

TIWI TIMES

Tiwi Islands Training and Employment Board

Telstra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award



Tiwi Islander Timothy Cook won the Telstra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award. Picture: MICHAEL FRANCHI

THE winner of one of Australia's most prestigious indigenous art prizes is a Territorian who once sold a painting to Michael and Janet Jackson.

Tiwi Islands artist Timothy Cook, 53, has beaten 62 other finalists and taken out the \$40,000 2012 Telstra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award.

Mr Cook's translator John Wilson said Mr Cook had told him the Tiwi people were proud.

"He is the first one from the Tiwi to win this major art award," he said.



Mr Cook's painting is titled Kulama and represents the sacred Tiwi kulama (yam) ceremony. And although Mr Wilson said the talented artist's paintings are hanging all over the world he will never forget the one purchased by Michael and Janet Jackson.

"They saw it on the internet and they bought it," he said. For a full list of the Telstra winners go to www.nt.gov.au/natsiaa

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Quantitive or qualitative?

"Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted."

Albert Einstein

LLNP success at Milikapiti



The LLN program is designed to help unemployed people to prepare for work and business in the local community. It is based on using language (English and Tiwi), literacy (English) and numeracy (maths) to help adults get skilled up for work and any other opportunity that arises.

Over the past year many of the LLN participants have achieved success and moved from the program to full time or part time work. All of the "workers are winners" team have studied LLN at TITEB in Milikapiti.

Nelson was first to leave when he began full time work with CJC. Nelson has worked really well at proving to people how skilled he is; he has worked as a Mentor for young men released from gaol, demonstrated to the whole community his skills at Mediating in disputes within the community. Nelson has worked with NAAJA and Centrelink as an Aboriginal Interpreter and now has work in Bathurst. He created many

opportunities for other unemployed people too because of his kindness and ability to work with Tiwi and non-Tiwi.

Tina was the next to leave the group when she began work first as a Money Management worker and then as a full-time Centrelink agent, many people in the community rely on Tina to be at work to help them with Centrelink matters; and Tina has proved she is up to the job, by being at work every day for over a year. Tina still thanks the LLN program for helping her get

back on track and into full time paid work.

Leanne has achieved success by being invited to work at the local primary school. Leanne has a great personality and ability to get on with adults and children alike. She will have a good future ahead of her working at the school. Milikapiti School is well recognised as being one of the most successful primary and preschools in the NT, thanks to the hard working principal and staff.

Cymantha found a full time position as a Money Management worker within six months of starting the LLN program. Cymantha has enjoyed her work and training. She was included in the Interstate training/workshop at Alice Springs; a great opportunity to share her skills with other Money Management workers from all over Australia. Without the LLNP training Cymantha would not have had the skills to do the job.



Phyllis has moved to Garden Point and has enjoyed working with Centrelink, ITEC, NAAJA and other organisations as an Aboriginal Interpreter. As part of the LLN program team she had access to phones, computers, faxes and support to help her develop her natural people skills to find casual work.

Roslyn moved from LLN to working at the Safe House, she is also in demand from non-Tiwi organisations to help them mentor, mediate or talk to Tiwi people in the community. Roslyn was able to become part of the work force by the support from LLN and use of computers, faxes, phones, and anything else she needed to communicate with the Flying in and out government organisations. The TITEB training centre is open from 7.30 am to 4pm which allows all the LLN participants to use the premises and lecturer to help them keep working once they have found a job. There are no other training centres with the equipment and personnel to support post-LLNP needs. This has benefited Roslyn greatly.

LLNP success at Milikapiti



Michelle has been head hunted to become a full time cook. The new position calls for basic qualifications in Cooking and Baking. Michelle has completed a Certificate I in General Education for Adults, a Certificate I in Commercial Cookery and a Certificate I in Retail Bakery. Michelle has completed all of these qualifications as part of her LLNP journey. Michelle is still a keen participant in the program whenever she can spare the time, and she has taken up the offer of post-LLNP support from the LLNP/Bakery lecturer. This means that Michelle will not be alone when she starts her job, she will have months of 'once a week' support to help her deal with any issues arising from employment. Michelle is moving into an area of work that needs the high quality skills she has acquired as part of the LLNP training. The post-LLNP support is offered to all LLNP participants when they begin full time work. This is to

help ease people through the nerves and stress of getting back into the work force. In Milikapiti we can offer that support to all our LLNP participants because it is a small community.

