



TIWI LAND COUNCIL

INFORMATION FOR TIWI LAND OWNERS

Community Flyer

Mantiyupwi – Good Business Amongst the Community

In 2007 the Tiwi Island's Mantiyupwi land owners signed a township lease with the Australian Government which gave the local people more certainty about how the land could be used over the next 99 years.

This certainty has allowed the Mantiyupwi people to access loans and support which has helped them purchase their own homes and set up businesses.

The Mantiyupwi people have capitalised on this opportunity and begun a long list of initiatives which have helped the local communities including Wurrumiyanga (Nguuu).

Home ownership

Since signing the township lease 25 new homes have been built in Nguuu.

Many people have been given the opportunity to buy the houses they already live in or to acquire a sublease to build a new home.

Mantiyupwi Pty Ltd

The Mantiyupwi land owners received an advance lease payment for the first 15 years of their 99 year township lease. They have wisely used this money to set up a company to invest the funds in the community in areas which create jobs and opportunities for future economic development.

The following have been made possible through this company.

- The supply of a new tip truck to BIHA which they will pay off over 4 years.
- The purchase of Tiwi Tours which is sub-leased to AAT/Kings who pay regular leasing fees and operate the business.
- The conversion of the Jenny Lee buildings into four accommodation rooms which are able to generate \$480 per day in rental fees.
- Sub-leasing the Intervention buildings to GBM with rent backdated to 1 July 2009.
- Developing a 12 room accommodation facility which is currently being rented at \$100 per day.
- A partnership with the mobile takeaway at Wurrumiyanga which is generating \$1,200 per week.





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- The construction of a three bedroom home for the manager of the takeaway enterprise.
- A three room office complex at Wurrumiyanga.

The economic development of the Mantiyupwi land is expected to grow through:

- Plans to turn the Territory Alliance Camp into a motel
- A submission to build a government business centre at Wurrumiyanga which will provide a local point of contact for many essential services
- Plans to construct a shopping complex at Wurrumiyanga

The business arrangement has benefited the whole of the Tiwi islands with the Mantiyupwi people able to invest \$500,000 in the Tiwi Forest projects and \$800,000 in the Tiwi College.

