Willy Rioli who is the supervisor of the Tiwi Land Rangers, put in a request to Tiwi Times to remind everybody to keep a look out for Cane Toads around the Islands and to report any sightings to the Land Rangers. Also to remind us that Croc’s are on the move at this time of year and to be very careful around the waterways and just remember "BE CROCWISE" !!!!

Circulating throughout Melville and Bathurst Islands which include the Communities of Pirlangimpi, Milikapiti, Wurrumiyanga & Ranku

Cane Toad awareness at Pularumpy School

Building a cane toad trap at Pularumpy School

Setting a cane toad trap at Ranku airport

Photos above compliments of Tiwi Land Council website cane toad project page. For more information on what’s happening on the Tiwi Islands please visit: Tiwi Land Council website www.tiwilandcouncil.net.au

Tiwi Islands Training & Employment Board website www.titeb.com.au

BE AWARE AND BE VIGILANT
Cane Toad relaxing after making it to the Tiwi Islands and getting ready to make the Islands home for him and his new family of millions. Then he can kill all the native animals with his poison and be King of the Islands.

Articles For The Tiwi Times
If you have any articles which you would like to go into the November 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:

Friday the 19th of November.

TITEB has a new staff member at Pirlangimpi
Lorenzo Sicilano has joined TITEB and will be working with the students at Pirlangimpi. If you want to talk to Lorenzo about training drop in to the training centre and have a cup of coffee and a chat, or you can call him on 89709188.

TITEB has a new Staff member at Milikapiti
Donessia Macdonald will be looking after the students at Milikapiti when the new training centre opens later this month. Donessia will be moving to Milikapiti on the 15th of November and should be ready to start classes the following week so drop in and see her and welcome her to Milkapiti.

The happiest people don’t necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.

Quote of the Month

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TITEB has a new Director joining the Board
The TITEB Directors and staff would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Director Joseph Damien Tipiloura. Joseph has been linked with the TITEB since the beginning, being employed by the Bathurst Island Housing Association for the last 13 years. Joseph was one of the TITEB’s first carpentry apprentices who helped in the construction of the TITEB training centre at Wurrumiyanga. We hope that Joseph will enjoy his role as a director of the TITEB and feel sure his input to the board will be constructive and well received by the Tiwi people. WELCOME JOSEPH
Education and skill development are an important part of managing your natural resources. As a part of developing the Tiwi Islands Water Resource Strategy, four Tiwi Rangers recently attended a groundwater seminar in Darwin. The seminar, titled Sustainable Groundwater Development in the North of Australia was run by the International Association of Hydrogeologists – Northern Territory Branch.

The seminar included a range of presentations from experts in groundwater resource management. These presentations provided valuable information regarding the use of groundwater across northern Australia and the Rangers were given the opportunity to meet with experts to discuss water resource management issues.

As land managers the Rangers were particularly interested in presentations about the methods used to select investigation and production bore sites, bore rehabilitation methods and impacts on groundwater levels and quality in the Ord River irrigation scheme. By learning about these water management challenges Rangers were able to gain a better understanding of how these groundwater systems work.

Rangers had positive feedback from the seminar, saying that the information was well presented and understandable, and that it was helpful for them to learn from water experts about water management and planning for the future.

Unlike some parts of Australia, the fresh water resources on the Tiwi Islands are in good condition. To make sure fresh water stays this way the Territory Government has been working with the Tiwi Land Council, Tiwi Islands Shire Council and broader Tiwi community to develop a plan for managing fresh water on the Tiwi Islands.

This plan, known as the Tiwi Islands Water Resource Strategy will put in place guidelines to assist Tiwi decision makers in the management and use of fresh water for the Tiwi Islands and help to ensure future generations of Tiwi will have access to plenty of clean, healthy water in the years to come.

For further information about freshwater management on the Tiwi Islands, contact Michael Schmid, Water Resource Planner with the Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport on 8999 3640.

Developing Skills for Tiwi Water Management

Indigenous Community Volunteers

ICV community engagement visit is projected for the 15th – 19th of November. The purpose of the visit to Tiwi Islands is a way for ICV to engage with communities and let you and the community know of our presence in Darwin and the support we can provide you.

ICV Brief

ICV works in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and provides assistance in designing and implementing community development projects. Any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individual, family, business, organisation or community can apply for community development assistance with ICV.

ICV is first and foremost community driven. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are our major clients. We hunt and gather volunteers to work on projects that are owned and run by communities. Our volunteers are important and we look after them. But we don’t hunt and gather projects for them.

ICV volunteers can play an important role in your community, assisting you to develop the skills, human and community development that lead to a stronger future. Projects are conducted by community invitation only—your community decides on the skills needed, manages the project design and selection of volunteers, and runs the project in a way that works best for the community.

ICV will assist you with the application process, and will support your community and the volunteers throughout the project. ICV is a not-for-profit and non-government registered charity, and there is no fee for the service provided to communities.

Please visit our website to view examples of projects http://www.icv.com.au/communities/examples/

If anyone is interested in discussing ICV and what we have to offer please do not hesitate to pass on my contact details, I’m only more than happy to help.

Cheers

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