Germaine has moved to Maningrida and found work in the local take away. Germaine's skills are excellent and she is a person who has a lot to offer any employer.

Moana has moved to Nhulunbuy and is looking for full time work, she is an excellent baker so any organisation employing Moana gets a very hard working and a cheerful young lady to help their business grow. Moana has completed all of the Certificates and has her own Pumpkin Damper recipe published on the Cummins Milling drums of flour.

The LLNP training in Milikapiti has been a happy successful team approach to learning with 100% attendance. Now we have most of the 'old group' in work, we are starting a new program. The new LLN program will be helping people to learn skills for work, skills for further education, as well as helping people to develop the confidence and skills needed to start their own small family business. To do this we are hoping the old kitchen can be upgraded to provide a nice new shiny kitchen for our training in Baking (especially pizzas) and other delicious recipes. The 'old LLN team' developed many new and innovative recipes based on local conditions, such as what is available at the shop and bush food as well as using the best flour. These recipes have been written up by the 'old team' and are now going to be used to teach the 'new team' of LLNP trainees. If you want to train to provide yourself with the skills needed for work and education, join the next cohort of LLNP adults in Milikapiti at the TITEB training centre and have fun learning, as well as take home some delicious food (all free).

Give yourself a chance to get a job the way these excellent, confident and wonderful Tiwi people did. We are all one team at TITEB, so come and have fun, learn a lot, and move on in life to something you have always wanted to do; provide for your family and give them a good role model to follow. The role model is you.

Thanks a lot and all the best to our 'old team' of LLNP trainees, you are missed a lot, but the happiness you shared with each other in the program is highly valued, good luck

to you all. If you need any further support just turn up and have a chat.

Cheers Donessia





Ted Egan Recording at Wurrumiyanga TITEB Training Centre 12th July



Ted Egan AO (Tiwi name Murumungajimirri) former Administrator of the Northern Territory and parlingari mantani of the Tiwi people, made a visit to Wurrumiyanga recently to record the Tiwi version of his song Connection: Singing My Country.

Travelling with Ted were John Kane and Mark Walmsley, sound recordists from Sydney and Chris Tangey, cameraman from Alice Springs.

It was a great couple of days of singing, dancing and recording. Ted was given invaluable support by Tiwi Land Council, TITEB and wonderful co-operation from the Strong Women, aided by Ray Allwright, Jennifer and Brian Clancy. The results are splendid.

Connection: Singing My Country is a project aiming to record Ted Egan's song in many different languages. The message imparted is that if people are prepared to sing one song they are also prepared to live in harmony with all the people who share similar sentiments, possessed of the self esteem that derives from security in their knowledge of culture and language.

The outcome will be a big production DVD showing different cultures of the world living positive, peaceful, productive lives. The one song will bind them.

The project also seeks to encourage First Australians to retain their languages at full strength. Too many of the old languages are gone forever. Without the language, the culture is in jeopardy.

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The Tiwi verses are as follows

Parlingari

Tunuwuwi

Ngawa, ngininatingawula

Jabuja

Ngawa Tiwi

Awi ngini muwila

Pungunta ngawu rrani

Nguruma -i-ngi

Kukunari

Kakarrjuwi

Wuta kuruwala yoiyoi ningani

Ngawa Tiwi

Pilingawa yati ngampangarawa

Nginingawula

Ngirami-i-ni

Ted also sang a couple of songs at the Club and renewed old friendships that go back to the days when he was a founder of St Mary's Football Club in Darwin and was first Captain in 1952, taking the club to its first premiership in 1954.



For more about

Ted Egan

You can visit

www.tedegan.com.au



Media Release

Batchelor Institute Central Australian 2012 Graduation 'unleashes' Indigenous talent for Industry

6th September 2012

In excess of 150 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from more than 50 communities and five states and territories of Australia will receive their awards at Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education's graduation ceremony to be held at the Desert Peoples Centre on Thursday 6th September.

It will be a day to be remembered for a lifetime by graduating students, their families, friends and communities and for Batchelor Institute it represents another key milestone in its continuous development.

