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Good to know

Our ownership of the Vernon Islands is agreed. Government are working to transfer the title to the Tiwi Land Trust.

Our Forests are graded in the top 1% of best managed Forests in Australia. Our Managers PMP maintain best practice international certification.

Our Junior Land Council is 50:50 girls and boys from Tiwi College who meet with the Land Council providing ideas and gaining leadership experience for our future.

This year so far 330 fishing permits have been issued. These payments go to the Landowners of the rivers where these visitors go fishing.



Chairman's word of welcome



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Our Land Council is now 34 years old. Years ago our stories were enough to speak about everything we did. Our writing was in our eyes and memories, and in the respect we have for each other. Now our delegates have decided we need to write more in words about the things we do. Times change. Our people are busy doing many other things these days. For years we have filmed CD's of ceremony and land management for our Landowners; but now we have decided to also write about what the Land Council does in a newspaper called THE TIWI that will

be published six times a year. These pages are about the work of our Land Council. Our delegates have thought and planned and worked for our future upon these islands over many years. This is the story of our work; what we think about; what we hope for; and how we plan to use our land and resources for the strength and future of our Tiwi people. Awana and welcome to THE TIWI – the landowner's newspaper.

Gibson Farmer Illortaminni.
Chairman.

With respect to the strength of our past Leaders whose vision established the Tiwi Land Council

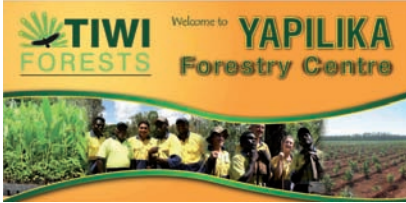


Photo by Heide Smith

Tiwi Forests



The Tiwi Plantations Corporation continues to manage the Tiwi forests on behalf of Tiwi Traditional Landowners. The plantations are managed through Plantation Management Partners who once again achieved ISO 14001 Certification.



ISO 14001 Certification means that the plantations are being managed to the highest international standards.

Tiwi are now half of the workforce at Yapilika. Tiwi Plantations Corporation and Plantation Management Partners are keen to recruit more Tiwi to the workforce.

Good to know

Tiwi jobs depend upon Tiwi owned assets. We own \$200 million of plantations; all of it paid for by private money negotiated by the Land Council. Good to look after these assets. PLEASE STOP BAD PEOPLE BURNING OUR FORESTS and hiding stuff among our trees.

In particular a paid Work Experience program is being developed with Tiwi College for students at the College to start this dry season. The Managers wish to recruit Tiwi Ladies to start in the plant nursery this dry season.

A new eucalypt species is being trialled for future plantings. The first plantings at the end of 2009 are now 10 metres high at two years of age. We need to trial more plantings of this eucalypt at various sites around Melville Island to ensure that this early success will continue. Success means that the trees can withstand cyclone damage, and that these trees will bring more profits to Tiwi in future years.

The new eucalypt will be trialled in some of the Acacia areas that were flattened by cyclone Carlos early last year.

In the meantime, discussions are underway with a Japanese company to purchase our Tiwi woodchips from our first 3,000 ha harvest. It is expected that the agreement will be finalised within the next six months.

We are still planning that this harvest will start in 2013/14. Cyclone Carlos damaged a few thousand hectares of Acacia plantations. Fortunately the Land Council insured the plantations and the insurance payout has allowed the forestry operations to continue, including the trials of new eucalypt species, and the further protection of landowner assets. TPC and Tiwi Land Council are also jointly sponsoring a major study for electricity and water supply for all communities.



Port Melville



Investors, Ezion Offshore Logistics Hub (Tiwi) Pty Ltd remain committed to the development of our Port for shipping out our 400,000 tonnes of chip each year starting in 2013.



Thiess/Marine Civil Port Melville design

With the recent announcement of the Inpex development, and the proposal to develop a Marine Supply Base at Darwin,

the Port Melville project is now also assessing extending the use to how it can best service the oil and gas industry in northern Australia and support other locations like Darwin.

An internationally renowned engineering company has been commissioned to report on how Port Melville could develop to support the various developments proposed for the oil and gas industry in northern Australia. Port Melville has considerable advantages by way of its deep-water anchorage, proximity to major shipping lanes, availability of cyclone refuge for shipping and major stand down areas on adjacent land.

This report will provide detail for better Tiwi decisions for the maritime industry

in which the Tiwi workforce will play a significant part. In terms of jobs and income for Tiwi, the Port may become the largest Tiwi industry in years to come.



Tiwi Forests



After years of managing our plantations and at the same time fighting nasty rumours of its failure - we are now in the last 12 months of planning and making the decisions for harvest.

There are two major matters;

1. The woodchip loader at the Port that carries wood chip up an escalator onto the ship. Our investors Ezion say it will be ready by 1st June 2013.

2. Finalising sale prices with some eager buyers in Japan and China. Is the price going up or down? What about the Aussie dollar and other currencies? What are the available ships? What will they cost?

The Forest will harvest 3,000 ha. It needs replanting. Tiwi families have expressed interest in being involved.

The trial planting of the new eucalypt species is showing amazing growth. Seed has been collected from these eucalypts for further trial plantings. This year we plan getting ready with the first 100 ha of this species. Work will start shortly on clearing areas of cyclone damaged acacia for these trials. Soon we will develop the nursery required at Yapilika for producing these seedlings.

Already the Tiwi Forestry workforce is increasing with three more apprentices. Total now 14. The Tiwi Forest Industry is drug free and workers have strict codes of best practice. Only the best of our Tiwi best are able to make it. Yes you can!



David Austral,
Arthur Moreen and Anthony Puruntatameri



David Austral

The Tiwi Super Tree

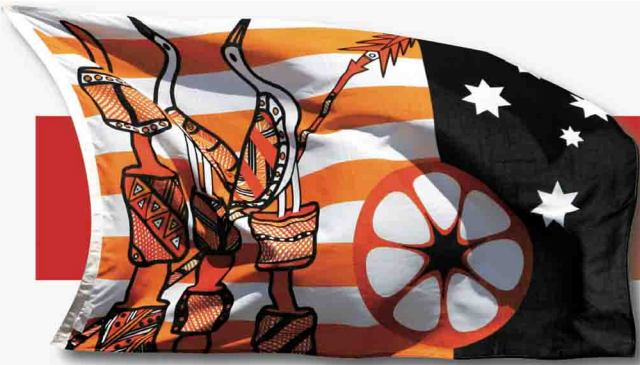


New 2 year old Eucalypts

We have been experimenting for years to find the ideal Tiwi plantation tree. Great Southern thought it was Acacia. Yet back in the 1980's Merv Haines and others thought a eucalypt might work better. The NT Parks and Wildlife helped us with some work



too. Maybe now we have hit the jack pot. Elders have been amazed at our two year old eucalyptus - tall and straight and one day as big as a Toyota Tyre around the base. It is a cross between two species of eucalypts. Our trials will test the growth of this Tiwi Super Tree at other areas on Melville Island. We will pick out the seed from those that grow fastest and straightest and test the wood for ease of chipping and making paper. Faster growing and better quality means higher money returns too.



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Good to know

Last fortnight Tiwi Forest workers volunteered 40 extra hours (106 hours on the job) managing fires.

No requests or permission for four or five boats a week that enter Port Hurd. The most regular boat has the name FISHERIES written along the side.

About 200 Tiwi are sleeping rough each night in Darwin. Barry, Teresita and Kevin Doolan are linking up with Larrakia, St. Vinnies and Therese of Red Cross to help.



Chairman's Words

Our bush holiday has been great for us all with our people taking care on the roads and with lighting fires.

Our lives are changing for the better. When I was 20, Tiwi could only expect to live until 47. Now data is telling us our average life is 67 thanks to some great health workers in our clinics and the healthy living programs.

It is still disappointing that the drugs keep coming. Good news is the talk about who is doing this and the aircraft and boats they use. Now families are saying they must stop doing this for the sake of our kids and our future.

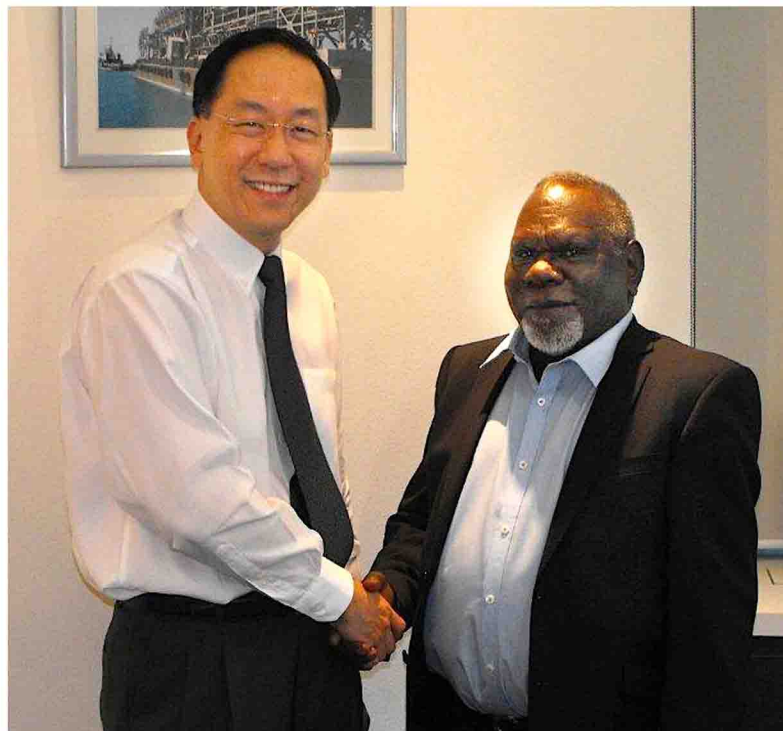
Tiwi business is drug free; like in Singapore where I was able to finalize construction details with Ezion for our new Port during the month. Our partners have a strict policy called "ethical investment." We meet their standards which are like our Tiwi traditions of respect. It is the only way forward in business.

And we respect the sadness of families and of loved ones gone these past months. On behalf of the Land Council we offer our sympathy and prayers to all Tiwi families.

I hope you enjoy this edition of THE TIWI
Gibson Farmer Illortaminni
Chairman

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Gibson with Chew Thiam Keng (TK.) CEO of EZION concluding construction detail of Port Melville - 12 July 2012

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Tiwi Forestry Environmental Audit



The Tiwi forest is owned by Tiwi people, and the Tiwi Land Council has said that it must be managed to the best environmental standard. The forest currently meets an international standard called ISO 14001, which means that it has an internationally recognised environmental management system.

The forestry must be accredited every year. This means that every year audits have to be done to see if it is still being run to international standard. If the audit is failed, then the accreditation is taken away.

Audits happen twice every year – once by the Tiwi Land Council, who has a qualified environmental auditor on staff, and once by an outside professional.



Tiwi forest has never failed an ISO 14001 audit, which means that it has always been run to an environmentally international standard. In August this year the Tiwi Land Council carried out their annual audit of the forest. As with all other years, the operation passed the audit, which means that it is still being run to a standard that is regarded as the best in the world.



