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# TIWI TIMES

Tiwi Islands Training and Employment Board

## Celebrating 100 years of Catholic Church

Tiwi Times / Jennifer Boon / 10.06.2011

**The 8th of June was the day to celebrate the marking of 100 years** since Father Francis Xavier Gsell landed at Wurrumiyanga, Bathurst Island where he said the very first Mass.

The celebration began with a re-enactment of when Father Gsell first arrived in 1911. John Nadon, as Father Gsell, arrived by boat and was delightfully greeted by a crowd of Tiwi people who performed traditional songs and dances. Everyone then proceeded "To walk in the footsteps of Father Gsell" to the local church (built in the 1930's) for an Outdoor Mass held on the lawns.



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## Quote of the Month

*If you don't know  
where you are going;  
How will you know  
when you get there?*



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## **WURRUMIYANGA INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT OFFICER and GOVERNMENT BUSINESS MANAGER**

The Indigenous Engagement Officer and the Government Business Manager support the Wurrumiyanga Local Reference Group. They work with both the Northern Territory Government and the Australian Government through the Local Implementation Plan process. They also have strong connections and a working relationship with the Tiwi Islands Shire Council. They both live and work in Wurrumiyanga.

Together the Indigenous Engagement Officer and the Government Business Manager are a *Single Government Interface* for the community. They help people understand government programs and services, and help government and the shire understand community issues and priorities.



### **The Indigenous Engagement Officer - Mavis Kerinaiaua**

**Mavis's role as the Indigenous Engagement Officer is to:**

- Support the community in its consultations and negotiations with government;
- Ensure government engages with the community in a culturally appropriate way; and
- Assist the Wurrumiyanga Local Reference Group to report on Local Implementation Plan progress to the Government Business Manager.

### **The Government Business Manager - Peter Penley**

**Peter is the contact person for liaison between the community and government and he also:**

- Helps with community planning and agreement making;
- Helps with service co-ordination and delivery on the ground;
- Involves service providers such as non-government organisations in the Local Implementation process; and
- Reports on Local Implementation progress to the Regional Operations Centre.

You can contact Peter the Government Business Manager on **0448927035** or Mavis the Indigenous Engagement Officer on **0467771110** if you would like to discuss any government, community or Local Reference Group business or alternatively if you see them in the community then feel free to speak with them.



## Tiwi Bombers Name Coach

NT News / Jess Webster / June 17th 2011

**THE Tiwi Bombers have appointed midfielder Leigh Crossman as senior coach of the club in a surprise move yesterday.**



**New Tiwi Bombers' coach Leigh Crossman falls over Shannon Motlop of Wanderers in a game last season**

As revealed on ntnews.com.au yesterday, Crossman replaces Karl Gundersen at the helm of the Bombers with Peter "Pedro" Rioli from Milikapiti as his assistant.

Crossman, a former AFLNT regional development manager on the islands and a teacher at Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic Primary School, previously coached the under-14 and under-18 Echuca Football sides while playing senior football in the Goulburn Valley Football League. Last year, he was appointed senior coach of Leitchville Gunbower Football Club before joining Tiwi, and says he is ready for the top job at the Bombers.

"To be able to coach such a talented group of players is exciting," he said. "I thoroughly enjoyed my season with the team last year and feel like I am ready to take on the added responsibility."

"I'm really looking forward to the opportunity to hopefully take the club to where they want to be - on to the premiership dais."

Tiwi Bombers chairman, Allan McGill, said "Crossman was the perfect candidate."

"We are very pleased to have someone of Leigh's calibre as our senior coach next season," he said. "He ticks all the boxes ... by residing on the islands, has coaching experience and has the respect of the Tiwi community. He helped out with the Nguu training sessions last season while playing with the team and has a great rapport with the players and community."

**TITEB graduation at Wurrumiyanga  
21st September 2011 - All Welcome**

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## Articles For The Tiwi Times

If you have any articles which you would like to go into the July Tiwi Times please email them to us at tiwetimes@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 19th of July