

Position available at Bathurst Island Housing



A position exists for an enthusiastic tiwi person to work in Bathurst Island Housing Office, helping managers with general paperwork, taking phone calls.

You must have office experience including organizational skills and be punctual with time.

Please call Karen on 89783866 or 0407220548.

Did you know?

That 51 Tiwi have participated in SIHIP. The average age of these participants is 34.8 years. The oldest is 64 and the youngest is 22. And only 5 are under the age of 25.

That TITEB was offered a notional budget of \$900,000 per annum in 2009 to conduct a Language and Literacy Program on the Tiwi Islands as it was recognised by Government that there was a huge need for this type of training on the Islands as most people had trouble reading and writing. This budget has been reviewed several times by DEEWR because people wouldn't go to the classes. The review in February 2010 has now reduced our notional budget to \$140,000 because not enough people are attending. And if people don't attend we will probably lose all the funding!

That of the last 130 apprentices recruited through our Group Training Organisation only two have been under the age of 20. 342 apprentices have been recruited through the TITEB group training organisation over the past 9 years, 5 of these were under the age of 20. 165 have completed their apprenticeships and none were under the age of 20. There are 81 apprentices in training and only 1 is under the age of 20.

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Articles For The Tiwi Times

If you have any articles which you would like to go into the April 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 the 20th April.

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Enjoy the Top End waters in safety.

- Only swim in safe designated areas.
- Avoid the waters edge wherever possible.
- Obey all crocodile warning signs.
- Never provoke, harass or interfere with crocodiles, even small ones.
- Don't hang arms or legs out of a boat when on the water.
- Maintain a safe distance from the water when fishing.
- Never feed crocodiles - it is illegal and dangerous.

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Milikapiti Training Centre



After 10 years of applications to various organisations we are finally building a training complex at Milikapiti. The complex will have 2 buildings.

The building at the top has 3 self contained units for visiting TITEB staff and lecturers, 2 toilets and showers, a full kitchen and an office.

The one below is similar to the Pirlangimpi centre and will have a classroom with 10 computer terminals networked to a satellite dish for high speed internet access, 2 toilets, a large verandah and a spacious accommodation block for permanent TITEB lecturers.

There are several Tiwi workers involved in the construction.

Thanks to Glen Farmer Illor-taminni for taking the photos.



Nguiu Training Centre (New Wing)



The new training wing at Nguiu is now under construction after considerable delays due to the weather.

The building is being built by Bathurst Island Housing Association and our Tiwi apprentice carpenters are enjoying the work.

The building is scheduled to be finished by the 30th of June this year.

The new building will have a classroom, 3 self contained units and an office.

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Quote of the Month



BE CROCWISE

Croc danger is real. Don't risk your life.

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World's Greatest Shave on Friday 11th March



The guys from CDEP sprayed their hair different colours for the World's Greatest Shave on Friday 11th March. In the photos we have Sean Phillips, Robert Scrymgour and Lorenzo Kerinaiaua.

Basics Card

Centrelink will be issuing new basic cards from the 29th March 2010. All cards will be issued by the 30th June 2010. The new cards will have the name of the customer but still no photo. There will be enhanced balance enquiry options, which will be explained later by Centrelink staff. After the 1st July 2010 existing basic cards will no longer work. More details can be found at WelfareReform.nt@fahcsia.gov.au

Book Up

New legislation will be implemented in July 2010. Basically this means, anyone engaged in book up activities will have to be registered with ASIC. ASIC contacts in the NT are Hannah Roe, 89430927, Hannah.Roe@asic.gov.au and Duncan Poulson, 89430907, Duncan.Poulson@asic.gov.au ASIC states that there is about \$80M in superannuation and other funds in the NT that is unclaimed. Check out www.fido.gov.au/unclaimedmoney

Welfare Reform

The welfare reform bill has been passed by the lower house and is now with the Senate and will be debated again in May. If this is passed income management will be rolled out across the NT commencing the 1st July 2010. People on aged and disability pensions and those who have previously been income managed and obtained an exemption will be exempt, or as Centrelink term it "no longer eligible for income management".

It is estimated that 25,000 people in the NT will be income managed but all will be entitled to apply for exemptions. Seeking exemptions is not easy with one reported case taking 12 months. This will include all disengaged youth between the ages of 15 and 24 and long term welfare recipients over the age of 25. It is expected that the roll out will be progressive and done by shire and municipality boundaries and will be completed by 31st December 2010. There are no plans at this stage to extend this to the rest of Australia. There will be incentive payments for those who volunteer for income management. People on income management will qualify for the *Matched Savings Scheme* where participants can receive a maximum of \$500 per year if they save \$500.

Financial Advice

There are 11 financial counselors in the NT. Somerville offers a telephone financial counselling service in the NT; call free number 1300759655. If you have some complicated financial problems call Somerville.

Managing our water for the future



Tiwi people recently gathered at a community workshop at Nguiu on 10 February to discuss how their water is being managed now and to talk about how it can best be managed into the future. Twenty-three workshop participants visited the town water tanks and heard from Graham Fegan, ESO, how groundwater from the Nguiu bore field is piped to the tanks, how overflows will be managed in the future and how chlorine is added to ensure water quality. The group then visited a monitoring bore to see how groundwater levels are monitored and what this means about water use and rainfall around the year. The workshop ended at the local swimming hole with a group discussion of local water management. Some participants then asked to see a working 3D groundwater model that shows how rainfall, groundwater and bores are related.

This workshop follows on from community workshops held at Pirlangimpi on 26 November 2009 and Milikapiti on 2 December 2009. In Pirlangimpi workshop participants also visited the town billabong and at Milikapiti the group made a site visit to the Milikapiti farm to discuss water use and management for horticultural and hydroponic plants. A fourth workshop is currently planned for Wurankuwu (Ranku) in early May 2010.

The NT Government, CSIRO, Griffith University, and PowerWater are working closely with the Tiwi Land Council and the Tiwi Islands Shire Council to organise the workshops.

By working together to talk about the management of water into the future, the Tiwi vision and objectives for water resource management can be identified. Ideas collected at the workshops will help develop a Water Resource Strategy for the Tiwi Islands, developed and managed by Tiwi people.

Water Resource Strategies are used across Australia to set guidelines for sustainable use of fresh water. They talk about sharing water between different uses including: water for drinking and washing; water for economic development; water to keep rivers and wetlands healthy; and water for culture and recreation.

Over the next two years Michael Schmid, water planner from the Northern Territory Government and Suzanne Hoverman, Griffith University researcher, will be working with Tiwi people to develop a Tiwi Islands Water Resource Strategy. Discussing and recording Tiwi values, uses and needs relating to water use and management is a first step.



A good plan to care for water resources into the future needs all Tiwi people to be involved, there will be opportunities to talk about the traditional ways of managing water and new western ways of managing water. If you would like to be involved in the water planning process, or would just like to talk about freshwater management, you can contact;

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