga

A Telecom worker thought he saw a cane toad while he was working at Wurrumiyanga recently. Toads could hitch a ride on barges from Darwin, so we need to keep an eye out around all our communities. The reasons we don't want cane toads on the Islands are:



Cane toad

There are frogs that belong on the Tiwi Islands that might have some of the same features as a cane toad, and we need to make sure they are not killed by mistake. A cane toad has ALL of the following things:



Cane toad

- Cane toads are poisonous. The eggs and tadpoles are also poisonous.
- Animals that eat cane toads will die. This includes goannas, snakes, bandicoots and birds. Dogs can also die from eating or biting cane toads.
- While the poison from cane toads should not kill people, it can make them sick.
- Cane toads are big eaters. They will eat insects, frogs, lizards, small mammals and even birds.
- A single cane toad can lay up to 35,000 eggs, so they can take over country very quickly.

1. Warty skin
2. A distinct ear
3. A bone at the top of the head
4. Poison glands at the back of the head
5. Pointy, webbed toes on the back feet

If you see a toad that has all of these things, then get in touch with a Land or Marine Ranger in your community. They will confirm if it is a cane toad and get rid of it.

*Kate Hadden, Tiwi Land Council*

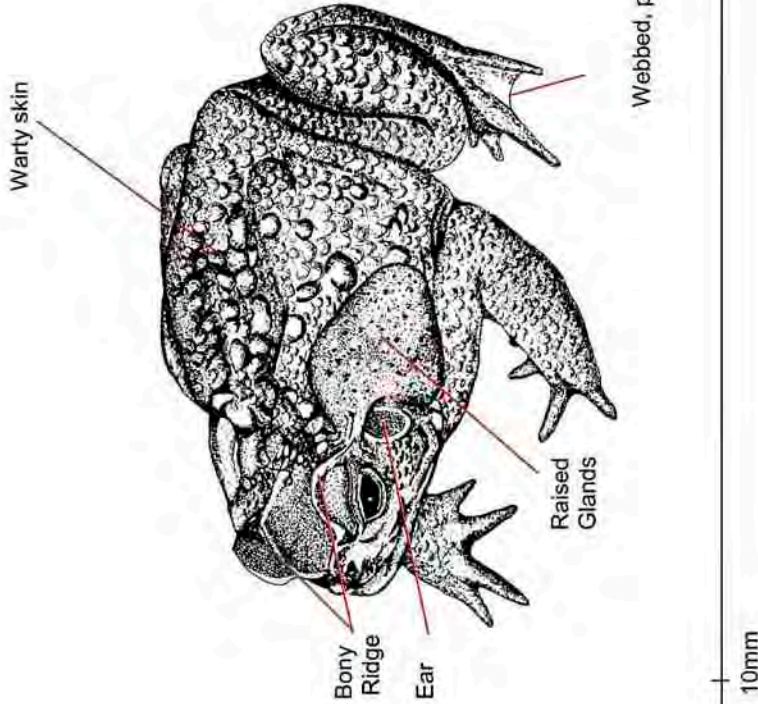
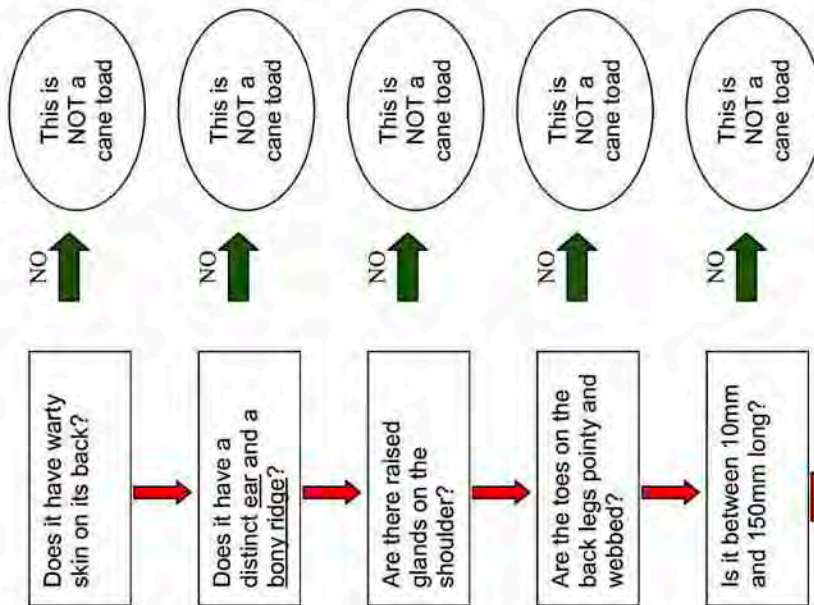
**HELP KEEP THE TIWI ISLANDS FREE OF CANE TOADS**  
**CHECK YOUR BAGS AND FREIGHT**  
**KEEP A LOOK OUT IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY**

# Possible cane toad sighting at Wurrumiyanga



## HOW TO TELL A CANE TOAD

If you think you see a cane toad, look for these things:



