



TIWI TIMES

Tiwi Islands Training and Employment Board



Indigenous Community Members and Elders are invited to join Flinders University's Indigenous Pathways to Medicine team to a workshop:

Let's Talk Medicine



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NT Medical Program

Work with us to engage with our schools and communities to
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outcomes for our people

Tuesday 11 June 9.30AM-1.30PM

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Quote of the Month

*Education is not
about filling up
a bucket !*

But

Lighting a fire

Yunupingu broke indigenous barriers

Mr Yunupingu was an Aboriginal musician, songwriter and campaigner who fought many battles - most of which he won.

June 03, 2013



As the frontman of Yothu Yindi, he pushed indigenous music beyond Australian borders and gained a global audience with his 1992 hit Treaty.

Yunupingu, who died overnight (June 3, 2013) aged 56, was born in an Aboriginal reserve in Yirrkala, Arnhem Land, on September 17, 1956.

A member of the Gumatj clan of the Yirritja moiety, his ancestral totem was the "baru", or saltwater crocodile. His surname, Yunupingu, translates as "rock that will stand against anything". Yunupingu began teaching at the Yirrkala School in his early twenties, becoming the first indigenous Australian appointed as a school principal after

receiving a Bachelor of Education in 1987.

He developed a progressive curriculum that straddled Western and Aboriginal traditions. The same could be said for his songwriting style, which fused rock and pop with Aboriginal music.

Yunupingu formed Yothu Yindi in 1986 with Stuart Kellaway, Cal Williams, Witiyana Marika, Milkayngu Mununggurr and Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu, under a banner of uniting cultures.

Aided by Paul Kelly, the band wrote their signature song Treaty to highlight the Hawke government's promise of a treaty for Aboriginal people, something they apparently heard about "on the radio".

Released in 1991, it peaked at No.11 on the Australian singles chart and went on to become a timeless protest song in the campaign for indigenous rights reform.

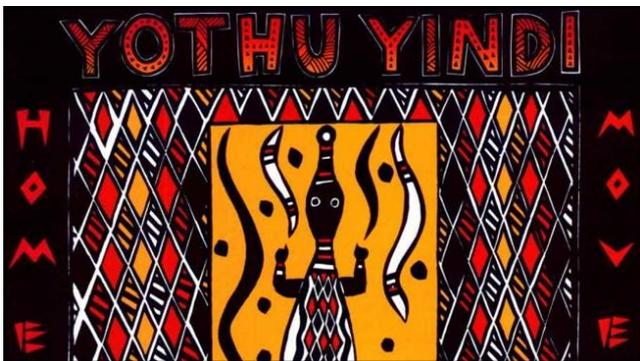
Yothu Yindi toured the US with Midnight Oil and famously performed Treaty at the launch the UN International Year of the World's Indigenous People in 1992.

Back home, they had the rare honour of performing above Nirvana at the first ever Big Day Out.

Yunupingu was named the 1992 Australian of the Year for his role in "building bridges of understanding between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people".

The award was previously won by his brother Galarrwuy in 1978 and followed a rich tradition of political activism throughout the family.

Yunupingu was a committed philanthropist and established the Yothu Yindi Foundation as a vehicle for developing Yolngu cultural life.



As well as building the Yirringa Music Development Centre, a state of the art recording studio, he established an indigenous recording program where members of Yothu Yindi toured schools.

In 1998, Yunupingu was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Queensland University of Technology, "in recognition of his significant contribution to the education of Aboriginal children, and to greater understanding between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians."

Similar sentiments were echoed at Yothu Yindi's induction into the ARIA Hall Of Fame in 2012, with Yunupingu calling for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians to be "formally recognised by the constitution".

Recognition was a cause Yunupingu fought to the end, through his publicised battles with alcoholism and subsequent diagnosis with advanced renal failure in 2008. Some wrote him off then, but receiving haemodialysis three times a week, Yunupingu soldiered on - perhaps hanging on for the political recognition he had demanded for decades.

"I'm still waiting for that treaty to come along, for my grandsons," Yunupingu said in 2008. "Even if it's not there in the days that I am living, it might come in the days that I am not living."

As well as a rich legacy, Yunupingu leaves behind his widow Yalmay and their six daughters.

Remote Jobs and Communities Program (RJCP)

The Tiwi Islands Training and Employment Board, in partnership with Tiwi Enterprises, were awarded the contract for the Remote Jobs and Communities Program (RJCP) for the Tiwi Islands on the 4th of June.



This program is not about white fellas building empires; it's about what's best for the Tiwi. The

Tiwi Directors who own and manage TITEB and Tiwi Enterprises have applied for this program on behalf of all Tiwi. And they have convinced Government bureaucrats that the Tiwi can look after their own people.

