



Tuyu Top Of The Tiwis

The Stanley Tipiloura oval was a sea of buffaloes on Sunday March 20 as Tuyu beat Muluwurri to win the Tiwi Islands Football League grand final.

The Buffaloes proved too strong for the Magpie Geese winning their third premiership 12.9 (81) to 10.3 (63).

Ullungura, instantly recognisable with his afro-style hair, was a worthy winner of the Brother John Pye trophy as best on ground.

Goals: Tuyu: J Walrapinni 3, T Simon 3, R Pupangamirri 2, K Fernando, A Orsto, R Ullungura, SJ Puruntatmeri.

Muluwurri: MR Wilson 3, T Wilson 2, N Daniels, G Mungatopi, A Wonaemirri, I Poulson, J Palipuaminni.

Best: Tuyu: R Ullungura, ML Thompson, C Kerinaiaua, J Warlappinni, G Orsto. **Muluwurri:** MR Wilson, I stasis, G Tipiloura, N Black, I Poulson.

Tracks Inc. Win Sidney Myer Performing Arts Award

Winners of the 2004 Sidney Myer Performing Arts Award (Group) are Tracks Inc. The award recognises an outstanding contribution to Australia's performing arts industry. This is the first time a Northern Territory company or artist has won the award. Tracks now stands beside past winners such as Circus Oz, Sydney Dance Company, Geoffrey Rush, Jack Davis, Robin Nevin and Bangarra Dance Theatre. Tracks Artistic Directors Tim Newth and David McMicken flew to Melbourne to accept this prestigious award on the stage of the Sidney Myer Music Bowl on 21 February 2005.
W: <http://www.tracksdance.com.au>

Cross Cultural Training Project Won by Northern Territory

Cross Cultural Consultants have announced that they have won the contract to deliver pre departure and de brief training for the Australia Youth Ambassadors for development Program. This program places young Australians in countries in the Asian Pacific region for periods of up to 12 months on work assignments. It is the first time that a Northern Territory company has been awarded this contract.

Regional Visits



Interest in the Regional Partnerships funding programme in the Katherine region is varied and enthusiastic. So much so that the Project Officer, Kelly Dickens and the RTC Support Officer, Judy Brennan recently made a visit to the area to meet

with proponents and to see the potential project sites.

Kelly and Judy have also recently been to Daly River where they inspected the developing Rural Transaction Centre and discussed possible projects with the proponents.

The Chairman, Ken Cohalan and the Executive Officer, Heather Sjoberg visited Jabiru in December. Mat Fagan, a member of NTACC from Jabiru ensured that they were well versed in the issues that face Jabiru. Visits included the Town Camp, the Health Centre, and Oenpelli.

NTACC Staff Visit The Aquaculture Centre



A proposal to harvest mud crab from fingerlings to maturity within a Darwin Aboriginal community is gaining support.

If the pilot project is successful it will be implemented across north Australian coastal communities as a viable commercial business with a focus on education and training for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

To assist the NTACC staff in understanding the technical process involved in harvesting mud crabs representatives from the Fisheries Department invited the staff to the Aquaculture Centre for an inspection.



New Radio Scheme For Remote Communities

The Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator Helen Coonan, today announced a new subsidy scheme to help regional communities establish ABC Radio services in their local area.

“The Radio Self-Help Subsidy Scheme will provide \$1.5 million to enable up to 50 communities in rural and regional Australia to set up their own self-help retransmission facilities to access any of the ABC’s five radio services – Local Radio, Radio National, ABC NewsRadio, ABC Classic FM or triple j,” Senator Coonan said.

A self-help retransmission service requires the installation of a dedicated transmitter to deliver the ABC radio service to the community. This usually comprises of receiving equipment to pick up the ABC Radio service, either from a satellite or from a nearby ABC transmitter, together with a transmitter and antenna system to broadcast the service to the community.

Subsidies from the Australian Government of up to \$30,000 for new transmission services or up to \$15,000 to replace obsolete equipment at existing self-help facilities will be available. “There are currently over 200 self-help ABC Radio retransmission services across Australia. These services are owned and run by local community groups or

councils in areas where ABC Radio transmission is otherwise unavailable,” Senator Coonan said. “Today’s announcement is part of the Government’s ongoing commitment to ensure that all Australians have access to a wide range of quality media services regardless of where they live.

Information on the scheme guidelines and application forms are available from www.abc.net.au/reception <<http://www.abc.net.au/reception>> or by calling the ABC’s Reception Advice Line on 1300 139 994.

Pools In Remote Areas (Pira)

The NTACC welcomes the recent announcement of the first two PIRA projects for the Maningrida and Yuendumu communities and looks forward to the announcement of further projects in the future.

The Nguui pool filter pumps have been upgraded to ensure maintenance of the water quality and more efficient and economical operation of the facilities.

New and Improved Regional Partnerships Application Process

The Department of Transport and Regional Services has introduced a streamlined application process for applicants seeking \$25,000 or less (GST exclusive). There is now a shortened application form and a simpler assessment process for these smaller applications.

This process is a positive step that will enable effective handling of smaller scale projects. Applications can be made online or you may wish to download a hard copy of the application. Be sure to view the application guidelines and previous projects that have received Regional Partnerships funding. Visit the DOTARS website www.dotars.gov.au. For further information contact the NTACC Project Officer Kelly Dickins.

R & D Tax Concessions

The R&D tax Concession is the Australian Government's principal incentive to increase research and development in Australia.

There are three elements to the R&D Tax Concession, which are broad based, market driven and designed to support industry research and development in Australia.

