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Tiwi Islands Training and Employment Board

Pirlangimpi TITEB Training Centre has new staff



By now you will have seen two new faces at the Pirlangimpi Training Centre. They belong to Rick and Iwona who are enjoying life at Pirlangimpi. Iwona is the Workplace English Language & Literacy (WELL) Lecturer and works for TITEB. If you feel you need some extra numeracy and literacy support please come and talk to Iwona at the Training Centre.

Iwona has been teaching in Aboriginal communities for some years right across the NT. She makes the greatest cakes and she is a qualified Beauty Therapist.

Rick is Iwona's husband and he is the new Training Co-ordinator for the Tiwi Islands. Rick works for Batchelor Institute and is part of a new partnership arrangement between TITEB and BIITE.

If you live in Pirlangimpi, Milikapiti or Wurrumiyanga and you are interested in knowing about Batchelor training courses or you would like to join a course or you might even need some support with a course you are already enrolled in, come and talk to Rick.

In the meantime please go and say hello to them at the Pirlangimpi Training Centre.

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Quote of the Month

The surest way of gaining success is believe you can succeed.



Marion Scrymgour joins Red Cross in new leadership role



Respected Northern Territory woman Marion Scrymgour has joined Red Cross in a new leadership role as Head of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy and Community Programs.

Ms Scrymgour made history in 2003 as the first Aboriginal woman to be appointed a Cabinet Minister in an Australian government.

She recently resigned from the Northern Territory Parliament after 11 years as an MP.

Ms Scrymgour has commenced with Red Cross to provide national leadership across a broad range of programs focusing on social inclusion, strengthening communities and working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities.

“One of the things I want to look at is how Red Cross can work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities to look at real solutions, and use my background and experience in community services to support them,” she said.

Red Cross partners with communities all over Australia to deliver programs promoting independence, skills development, emotional and physical wellbeing and resilience and Ms Scrymgour will be leading this work.

Ms Scrymgour’s first job was with the Northern Land Council, where she forged a career at the same time as raising her children and undertaking further study.

Her time as Director of the Wurli Wurlinjang Aboriginal Corporation gave Ms Scrymgour first-hand experience of working in remote Aboriginal communities.

In this role, she played a significant part in developing the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the Northern Territory. As a result, AMSANT is now a major player in Aboriginal health matters.

As Executive Officer for the Katherine West Coordinated Care Trial, Ms Scrymgour spearheaded a dramatic increase in health services in the Northern Territory. As an indication of its success, this model has since been adopted by other organisations.

Elected to the Northern Territory Parliament in 2001, Ms Scrymgour worked tirelessly as the Member for Arafura, dealing with issues such as substance abuse, child safety and protection and youth suicide. Her ministerial portfolios included Education, Family and Community Services, Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts.

Ms Scrymgour is descended from both salt water and desert people.

“I am a proud Tiwi Islander, inherited from my mother, and my father is an Amajere man from Central Australia who was removed from his parents and grew up on Croker Island in the Top End of the NT,” she said.

Acting Red Cross CEO Michael Raper said: “Marion is taking on a newly created leadership role within Red Cross that combines responsibility for national strategic and operational leadership across our community programs.

“She brings a real depth of extensive experience within the community services sector, having worked for many years at the grassroots level, and invaluable leadership credentials.”

For more information or to arrange an interview, contact Kate Marshall, media adviser, on 0448 326 335.

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New Member for Arafura Francis Xavier



By Clare Rawlinson 23 October 2012 ABC Darwin

Parliament's opening began with a ceremonial escort of new Member for Arafura, Francis Xavier, who was surrounded by Tiwi Islands elders in traditional dress.

The elders danced Mr Xavier up to Parliament House where he walked the red carpet into the chamber for his first day in the "white house".

The colour continued with the army's second cavalry 'ceremonial half guard' parade in the Parliament forecourt.

Dozens of soldiers marched the forecourt, complete with the cavalry's mascot, "Warrant Officer Courage" - a fully-grown eagle, resting on the arm of one soldier.



Administrator Sally Thomas inspected the ceremonial half guard in a striking crimson dress-suit, before entering Parliament House to oversee the swearing in of new members.

Former Speaker of the House, Jane Aagard, said this day was largely pomp and ceremony, but for the new members, it was full of nerves, with each new member required to make their maiden speech in parliament.

