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#### **Batchelor Institute Business & Management Courses**

The Department of Business & Management (within Faculty of Health, Business & Science) currently offers accredited courses across both the VET and HEd sectors, from a Certificate I Business up to the Higher Ed Graduate Diploma in Management & Administration. (See chart below.)

Courses are run usually in 2 week residential blocks at the main Batchelor campus and, subject to demand (numbers & staffing levels) at the community level.

There is also the flexibility to offer a suite of skill sets, which may comprise just 3 or 4 units tailored to the needs of the specific training cohort.



#### Red Cross at Tiwi Grand Final, 22/03/2009



Red Cross Communities for Children and Nutrition staff, as well as staff from Healthy Living NT and the Heart Foundation, collaborated with Wangatunga Women's Centre in Nguiu to provide a healthy food option for the Grand Final. Some of the Red Cross team

arrived on Saturday the 21st to help with the preparations for

the next day. Eggs were boiled, carrots were grated and cucumbers were cut up for the wraps. The women also made a banner to hang at the stall to advertise their centre.

The stall, which was also a fundraising opportunity for the women's centre, raised more than \$900 selling \$5 meal deals which included water, banana & coconut cakes and tuna and egg wraps.

It was a scorcher of a day with people doing anything to find a bit of shade. Lots of umbrellas were brought out so as to get up close to the game and stay out of the sun.

Tapalinga defeated Imalu 12.9,81 to 11.7,73 after a clinching final quarter in which Imalu scored 6 unanswered goals to come back at Tapalinga.

Circulating throughout Melville and Bathurst Islands which include the Communities of Pirlangimpi, Milikapiti, Nguiu & Ranku

#### **Articles For The Tiwi** Times

If you have any articles which you would like to go into the May Tiwi Times please email them to us at tiwitimes@titeb.com

We try our hardest to get your Tiwi Times out by the end of each month and it would be appreciated if you could have your articles to us by Friday 22nd May.



# **TITEB has a new Board of Directors**



Top Row, left to right: Andrew Tipungwuti, former Chairman, Maurice Rioli, new Chairman, Lynette DeSantos. Front Row, left to right: Cyril Kalippa, Cyril Kerinaiua, Deputy Chairman and Marius Puruntatameri.

A new Board of Directors was appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Tiwi Islands Training and Employment Board at Nguiu on the 6th April. The new members thanked Andrew Tipungwuti for chairing the Board for the last three years and welcomed his ongoing commitment to the activities of the Board.



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*"First comes thought;* then organisation of that thought, into ideas and plans; then transformation of those plans into reality. The beginning, as you will observe, is in your imagination."

Napoleon Hill

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# Working Trip To Dandargan Western Australia



Reggie Tipungwuti and Bart Kerinauia along with team leader Kipa Bidle have returned from a successful working trip at Dandargan Western Australia. They worked in the Great Sothern's horticultural section, pruning olive groves and removing fence posts in preparation for harvest.

Kipa thought it was a great challenge, enabling him to develop his leadership skills. He knew that the pressure was on because he wanted to prove successful, paving the way for other Great Southern employees to take on such opportunities.

Bart enjoyed the whole process and would definitely do it again. Bart is currently undertaking

his apprenticeship and had just completed his chainsaw module so this work exchange gave him plenty of opportunity to develop his newly found skills.

It was Reggie's first trip down south and he found that even though he was in Australia it was different to his country up north. The nights were cold, the water tasted different and sheep were the talk of the town instead of buffalo. He enjoyed the work as it was cooler outside and he didn't sweat wearing all his Personal Protective Equipment.

Other highlights of the trip were staying in flash hotels, having a party with Kippa's family, a trip to Subiaco Oval to see West Coast playing Fremantle and their own car to go exploring on the weekends. Reggie really fell in love with the car!







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# **Tiwi Workers for a Major New Housing Program**

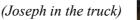
The town of Nguiu has lots of new truck drivers, thanks to a course run last month to prepare Tiwi workers for a major new housing program. The course was arranged by Territory Alliance, the company working with the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) on the Tiwi Islands for staff from the Bathurst Islands Housing Association (BIHA) and Tiwi Islands Shire Council, with spots also made available to unemployed people registered with Mission Australia.

"This was to help prepare people likely to be working with us to build new houses in Nguiu," said Territory Alliance Manager Allan McGill. Steve O'Keeffe from BIHA said the course meant he now had two qualified truck drivers for BIHA's tip truck and shiny white concrete truck (purchased with mining royalty money and leased to BIHA by the Andrananguwu people from Milikapiti). The concrete truck's proud driver is Joseph Tipiloura, who has worked as a builder with BIHA for the past 12 years. Joseph already has a Certificate III in building, but wanted to expand his skills. He graduated from the course with a heavy rigid truck driver's certificate while his workmate Dominic Tipiloura, who has worked with BIHA for three years, graduated with a medium rigid licence. "Joseph is my main man," says Steve O'Keeffe. "I had no one to drive the truck and now Joseph can drive it back and forth to our sites. Now all the kids are asking how they can be truck drivers too," says Joseph.

Tiwi Islands Shire Housing Manager Karl Sibley said he had been grateful to Territory Alliance for organising the course. "We put people from our repairs and maintenance team on different projects," says Karl. "The housing apprentice team has been working on a greenhouse for CDEP, but there were no Tiwi people licensed to drive the truck and help them put it up." Apprentice carpenter Gonzaga Puatjimi was able to help out with the greenhouse project once he had his licence. Eight people graduated from the course, with a couple of more likely to earn their certificates with a little more practice.

Early work on the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) started in Pirlangimpi and Milikapiti this month. Territory Alliance is looking for as many Tiwi people as possible to work on the project.

Steve O'Keeffe from BIHA, Dominic Tipiloura, Joseph Tipiloura, and Steve Shenfield, Operations Manager from Territory Alliance who presented Dominic and Joseph with their Certificates.





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