The ceremony begins at 2pm with an Academic procession of lecturers and graduating students led by the popular Drum Atweme group.

DPC Chairman Harold Furber will give the Welcome to the Precinct address and Centre for Appropriate Technology Chairperson Peter Renehan is to be the key-note speaker.

Batchelor Institute Director, Adrian Mitchell stated that the graduation ceremony is a wonderful opportunity to recognise the achievements of our students who have worked hard to succeed in their studies.

'The Institute is growing stronger than ever. Its Vocational Education Training (VET) and Higher Education courses, delivered through the ACIKE partnership with CDU, are closely aligned to key employment opportunities, particularly in rural and remote Australia and community economic and capacity building aspirations. Batchelor has a long history of contributing to the development of strong, safer and healthier communities and the new facilities at the Desert Peoples Centre, shared with our partners the Centre of Appropriate Technology offer the opportunity for a sustained period of growth for the institute.

'Our dedicated staff here in Central Australia are also a great asset and have substantially improved the outcomes for Indigenous people from the education and training they deliver or support and the outstanding collaborative relationships they have established with industry, the community and other organisations,' Mr Mitchell said.

Former brilliant student and now a successful Home Liaison Officer working with the Department of Education and Training, Debra Joanne Lyons, will respond to the students with her energy and passion to inspire others and influence change within the communities. In her own words, "ongoing study continuously inspires" her.

The graduation will be witnessed by students' families, local residents, and people from many communities, and organisations. Everybody is welcome to join in this very special occasion and to take the opportunity to explore the Desert Peoples Centre.

The ceremony will be broadcast live by Batchelor Institute Indigenous Media Unit Radio Rum Jungle through CAAMA Radio network, NIRS and TEABBA Radio.

Afternoon tea will be served for all guests.

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Sport & Recreation Training at Milikapiti TITEB Training Centre 14th August





Above Pictures: Mick Rees training with Sport & Rec Students at Milikapiti TITEB Training Centre



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Community Housing Officer

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONAL SERVICES

Administrative Officer 3 Remote Public Housing, Darwin Region Wurrumiyanga

Territory Housing is seeking a motivated, self starting and energetic person to join its Darwin Region housing team as an AO3 Senior Community Housing Officer. The role of the Community Housing Officer is to work independently and with other community based and visiting staff to manage and provide support to residents of Territory Housing. The position will act as a point of contact to improve the access of residents to Territory Housing programs and services. The position is locally based in Wurrumiyanga, however the successful applicant may need to travel to other Tiwi communities as required.

Applications should address the Selection Criteria. Please refer to the contact details below for a copy of the Selection Criteria and Job Description.

For further information contact Melissa Lines on 08 8999 8525 or email melissa.lines@nt.gov.au

Quote vacancy number: 51120053

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Indigenous Youth Leadership Program 2013 - 14



Applications now OPEN!

We are VERY EXCITED to announce that the application process for the second Jobs Australia Foundation, Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP) has commenced.



Yesterday at the Canberra Raiders Closing the Gap match the Jobs Australia Foundation and Huawei Technologies launched the 2013-14 Indigenous Youth Leadership Program.

The 2 year program which will commence in January 2013 and conclude in October 2014 will provide 24 Indigenous young people, 18-25 who are emerging leaders with the opportunity to participate in a program that will cultivate and nurture their leadership potential and skills.

The Foundation will also provide 8 Indigenous mentors (1 from each state and territory) with the opportunity to support a team of three young people from each state and territory to participate in and complete the program.

As graduates from the 2010-11 recently commented the Foundation is looking for "inspirational, deadly, courageous and motivated individuals" to participate in this once in a life time opportunity. People that have faced adversity and barriers in life however have taken their experiences and used them to grow, evolve and lead and are keen to continue their leadership journey.

For more information check out our YouTube clip or visit our website www.jafoundation.com.au.

Further information, application forms and frequently asked questions are available here. Alternatively feel free to contact Jodie Belyea or Lisa Urosevic on free call 1800 331 915 or 03 9349 3699.

The closing date for applications is 5:00pm Friday, 7 September 2012.

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Contact the Jobs Australia Foundation regarding sponsorship options.

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Articles For The Tiwi Times

If you have any articles which you would like to go into the **September** 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 for the next Times to us by:

Tuesday 18th of September