



THE TIWI

NEWS for
Traditional
Owners



NEWS from your LAND Council

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Chairman's Words

Welcome to our New Year edition... and what a year is in prospect for us! After 50 years of plantation plantings – this is the year the hard work starts to pay off for the Tiwi Forestry Industry with our first harvests and replanting beginning. Guarantees from our Port investors also give us confidence for our wood chip exports. The rebuilt Bathurst Island Fishing Lodge opens in March with forward bookings assuring the future for our well managed Tourist Fishing Industry.

Congratulations to Denis Tipakalippa and Andre Pautjimi topping their Coxswains course through CDU: and to Willie Rioli accepted for the highly regarded Rural Leadership Scholarship – 18 months of case-studies and experience in Australia and India: and to our school leavers now able to find work among our own Tiwi industries.

This is also the year Government plans more effective Local Government based upon performance and accountability to our people. All our organizations will be involved in the "words" and discussing the reform options. Local Government is very important for delivering our services. The Land Council hopes reform will make service delivery better for all our people.

The passing of family members and leaders including our much loved Deacon Tipiloura have saddened and pained us all. The Land Council extends our sympathy and shared grief to everyone. And also for those in Hospital and others about to undergo transplant surgery – our love and prayers for your recovery and safe returning home.

Gibson Farmer Illortaminni.
Chairman

Good to know

NTFL Grand Final is 16th March. Tiwi Grand Final Sunday 17th March.

Telstra upgrades to our Towers for extended and better coverage are planned for March/April this year.



Rupert Pupangamirri, Austin Wonaeamirri, Shane Tipuamantimirri

**TIO AFLNT
Seat Belt
awareness
weekend
with Tiwi
Bombers
&
the 100th
match**

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Corporate Governance Training

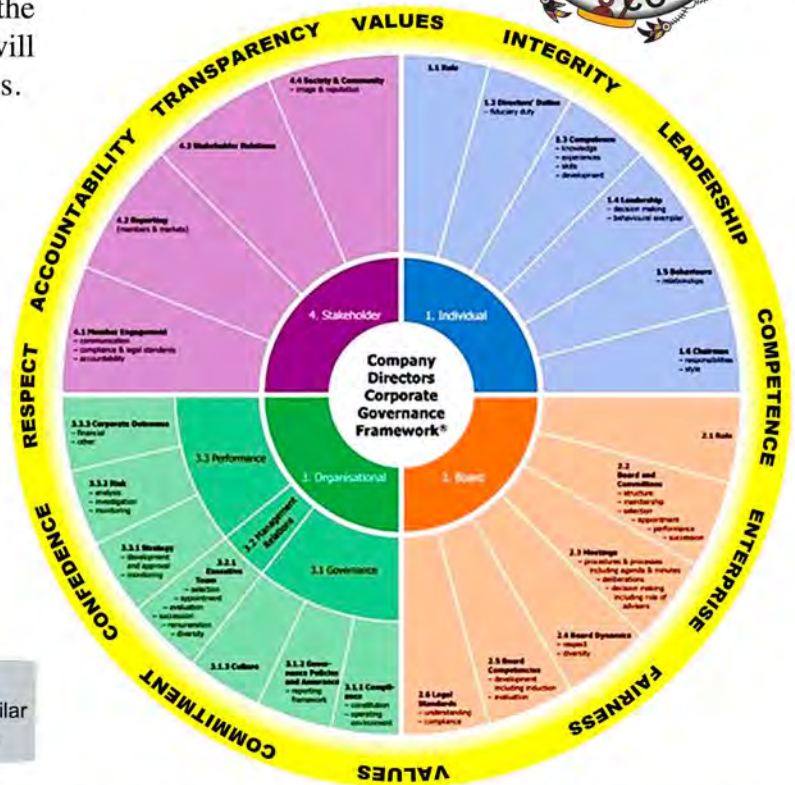


The Tiwi leaders have begun to take control of their own lives, establishing businesses that will support the Tiwi people for years to come. These businesses will help to get our people off welfare and into good jobs.