Forestry Clearing at KILU-IMPINI



People have been talking about an area near Kilu-Impini waterhole that has been cleared of trees. This area used to be planted to Acacia mangium, and is part of the original forestry area. **NO NEW LAND HAS BEEN CLEARED.**

BURNT PLANTATIONS
COST TIWI PEOPLE - \$ 1,200,000
 2 Fires were started near Plantation at the Kilu-impini waterhole on Wednesday the 22nd of June 2011

BURNT PLANTATIONS
COST TIWI PEOPLE - \$ 140,000
 8 Fires were started near Plantation on the roadside at Northern Beaches and 2 Fires at Kilu-impini on the main Pirlangimpi Road on Monday the 13th of June 2011

Why was this area cleared again? This area had good forestry trees. But someone deliberately lit a fire in the plantation, and burnt the trees. So it was no longer any good for forestry. The trees that could have been worth money became worth nothing. So the area needed to be cleared of all the rubbish that was left behind after the fire.

What will happen to the area now?

Tiwi Forests will plant the area again, this time to Eucalyptus trees that we have been experimenting with. It will become part of the trial to find the ideal Tiwi

plantation tree that is growing so well already on the Islands.

Will any new areas be cleared? No. No new areas will be cleared for forestry. Environmental approvals mean that the area that is already planted is ALL that can be cleared. The only clearing that can happen for forestry now is when the trees are harvested to provide jobs and income for Tiwi people. And for that to happen, the trees that are already there need to be protected and looked after.



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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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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



Danny and Alice Munkara on Melville Island

Good to know



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





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Good to know

Over 3 million foreign ants have been eradicated on the Tiwi Islands – the largest successful fire ant eradication project in the world to date.

Survey for the road works on the Picka to Garden Point Road begins 8th April.

Golden Snapper research has begun. Records say these fish are getting scarce around the Islands.



Chairman's Words



Back in February when we expect to have at least 1200mm of rain only 400mm had fallen; but we have made up since then and the new forest plantings are going well. We expected our Port in place last year: it has now cleared engineering tests to be in place by June. We expected Great Southern to be harvesting this year, but they have gone; now it is up to us. Like landowners everywhere – finally it will always be up to us to manage and develop our own lands for our people. And we can!

April/May will have harvesting equipment – trucks and chippers; skidders and loaders for Tiwi contracting to begin. Here are the jobs our old people promised. Please join this workforce with your Tiwi skills. It is work that respects the hopes that our great leaders of past generations had for us all.

Government is now supporting our decisions to protect our waters and to encourage our Tourist Fishing business – TIA, and our world class wholly Tiwi owned Fishing Lodges.



Chairman Gibson Illortaminni at work, Yapilika Tiwi Forest camp

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Congratulations to Munupi Landowners on forming their new Munupi Family Trust to undertake their own planning and development of their Pirlangimpi Township. And to Mantiyupwi landowners on the opening of their new Business Centre and Shopping Mall – all Landowner money and ideas at work for our own people upon our land.

Meetings begin this month at all communities for your ideas on improving Local Government services. It is important to have your say. And through all these months we cherish the memory of those who have left us. We are grateful for their lives and respect their strengths that remain with us all.

*Gibson Farmer Illortaminni.
Chairman*

Managers' Notes



Managers Tiwi Land Council

As expected, your Tiwi Land Council Chairman, Managers, Trustees and Delegates have started 2013 full of running. Highlights for the first three months of the year include:

- Confirmation of the purchase of the new Port to be constructed at Port Melville over the next three months
- Establishment of the Munupi Family Trust Pty Ltd and ongoing Township Lease discussions with Traditional Owners and the Federal Government
- Negotiations with the NT Government with regards to fishing zones on Tiwi waters
- Commencement of operations at the new Bathurst Island Lodge
- Opening of the Piliyamyirra Shopping Centre at Wurrumiyanga
- Trustee meetings to discuss Mineral Exploration requests on the Tiwi Islands

- Upgrade of Telstra sites
- Tenders called for a new Darwin to Tiwi passenger ferry service
- Discussions on new Freight and Barge services for the Tiwi Islands
- Wurrumiyanga Barge Freight Terminal proposal
- \$30 million Tiwi Islands Roads submission to the Federal Government

Please remember to talk to your TLC Delegates about issues that affect you. Your Tiwi Land Council is always on the lookout for feedback on things we do well as well as where we can be even better.

Management Committee Tiwi Land Council



Quiz

1. Who first reported the presence of foreign ants on the Tiwi Islands?
a) Willie Rioli b) Brian Clance c) Therese Burke
2. Who is the first Bathurst Island Marine Ranger?
a) Andre Pautjimi b) Denis Tippaklippa c) Connell Tipiloura
3. What is the oldest surviving ship's marker on the Tiwi Islands?
a) Florence D b) Don Isidro c) Survey ship Geranium
4. How many hectares of new trees did we plant this wet?
a) 40 hectares b) 100 hectares c) 130 hectares
5. What is the name given to the size of our chip ships?
a) panamax b) handysize c) capesize
6. Who won the Brother Pye medal at Tiwi Islands Grand Final?
a) Gabriel Henry b) Joey Burke c) Kevin Portaminni
7. What is the average attendance rate for the past twelve months at Tiwi College?
a) 65% b) 72% c) 81%
8. How many players kicked 3 goals each at the Tiwi Islands Grand Final?
a) 1 b) 3 c) 5

Quiz answers on page 11





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Chairman's Words



Our dry season (Kumunupunari) makes you think about fires and smoke and when the dry winds blow to flatten the grasses. It also makes your skin become dry and flaky. Seems that every season has things we have to manage properly for the land to give us the rewards from our use of it.

leaching out the poisonous yam over three days with songs and stories that purge the bad thinking and demand proper way behavior. Our traditions had it; our life and businesses today must have it too – Andre, Andrew, Jack and Murphy keeping our waters safe for our own best business benefit; Willy and our



Andre Puautjimi, TIA employee and Marine Ranger at Port Hurd

Good to know

Jennifer Clancy is now our new Chairperson of the Tiwi Education Board. (p.3)



This is our busy time – managing fires; clearing roads; construction of our Port; tending our plantations; looking after the 700 tourists at our Fishing Lodges; making sure our Turtles and fish are safe and why the Golden Snapper are under threat; working out our budgets and getting Audits done. Our Land Council thinks a lot about proper management. Government has a lot of rules about this.

We have management rules too. Walter and Robert had our first Kalama in May with 36 landowners

Rangers keeping our land safe so our plantations can give us the jobs and rewards of harvest and shipping; Jennifer, now Chair of our Education Board, keeping our kids secure to learn and to enter our workforce. Proper way behavior keeps every generation safe.

It includes respect. We all cherish our memories of those very strong people who have left us these past months and whose lives we continue to hold dear as part of our own. *Gibson Farmer Illortaminni*
Chairman

Managers' Notes



Managers Tiwi Land Council

Over the past couple of months your TLC Managers and delegates have continued to work for you towards building a sustainable and prosperous future for all Tiwi.

High on the priority list has been the new wharf at Port Melville, which as you read this, is steaming towards the Tiwi Islands and should be in place by August.

The vision of Tiwi Education of your leaders, past and present, is really powering ahead with the Tiwi College undergoing its five yearly registration process and excelling in all areas.

Telstra upgrades, permits, land use requests and decisions, forestry, Tiwi Islands Adventures, Man-

tiupwi taking ownership of the motel at Wurrumiyanga, Land Group meetings, Fort Dundas ceremony, imminent announcement of the Tiwi/Darwin Ferry service, and much more are some of the decisions and work being done every day by your TLC Executive Management Committee and delegates.

Remember to support your representatives on the Tiwi Land Council and share your ideas and issues so they can be addressed by the members.

Management Committee Tiwi Land Council

Good to know



Jennifer Clancy, a trained Tiwi Teacher, became our Chairperson of the Tiwi Education Board – nominated by Patrick, another professional teacher, and unanimously endorsed by the entire Board. Jennifer is a Mantiyupwi landowner from one of our most illustrious Ulungura families whose land provides the strength and foundation for our Tiwi College.



Diamond Wedding Jubilee

1953



Cyril & Helena at their Wedding on Melville Island 1953

We all congratulate Cyril and Helena Kalippa on their 60th Wedding Anniversary that celebrates their remarkable and unique influence upon our own lives and upon the future of us all. Cyril was the foundation Chairman of our Land Council in 1978 and has guided our decisions with wisdom and humanity through 35 years of challenges and change. Together Cyril and Helena are an enduring example of love and stability during decades of instability. Thank you both for your gentle strength that lifts us all.

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Cyril & Helena at their Diamond Wedding at Holy Spirit Church, Darwin





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Good to know

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



Chairman's Words



Wharf platforms arrive at Tiwi Islands



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

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

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

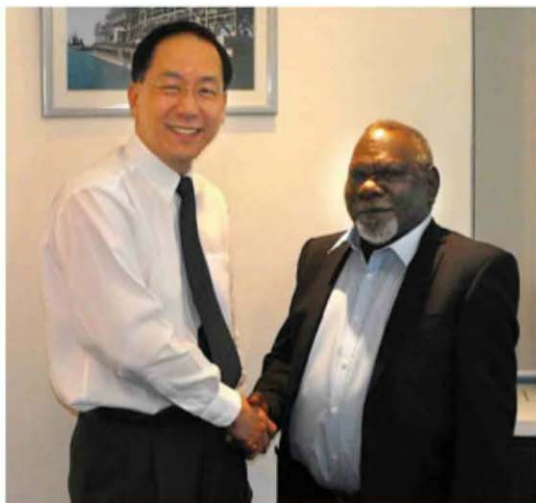
Our Bush Holiday this year has focused on our kids spending time with family. We survive because of this respect that we have. Respect also that mourns the passing of valued friends and close family with whom we all share the sadness of grieving relatives.