- The R&D Tax Concession enables Australian business to deduct from assessable income up to 125 per cent of eligible expenditure on research and development.
- The R&D Tax Offset provides a cash offset for research and development expenditure, allowing small companies not yet in profit to access benefits much sooner.
- The R&D Tax Concession 175 per cent Premium provides added incentive to maintain higher research and development spending over four or more years.

It makes good sense to claim, and companies with a standard fiscal year must register by 30 April 2005. Registrations apply to research and development undertaken during the 2003-04 financial year.

To find out if you qualify, visit the Ausindustry website www.ausindustry.gov.au, or call the Ausindustry hotline on 13 28 45.

2005 NT Literary Awards

Closing Date 31 May

Entries for the 2005 NT Literary Awards are now open. There are five categories open to Territory authors. Dymocks Red Earth Poetry Award for poems up to 300 lines. Prize: \$1,000. Dymocks Arafura Short Story Award for short stories up to 3,000 words. Prize: \$1,000. Dymocks Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Writers' Award – open genre. Prize: \$1,000. Charles Darwin University Essay Award for essays up to 3,000 words. Prize: \$1,000. Kath Manzie Youth Literary Award [15-25 years] – open genre. Prize: \$500. Chief Minister's Northern Territory History Book Award. Entry forms available from the NT Writers' Centre
E: info@ntwriters.com.au <<mailto:info@ntwriters.com.au>>

Regional Youth Forum at AIS Tackles Serious Issues

Thirty-seven young people from across Australia arrived at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) as part of the Heywire Youth Issues Forum to discuss the challenges facing rural and regional Australia.

The 37 young Australians aged between 16 and 22, have been drawn from regional areas as diverse as the Kimberley, Torres Strait and far north Queensland to Alice Springs, Tasmania, New South Wales and Victoria.

Suicide, mental illness and isolation are just some of the issues participants plan to discuss as well as the many humorous and rewarding aspects of growing up outside metropolitan Australia.

The Heywire Youth Issues Forum is an initiative of ABC Local Radio, and is being supported by the Australian Sports Commission. This is an annual event held in February.

Further information can be obtained by contacting:

ASC Media Manager, Simon Langford, 0418 605 541

Heywire participant 2005

Sarah Chunys, 20

Luke Harland, 16

Region

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Websites of Interest

- Funding sources www.grantslink.gov.au
- Funding source www.philanthropy.org.au
- Regional Partnerships www.regionalpartnerships.gov.au
- Funding sources www.grantsearch.com
- Funding programmes www.ausindustry.gov.au
- Funding source www.nenwacc.com.au
- Funding source www.frrr.org.au
- Information www.ourcommunity.com.au
- Information www.bankofideas.com.au
- Information www.business.gov.au
- Information www.regionalaustralia.com.au
- Information www.acc.gov.au
- Information www.smallbusiness.gov.au

First Round 2005
Community Benefit Fund
is now open until May 31st.
www.cbf.gov.au

Profiles

Judy Brennan RTC Support Officer



Judy Brennan was appointed as Rural Transaction Centre Support Officer with NTACC commencing on 12th January 2005.

Judy has an extensive background in HR, employment and training and

community project development. Judy arrived in the Northern Territory in 1997 to commence work at Lajamanu as a Trainer and Case Manager.

Living on and working with remote communities provided an insight for Judy into the many challenges experienced in remote locations in order to aid and promote sustainable and economic growth on a day-to-day basis.

Judy has worked in remote regions such as the Tanami Desert (Lajamanu, Yuendumu, Dagaragu) the Kimberley (Kalumburu) and Cape York (Umagico).

When not working in remote locations Judy has managed a large Job Network agency in the Atherton Tablelands and a Registered Training Organisation in Darwin primarily focussing on Indigenous issues and outcomes.

Kerry Moir Committee Member

Kerry Moir is an Alderman on Darwin City Council and is the NT Local Government representative on the NTACC. Kerry has represented Chan Ward since 1992. She is a long standing member of the Local Government Association Executive and is currently Vice President (Municipal).

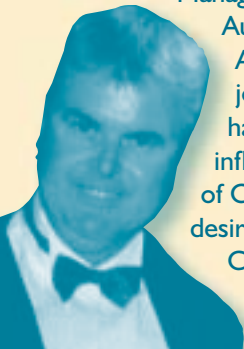
Kerry and her husband moved to Darwin in 1969 to teach at Darwin High School. During the 36 years she has spent in Darwin her career has taken her from classroom teacher to school



principal to her current position, Director of International Services, DEET.

Kerry has been a strong advocate of linking municipal with community councils and she is a very active member of the Top End Regional Organisation of Councils (TOPROC).

Craig Catchlove Committee Member



Craig Catchlove is currently General Manager of the Central Australian Tourist Industry Association (CATIA). Craig joined NTACC because he had a desire to improve and influence the development of Central Australia. This desire was achieved with CATIA winning Category 14 "Destination Promotion"

of the Brolga Awards for 2004.

The Brolga Awards encourages excellence in tourism and hospitality based companies, by providing recognition from industry peers.

Craig's Quote: "It was very gratifying to win this award which is recognition for the huge efforts CATIA have made to promote our region. This award joins the other ten Brolgas and

two National Tourism Awards that CATIA has won over the last decade or so as testament to the ongoing work required to maintain Central Australia as a "must see" destination. The strength of the region's tourism industry is directly linked to the economic health of Central Australia, and we believe this strength cannot be taken for granted but is something for which we must continually strive."

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Advice to Federal Government

NTACC works in partnership with government, business and the community to promote economic, social and environmental development in the Northern Territory. We welcome suggestions that will enable the provision of constructive and regular advice to federal government in order to maximise support for the development of the Northern Territory.