To make sure that these businesses are run properly, Tiwi leaders will begin a corporate governance training program this year.

Run Program Every Year

The University of Melbourne and KPMG Accountants are helping the Tiwi Land Council put together this program to teach the Tiwi leaders how to manage a business legally and properly. We hope to run this program every year so that more and more Tiwi leaders can be trained to look after our businesses in the future.



Graphic from Australian Institute of Company Directors 2011
This graphic will be changed for Tiwi purposes, but will have the similar framework teaching legal and proper management of Tiwi businesses.

Facts

Wages and household income for our people and residents on the Tiwi Islands totals \$23.8m every year. (ABS Census.)

Wills for the Tiwi



One day when you pass away, it is important that you tell your family who can have the things that you own after you are gone.

Over the coming months, the Tiwi Land Council's legal counsellor Simon Harari will be attending all communities to help people write a legal will. In this will, you can write down:

- Where you want to be buried
- The name of the people you want to give your money to
- Anything else that you think should happen after you pass away.

Check the noticeboards in the coming weeks to see when Simon will be coming to your community.

Managers' Notes



Managers
Tiwi Land Council

2013 promises to be a huge year for your TLC Managers, Land Council Delegates and all of our Landowners. Your Tiwi Land Council will continue to provide ongoing support for projects that remain at the forefront of building the great Tiwi Nation during 2013.



Highlights include:

- Construction of our Port Melville facility in readiness to take our first harvest of wood chip from our Tiwi Forestry Project
- Discussions and negotiations on Township leasing for Pirlangimpi
- Maintaining our Land and Marine Management projects
- Decisions and ongoing management related to fishing and hunting permits
- Ongoing support for our Tiwi Islands Adventures including the opening of our Bathurst Island Lodge in March

- Matilda agreements and mining Kilimaraka
- Mantiyupwi owned Piliyamanyirra Shopping Centre opening
- Wurrumiyanga Motel opening
- Support for the Tiwi Bombers in our quest for back to back flags
- The Tiwi Grand Final in March
- Ongoing support for our Tiwi Education Board's vision of having a governing role on Education throughout the Islands
- Support of the Tiwi Islands Training and Employment Board's terrific work in preparing our Tiwi for the Tiwi workforce
- Continued backing for the remarkable development of our own Tiwi College in our quest of getting our Tiwi youth the best possible education and work ready
- Governance and Directors Training
- Increasing Employment opportunities for our Tiwi people in all Tiwi Owned Businesses

Hold on to your hats family, 2013 is going to be the year that we see the vision of our great leaders, past and present, coming to fruition!

Managers - Tiwi Land Council



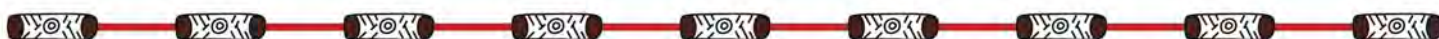
Good to know



Danny and Alice Munkara on Melville Island



Danny and Alice Munkara celebrated their 31st wedding Anniversary in January.



New Tiwi Art Book

In December CJ Kerinauia, Edward Yunupingu and Brian Farmer assisted Jenny Isaacs launch her amazing book of TIWI ART in Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney. The book finally brings together the history of all our Art Centres and the work of our Artists from the beginning of the time when records have been kept.

Jenny managed to get photographs of our Tiwi lives that we have not seen before, stored in Germany, America and in other countries.

Some photographs are over one hundred years old. Others are more recent and not well known. All are stunningly presented in a book we will all cherish that captures the story of our Art. And like Art everywhere, it describes the story of people - Tiwi people.