Gibson Farmer Illortaminni, Chairman Tiwi Land Council

Port Melville makes progress

July 2012

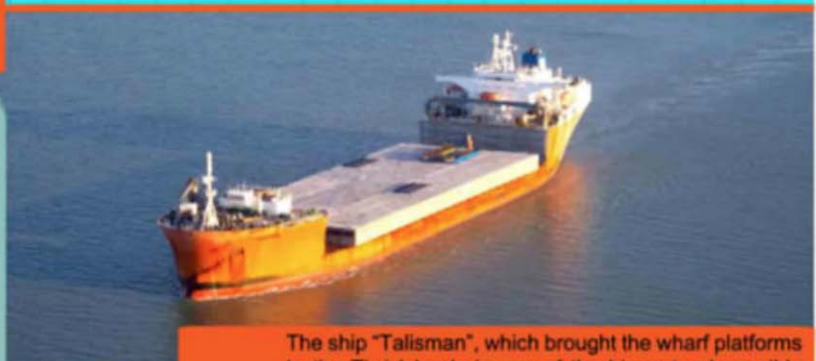
July 2013



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



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



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



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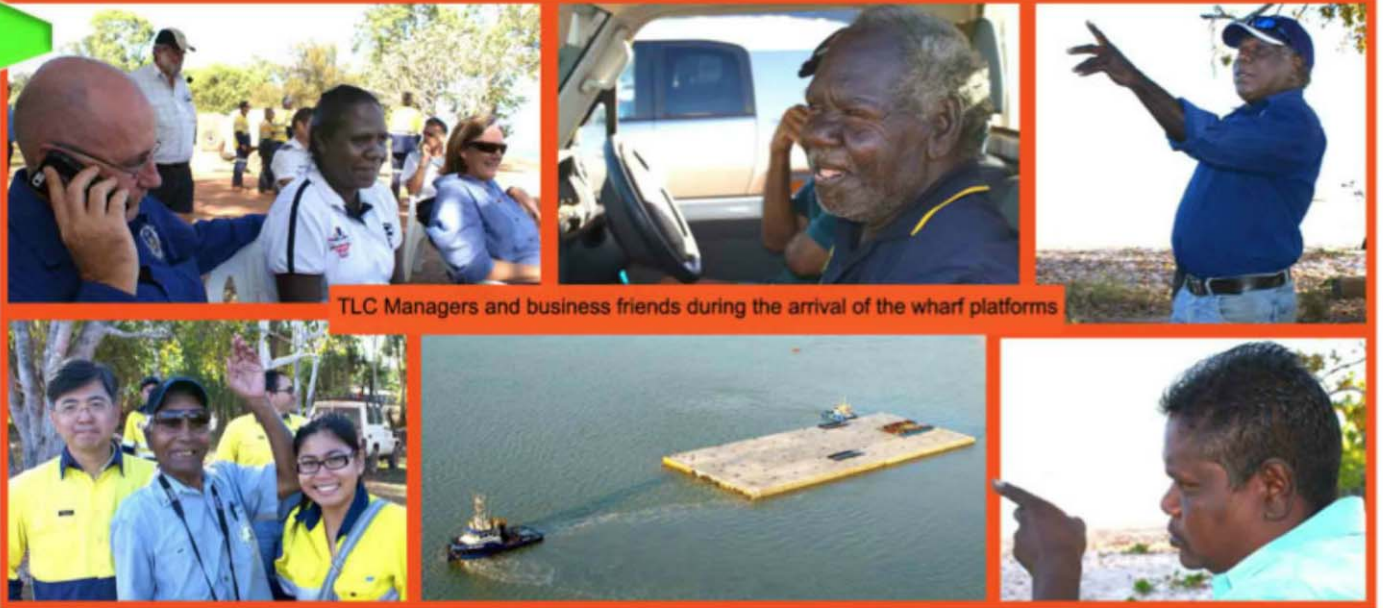
The 185 metre ship took 6 weeks to pick up and carry the wharf platforms to Tiwi Islands.

Transport cost \$US60,000 per day.

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

Photos by John Hicks

Joyful Moment of Wharf Arrival



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

Training Ship



Ezion Holdings Limited



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



TIWI Training Ship T.T.S.



Special features:

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



Forestry Harvest



Looking after Tiwi environment
Looking after Tiwi jobs



Port construction site at Melville Is., July 2013



Biggest crane ever on Tiwi Islands



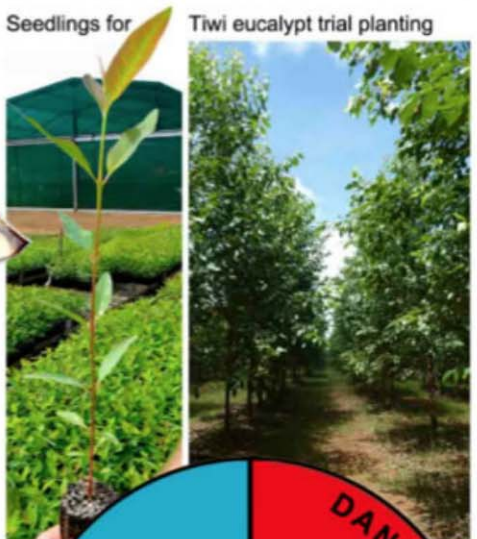
Contractors from Marine and Civil have been at Yapilika Forestry Centre since early June. Bathurst Island Housing Association has been busy ensuring that there are enough rooms at Yapilika for not only the forestry workforce, but also port contractors for July, August and into September. Marine and Civil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

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

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



Yapilika Forestry Centre



Seedlings for Tiwi eucalypt trial planting

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



Managers' Notes



Managers Tiwi Land Council

What an incredible time in our Tiwi lives we have had over the past month. Your Tiwi Land Council Managers and Delegates have been working behind the scenes for the past couple of years to bring our people a major piece of the Tiwi jigsaw puzzle: - and finally, in July this year, we have delivered with the arrival of the new wharf for Port Melville.

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

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

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

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

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

Remember to support your representatives on the Tiwi Land Council and share your ideas and issues so they can be addressed by the members.

Management Committee Tiwi Land Council

Quiz

- How long is our new Wharf at Port Melville?
a) 150 metres b) 185 metres c) 220 metres
- Tudawali our famous Tiwi movie star took another name when working in Darwin. Was it:
a) Billy Marbuck? b) Bobby Wilson?
c) Johnny Whiplash?
- What event drew the biggest crowd ever at the MCG?
a) an AFL Final b) a Concert Performance
c) an Evangelical Sermon
- When did the Tiwi first play at the MCG?
a) 1979 b) 1992 c) 2010
- Who is the new coach of Tiwi Bombers?
a) Willie Rioli b) Shane Tipuamantumirri
c) Aussie Wonaeamirri
- A Bank has just opened at Wurrumiyanga. What is its name?
a) Westpac b) Commonwealth c) Traditional Credit Union
- What is the name of the Administrator of the Northern Territory?
a) Ted Egan b) Sally Thomas c) Adam Giles
- How old was the oldest person ever recorded proven by a birth certificate?
a) 104 b) 116 c) 122

Quiz answers on page 6

Port Melville Quarantine



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

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

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



Mechanical scraping of barnacles before leaving Vancouver, Canada



One platform after cleaning, Vancouver, Canada

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

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



Quarantine inspection in Darwin



Taking samples, NT Fisheries

QUIZ ANSWERS from page 5

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



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Chairman's Words

All of our Dry Seasons are times for action and doing things. This one has been extra special with some remarkable achievements: - our College athletes dominating NT sports at the same time as pushing up their marks in the classrooms. Primary School kids are doing the same. Our Port nearly finished and training for this maritime industry now underway. The NT Government who helped develop our Plantations back in the 70's and 80's now joining us again as partners for our economic growth and export driven industry. Our Darwin Ferry Service now back in business at a fare we can all afford.

Yes we still have people lighting fires in our plantations on purpose. Yes we still have people who steal away our values of respect to make us weaker. It makes us sad.

But among us, once or twice in a generation, comes a giant capable of lifting our hopes that we can be strong; who shows us not to be frightened of the future; who respects who we are and whose life example is who we all want to be:

Thank you Pirliyamanyirra, leader of Mantiyupwi, you have made possible so much that we have only dreamed of.

Tiwi strength is growing as our patient and visionary CAN DO Leaders show us what can be done, not just for their own families but for us all. Yes there are still the failures and some who like that we fail.

Gibson Farmer Illortaminni,
Chairman Tiwi Land Council



Good to know

In 2007 Mr Kerinauia signed as the first indigenous leader in the history of Australia a 99 year lease over a township with the Commonwealth Government of Australia.

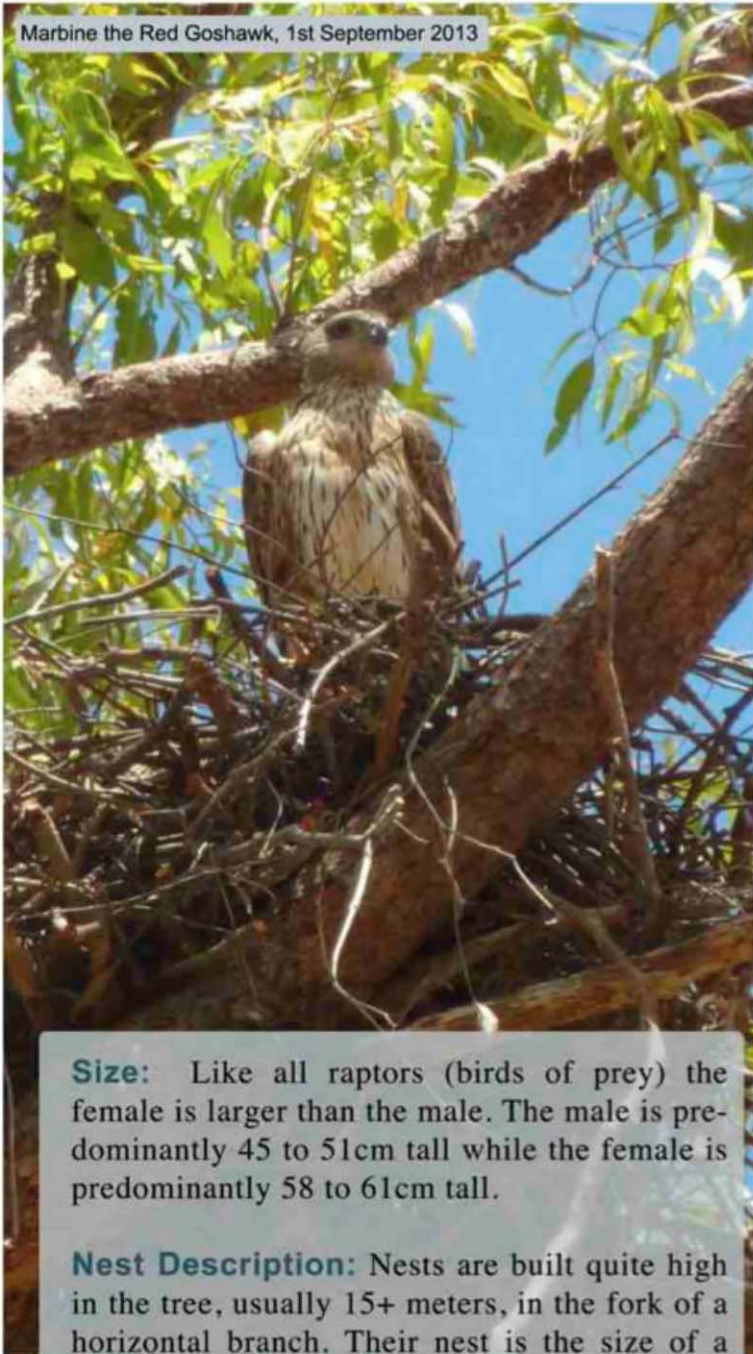


Mr. Kerinauia and
Mal Brough signing
Nguui township lease
2007



Wurrumiyanga, Bathurst Island

Marbine the Red Goshawk, 1st September 2013



Size: Like all raptors (birds of prey) the female is larger than the male. The male is predominantly 45 to 51cm tall while the female is predominantly 58 to 61cm tall.

Nest Description: Nests are built quite high in the tree, usually 15+ meters, in the fork of a horizontal branch. Their nest is the size of a washing basket and is made of large sticks. It is easily distinguishable from other nests as it has a characteristically flat shape. The majority of nests that are monitored are located on the side of a roadway or track.

It's that time of the year again when Red Goshawk (*Erythrotriorchis radiatus*) surveys and monitoring are being carried out by Tiwi Plantations Corporation staff. Every August TPC staff undertake a survey for Red Goshawks on Melville Island to try to find as many pairs as we can. This year we have found and started monitoring 8 pairs, 2 of which have not been found before (1 on the Takapramilli Road and the other on the Milikapiti Road). Monitoring of the birds is undertaken at least once a week to determine their breeding success.

Red Goshawk Identification

Colour: Red Goshawks are large reddish, brown coloured birds with thick yellow legs and feet. Not unlike most humans, older birds develop grey feathers on their chest and underbelly.

Nesting Time: Male birds begin building their nests in July, in preparation for the female to lay her eggs in early August. The chicks are usually old enough to leave the nest in late December.

Breeding: Each pair lays 1 – 2 eggs/year, although it is uncommon for 2 young chicks to survive.

Habitat: Red Goshawks live in Tall Open Forests, near a permanent water supply.

Jodie Millsom, TPC

If you think you have seen a Red Goshawk nest, please phone the TPC Office on (08) 8978 3713 and let someone know. We are always keen to find new nests.