On the 1st of July ITEC will be leaving the Islands for good and going back to Cairns! Over the past 9 years millions of dollars have been given to these job network agencies by the Commonwealth Government and all of it left the Islands. Over the past 9 years they have not employed one Tiwi person or built one building. They haven't trained one tradesman! Where did the millions of dollars go? TITEB and Tiwi Enterprises have built millions of dollars of buildings and these are all owned by Tiwi. And we have trained and employed hundreds of Tiwi.

A new team will now be put together to work on the RJCP. This team will be mainly Tiwi but we will have a few non Tiwi employed also who will work with and train the Tiwi staff so they can take over all the jobs in the next year or so and manage the RJCP themselves. The non-Tiwi will leave as soon as a Tiwi can do their job! The team will be working with everyone on the Islands to make things better for their own people!

This is a proud day for the Tiwi as once again they have proved they can handle their own affairs and don't need outsiders interfering in what they are trying to do. They know how things should be done on their Islands, and now governments know too! They have given this contract to the Tiwi to do themselves! It is going to be hard for the new team to start with and **everyone** needs to get behind them to make sure this works. It means lots of jobs for Tiwi and Millions of dollars staying on the Islands. Dollars that we can put into community projects like meals on wheels, homework programs, more Literacy, Numeracy and Computer training. Cooking and baking for Mums and Dads, school excursions, books for the libraries! Lots of things that we could have funded if all these millions had stayed on the Islands over the last 9 years!

This is great news for the Tiwi and what they have been trying to do for years and years. **Everyone** on the Islands needs to remember that we are there because the Tiwi invited us onto their Islands so we can help them. Let's not disappoint them with arguments about who should be doing this. They will be doing it – end of story! And anyone who doesn't want to help doesn't have to stay around!

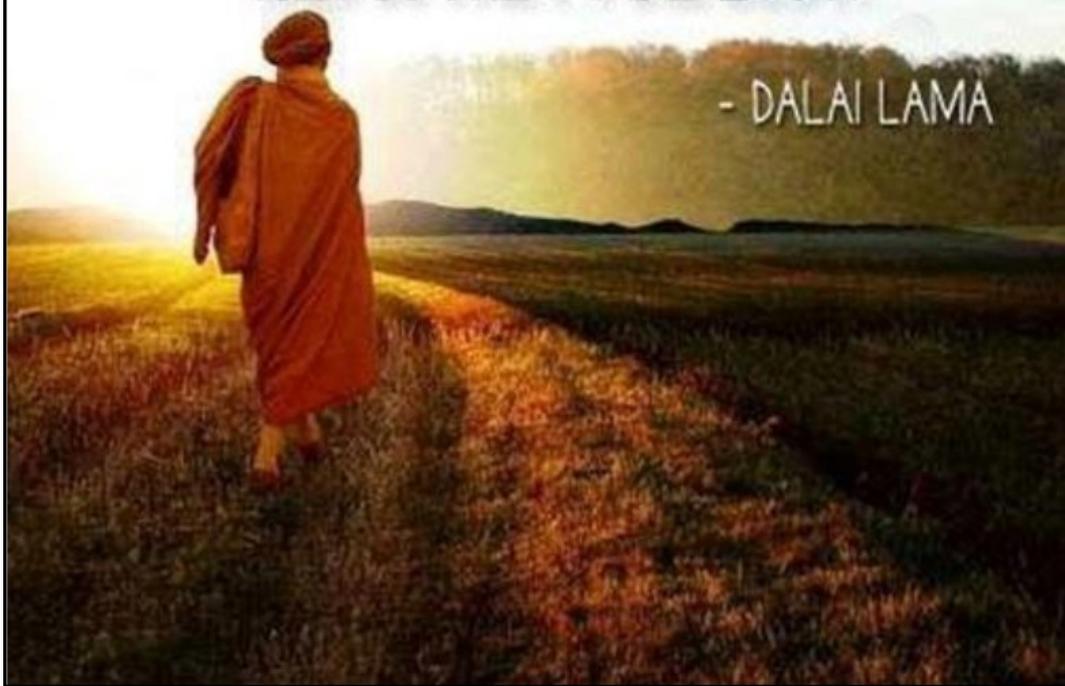
Positions will be advertised shortly. If you would like to submit an expression of interest to work with the RJCP team please email them to Norm Buchan at norm@titeb.com or forward to fax number 89410778. If you would like to talk about the jobs on the new team please call Norm on 89415988 or 0409676852.

The Dalai Lama, when asked what surprised him most about humanity, answered "Man. Because he sacrifices his health in order to make money. Then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health. And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present; the result being that he does not live in the present or the future; he lives as if he is never going to die, and then dies having never really lived."



PEOPLE TAKE DIFFERENT ROADS
SEEKING FULFILLMENT AND
HAPPINESS. JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE
NOT ON YOUR ROAD DOES NOT
MEAN THEY ARE LOST.

- DALAI LAMA



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