



# TIWI TIMES

Tiwi Islands Training and Employment Board

## Give voices back to people living in regional parts of the Territory



Last week I introduced a Bill to amend the Local Government Act which will give voices back to people living in regional parts of the Territory. This is the first step in what will be journey towards local government that will be more responsive, more representative and more sustainable. When the Super Shires were imposed

on the bush there was an outcry, people felt like their community had lost their voice in the vastness of the Shires.

Through our reforms, newly established Local Authorities appointed by each community will be given power through Ministerial Guidelines and will play an active role in their community. Local Authorities will be the key to connecting people to Regional Councils. Local Authorities will be involved in interview processes, planning and spending, act as a complaints mechanism for council issues and where people request it, they can also be delegated additional duties from the council or Minister.

I understand there is a hunger for more immediate change, namely boundary changes, however it is critical that we get these reforms right, not just right now. That is why I'm acting on the strong recommendation from the Regional Governance Working Group to review the sustainability and viability of regional governance. We want to do this once and we want to do it properly.

It is my vision that we develop a model of regional governance that will empower and engage local communities so they can identify their own economic and social opportunities and alleviate some of the disadvantage.

**Alison Anderson, Minister for Local Government, Local Government Reform**

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## Quote of the Month

*Coming together is a beginning.*

*Keeping together is progress.*

*Working together is success.*

*Henry Ford*

## TITEB Milikapiti Training Centre News - Donessia Macdonald



Wendy checking up that the building is going OK

### Success in the LLNP course: From LLNP to Indigenous Engagement Officer

TITEB are happy to announce that Wendy Mungatopi Miller has been the successful applicant for the position as Indigenous Engagement Officer for Milikapiti Community on the Tiwi Islands.

Wendy started studying in the LLNP course last year. She wanted to complete training that would lead to full time work. Wendy is also a member of the Milikapiti Women's Co-operative. She is a strong woman who helps many people in the community. Wendy Mungatopi Miller is a woman who is a proud Tiwi, she will work hard for her community. Wendy is a Tiwi woman who is proud of sharing culture and staying strong in her culture whilst at the same time working with the Government to help Tiwi people.

TITEB are very proud to be part of Wendy's story. We have learned so much from her. We appreciate the time she spent training with LLNP. We are all very proud and happy for Wendy.

The Indigenous Engagement Officer's position is funded by the Stronger Futures funding.



Wendy with her co-workers from Money Management and little Rosemary Wilson, Sheilas granddaughter who has a big place in the hearts of the TITEB team.

### Flour drum cooking when the lights go out

Cooking the old way.

Milikapiti women cook on the flour drum stove when the power fails. We use coconut leaves for the fire, they give a quick strong heat without taking too long to boil the billy for the morning cuppa.



### Visitor's from Timor Leste

Milikapiti TITEB training centre staff were pleased when Charlene and Jasmin dropped in for a cup of tea bringing two visitors from Timor Leste.

The two Government Officials from Timor Leste were visiting Australia as part of a fact finding group. They were particularly interested to learn how elections are conducted in the Indigenous Communities. During the visit the visitors observed the LLNP cooking and baking program and were very impressed with the work in the training centre. They

mentioned they would love to see something similar happening in Timor Leste. Unemployed Timorese people are very poor and would love to have LLNP training to help build up skills for work.



### Healthy food from the farm

Milikapiti Farm is running at full steam ahead, delivering fresh fruit and vegetables to people in the community. The salad foods are all the year round and other fruits and vegetables are sold when in season. Do yourself a favour and eat healthy fresh food from the local farm.

The Farm will also be training some more people in horticulture to provide a steady stream of available workers. If you are interested in training in horticulture contact Pip, Sally or Ryan at TITEB/ RJCP the Remote Jobs Program and put your name down.

The other men doing the training will be the LLNP men who are part of the Hunting, Fishing, Cooking /LLNP program at TITEB.