Red Goshawk by D Baker-Gabb



Kate the Red Goshawk, 22nd July 2008



Built a Wharf



Sean London, Project Manager

Marine & Civil a Western Australian owned and operated company began looking at the Melville Island Wharf Project in late 2010, which was the time I made my first visit to Tiwi. This progressed into concept design engineering for the Port Melville Wharf in early 2011. M&C's involvement with the project then went quiet for a period, but swung back into action in early

2013, at which time M&C was engaged as the Design and Construct Contractor for the floating pontoon structure we now see.

The detailed design of the structure incorporating the 3 of client supplied 110m long x 15m wide concrete pontoons was completed in approximately 12 weeks commencing in late February 2013. During this period the procurement of the 375 tonne of sheet pile for the abutment wall and 620 tonne of 914mm x 20mm WT tubular piles for holding the pontoons in position was also progressed.



Wharf building construction site



Marine & Civil staff "first landing party"



Then on Monday 3rd June

the M&C "first landing party" arrived at Melville Island to commence the construction of the new Port Melville wharf.

In the 4 months since then we have:

- Mobilised heavy plant and equipment from all over Australia to the remote Tiwi site to undertake these specialised marine construction works
- Earthworks including the excavation of approximately 25,000m³ of material for the approach pontoon pocket and the abutment wall construction.
- Driven 110m of sheet pile varying from 16m to 8m long
- Installed 800m of purpose built tie-rods
- Driven 30 of 914mm OD piles varying from 16m to 30m into the seabed which equates to approximately 600m of pile in the ground
- Fabrication, completed in Darwin, and installation of 120 tonne of structural steelwork
- Moved the 3 pontoon into position
- Installation of mooring and berthing furniture
- **Built a Wharf.**



Cyril Kalippa and Sean London

During this time we have also been lucky enough to experience some of the Tiwi culture, and make some special friends, none more so than my mate Cyril. Personally I feel privileged to have been involved with a project which is unique in so many ways including: remoteness of location, pontoons from North America and no Bunnings around the corner. Although the experience has been great we look forward to the end and the completion of a wharf that will hopefully bring good things to our client the Tiwi people. *Sean London, Project Manager*

Tiwi Plantations Corporation



Activities TPC Staff are currently carrying out:

- Wildfire control 
- Undertaking our internal ISO 14001 audit 
- Wilding control (wetlands, rainforests, native forest buffers and around Yapilika Forest Centre) 
- Red Goshawk surveys and monitoring 
- Fringed Spider Flower surveys and treatment 
- Fire Ant surveys and treatment 
- Pruning trials
- Preparing for the oncoming weed spraying season



Some of our Tiwi Forest Heros

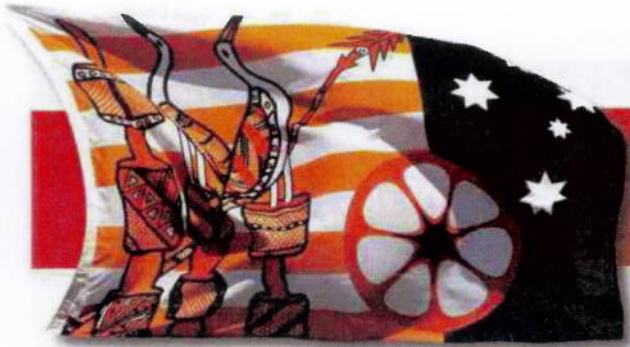
Tiwi Forestry Environmental Audit

The Tiwi forest is owned by Tiwi people, and the Tiwi Land Council has said that it must be managed to the best environmental standard. The forest currently meets an international standard called ISO 14001, which means that it has an internationally recognised environmental management system.

The forestry must be accredited every year. This means that every year audits have to be done to see if it is still being run to international standard. If the audit is failed, then the accreditation is taken away. Audits happen twice every year – once by the Tiwi Land Council, who has a qualified environmental auditor on staff, and once by an outside professional.

Tiwi forest has never failed an ISO 14001 audit, which means that it has always been run to an environmentally international standard.





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Chairman's Words

Soon we start a New Year – 2014.

It will still be a year of new fruits and animals and fish on our land. But 2014 will also be the year of harvesting things that our elders planted long ago – JOBS and Tiwi business that feeds the strength of our lives today.

For two years this newspaper has recorded our planning for the things we need in 2014 – our Port; our Harvesting Equipment; our Investment money. Now the NT Government finally getting behind us to support our own Tiwi economy – something that has never happened before.

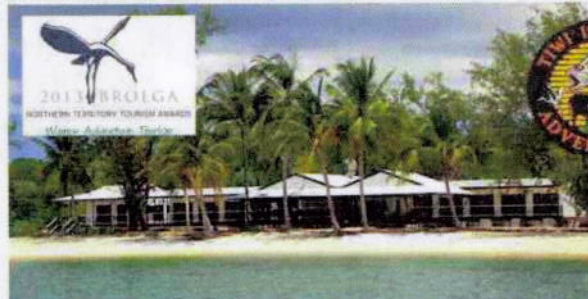
It is the year for real TIWI JOBS - for Harvesting and Chipping and Trucking and Shipping and Planting New Crops – Why? So our kids can finally believe in jobs on our land and can go to school to learn what that means; and can have children themselves who can really see that their own parents did think about the best for their future and wanted that they live stronger and better Tiwi lives.

Thank you for your support for our Land Council and for our Elders through this year. Hope you all have a Safe and Happy Christmas.

Gibson Farmer Illortaminni, Chairman Tiwi Land Council



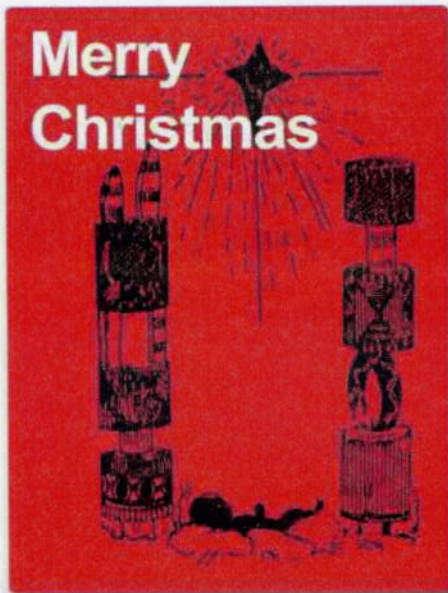
Port Melville at Melville Island
Wharf constructed 2013
- private investment



Bathurst Island Lodge
One of three Tiwi Islands
Adventures exclusive
fishing lodges
Reconstructed and renovated 2013
- private investment



Piliyamyirra Shopping
Centre at Wurrumiyanga,
Bathurst Island
Built in 2013
- private investment



Are feral cats killing off our native wildlife?



Our native mammals are in broad-scale decline and scientists believe cats are one of the most significant factors

Being such effective hunters and predators, cats can have a profound effect on small mammal and reptile populations because native animals did not evolve with this introduced species. Stomach content analysis has shown us that each feral cat kills between 5-30 animals per night (including invertebrates). Cats can also transmit disease to mammals which could place further pressure on declining populations.

Researchers from the Northern Territory Government have entered into a research agreement with the Tiwi Land Council to undertake mammal and reptile surveys in the south-eastern area of Bathurst Island, with help from Tiwi Land Rangers.

Urban and domestic cats were the original source of feral cat populations and continue to add to their numbers. **People can help by getting their cats de-sexed, never letting them roam free, and reporting any sightings of feral cats to the Tiwi Land Council.**

On the first trip in May this year, 24 cameras were set up to get photos of native mammals and find out if there are any feral cats in the area.

So far the cameras and surveys have only detected one feral cat, but a cat cull may need to be considered on the Tiwi Islands if more feral cats are found.

In mid-September, the researchers and rangers continued collecting baseline data of mammal and reptile numbers, and samples for a wildlife health and disease investigation. Good numbers of possum, bandicoot and reptiles were caught.

For more information go to www.nerpnorthern.edu.au or phone (08) 8946 7444.

This project, funded by the Northern Australia hub of the National Environmental Research Program, aims to build a better understanding of where feral cats are across northern Australia, which habitats they prefer, and how significant a problem they are for native animals.



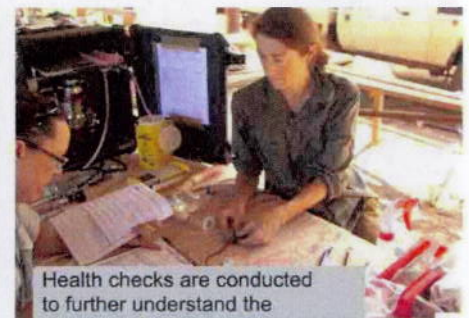
Ginger moggy - Feral cat captured on one of the 24 camera traps



A brushtail possum being removed from a cage trap



Data is recorded about each mammal trapped



Health checks are conducted to further understand the mammal populations of the region



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Good to know

Forestry already started on Melville Island in 1897 with a sawmill providing cypress pine for Darwin.



Old sawmill today on Melville island



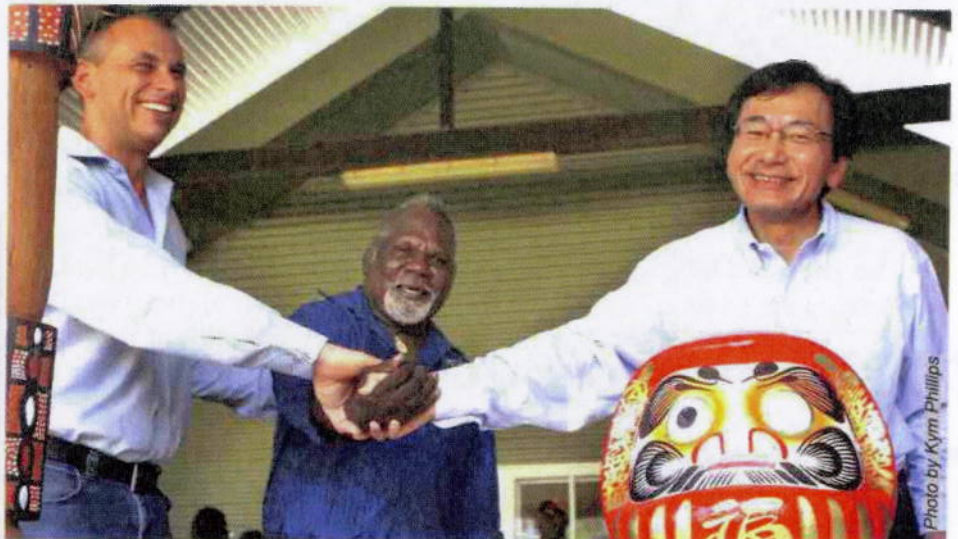
Chairman's Words

If you think things have been a bit wet, you are right. January rain last year was just 352mm. This January 2014 – a whopping 736mm! – More than double what we usually get. We are off to a good start with our other "Rainmakers" too. Tiwi Islands Adventures made the finals for the Australian National Tourism Awards last week; our Tiwi Plantations and Mitsui completed their historic agreement to commence the export of home grown chips from our plantations as we go to print; Captain Larry has some more exciting news of our Port developments in this edition:

Tiwi College and our other schools are off to a flying start with the same teachers welcoming more students for the year.

Finally the generations of our people who have worked for our strength to manage our land and to create our own resources upon these Islands that are now able to give us the jobs and an economy that is truly our own, can be believed. These are our own "Rainmakers" – who, like our leaders today, never gave up. Our traditions honour and respect their legacy to us. We thank all our Tiwi families for their strength and support for us to manage better the wellbeing of our people today.