Ms Aagard gave her final words as Speaker before the Chief Minister and the Leader of the Opposition welcomed in the new Speaker, Kezia Purick.

Member for Goyder Kezia Purick was tipped to be the deputy leader of the Government, or at the least a senior minister - something Independent Member for Nelson, Gerry Wood, made note of in his welcome speech.

"I have no doubts that those attributes she could have brought to the role of minister which unfortunately did not come her way, she will apply to her new role as speaker," Mr Wood said.

Chief Minister Terry Mills' welcome speech for Kezia Purick was notably short, even in comparison to that of Opposition Leader Delia Lawrie.

"We believe the member for Goyder will keep the dignity and decorum of this place at a high level. The position will give the Member for Goyder the opportunity to pursue issues important to her at the forefront of Parliament," Ms Lawrie said.

"Your passion for statehood...economic development, a commitment to women's issues, and, of course, keeping the rural area rural.

"I also know of your great passion for the Phantom, so maybe I can leave you with one of the old jungle sayings; 'only a fool, crosses the phantom'."

Ms Purick responded to Parliament in her own speech, encouraging parliamentarians to take pride in their roles.

"As you go about your work, always be conscious of the fact that people have placed their hope aspirations and confidence in you...try not to let them down," Ms Purick told Parliament.

The day continued with the Chief Minister outlining his Government's four-year plan for office, and members nominating for the position of deputy speaker.

Tarlina Tipungwuti's travelled a long way

Tarlina Tipungwuti never thought she would be a chance of making the ACT women's team for the inaugural Asia-Pacific Tennis League.

Then again, this protege of Wimbledon champion Evonne Goolagong Cawley has been defying the odds her entire life.

The 20-year-old Tiwi Islands native is the wild card in a six-strong squad featuring former world No.57 Annabel Parolo (nee Ellwood) and highly touted junior Ashley Keir.



Rising indigenous tennis star Tarlina Tipangwuti practices at Lyneham. Photo: Karleen Minney

Tipungwuti's resume is as diverse as it is intriguing.

Born in the remote Tiwi Islands, she didn't know a word of English when she enrolled in primary school, after moving to the western Queensland town of Cunnamulla at the age of four for a tennis clinic.

Tipungwuti was hooked, and hasn't put down the racquet since.

Her family was so supportive of her passion they moved to Gove in the Northern Territory after crossing paths with Goolagong Cawley.

"That's how we clicked, we've been friends ever since," Tipungwuti said.

"She's quite close to me."

Another move to Darwin for more opportunities was followed by a switch to Canberra two years ago.

The language barrier is a thing of the past as she embarks on the final semester of a Year 12 course at TAFE.

It took Tipungwuti two years to get a grasp of English from her native Tiwi, returning there for holidays.

"There's not really much there, apart from a lot of family, love and culture," she said.

"We grew up around that, which makes it hard to adjust to white fella life."

Sporting talent runs in the family, with her uncle Anthony playing for the Gippsland Power in last weekend's TAC Cup (under 18) grand final in Melbourne.

Keir is the highest-ranked player on the ACT team, which also includes Tipungwuti, Alison Bai, Tyra Calderwood and Nicole Hoynaski.

The 18-year-old is juggling her final year of secondary school at Erindale College with her playing commitments, the highlight a semi-final appearance in a US\$10,000 tournament in Thailand earlier this year.

That's lifted her WTA ranking to 758, making her the sixth highest-ranked junior in Australia.

"I've been pretty consistent this year," Keir said.

"It's been extremely hard balancing travelling and study, but the school has been great and I'll be able to go to uni as well being a professional athlete. Hopefully I can have a good end of the year and play in the under 18 nationals leading into the Australian Open wild-card playoff."

Parolo (nee Ellwood) reached a career-high world ranking of 57 in 1997 and will come out of retirement at age 34 to lead the youthful ACT squad.

Fellow veteran Todd Larkham is taking the same role with a men's team comprising Wimbledon juniors doubles champion Nick Kyrgos, Alex Bolt, James Frawley and Andrew Zedde. The five Australian conference winners, plus a team from the Pacific Islands, New Zealand and Asia will compete in the national final at Melbourne Park during the 2013 Australian Open in January.

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