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Tree Planting at Wurrumiyanga

On 28 and 29 March, TITEB helped the Tiwi Islands Regional Council and Mantiyupwi to plant trees on the beach area and around the Oval. We supplied the bobcat and auger to make digging the holes easier. Our director, Richard Tungatalum, joined us to plant some trees.

Our Yellow Shirts Team also supported the event by providing shelters, cooking and serving food. They also joined in with the tree planting.

We want to say thank you to Brian Clancy, Valerie Rowland and Willie Rioli for organizing the event. It was another great example of what can be achieved when the community works together.



"Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago."

Warren Buffet



Message From The CEO



Hi everyone. I hope you have enjoyed the recent group of long weekends we have had. We've had an interrupted start to 2022 due to COVID-19. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank our TITEB staff and all other stakeholders, as well as residents of the Tiwi Islands, who have supported the community through isolations, steam cleans, lock outs, lock ins, lock downs and bio-security measures.

In the Community Development Program (CDP) Space, the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) have announced another extension to CDP until July 2024. This means that we will be able to continue working with employers, stakeholders and hosts in the current modeling with less strain from COVID-19 restrictions, allowing us to hopefully re-engage and collaborate strongly with the communities as we did pre- COVID.

In May last year, the Minister for Indigenous Australians, the Hon Ken Wyatt, made CDP Activities voluntary. This has changed the way we do activities and has significantly reduced the number of people attending.

On the Tiwi Islands, we are extremely lucky to have pro-active community members who love to keep busy, with over 120 participants attending on average. Some Top End Communities don't have any participants attending their activities. On that note, I want to acknowledge and say a huge thank you to all our participants that are still attending CDP Activities. The numbers are growing, and we are doing our best to run community activities that are worth attending. We are also excited to announce that we will be bringing back the TITEB Community Rewards Scheme as of Tuesday, 3 May to encourage participants to attend their activities. Follow our Facebook page to get more information and updates.

With all that's been happening with COVID-19 in the past 2 years, it's been almost impossible to achieve much in our Registered Training Organisation (RTO) space. We are advertising our training on facebook and through our local networks, with the aim of ensuring all Tiwi communities get access to training that will assist them to gain work or to increase their life skills.

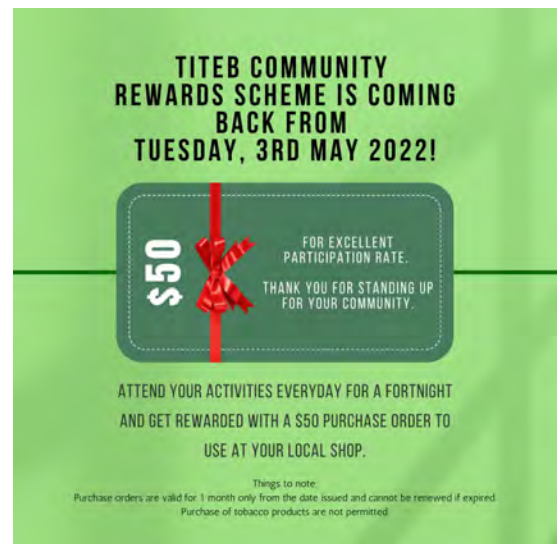
Our Group Training Organisation (GTO), is also now able to start working with employers to create Tiwi based traineeships and apprenticeships, especially youth.

With the dry season coming on, we'll be hosting our annual Yellow Shirts Day at the start of Term 3 on 19 July 2022. It's fantastic to see how many children are attending school in 2022 up to the Easter break. Considering all 3 communities are coming out of COVID-19 active cases, it can only keep going up. Well done to all the parents and carers who are doing their best to send their kids to school every day.

Last, but not least, thanks to our School Nutrition Programs (SNP) on Melville Island at Pularumpi and Milikapiti schools. They have collaborated contactless strategies for delivery of their delicious meals and maintain an exciting menu that the kids love. Both Pirlangimpi and Milikapiti have met all the NIAA requirements at recent site visits. Congratulations to our staff. Keep up the fantastic work!

In closing, everyone across the Islands seems to be in "moving forward" mode and we're hopefully on our way to a new normal.