Gibson Farmer Illortaminni, Chairman Tiwi Land Council



Celebrating with a joint traditional Tiwi-Japanese Ceremony at Wurrumiyanga R to L: Yasushi Takahashi, Chair and Managing Director of Mitsui & Co (Australia), TLC Chair Gibson Farmer Illortaminni and NT Chief Minister Adam Giles.

We Tiwi have a long held vision of developing a commercial economy which provides real jobs for our people and removes us from dependency on welfare.



Port Melville Port Corp - Update

The marine works were completed by Marine and Civil 3 October. Hope you have had a chance to see it? Ezion is currently taking bids for construction of a 120 man Accommodation Village and a 20 million litre tank farm at Port Melville. There are 11 companies bidding on the Accommodation Village alone. We are planning to install an AQIS approved washdown facility ending our contract on Gorgon. To this end a number of plans are being developed for submission to the various state and federal agencies with oversight of such projects. Bids have been received for the site grading, excavation and drainage already. The plan is to commence construction as the wet season draws to an end.



Port Melville Marine Works



Teras Bandicoot arriving at Hudson Creek 23 November

The Indigenous training vessel Bandicoot arrived in Darwin 23 November. The vessel is moored at Hudson Creek while the works are in progress to get her into AMSA Survey and re-flag the vessel into Australia. Come have a look when you get a chance. We are in the process of applying for a bunker permit with Darwin Port Corp. This would allow the vessel to be used to fuel larger vessels like the dredges and cruise ships. Contractors and crews are working hard to get the vessel ready for AMSA inspections scheduled for the 28th.

The Base at Darwin has been renamed to Top End Marine Supply Base due to some silly nonsense. In any case this has all been cleared up. It is not an easy thing to develop a port. It takes a lot of time and effort by many people. We have made a lot of progress all in all and there are many to thank. Regretfully, it is impossible to thank everyone that has been involved, particularly amongst state and federal governments and the many consultants that have helped along the way. So as not to offend anyone that I might have missed, please accept our sincere gratitude to everyone has been a part of the project for your help and guidance. We wish to thank the team at Top End Marine Supply Base. They include: Ben Jonson, Samuel Brogan, Brenton Cardona, Lanne Sajulga, Lindsay Whiting, Peter Rioli, Andrew Warrior, John Rioli, Sherwin Sajulga, Dean Rioli, Shane Murphy and Jeremy Rioli.



The Bandicoot being inspected by Land Council Members escorted by members of the base team

Port Melville Port Corp - Update



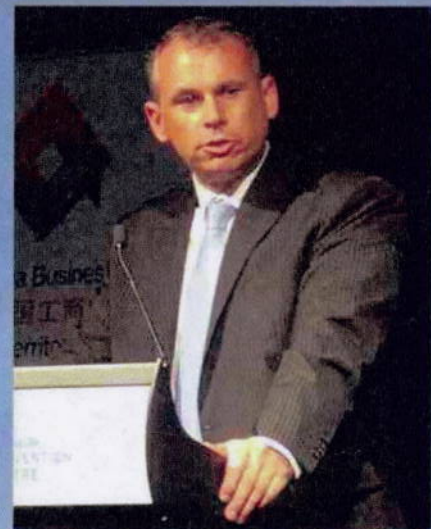
Top End Marine Supply Base

We have received tremendous help from Michael Long, Ben Halliwell, John Poynton, Clinton Wolf, Wayne Bergman and Sonya Liddle. Teras Australia staff that have played an integral role include Christine Solis, Peter Breuer, David Wong, Mike Milton CK Eng and Matt Stainton. Our colleagues in America at Teras America and Teras Cargo Transport led by Mr. Joe Sanders were responsible for preparing and shipping the pontoons. And of course none of this would be possible without the financial and moral support of Ezion led by my boss, our CEO Mr. TK Chew.

A special thanks to the Chief Minister, Mr. Adam Giles and his staff for their help as we work our way through the regulatory processes.

We commend Minister Giles for his vision, his leadership and his support. Thirty Aboriginal boys and girls have been trained to date by Aboriginal Marine Services at the Australian Maritime Institute in preparation of the Bandicoot crewing and the stevedoring work at Port Melville. Application has been made to the Commonwealth for funding to support our on- the-job training initiative aboard the Bandicoot. We are hopeful that we will receive a favourable response. Additional jobs will follow at the Accommodation Village and the Tank Farm as we introduce more vessels and as we expand our fleet in the region.

The push is on. It is exciting times. Finally and most of all, Ezion wishes to express our sincere thanks to the TIWI represented by Mr. John Hicks for welcoming us to share their land, for their patience and understanding and for their unfailing support of this important project, even in times of adversity.



Northern Territory Chief Minister Adam Giles

Smooth Sailing, Captain Larry

Exporting Tiwi Woodchip



Mitsui Bussan Woodchip Oceania Pty. Ltd

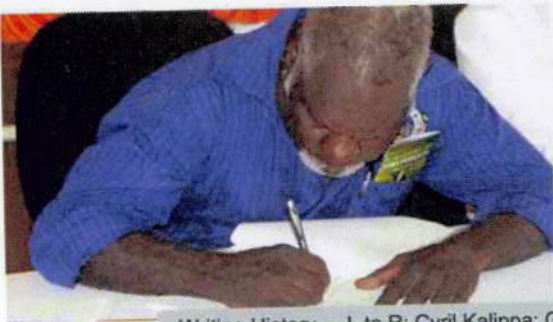
A historic day on the Tiwi Islands - On the 10th of February our 100% Tiwi owned Tiwi Plantations Corporation signed a memorandum of understanding with Mitsui from Japan, who want to trade our woodchips.

Gibson Farmer Illortaminni has warmly thanked Plantation Management Partners for their tireless work and congratulated Tiwi Plantations Corporation and Mitsui on their historic agreement to commence the export of home grown plantation products from the Tiwi Islands.



Good speeches: L to R: G.F. Illortaminni, Chair TLC Yasushi Takahashi Chair/GM Mitsui & Co (Australia) Glenn Samsa, GM Plantation Management Partners Roger Smith, GM Tiwi Plantations Corporation

“This is a day that three generations of our people have believed in and worked for,” he said. “My own forestry apprenticeship began in the 1970’s. I continue this work with other Tiwi Foresters and with the outstanding management team we have attracted to work with us. This is a day we share in respect with leaders who have passed on. It is a day that belongs to Tiwi and others who have believed in our strength to manage our land and to create our own resources upon these Islands able to give us the jobs and an economy that is truly our own.”



Writing History - L to R: Cyril Kalippa; Gibson Farmer Illortaminni; Walter Kerinauia Jnr.; Craig Phillips, Director PMP



Exporting Tiwi Woodchip



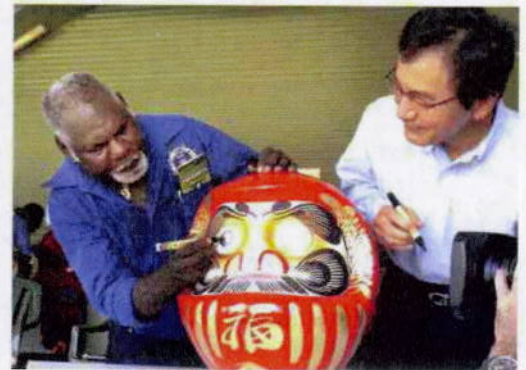
Mitsui Bussan Woodchip Oceania Pty. Ltd

Gibson also thanked the Chief Minister Adam Giles and the Northern Territory Government for their support and encouragement for his people. "Without a government that believes in the strength of aboriginal people, and supports those strengths for our own emerging economies, we would not be here with Mitsui today."

"It is very important for us that the Chief Minister is here with us. It is a day we share as equals, able now to contribute through our own efforts, not only to the security and wellbeing of our own people, but to the wealth and vitality of the Northern Territory itself."



Pedro Wonaeamirri presents his Tiwi message stick to the Japanese partners from Mitsui



The signing of the agreement between Tiwi and Mitsui was celebrated with traditional Tiwi-Japanese ceremonies. The company Mitsui has a long trading history going back 500 years. During a special ritual all agreeing parties paint one eye of a traditional Japanese doll. The second eye will be painted on the day the first load of Tiwi woodchip will leave the Islands. **Lots to do in the next months!**



History of Tiwi Forests

Old sawmill Melville Island



Port Melville 2013

- Forestry started on Melville Island in the late 1800s with a sawmill which provided cypress pine for export to Darwin. A small portable sawmill still operates periodically cutting timber for training and for sale to Darwin.
- The first forestry plantation started on Melville Island in December 1960.
- In 1968/69 the Northern Territory Administration started discussions with a major Japanese Trading House for the export of Tiwi woodchips from native forest.
- In 1986 when the Northern Territory Government ended its involvement in forestry on the islands, Tiwi decided to keep the plantations going themselves.
- 3900 ha of pine plantations had been established. More than 40 Tiwi were employed in the nursery and the plantations, as forestry workers, technical officers, plant operators, and truck drivers. Many had been employed for more than 10 years.
- In 1999/2000 Sylvatech received approval from the NT Government to plant 5200 ha of Acacia mangium.
- In 1999 the Australian Plantation Group and Tiwi Land Council received approval from the Commonwealth Government for a further 26,000 ha of hardwood plantations on Melville Island. At that time, this was the only forestry project in Australia to be assessed under the EPBC Act.
- By May 2009, Great Southern (Australian Plantation Group) was in the hands of the Receivers. The Great Southern/Sylvatech project was high cost and unsustainable.
- On 30th September 2009 the Receivers and Managers abandoned the Leases. Tiwi were devastated. Once more, Tiwi decided to take over the plantations and manage them to harvest.
- Tiwi Landowners established Tiwi Plantations Corporation Pty Ltd (TPC) in November 2009 to manage the plantations on behalf of the traditional landowners.
- TPC maintains the plantations to a high standard through its partner Plantation Management Partners (PMP), with ISO 14001 accreditation. The current plantation maintenance operation employs up to 34 people, half of whom are Tiwi.

- The Great Southern wharf collapsed in 2007. Tiwi negotiated an agreement with the Singaporean company Ezion to construct a port to allow for the export of woodchips. Construction of the new wharf at Port Melville was completed in October 2013. The new port has potential to service a wide range of customers across north Australia.
- TPC is finalising commercial investment to purchase equipment and allow harvesting, woodchipping and export operations to commence by May 2014. Tiwi families have committed a further \$1.5 million of their own funds to harvest.
- The Memorandum of Understanding to be signed with Mitsui is a major milestone for Tiwi. 46 years since discussions first started with a major Japanese Trading House for the export of Tiwi woodchips and 54 years since plantation forestry started on the islands, the Tiwi vision of a forestry industry providing jobs for their people and income for their communities is about to happen.
- The agreement with Mitsui will mean 80 to 100 jobs for Tiwi people, additional to the jobs that will be provided at the port. Between 200,000 and 400,000 green metric tonnes of Tiwi wood chip will be exported every year with an annual gross value of between \$30 to 40 million.

by Roger Smith

2000s



1980s



1960s



Port Melville Operations Agreement



Hayley Richards, Director Economic Development
Department of the NT Chief Minister

In March Ezion and Tiwi completed their agreement for Ezion to manage and operate the Port during a ceremony in Parliament House hosted by Hayley Richards, Head of economic development at the Department of the Chief Minister. Up to 50 Tiwi jobs are expected during construction of Port facilities including a 150 room accommodation village. Captain Larry spoke about respecting traditional owners' rights and values and ensuring Tiwi equity and Tiwi participation. Michael Long spoke about growing meaningful long term jobs and careers in both the Maritime Industry and the many associated industries the Port will provide.