TIWI Art / History / Culture by Jenny Isaacs
Hardback, 327pp, RRP \$119.99, ISBN: 9780522858556



Male and female figures circa late 1960s, possibly by Benedict Munkara



1969
Male dancer painted for Pukumani, possibly by Stanislaus Puruntatameri



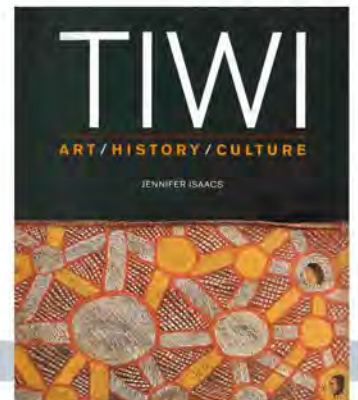
1978 Aloisius Puantulura, by T. Nell



1978 Gabriel Tungatulum, by T. Nell



Water buffalo by Albert Croker, 1964



Quote

“Now, at last, comes ‘Tiwi – Art/History/Culture,’ sweepingly titled, lavishly illustrated: a comprehensive guide and handbook by long-time Aboriginal art observer Jennifer Isaacs: a volume decades in the making that does much more than merely fill a gap. Isaacs recasts our understanding of Tiwi art’s evolution and the influences that helped shape it: she brings together the deep past of creation stories, the murky period of early contact on the Islands and the present day. It is a tale rich in surprises and intriguing revelations. For the first time, a rounded narrative of Tiwi art-making emerges: its continuities and innovations become obvious, the tradition can be followed in the stages of its progress and properly appraised..

She explains much about the Islands: but the greatest gift of her book is her awareness that not all can, or should be explained.”

Nicolas Rothwell, The Australian, 11th January 2013



“Burial posts at Luxmore Head”, by Hermann Klaatsch, 1906 possibly earliest photo of tutini, photo hand coloured

Going down to the sea in small boats

Managing boats is always a risky thing. It can quickly turn into a tragedy especially during our North West Winds. 8th January was such a day as some Tiwi headed off in a loaded small dinghy into the surf from Darwin. They capsized quickly and fortunately all made it safely back to the beach. Another few minutes at sea they may not have been so lucky.

Do not put lives at risk on the sea.

Please think carefully about the weather and your responsibilities to others in your boat.

Only wise sailors become old sailors.

DO NOT PUT LIVES AT RISK!



Quiz

1. How many babies under aged 4 live on the Tiwi Islands?

a) 87 b) 152 c) 213

2. How many families on the Islands have a weekly income over \$2000?

a) 2 b) 12 c) 22

3. What is the name of the Northern Territory Chief Minister?

a) Julia Gillard b) Terry Mills c) Tony Abbott

4. Who is the Chairman of the Land Council Audit Committee?

a) Robert Tipungwuti b) Hugh Bradley c) Deven Patel

5. Who was the first to play his 100th game for the Tiwi Bombers?

a) Shane Tipuamantimirri b) Ephrem Tipungwuti c) Rupert Pupangamirri

6. How many houses do people rent on the Islands?

a) 384 b) 497 c) 562

7. How many houses are privately owned on the Islands?

a) 13 b) 16 c) 26

8. Of 308 Munupi landowners; how many actually live on their land?

a) 121 b) 198 c) 256

Message from Member for Arafura



Ministers Alison Anderson and Adam Giles visited with Francis Kurrupuwu traditional owners in Gunbalanya

From the 22nd of January to 31st, I will be visiting communities on the Tiwi Islands to hear and discuss the main concerns of members of these Tiwi communities.

Please take the time to come and talk with me about any concerns you may have so, that we may work closely together, to improve the lives of our people on the Tiwi Islands.

Parliamentary sittings start again in Darwin on February 12 and I look forward to meeting any people from the electorate of Arafura during this time who may be in Darwin and who have problems or issues they may wish to discuss with me.

Francis Kurrupuwu - Member for Arafura

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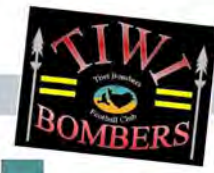
In mid December I travelled in the great electorate of Arafura, to visit the communities of Jabiru, Gunbalanya and Maningrida. Here, I listened to important community concerns about key issues including administration by the Shires, roads, sewerage and problems being experienced by those living in out-stations.

A number of concerns were expressed about the the need for improvements to the Bawinanga Resource Centre.

I also visited the Gunbalanya School and met with the Principals, Staff and students. They were very keen to see me because apparently the previous Member did not visit to hear their concerns. I look forward to assisting and working closely with the Gunbalanya School.