Your sincerely,
Maria Harvey



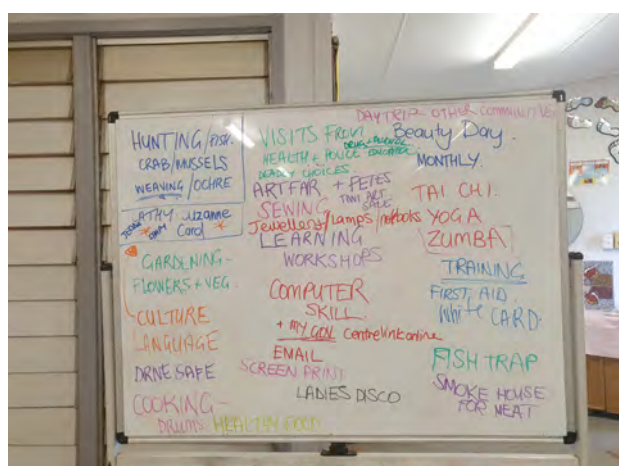


Pirlangimpi Women's Pamper Day

On the 9th March, a Women's Pamper Day was held in Pirlangimpi to reconnect with our participants as we haven't seen many of them since the Christmas Break due to the COVID outbreaks. About 30 women attended and a great time was had by all. In the morning we had fun with tie dyeing t-shirts and bags. They all looked superb. The ladies also managed to get their hair dyed and also got their nails done. All this was followed by a lovely lunch.

In the afternoon, we held a brainstorming session with the ladies in which they suggested some great ideas for activities to be held in 2022 and how they can help TITEB to deliver these programs/activities.

Our Pirlangimpi Women's Centre runs on Monday-Thursday from 8am-2pm. Come on down and join us for a range of activities.



International Women's Day At Wurrumiyanga

The Wurrumiyanga Women's Centre in collaboration with Catholic Care hosted the 2022 International Women's Day Event for the ladies of Wurrumiyanga Community. The staff and ladies worked together to prepare what was needed for the event, this included things such as cleaning up inside the centre and outside areas, setting up tables, baking cakes, preparing materials for the arts and crafts activities, and hanging up posters around community.

Sophia Tipuamantumirri and the ladies went out collecting pandanus leaves for the basket weaving and spent the day preparing the leaves. They stripped the leaves, boiled, and dyed it a white colour. Columba Orsto has been making a basket for a few weeks now and finally finished it ready to take home to put her phone and belongings in.

The BIMA wear ladies prepared some white material for Evita Puruntatameri's tie dying activity that was a real hit with the ladies on the event day and now we get to see them rocking tie dyed shirts and skirts around community.

Theodora Tipiloura was teaching all the ladies how to make woollen dream catchers which are fantastic wall decorations and there was nail polish available if the ladies wanted to get fancy.

The cooking team baked cakes and banana muffins which were amazing and served some healthy fruit. Catholic Care provided the BBQ for the 50 women that turned up on the day and Sister Amelia worked her magic on the very hot BBQ.

The ladies were all asked why they love to be a woman and you can read some of their brilliant responses on the next page.



I like being a woman because
we can help our kids
grow strong, show
them the right way.
We can talk to other
women about our problems.
♡ Women care ♡

Being a woman is
lovely because I'm
a mother.

To help grow strong
independent, fierce
and compassionate
young girls that
know their worth
in this world ♡ Alex

I'm a proud Tiwi woman
to love one another,
respect each other

I JUST WANT TO BE
SHOW RESPECT, KINDNESS
CARING AND LEARN TO
TO BE PROUD AND
MOST IMPORTANT
WORD IS LOVE ONE
ANOTHER. -Theodora.

I LOVE TO BE WOMAN
TO GET ALONG WITH
FRIENDS AND FAMILY
HAVING FUN GOING OUT
COLLECTING PANDANAS
& DYE FOR WEAVING BUCKETS
AND FLOOR MAT AND HAVING
LAUGHTER AND ENJOYING
EVERY DAY - Cyparthea

Because I get
to wear Tiwi
skirts ♡♡♡
Tabi

It's Great to
Be a Woman
We Get to Dance
Sing & Have Fun!

I should

RSAS Yellow Shirts Team Are Back In Action

It's been a tough start to the school year. COVID-19 concerns required the RSAS Yellow Shirts team to cancel the customary 'Back to School' march in all communities, and our school bus service in Wurrumiyanga had to be suspended for a few weeks as part of efforts to limit the spread of the virus. Many students and parents have had to isolate at home.

The good news is that things have finally settled down, and the RSAS Yellow Shirts team have been doing a wonderful job helping the Tiwi families in getting their kids to school. The team have recommenced school pickups at Enrail and Forestry. All children will have their temperatures checked as they board the bus, and please ensure that they are outside and ready to be picked up at 7.45am.

It's amazing to see that in spite of all the difficulties, school attendance across the communities has shown a big increase compared to this time last year. Well done to everybody - RSAS looks forward to working with families and schools to build on this great start.

Let's make this year the highest attended year ever! Thank you parents and carers.