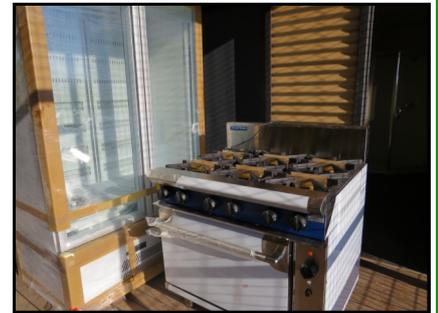
We need ten people to start the horticulture training with Charles Darwin University lecturer Phillip by next month. Only ten places are available, so give your name soon to Pip, Sally or Ryan.





**Dawn breaks over the community**

As dawn breaks over the Milikapiti Community David Hobbs, his men and women are hard at work renovating and building the new kitchen for the Milikapiti Women’s Co-operative. The TITEB block has been alive with building, painting, cleaning, and fencing for a couple of months as David’s team work to set the kitchen up. The women and men in the baking and cooking program are looking forward to having a commercial kitchen to develop their own little café business. We are very pleased with the work the builders and painters have done. It just gets better every day. And every day as dawn breaks the workers are there getting the job done. Thank you to the whole team David. The Milikapiti Women’s Co-operative are looking forward to using the new gas cooker all the way from Germany. They will see how well it can cook buffalo curry.



**Money Management training at Milikapiti**

The Money Management team at Milikapiti completed the first stage in their Certificate 1 in Community Services this week. Matrix on Board trainers Leah from Darwin and Laura from W.A presented the team with some interesting role plays and scenarios during the three days of training. It was wonderful to see how the women all worked so well together. Laura and Leah quickly became part of the ‘team’ and enjoyed some very cultural lessons in Tiwi ways. The trainers had a brilliant time. The training was very good and helped the Money Management team to understand more of where their work is going. The Money Management workers serve the whole community from helping with transfers, to assisting in budgeting and generally providing a great service. Laura and Leah were very keen to learn how things work in



the community. The Tiwi women took the trainers to Timrambu as a way of saying ‘thank you’. The idea was to catch a fish, but the crocodile got there first so they were very careful. It was a great training session with a lot of information shared. A lot of culture was shared with the women coming from different parts of Australia.

The next training is in September. TITEB would like to say thank you to the local people who supported the training by coming for Money Business during the Open hours only so the women could get on with the training. Thank you.

## TITEB Wurrumiyanga Training Centre

### Literacy and Numeracy Lecturer for the SEE Program at Wurrumiyanga



Hi, my name is Veronica Davoren, although most people call me Roni. I am the new Literacy and Numeracy Lecturer for TITEB at Wurrumiyanga and the classes are starting on:

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.**

I come from the biggest island off Australia which is called Tasmania and I love Islands and the sea. My three children and my parents still live in Tasmania. I have been living in Darwin for three years and worked as an Industry Engagement Officer and I have visited many communities including the Tiwi Islands a number of times.

I am looking forward to meeting the students, my colleagues and the community and to improving the employment and the education skills of unemployed Tiwi adults in an interesting and supportive environment.



## TITEB Milikapiti Training Centre

### Heart healthy food and drug action week

To celebrate the opening of the Safe House Garden, The Heart Foundation, Tobacco Free, and Drug Action Week activities were held at the Safe House Milikapiti in June..

The meetings were well attended and the garden was beautiful. Milikapiti School supported the Heart Foundation and all the other information sessions.

Milikapiti Women's Co-operative supported the events by cooking the Heart healthy Lunch. Kylie Puruntatameri, Wendy Mungatopi Miller, Geraldine Tipiloura and Sheila Djorlom enjoyed cooking and organising the lunch.

The Heart Foundation will visit Milikapiti again.

## TITEB Pirlangimpi Training Centre

### Karina happy with the new coffee machine



Pop into Pirlangimpi training centre for a cappuccino and a chat next time you are in town!



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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](mailto: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:

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