



TIWI LAND COUNCIL INFORMATION FOR TIWI LAND OWNERS

TIWI CORPORATE

Tiwi Corporate is a great example of Tiwi independence

- Tiwi Corporate is the union of 17 private Tiwi land owner groups and organisations who currently work in forestry, contracting, planning for fish farming, ports, clubs, stores and tourism
- Through Tiwi Corporate these groups and families can provide greater support for the Tiwi people so that they rely less on outside support
- Tiwi Corporate helps the Tiwi people support, finance and manage their own activities

The Tiwi Corporate sponsorship of the Bombers is a great example of Tiwi independence

- Tiwi Corporate has become the major sponsor of the Tiwi Bombers football team, taking over from a number of smaller Tiwi and Darwin based individuals and businesses
- Tiwi Corporate has committed \$170,000 per year to the Bombers
- Travel between the three Tiwi communities to train, and flying the entire team to Darwin each week to compete, means the Tiwi Bombers need \$130,000 more than any other team to play in the Northern Territory League each year
- In total the Tiwi Bombers need at least \$300,000 each year in operational expenses

Football is good for the Tiwi Islands

- Football is a major past time for the Tiwi Islanders with about 35 percent of children playing
- The Tiwi Bombers are a source of passion and pride for Tiwi supporters
- The Tiwi elders see football as a vehicle for social change for a generation of future leaders by promoting fitness and commitment
- The Tiwi Bombers are almost all Tiwi residents many of which have been trained through the Clontarf Football Academy at the Tiwi College.

Football is good for Tiwi footballers

- The Tiwi Bombers are a success story with dozens of young men showing commitment, pride, discipline and fitness through their motivation to win for their people
- Tiwi footballers develop life skills, discipline, fitness, and the ability to train and be a valuable team player
- These life skills help them get good jobs, take more responsibility for their future and motivate them to succeed in life

The Tiwi are good for football

- The Bombers entered the Northern Territory Football League in 2007 and by the 2008-09 season they had come fourth. By 2009-10 they were in the Grand Final.
- The Tiwi Islands has produced great footballers like Michael Long, Maurice Rioli, David Kantilla, Cyril Rioli and Austin Wonaeamirri





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Some questions and answers

- **Q. Why was Tiwi Corporate formed?**

- A. When we join our resources together we have more and can do more. Tiwi Corporate is a bigger organisation that can support and influence local activities making the Tiwi more independent. It was formed so that the Tiwi people would have less reliance on Government and outside support.

- **Q. Why sponsor the Bombers?**

- A. Because the Bombers are located on islands off the Northern Territory, they need more funding to cover travel and expenses. They give so much benefit to the Tiwi people through their playing that we want to make sure they have the funds to keep playing.

We also want to show that we can financially support our own. Football is good for the Tiwi, and the Tiwi are good for football.

- **Q. How is Tiwi Corporate funded?**

- A. Through land owners and local businesses who make their money through successful Tiwi business ventures such as tourism.

- **Q. What else does Tiwi Corporate fund?**

- A. Tiwi Corporate is the beginning of the Tiwi private economy. It will be able to fund and support education and social benefits for all Tiwi people as this economy becomes stronger.

- **Q Will Tiwi Corporate be able to fund the Bombers next year?**

- A. Although we can't answer that until next year, it will certainly be a priority.

- **Q. When was Tiwi Corporate set up?**

- A. October 2010

- **Q. What does the Tiwi Corporate Logo represent**

- A. It represents the union of Tiwi land owners and businesses to support local causes so the Tiwi can be more independent.

The logo carries the common Tiwi brand and representation from a number of the Islands' icons such as a spear, totem pole and local wild life.

- **Q. How much money does Tiwi Corporate have?**

- A. Tiwi Corporate has enough money to make a real difference to the Tiwi people.





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