Tiwi Land Council and Tiwi Trust signing
Port Operators Agreement



Ezion: Captain Larry Johnson, C.K. Eng, David Wong
17th March 2014 at Parliament House



Ezion have now put the wind in our sails to get there.



Gibson F. Illortaminni, Larry Johnson, Cyril Kalippa



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New Job Opportunities on the Tiwi Islands



PORT MELVILLE PORT CORP

STEVEDORES / CARGO HANDLERS

Port Melville Port Corp is seeking capable Tiwi Islanders who are reliable and are prepared to make the commitment to work in a safe and friendly environment at Port Melville as stevedores and cargo handlers.

The successful candidates will work as casuals on irregular shifts (day and night shifts if required) and have the ability to work as directed by the shift supervisors.

We will be building a safety conscious team who are willing to assist in developing a strong and efficient stevedoring operation, with the opportunity to develop a professional career.

The task will involve the operation of heavy machinery including forklifts and reachstackers, fixed and mobile cranes. Manual handling duties such as heavy lifting, lashing and unlashng cargo, dogging and rigging, fuel and hazard material handling, quarantine wash down and other stevedoring duties.

Dogging and/or rigging tickets and a forklift licence are required for key positions, but not for all positions.

On the job training, up skilling and mentoring will be provided.

Candidates are required to comply with the company employment terms and conditions and guidelines.

If you are interested, please contact:

Ben Jonsen

Lindsay Whiting

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Email: ben.jonsen@terasaustralia.com Email: lindsay.whiting@terasaustralia.com

Top End Marine Supply Base



We are currently undergoing extensive berth works on our berth at Hudson creek (East Arm) with our current 18 metre wide slipway / ramp structure being extended to 54 metres in width to accommodate all types of vessels and also allow multiple vessel load/unloads at any one time.

We are also dredging the existing berth surface out by a further 1.5 meters in depth to allow more movements on shallow tides.

The Bandicoot is ready to set sail in the coming weeks with her full crew now on board supplied by Amm (Aboriginal Marine Manning).



Darwin berth

Top End Marine Supply Base has also just recently purchased two more vessels to add to the growing fleet for Darwin.

This leaves us with three vessels The Bandicoot, The Lauren Hanson and The Centaur II allowing us to carry all types of freight that may arise.



The Bandicoot

Barge Service

Top End Marine Supply Base is also currently conducting a once a week barge service to the following communities:

- Bathurst Island
- Paru
- Port Hurd
- Ranku

We are also looking at expanding this weekly schedule to include Garden Point and also Snake Bay in the near future however we need the communities support.

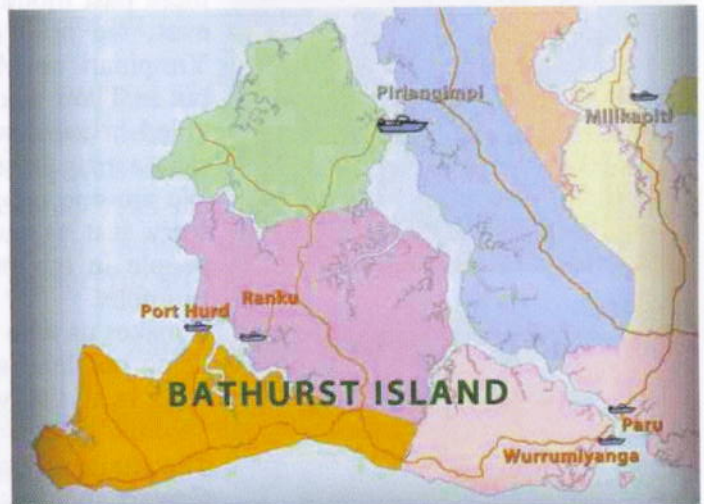
If you require any information regarding our friendly, reliable on time freight service, please contact Ben Jonsen (Operations Manager) on **0437 989 342** who will be more than happy to help.



The Lauren Hanson



The Centaur II



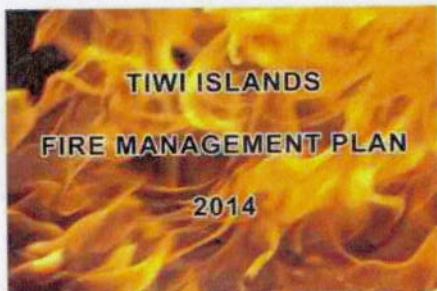


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Tiwi Corporate meeting at Tiwi Land Council HQ, Pickataramoor

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Good to know

It is over 10 years now that nesting turtles have been counted along 10km of beach at Cape van Diemen on Melville Island. This is the longest running successive year monitoring of Olive ridley turtles anywhere in Australia.



Chairman's Words

All our families have been touched by sadness these past months. Now, more than ever, we hold each other, not as Yimpinari or Munupi or Malawu, but as TIWI who have together survived because we are ONE people right across these Islands. We are one people in our pain and sorry just as much as we are one people in our business or sporting triumphs. It makes us who we Tiwi are – managing our land and respecting each other in all that we do.

The challenges continue for us. Our Governance responsibilities have

begun in earnest as we build our business and the organisations of Government that support us. Our elders have planned and thought carefully about our use of land to sustain our lives. We have to do it proper way. That also is Tiwi way. There is no other way.

The Land Council joins with me in our sympathy and sorrow for families of the eleven Tiwi who have passed on since last I wrote. We value the experiences of your lives and the meanings they have for us that we carry into the future.

*Gibson Farmer Illortaminni,
Chairman Tiwi Land Council*

Managers' Notes



Managers Tiwi Land Council

Again we pay our respects to family who have lost loved ones over the past weeks. We are losing too many of our people to sickness and far too young, so we ask all of our family to look after yourselves and family members.

Your TLC Managers and Delegates have continued to work behind the scenes for the benefit of all Tiwi people. Port Melville developments are continuing to gather pace and your Tiwi Forestry project is back on track for our first harvest this year, so keep an eye out for community notices advertising training and employment opportunities for Tiwi people over the next couple of months. If you are interested in working with Tiwi Plantations or at Port Melville, see your friendly TITEB staff in all communities for more information.

Your Tiwi Land Council has helped facilitate the coming together of all the Tiwi owned organisations, which make up Tiwi Corporate and include: Bathurst Island Housing, Mantiyupwi Trust, Tiwi Resources Trust, Tiwi Plantations, Port Melville, Munupi Trust, Portaminni Trust, Tiwi Islands Adventures, Tiwi Enterprises, Wulirankuwu Trust, Tiwi Islands Training And Employment Board, along with unincorporated land groups; Mirrakawuyanga, Malawu, Tikalaru, Yimpinari.

Representatives from these organisations have come together to talk about issues that affect their business, challenges that they face and ways in which all Tiwi owned organisations can work with and help each other for the benefit of all Tiwi.

Many people would have seen the Tiwi Corporate logo proudly sponsoring the Tiwi Bombers Football Club. Two meetings of Tiwi Corporate have taken place and it is planned that Tiwi Corporate will come together every couple of months, led by Tiwi Corporate itself.

Common issues identified by Tiwi Corporate include: Training and retention of staff; Education; Family problems; Accommodation for Tiwi workers; Communication; Rumours; Financial risks; the lack of support from all banks; the need to employ more Tiwi people, including in top positions; the need for reliable and qualified people; Tiwi people with the right skills; People who can work a full day and turn up every day to get the job done; Leaders needing to talk to their followers to get commitment from the young Tiwi; Teaching work ethic and commitment; the need for members of Tiwi Corporate to go back to their people and talk about these meetings and what has been discussed, openly and transparently.

Tiwi Corporate also spoke about how each organisation can help make other Tiwi organisations stronger by sharing resources, utilising each other's services and looking for other ways to assist each other.

As Bernard Tipiloura said at the initial Tiwi Corporate meeting: "when one of us falls over, the rest of us need to help them back up". A real traditional Tiwi message that shows the strength and power that can come when we are all working together, for all Tiwi, Tiwi way.

Management Committee Tiwi Land Council





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Good to know

Pupuni Yinkiti Ngini Ngawapa
New labels mark healthy food
at Piliyamanyirra store.



Design by Jacinta Alimankinni

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Chairman's Words

We all agree delays cause frustrations, but we don't agree with media campaigns about failures of our Forestry project. Many Australian forestry business go broke before they face the 'frustrations' of harvest. I have been waiting most of my working life for our plantation harvest. Our amazing staff at Tiwi Plantations and PMP managers have endured our frustrations and those of Great Southern and Sylvatech before that. Our thanks go to them and all our land-owners and their families for their belief in us that we can get to harvest. And harvest we will, thanks to them and the support we get from both Federal and NT Governments.

This edition tells of the harvest equipment now on order and the dates for ships to export our first crops; of the forestry roads now being worked on for the heavy loads to come, and of the many construction workers now up at the Port getting ready for our 2015 year.

These are our great days. Probably not so great for people hoping we fail. They are also days of sadness for family who have left us recently and those passed leaders through the years we remember who gave us the strength for Tiwi today.

*Gibson Farmer Illortaminni,
Chairman Tiwi Land Council*



Photo by Rachel Burke

Farewell
at full Land
Council meeting

After 36 years
founding Chair-
man Cyril Ka-
lippa and after
28 years of
work with Tiwi
Land Council
John Hicks
—retire.

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AMA's Notes



The truth is that there have been over 51 'proposals' that have been put before your Tiwi Land Council. They include a space base; resettling 250,000 Hong Kong nationals; clear felling the entire Melville Island; Marinas; Goat and Buffalo Farms; growing various crops and harvesting various native woods and foods.

Like all proposals the Land Council demands good business plans and evidence of landowner participation as well as strong financial backing. Tiwi have no business based on government grants. Our landowners rejected that decades ago. The Tiwi economy is based on 95% private investment – Plantation Forestry, Tourism; including high end fishing tourism, through your own Tiwi Islands Adventures, Township Leasing and Maritime services through Port Melville. These businesses are seen as sustaining and growing the Tiwi economy for future generations requiring a Tiwi workforce, which our leaders, past and present, believe is the key to a rewarding and prosperous Tiwi future for our children and our children's children.

There has been some frustration with the unavoidable delays in Forestry and Port Melville developments and your AMA team shares those frustrations. As outlined in this edition of The Tiwi, equipment and machinery has now been ordered thanks to the terrific support of both the Federal and Northern Territory Governments.

Your Tiwi Plantations Company is expecting to start harvest in April 2015 and the 120 room workers accommodation and infrastructure is currently underway at Port Melville with 40 building contractors on site.

Your AMA believes in the importance of better consultation with our people and have been proactive in establishing and supporting our newsletter The Tiwi as well as The Tiwi Online Facebook page and have commenced rotating AMA meetings in all communities with community meetings after the AMA meet.

The first community meeting was held in early September at Milikapiti and it was pleasing that so many community members came to the meeting and asked questions and were given information about all things Tiwi. Your AMA may not have all the answers on hand but are committed to following up on any questions that can't be answered on the day.

Your AMA asks that people take a deep breath before criticising the new structure of the TLC, give our young leaders a chance to learn from the wise members on the TLC and AMA - a chance to prove themselves as leaders, a chance to change their lives for the benefit of all Tiwi people and a chance to take our people into an exciting and prosperous future.



Tiwi Land Council meeting, September 2014

Your AMA would also like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to two men who have guided the TLC over the past three decades.



Cyril Kalippa, our founding Chairman, has been at the forefront of all things Tiwi, determined to lead the Tiwi people into an era of economic independence.