On this trip I had the pleasure of attending the AFL Football Clinic with the Jabiru Community and the Melbourne Demons at Magela Oval. I was very pleased to have a long talk with Luke Tapscott and Jack Viney who are top players of the future in the AFL. I was told that Jack Trengrove, one of the captains of the Melbourne Demons, was very keen to talk with me, but unfortunately he had to remain in Melbourne because he was injured. The Demons have a very close relationship with the Tiwi.

Tiwi Bombers



Tiwi Bombers players and officials were at the forefront of the TIO AFLNT Seat Belt awareness weekend in January. The team wore specially designed guernseys with the normal black sash painted as a seat belt.

Tiwi Bombers Captain Shane Tipuamantimirri who also works with Tiwi Youth in the AFL Academy Programme at Tiwi College says "It is shattering to see the effect of preventable car accident deaths.



Austin Wonaeamirri



Shane Tipuamantimirri

The impact is not only on the victim and their family but also the extended family and community".

Affectionately known in the community as "Tippa" Shane is a high profile role model who is passionate about the future of

the Tiwi community. He added "I have work colleagues who along with me have lost close relations let alone friends and I cannot begin to describe the agony and sadness these preventable road deaths and injuries cause".

In closing the Tiwi Bomber Captain said the islands, as in most remote areas, have to negotiate poor roads for most of the year and I can only plead with all drivers to "Belt Up".

100th



Rupert Pupangamirri

Unique Tiwi Player Milestone-Rupert Pupangamirri

26 year old Tiwi Bombers Premiership Vice-Captain Rupert Pupangamirri has become the first Tiwi to play 100 NTFL matches for the Club.

Rupert played his 112th NTFL game and his 100th Tiwi TIO Premier League match against Grand Final rivals Nightcliff on Saturday January 26th at TIO Stadium.

The powerful follower commenced his NTFL career with Waratahs in 2005/06 where he played 12 senior games before joining Sturt in the SA State League.

Returning home Rupert was part of the first Tiwi Bombers team in the 2006/07 season and has only missed 22 club games since that time.

Affectionately known as "Miracle Man" the genial gardener is married to Floraine, supports West Coast Eagles in the AFL and is a big fan of AFL Champion Chris Judd.

As well as being a foundation Tiwi Bombers Premiership player Rupert has played in three Tiwi Island Premierships with Tuyu Buffaloes, the first as a 16 year old.

Rupert is followed closely by a trio of forwards Gerrard Cunningham on 99, Ephrem Tipungwuti on 97 and Roy Kantilla on 93.

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| 1. c) 213 babies | 5. c) Rupert Pupangamirri |
| 2. c) 22 families | 6. b) 497 houses |
| 3. b) Terry Mills | 7. a) 13 houses |
| 4. b) Hugh Bradley (Chief Magistrate retd.) | 8. a) 121 Munupi landowners |

Facts

Tiwi Barge is now owned and operated by a Cairns Company – Sea Swift.

Tiwi College



"Respect"



Learning good reading



Learning good cooking

The Tiwi Education Board would like to welcome all staff and students back to the Tiwi College for what promises to be a fantastic year in Education.

Enrolments are now being taken. Families will need to be quick, we only have a few places left.

Pick-ups commence **Tuesday 29th January.**

Highlights for Term 1

- Work Experience for Senior girls
- Senior Boy's Leadership camp, Queensland
- OutReach program
- Girls Football Competition



- Exciting new staff. We welcome:
Miss Bronny Burger (Senior Girls)
Mr. Richie McCann (Senior Boys)
Ms. Cheryl West & son Zac (Academic Coordinator)
Miss Melina Davidson (Middle Girls)
Dunstan & Nadine Maetoloa (Family Group Home 4)
Our staff is committed to teaching & caring for young Tiwi in our own Tiwi College style.

Tiwi College – Tiwi Future in Tiwi Hands



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**NTFL Grand Final
Saturday 16th March
Darwin**



**Tiwi Grand Final
Sunday 17th March
Bathurst Island**