Pularumpi School Harmony Day

On Friday 25th March, Tabatha Burt from the RSAS Yellow Shirts team and Sophia Tipuamantumirri from the Wurrumiyanga Women's Centre, travelled to Pirlangimpi to assist with the Pularumpi School Harmony Day.

Harmony Day is an annual event celebrating diversity and tolerance in Australian society.



TITEB Pirlangimpi staff from the School Nutrition Program, Community Development Program (Women's Centre), and RSAS Yellow Shirts teams, assisted with the cooking and spent the day enjoying a great spread of food and music from around the world.

It looks like Reginald Tipungwuti scored the best job as the chief taste-tester.

Thank you to Rosie Brunker, the Pularumpi School Principal, for inviting the Yellow Shirts team to join in this event.

Post Placement Support For Our Jobseekers

2022 has started well for Xaverina Poantimilui, who earlier this year started work as a cleaner with Xavier College. Xaverina has regularly attended her CDP activity with TITEB, so when the college called looking for a reliable worker, we were happy to recommend her. CDP activities are a great way to put yourself at the top of the list with employers!



Wurrumiyanga Women's Centre Financial Literacy Session

Jester Cabote from Catholic Care, together with our staff at the Wurrumiyanga Women's Centre, ran a session at the Women's Centre called 'Needs & Wants - Women Are Smart With Their Money'.

There was a discussion on incorporating needs and wants to make better financial decision-making, budgeting, and saving. The women also learned to prepare themselves for a successful financial future and how they can ensure that they make room for what is essential for their families.

Some interesting discussions took place, and they were amazed at how much time and money can be saved if they prioritised essential things while having a well-balanced life.

The session was followed by a barbeque and salad, which our Women's Centre Coordinator, Cara Munn, successfully organised.

We want to thank Ann Van Haaren from the Australian Nurse Family Partnership Program, Jester, and the wonderful women's centre staff for their collaboration and supporting the session.

Look out for more fun, educational sessions and programs coming up for our strong women this year! Our next session is on 4th May at 10.30am to discuss women and money, and on 8th June at 10.30am to discuss credit and debt. We hope to see you there.



Welding Course

When we asked our CDP participants what new skills they would like to acquire, welding is always near the top of the list. TITEB was happy to comply by offering Certificate I Metal Fabrication training back in March. Not only do participants pick up valuable skills for the workplace, everyone finishes the course with a personal mini barbeque to take home!

If you are interested in training, or just want to get involved with activities, drop into your local TITEB office and talk to us about what's happening in our CDP space.



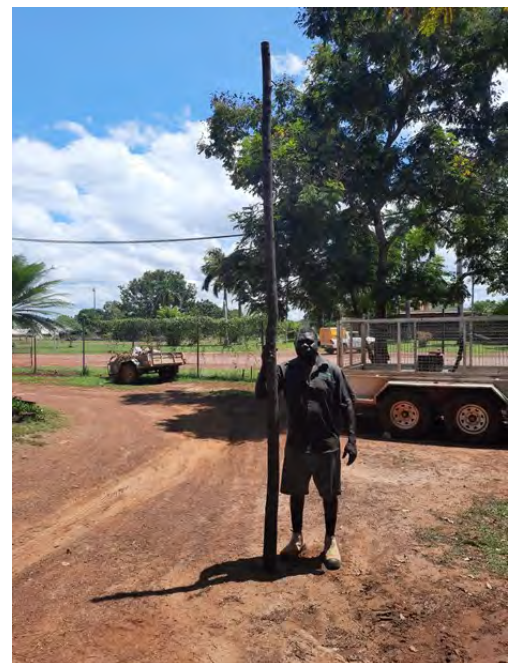
Helping Mantiyupwi to Build The Community Fish Trap

After a community meeting, the Mantiyupwi Clan group were asked to build a community fish trap to provide fresh fish for the community. Brian Clancy asked TITEB for assistance and the willing crew jumped into action. Dookie Bronson came out to select a site and look at what local materials were available. It was decided that the best timber to use would be pine from the Old Forest near Four Mile Camp as this would not be eaten by mangrove worms. Traditional Owners were consulted and permission was granted by the Tiwi Land Council for TITEB to harvest the timber.

The TITEB crew collected the poles using the chainsaw skills learnt last year. Nearly 200 poles were harvested and stored, ready to be used.

On the right tide, Dookie started with a small band of volunteers and TITEB crew to dig-out the holes and stand up the timber poles.

Les Ullungura and Dookie got the first test catch! There's still more work to be done, but it's a promising start to feeding the community



New Staff Profile

Cara Munn

Q: Tell us a bit about yourself.

A: I grew up in Toowoomba QLD, however my family live on the Sunshine Coast near Brisbane now.

I love music, dancing, travelling, learning culture, motorbike riding in the bush, camping, fishing, and going on hiking adventures.