Cyril is quoted in the TLC minutes nearly 30 years ago as stating that we needed to take charge of our future by establishing our own secondary school at Pika...he even named the site!



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Chairman's Words

Welcome family to our Christmas and final edition of *The Tiwi* for 2014. Again, I would like to share our condolences with family who have lost loved ones over these past months.

In a very disturbing trend, we have sadly farewelled over 40 family members since July this year, which is about what we usually experience for twelve months. Unfortunately this has meant that our budget has been severely reduced and we have been forced to put a break on ceremony and other funding just to cater for this increase in people passing on.

Far too many of our people are passing away or getting sick in their 20's, 30's and 40's so we ask that we all look after one another, eat and live well and look after our bodies so that we can all enjoy quality time with our children and grandchildren long into the future.

It has been a roller coaster 2014, we are confident that we can see the light at the end of the tunnel with our Port Melville developments really taking off and our forestry project lining up the ducks for an April/May 2015 harvest.

Consultations about economic development and potential leases on the Islands are continuing. As yet no leases have been agreed as outlined in these pages, but many Traditional Owners are interested in participating in these discussions, as many want to move back to their homelands to raise their families. Governments of all persuasions are no longer funding new outstations. Our leaders see the best way for land owners to move back to their countries, is through having economic development on their lands so that our people can work and live on their own land.

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Accommodation Village buildings being unloaded at Port Melville

Merry Christmas



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EMC's Notes



Since our first community consultation at Milikapiti a couple of months ago, we've held one at Pirlangimpi and at Wurrumiyanga. Your comments and suggestions have been taken on board.

We are looking at holding more community consultation during December and in the New Year. Topics discussed and acted upon already cover things such as the permit system, funeral and ceremony funds, proposed fishing agreement with the Northern Territory Government and the Tiwi land owners register.

The proposed changes to the permit system have been endorsed at community consultations and by a very recent full land council meeting. Changes to the permit system from the 1st January, 2015 will be published on the land council's website and online Facebook edition of *The Tiwi*, along with the next print edition of *The Tiwi*.

Some good news stories over the past couple of months:

- The New barge landing and freight terminal construction is under way at Wurrumiyanga.
- Construction of a workers' village (similar to forestry accommodation village at Yapilika) at Port Melville is in progress.
- Also at Port Melville – construction of a fuel farm that will hold 30 million litres of fuel is underway.
- We are inching toward harvest of our trees – just need to get past one more Wet Season, as harvest can only occur during the Dry.
- We have had productive meetings with Northern Territory Government Ministers including the Chief Minister and Education Minister along with other elected members.
- We also had a productive meeting with visitors from the Opposition - the NT Labor Party, including Opposition leader Delia Lawrie. From all reports they had a very positive experience while on the islands over a couple of days.

In more great news, your Chairman plus Executive members Wesley Kerinaia and Richard Puruntatameri travelled to Darwin to attend the Chief Minister's Awards for Excellence in the Public Sector and joined those on stage in accepting the award for 'Building Regional and/or Remote Economies – Tiwi Island Economic Development Project'. Congratulations to all involved!

Finally, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish to you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and we look forward to a prosperous 2015! Stay safe over the holiday period everyone!



Quiz



1. Who is the new Administrator of the Northern Territory?

- a) Adam Giles b) John Hardy c) Justice Kelly

2. Where did the name Vernon Islands come from?

- a) The ship called Vernon wrecked there
b) Vernon McArthur, businessman from Sydney
c) The first Baron Vernon

3. How many eggs does an adult Barramundi lay each year?

- a) 40 million b) 4 million c) 400,000



4. How long is the longest ship ever built?

- a) 359 metres b) 458 metres c) 508 metres

5. What is the national flower of Australia?

- a) Wattle
b) Waratah
c) Desert Rose



6. How long is the MCG?

- a) 137 metres b) 157 metres c) 173 metres

7. Where does the word ARAFURA come from?

- a) Aboriginal word from Arnhemland
b) Macassan word
c) Portuguese word

8. What year was the Vernon Island Lighthouse first established?

- a) 1986 b) 1939 c) 1913



Quiz answers on page 15

Developments at Port Melville



Building the Tank Farm at Port Melville



Buildings at Accommodation Village already in place

It has certainly been a busy few months at Port Melville with the onshore development of the site progressing at a rate of knots.

Captain Larry and his Ezion Offshore Logistics Hub (Tiwi) team have worked extremely hard to pull these works together and keep the progress of Port Melville heading in the right direction. The planning and engineering for the projects has been ongoing since the completion of the wharf, with the Contractors mobilising to commence the onsite construction in the last week in August 2014.

There are a number of potential uses for the Port on the drawing board, but currently the 3 main areas of work are:

- 30 million litre tank farm for fuel storage
- 150 person accommodation village
- Woodchip handling and stockpile project

The works at the Port are significant and have brought a large number of workers over to Tiwi for the construction. The number of personnel working on the Port projects is currently at around 70 to 80, however it is important to know that of these there are currently 14 local Tiwi people employed in various areas of the projects. This is only the start as in the New Year we will be looking for more local people for jobs in ongoing operational roles on the Port. To be considered for these positions you should contact Dean Rioli 0488 697 810.



Pouring concrete Ring Beam 2



Building the Tank Farm walls

I have said it before "there is no Bunnings on Tiwi" and these works would not be possible without the support of the Ezion Top End Marine Supply Base at East Arm in Darwin and its fleet of vessels (Teras Bandicoot, Lauren Hansen, and the Centaur). For the last 3 months the workforce at the base have been loading construction materials onto these barges which have then been making up to 8 voyages a week out to Port Melville to deliver the required plant, equipment and materials - A real team effort by all. Please note these vessels are also doing some general cargo runs into Tiwi, but are available to do more. Should you wish to discuss this opportunity please contact TEMSB (ph 8984 3081) and ask for Ben Jonsen.

*Shaun London
Project Manager - Infrastructure*

Tiwi workers at Tank Farm construction site and Accommodation Village





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NEWS from your LAND Council

Good to know

New Oyster trial on Melville Island showing early potential.



Oysters grown to four times their original size

Chairman's Words



Welcome to the first edition of The Tiwi for 2015.

Again we pay our respects to family who have lost loved ones over the holiday period and very recently, we mourn the passing of one of our long term TLC Delegates, who strongly represented the Yimpinari group, was an exceptional footballer and a very much loved member of our Tiwi family.

2015 started with the election of our Chairman and Deputy Chairman positions and I am humbled that the TLC members saw fit to re-elect me as their Chairman for the next three years, along with Stanley Tipiloura as our Deputy Chairman. Stanley is a fine example of one of our young,

up and coming leaders who, having turned his life around, is now reaping the rewards and gaining the respect of his peers, family and wider Tiwi community. Stanley's election gives us all confidence that the next wave of Tiwi Leaders is well and truly upon us and is someone who is up for the challenges ahead.

We see this result as a vote of confidence in the work that your Tiwi Land Council has been doing over the past three years and which was set in train by our great leaders of our past many years ago.

We will start seeing the rewards of the vision and hard work of our leaders, past and present, with our first forestry harvest and developments at Port Melville during 2015.



Gibson F. Illortaminni

Stanley Tipiloura



Portrait photos by Heidi Smith

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Photo by Kate Hadden

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John Wilson, Danny Munkara, Junior Guy, Frederick Mungatopi, Kim B. Wommatakimmi

Forestry and Port



- Under the direction of the Tiwi Plantations Corporation Board and in keeping with the long term vision of Tiwi Elders, the Tiwi Islands Forestry Project is nearing harvest. Harvest is due to start in March/April, with the first woodchip ship proposed to leave in May.

- Tiwi Plantations Corporation Board is Chairman Cyril Kalippa, Directors Gibson Illortaminni and John Wilson, and Appointor Andrew Tipungwuti. New nomination for Director is Kim Puruntatameri who has accepted the nomination.

- The first ABA grant equipment is starting to arrive. The Tiger Cat fellerbuncher is in Darwin. The Tiger Cat skidder is in Brisbane and should be in Darwin shortly. The Peterson chipper is in Albury-Wodonga and is expected to arrive in Darwin on 23 February. The ship loading equipment is on board ship to Melbourne. Should be here before the end of March.

- Mitsui have given us a draft five-year Sale and Purchase Agreement of Woodchip. Glen Samsa and Gary Inions will travel to Tokyo in early March for discussions with Mitsui on marketing strategy and to make presentations to pulp and paper mills. The agreement should be signed by the end of March.

- Daio paper are interested in Tiwi woodchip and have asked for a second sample which has been sent to them. Other samples have been sent to other Japanese and Chinese paper mills. Japanese woodchip prices are looking good. Chinese woodchip prices are okay. Independent laboratory analyses of Tiwi woodchip samples show that they have the same colour and the same chemical usage as Acacia mangium woodchips from Vietnam and Indonesia, but they produce about 10% more pulp.

- Mitsui Oceanic Lines has nearly completed its due diligence and are almost certain that they will have no problem bringing in a 3.6 million cubic ft woodchip vessel but are just doing some final checking with Ezion.

- We are in the final stages of discussion with Commonwealth Bank for a loan to purchase the remaining equipment and to construct the woodchip storage and receipt depot at the port. We expect to receive advice of the loan any day now.



- Chairman of Port Melville Pty Ltd is Andrew Tipungwuti. New Directors nominated to the Port Melville Board, and have accepted the nomination, are Dennis Tipakalippa, Kim Puruntatameri and Wesley Kerinaia.

- Work on Port Melville is proceeding well with a 30,000,000 L diesel storage facility under construction, together with 120 person accommodation village. The diesel storage facility will provide fuel for shipping at the port and the accommodation village will provide accommodation for Tiwi workers at the port and working on ships, as well as for non-Tiwi personnel. It is expected that this work will be completed this dry season.

- Ezion is working with the NT EPA on their Operational Environmental Management Plan for the Port.

Roger Smith, TPC

Developments at Port Melville



The works continue to progress at a rapid rate at the Port Melville Development.

This project would be considered large scale anywhere in Australia and is happening right here on Tiwi.

Since the last update the most significant milestone/feature is that the steel fuel storage tanks have started coming up out of the ground.

When these 3 tanks are completed each will be 16m high x 30m diameter and will hold 10 million litres of fuel for a total tank farm holding capacity of 30 million litres. With the favourable weather conditions that we have had this construction is on schedule for completion by mid-2015



Tank 1 welds

The Accommodation Village is also nearing completion, which will see residents in the camp in March. Although the main purpose of the village is to support the Port Melville operations rooms may be rented by people who require accommodation on the Tiwi Islands. Should you have any enquires on this please contact TEMSB (ph 8930 6500).

A good number of local Tiwi people are already working in various positions on the construction works, however recruitment for jobs in ongoing operational roles on the Port is just around the corner. To be considered for these positions you should either contact Titeb 8941 5988 or Dean Rioli 0488 697 810.

Shaun London

Project Manager - Infrastructure



South-east tank farm



Kitchen serving area



Walkways at Accommodation Village already in place



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Chairman's Words

Welcome to our April/ May Issue of The Tiwi.

This edition comes at the end of our wet and the beginning of our dry season, heralded in with our Kulama ceremony. Kulama is such an important time of our Tiwi lives. It is a time where we can leave our troubles, arguments, fights and challenges that we faced over the past 12 months behind us and start afresh, welcoming in the cooler weather and good hunting and good times with family and friends.

The Dry season is particularly important this year as we bring to fruition the vision of our great leaders, past and present, with the first harvest of our Tiwi Forestry project and Port Melville developments which is needing a strong and growing Tiwi workforce to be successful.