- TPC has approvals for new loans from the NT Government and Commonwealth Bank that will allow the forestry project to secure markets, and continue harvest and export.
- There is agreement from NTG, CBA and Export Finance Insurance Corporation to stand still on existing loan interest and repayments until 31st December or until an equity partner is found whichever is first.
- A number of major creditors including Tiwi need to carry their debts until 31 December or until TPC get an equity partner whichever happens first.
- TPC aims to get an equity partner that will provide the best return for Tiwi as soon as possible (aiming for August/September).
- A woodchip sales contract is being finalised with Mitsui for export of woodchip to Daio Paper, with 4 ships - August, October, November 2016 and January 2017; plus 5 ships in 2017/18 and 5 ships in 2018/19. The 1st ship is expected over the period 2 – 10 August this year.
- At the time we made the second shipment we had 53 people employed, of whom 25 were Tiwi. Now that we are finalising a contract for the sale of 14 vessels over the next 3 years, we should see Tiwi jobs increasing as Tiwi develop the experience and skill to operate harvesting machinery and when replanting starts.
- Payment of 8 percent interest on Tiwi loans is occurring now and will continue until those loans are paid out. TPC expect to be able to pay out Tiwi loans when we get an equity partner.
- TPC expect to pay stumpage payments to land owners when we get an equity partner or in 2017 whichever is the earliest.



Daio Paper's ship at Port Melville taking on Tiwi wood-chip load

## Why get an equity partner?

### A good equity partner will

- discharge all debt
- invest in further development of the business and infrastructure
- share cost of replanting (and also share in profits)
- have strength in woodchip price and marketing negotiations
- bring experience and skills in plantation and business management.

*Roger Smith, General Manager  
Tiwi Plantations Corporation*

Wood-chip pile at Port Melville





# Banana Freckle update



We are at the next stage of eradicating banana freckle disease, which was found at Milikapiti in 2014.

After the discovery, all banana plants in Milikapiti were removed, and the rest of the Tiwi Islands checked and found free of the disease. Milikapiti and the surrounding area was then declared a "Quarantine Place", or "Red Zone" for banana plants, meaning that no new banana plants could be brought in or planted within the red zone. This was an important step to make sure there were no plants for the disease to live on.

We have now entered the test plant stage to see if the disease has really gone. On the 25th May banana plants were flown directly to Milikapiti from a disease free area. These plants will act as "sentinel" plants and will be checked very carefully over the next 12 months. If they stay free of banana freckle, then we can be confident that the disease has been eradicated. If the disease shows up on the new plantings, then it is still present.

Milikapiti will remain a Red Zone for the duration of the test plant stage. This means that no banana plants can be moved into or out of Milikapiti. It is very important to do this to make sure that the disease is not re-introduced. And also to make sure that, if it is still at Milikapiti, it is not spread to other areas. For these reasons, it remains an offence to bring banana plants into Milikapiti from other communities or the mainland. If all goes well, this restriction should be lifted next year.

## Banana Freckle Eradication

Banana Freckle is a fungal pest of banana plants. A new strain of Banana Freckle has been found only in the NT. There are 6 Banana Quarantine Red Zones.

### Banana Quarantine Zone

**DO NOT MOVE plants to or from a Red Zone**

<b>PHASE 1</b>	Oct 2014 - April 2015 Destruction of ALL banana plants.	
<b>PHASE 2</b>	April 2015 - April 2016 No banana plants for a wet season.	
<b>PHASE 3</b>	May 2016- April 2017 Monitored test planting (plants with permits only).	

**Hotline: 1800 771 163**  
 Email: [banana@nt.gov.au](mailto:banana@nt.gov.au) | [www.banana.nt.gov.au](http://www.banana.nt.gov.au)  
 National Banana Freckle Eradication Program



A huge well done to the residents of Milikapiti and Milikapiti Farm staff for following quarantine recommendations and supporting the eradication of this serious disease.

*Kate Hadden, TLC*

Please help keep the Tiwi Islands pest and disease free

## Tiwi Islands Fire Management Plan in this edition



The 2016 Fire Management Plan was signed off by the Tiwi Islands Fire Committee on the 26th April. The Committee is made up of Traditional Owners, Tiwi Rangers and staff from TLC, Forestry, CSIRO and Bushfires NT. They met three times to put the

Plan together, and also to talk about how best to conduct burning for the 2016 season. The goal is to stop hot, late season fires in order to create carbon credits and reduce the amount of greenhouse gases going into the air each year.

# Tiwi Schools Fire Week 2016



Tiwi School Fire Week at Pularumpi School



**What do helicopters, art and fire have in common?** Well, they were the three key elements of the 2016 Tiwi Schools Fire Week competition held in May. Students from all schools were invited to draw or paint a poster that best illustrated this year's Fire Week message - "Kimirrakinari, Season of Fire, April to July."