I used to work as tour guide for many years driving buses around Australia so I was lucky enough to see some beautiful places and meet many wonderful people from around the world.

Q: Why did you end up choosing to work on the Tiwi Islands?

A: Some friends of mine who are teachers up here had been telling me all about the Tiwi Islands and how great the community is and how much they thought that I would love it. So, when I was ready to leave the desert and live near the ocean, I was given Maria's number to phone for a chat. She explained the Women's Centre coordinator role to me and that once again I could work with the ladies of a community, and I got goosebumps all over my body and butterflies in my tummy and I knew with that feeling that the Tiwi Islands was the place for me to call home for a while.

I can't wait to learn all about the area from the ladies I work with, witness the different seasons, learn the language, watch the footy (I need help choosing which Tiwi team to go for!!) and hopefully go fishing and hunting one day as well. I'm not sure if I want to eat the longbums, however I definitely want some mud crab!!



Q: How has your first month on the Tiwi Islands been?

A: My first month here has been fantastic! I've enjoyed getting to know the ladies who do activities down at the Women's Centre, they have made me feel very welcomed.

I've also joined a morning running group which I never would have expected myself to do and have started at the gym. There is a beautiful dog that has adopted me and follows me on our morning runs. (She's actually a great support dog during the run and an even better left over food disposal unit lol)

I've also enjoyed watching all the storms we have had.... SO MUCH RAIN!!!

Q: What do you hope or plan for the Wurrumiyanga Women's Centre in your time here?

A: Ideally, what I would love for the Wurrumiyanga Women's Centre is for all women in the community both young and old to feel welcomed and comfortable enough to use the centre and bring with them new ideas for the space. Ideas to help up-skill themselves or benefit the community.

The ladies who currently attend the centre and I have been brainstorming activities that they would like to continue doing here which include cooking, gardening, coffee making, baking, basket weaving and hunting. So, we will be making plans to accomplish these goals together throughout the year.

Ultimately, the intention for the Wurrumiyanga Women's Centre is to create a women's hub where all women can come together comfortably to teach each other and learn new skills, tell stories, support each other during tough times, celebrate each other's accomplishments, information share, and just know that this space is for them to grow and succeed as amazing women.



Q: Is there anything you want to let the residents of the Tiwi Islands know?

A: I'm very excited to be here and learn all about the Tiwi Island lifestyle, language, and history, so if you see me in the street come and say hello, introduce yourself and have a yarn.

Also, for all the women in community you are always welcome at the Women's Centre. It would be great to have you come down and share your skills or share ideas for new activities that the centre could possibly host.

Thanks for having me.

Upcoming Courses



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17-18 May
8am-4pm @ Bathurst Island
HLTAID 009, HLTAID 010, HLTAID 011
two day course. \$200 per person.

31 May
8am-1pm @ Bathurst Island
CPR only HLTAID009 half day course. \$75 per person.

28-29 June
8am-4pm @ Bathurst Island
HLTAID 009, HLTAID 010, HLTAID 011
two day course. \$200 per person.

19-20 July
8am-4pm @ Melville Island
HLTAID 009, HLTAID 010, HLTAID 011
two day course. \$200 per person.




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BACK ON TRACK
DRINK DRUG DRIVER PROGRAM

TITEB Meeting Circuit 2022

2022 EXECUTIVE MANAGERS MEETING	
DATE	LOCATION
14 January 2022	Teams
11 February 2022	Teams
11 March 2022	Teams
5 April 2022	Wurrumiyanga
13 May 2022	Wurrumiyanga
10 June 2022	Wurrumiyanga
8 July 2022	Darwin
12 August 2022	Wurrumiyanga
16 September 2022	Darwin
14 October 2022	Wurrumiyanga
11 November 2022	Darwin
9 December 2022	Wurrumiyanga

2022 SENIOR MANAGERS MEETING	
DATE	LOCATION
18 February 2022	Teams
13 May 2022	Darwin
24 June 2022	Wurrumiyanga
19 August 2022	Milikapiti
4 November 2022	Pirlangimpi

2022 BOARD MEETINGS		
TYPE	DATE	LOCATION
Board Meeting	3 February 2022	Teams
Photography Session+ Board Meeting	7-8 April 2022	Darwin
Professional Development + Board Meeting	31 May-2 June 2022	Darwin
Board Meeting	29 July 2022	Pirlangimpi
AGM	30 September 2022	Milikapiti
Board Meeting	25 November 2022	Wurrumiyanga

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Quote Of The Day

***Don't try to rush progress.
Remember – a step forward,
no matter how small, is a
step in the right direction.***

- KARA GOUCHER

Word Search Puzzle

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