Our Leaders have always known that the answer to rich and rewarding lives for our people is through real jobs right here on our country. With a real job comes the knowledge that we are providing for our families, our fridges are full, our kids are never hungry, and we feel good about ourselves because we are leading lives that our kids want to follow.

The message from your Tiwi Land Council is that if you want to change your life and become the best that we know you can be, then take that next step and contact our TITEB, Forestry and Port Melville staff and join our Tiwi workforce to help us to build the strong, resilient and successful Tiwi nation that gives us and our children the best possible future in the years to come.

Mana, Nimpangi Mantawi

*Gibson Farmer Illortaminni,
Chairman Tiwi Land Council*

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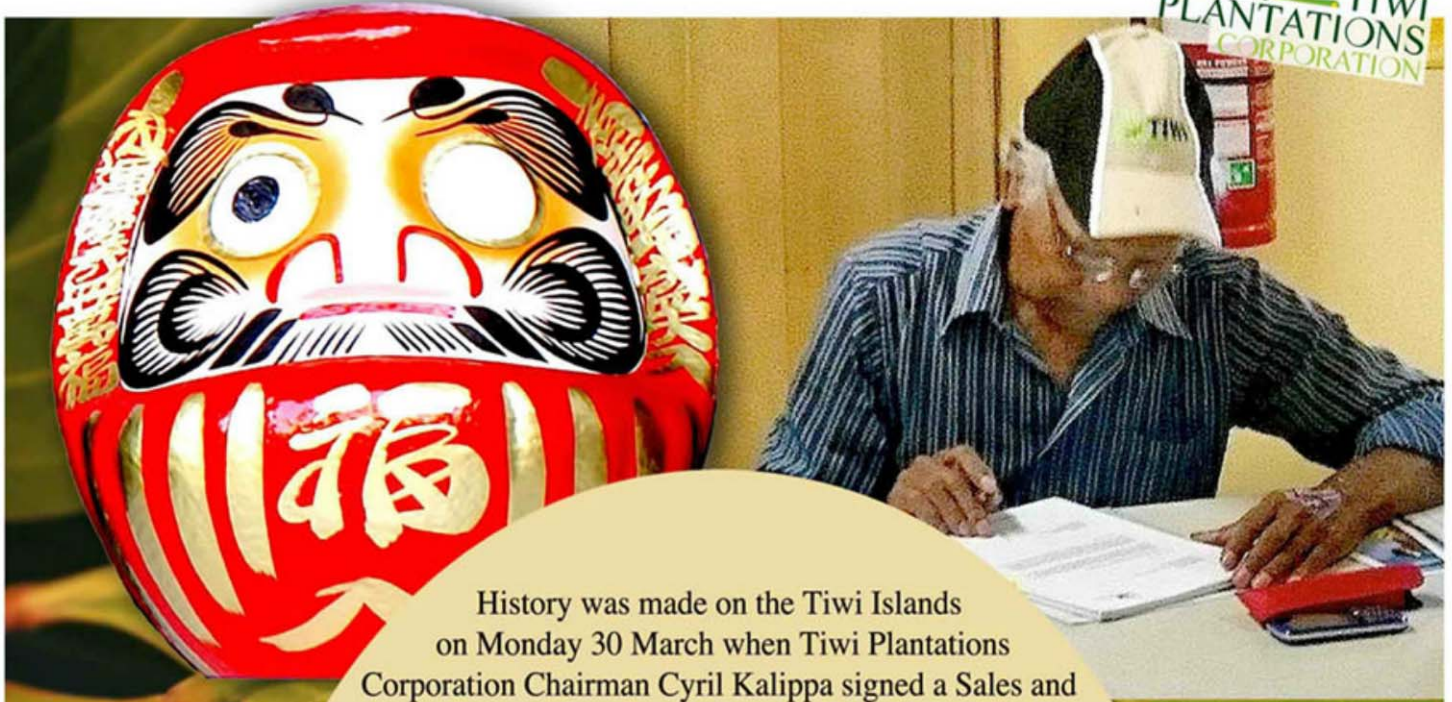
Harvest equipment for our Tiwi Forests gets a work-out at Yapilika Forestry Centre, Melville Island.



TPC and PMPL Boards R to L: Kim Puruntatameri, John Wilson, Roger Smith, Wesley Kerinauia, Cyril Kalippa OAM, Dennis Tipakalippa, Andrew Tipungwuti in front of our brand new Petersen 5000H chipper

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Tiwi Forests - History made



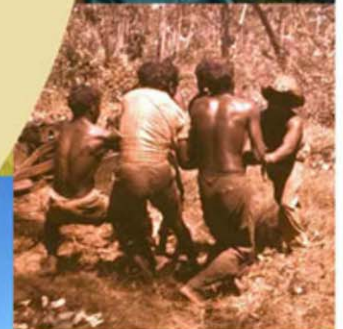
History was made on the Tiwi Islands on Monday 30 March when Tiwi Plantations Corporation Chairman Cyril Kalippa signed a Sales and Purchase Agreement for Woodchip, then countersigned by Makoto Tatara, Managing Director of Mitsui Bussan Woodchip Oceania Pty Ltd in Melbourne the same afternoon.

Tiwi Plantations Corporation Chairman Cyril Kalippa

The agreement is for the export of up to 400,000 green metric tonnes of Tiwi woodchip to Japan every year for five years, total value of the five-year contract would be between AUD 125 million and AUD 150 million.



In the meantime, the first Peterson 5000 H wood chipper was started up in the same week to send sample Tiwi woodchips to Japan. Japanese representatives are expected to visit the Tiwi Islands on Monday 18 May. *Roger Smith, TPC*



Skidder and Feller buncher inspected by Cyril Kalippa TPC, Quentin Pope, Jodie Millsom and Craig Phillips, PMP

EMC's Notes



Tiwi Land Council Executive Management Committee



Firstly, we take time to pay our respects to those who have lost loved ones in the past couple of months.

A steady start to 2015 so far. Another Wet Season is behind us and we look forward to the Dry and all that it brings! Congratulations to the Wulama Doggies on their deserved Premiership victory – what a finish to the match! Bad luck to Pumarali, such a close game. Great to see the Tiwi Bombers finish off their season strongly as well – looking promising for a push further up the ladder when the NTFL season returns later in the year.

Port Melville construction continues – with one of the next stages of construction – building a woodchip storage facility, so that when the harvest of forestry starts very soon, there will be a place to store the woodchip before they are sent off overseas on the 'chip ships'!

Chief Minister Adam Giles, along with Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu, visited the Port facility and attended a Tiwi Land Council Executive meeting in March, along with a group of Munupi leaders. The Northern Territory Government continue to be very impressed with the long planned vision on the islands of a Tiwi economy to benefit ALL Tiwi – with jobs becoming available for those who really want to work.

Everyone might have seen on the news recently that much of the machinery for the forestry harvest is now on the islands. This brand new specialised equipment will soon be working through the plantations of Acacia mangium trees. The sooner the Dry Season starts, the sooner the harvest can start – and it's looking like sooner rather than later.

It's an exciting time - and remember - all of this was planned decades ago by Tiwi leaders of the past. Their vision was jobs on the islands for Tiwi people. There will be more and more jobs coming up at the Port and with forestry for those who really want to work.

So in our next issue of The Tiwi we will have further updates on all of the Port and forestry operations as they really kick into gear in what promises to be one of the busiest and most promising years on the Tiwi Islands.



Tiwi Land Council members 1988

Photo by Heide Smith

Don't forget to take these training and job opportunities as they become available – these are the days your leaders, many of whom have now passed on, dreamt of for ALL Tiwi people to benefit from.

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Chief Minister visit Port Melville



CM Adam Giles, Glen Samsa, PMP, Cyril Kalippa and TLC Managers during arrival of the forestry equipment at Port Melville

On the 5th of March Chief Minister Adam Giles, along with an entourage of cameras and reporters and our very own MLA Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu, flew across to the Tiwi Islands for a day's visit at the ever expanding Port Melville.

Part of this visit was so that Mr Giles could take the time to attend a Tiwi Land Council Executive manager's meeting, along with a range of other guests on the day.

A 'sod turning ceremony' on the site of the new wood-chip storage facility, as mentioned in the Executive Manager's notes in this edition of 'The Tiwi', was also undertaken.

While here he also announced the Development Framework Agreement – another stepping stone toward economic development on the Tiwi Islands. Should investors be interested in working with Tiwi people on Tiwi land, this Development Framework Agreement will act as a kind of rulebook for those approved to invest in business on our islands.



Visiting Port Melville

Mr Giles said – "This is an inspirational deal, unheard of I think in Australia, but particularly in the NT where significant leadership has come from the local people ... who have the foresight to pursue economic opportunities, who have the vision to look outside the square about the way things are done, but particularly have a focus on creating jobs."

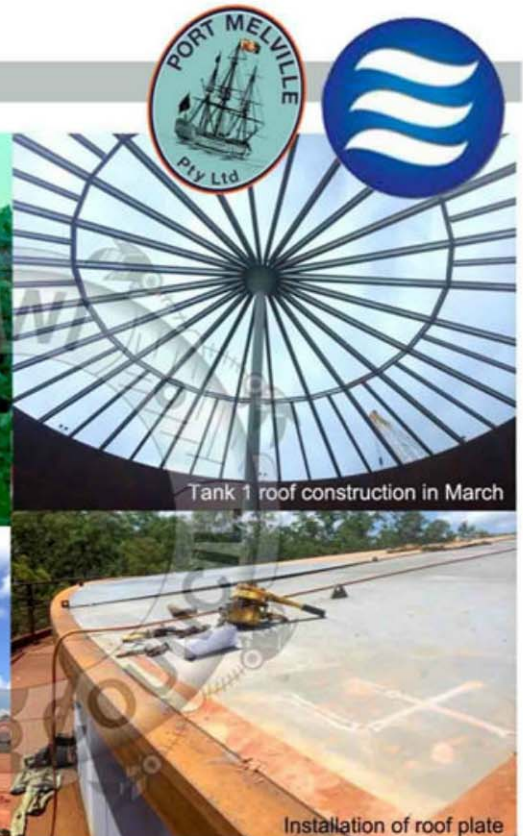
Terry Larkin, TLC

Port Melville development



Port Melville 11 April 2015

Photos by Sean London, Project Manager



Tank 1 roof construction in March

Tank 1 with roof in April

Installation of roof plate

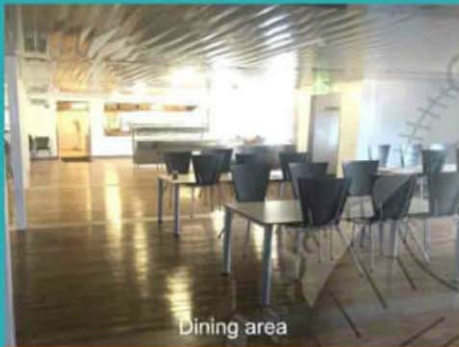
Port Melville development



Works continue to progress on both the Tank Farm & Village Accommodation Projects at the Port Melville site. The roofs are going onto the tanks as you read this. We are in the home stretch for finishing the Accommodation Village and I expect that Practical Completion will be granted by the end of April. The site communication and entertainment system has been installed. Have a look at some of the images from building site.

Sean London, Project Manager

Accommodation Village
Barbecue area



Dining area



Paint repair works



Office area



Pipework in bund



First section gantry truss and pipework



Pipework from tank



Firewater tanks, pumps and pipework



Civil works north side of bund



WWTP in ground discharge pipework