The Tiwi Land Rangers judged the best poster from each school and presented the winning students with an amazing prize – a helicopter ride (to be taken at a later date)! But what a tough job it was for the rangers! All of the posters were amazing, and it was obvious the students had put a huge amount of effort into them. They demonstrated not only creativity, but an understanding of the fire message. "These school kids are our future fire managers and they can help us by telling their families and friends to finish burning by the end of July," said Senior Land Ranger, Willie Rioli. "We need everyone on the islands to think about their burning," he said.

*Barbara McKaige, CSIRO*



Tiwi School Fire Week at MCPS



Willie Rioli and Caroline Pruntameri



Kim B. Wommatakimmi and Jasmine Brooks



Willie with Augustina Munkara



Willie with Jason Pruntameri



Willie with Sam Cooper



Willie with Riccana Tipungwuti

# Tiwi Schools Fire Week 2016



The winning posters were produced by:

Milikapiti School: Dora Lorenzo

Pularumpi School: Maximus Puruntatameri

Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic Primary School:

Overall Winner - Tahni Thompson

Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic Primary School:

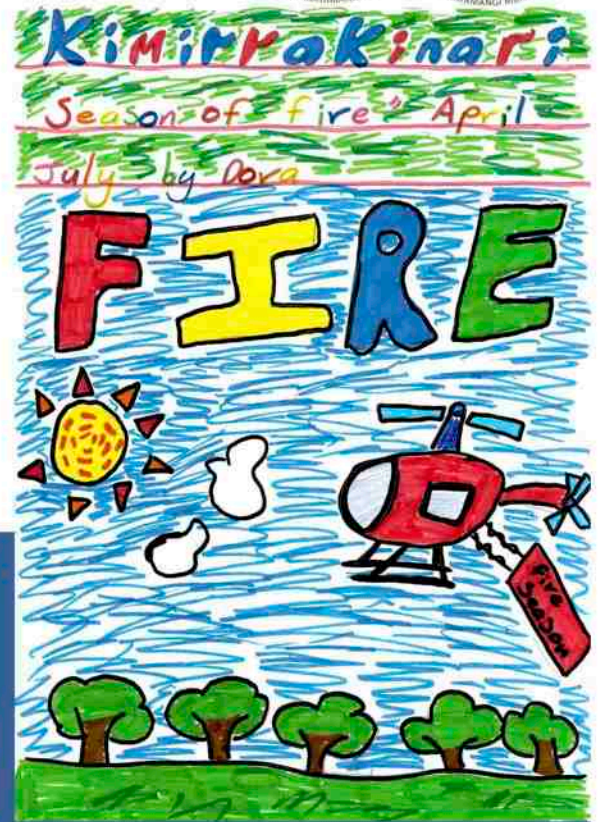
Class Winners - Riccana Tipungwuti,

Tahlia Tipungwuti, Caroline Puruntatameri,

Jason Puruntatameri, Augustina Munkara.

Xavier Catholic College: Sam Cooper

Tiwi College: Demaga Warrior



Winner Dora Lorenzo



Winner Sam Cooper



Winner Demaga Warrior



Winner Tahlia Tipungwuti



Winner Jason Puruntatameri



Winner Augustina Munkara



Winner Maximus Puruntatameri



Winner Caroline Puruntatameri



Overall Winner Tahni Thomson

Congratulations to everyone who participated!

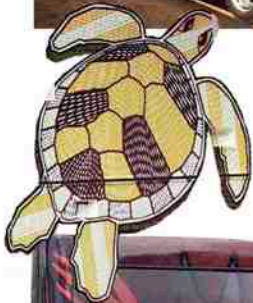
# Launch of the Tuparipiya Bus Service



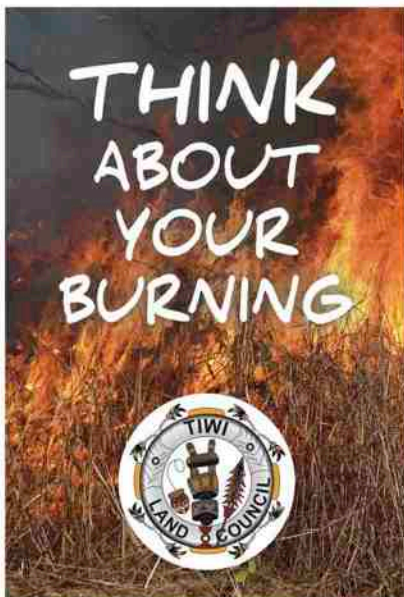
On Monday 20 June 2016 Tiwi Enterprises were very excited to welcome the Minister for Transport, Mr Peter Chandler, to Milikapiti for the launch of the new Tuparipiya Bus Service.

The buses will provide a regular service between Milikapiti, Pirlangimpi, Paru and Pickertaramoor, and will commence in early July. Tiwi Enterprises staff cooked up a storm while the dancers danced and happy school kids got to go on a ride in the new buses.

Bodhi Buses provided the drivers for the day, and they will be working with Tiwi Enterprises to manage the operations and to train up Tiwi drivers.



## TUPARIPIYA BUS SERVICE



Tiwi Enterprises' new forklift at barge landing shed