

MURA BADULGAL (TSI) RNTBC NEWSLETTER



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Wow where is this year going? It's a scary thought but only four (4) more months until Christmas.

As most of our members are aware the corporation recently had a **General Meeting**. It was unfortunate but none of the resolutions were passed and the meeting was closed before finalising the agenda.

The Directors wish to make it known that they are supportive of Chair Laurie Nona to continue in his role as the PBC Chair and **Councillor of Badu for Division 5**. From the PBC's perspective having Laurie in this dual role has made a huge improvement in our communications with TSIRC. The Directors have also received a petition from it's members in support of Laurie Nona to continue in his role and for this reason we also support our Chair and Councillor. Preferably having the one person is the ideal model for good governance and we look forward to working in collaboration with the newly elected TSRA Member, Horace Baira for the betterment of Badu.

Also we encourage our members to attend future **Governance Training** when offered on the island or in the region. Knowledge is power and it will give you a better understanding of roles and responsibilities of the directors, staff and members. See overleaf for a brief outline.

On a positive note, the PBC is getting closer to finalising the **Katter Leases** and there seems to be a light at the end of the tunnel. A draft **Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA)** is currently with our 'legal eagles' for final touch ups. We are hopeful we will have the matter concluded by the end of the year. For those who have **Invalid Katter Leases**, please visit the office to apply for a hardship certificate.

Also to our crayfish divers, the **Australian Fisheries Management Authority** wish to visit Badu on **Tuesday, 30 August 2016** to provide public consultation into the **Torres Strait Tropical Rock Lobster Management Plan**. Once the dates have been confirmed we will give notice to community.

Furthermore to let our members know that we are currently being audited by Peter F McGrath and once provided with his report we will produce the 2015/2016 Annual Report. This report will be tabled at the upcoming **Annual General Meeting** - date to be confirmed.

Lastly the Directors would like to take this opportunity to commend the Badu Island Interagency Group for hosting a successful Mabo Day that was enjoyed by many. Until the next issue, yours in native Title.

Koeyma Eso

The Directors

Get to know your Directors

LAURIE NONA



Laurie Nona is the Chairperson of the RNTBC and is also employed as the Art Centre Manager of the Badu Arts Centre. Laurie is a renowned artist and in addition he holds the position of the recently elected Councillor for Division 5 with Torres Strait Island Regional Council.

Laurie is passionate about the way of life and the future of Badu. Laurie feels it's important and vital that traditions and cultures are upheld for future generations as the youth today are the future of this community.

Laurie is an active member of the board and it's his commitment to continue to safeguard our identity and our way of life is protected and preserved through culture, traditions, art, language and dance so that future generations can prosper as our forefathers allowed us.

"We do not
inherit the
earth from our
ancestors, we
borrow it from
our children."

~Native American Proverb

Some typical roles and responsibilities of the Directors and Managers

Directors

- Control and set the direction of the corporation
 - Call and attend director meetings
- Employ and supervise the manager/CEO and make sure there is a performance agreement and employment contract
 - Determine the staffing structure
 - Make the overall BIG decisions
- Ensure the corporation follows the rule book and the law
- Understand and agree to the budget, and make sure that money is only spent in ways that meets the corporations objectives.
- Know the corporations financial position (money story) .
- And most importantly consult and act in the best interests of the corporation and members.

Managers/CEO

- Inform the directors if something looks wrong
- Make practical day to day decisions about running the corporation in line with instructions given to them by the Directors.
- Support the Directors as required eg. prepare reports, other advice and attend meetings.
- Implement the strategic plan and/or business plan and the risk management plan
 - Develop, implement policies and procedures as agreed by the Directors
- Hire and fire employee's in accordance with the staffing structure approved by the Directors

The board of directors is the highest authority within the corporation.

The Directors have the 'big vision' - they understand the Corporations purpose to achieve its goals. By making firm and hard decisions and showing leadership they guide the corporation forward.

MEMBERS' RIGHTS

As a member of a corporation you have certain rights. If you know what they are, it puts you in a better position to play an active part in your corporation. For further information on your rights please visit www.oric.gov.au or the office.

- VOTE AT MEETINGS
- REQUEST TO CALL A GENERAL MEETING
- PROPOSE A RESOLUTION AT GENERAL MEETINGS
- AMEND THE RULE BOOK
- MAKE AN APPLICATION TO A COURT
- ASK THE DIRECTORS QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

Did you Know.....

The *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (the CATSI Act) sets out the powers of the directors at section 274-1. The directors are appointed to manage the corporation. They can make decisions about the management of the corporation without having to seek member approval on all matters.

The directors employ the CEO/Manager and set the terms and conditions of their employment. The CEO/Manager is then responsible for the day to day activities of the corporation. .

The members have certain rights, however, the members cannot direct the directors to sack the CEO/Managers or change their contracted terms and conditions. These are management decisions only available to the directors.

For more information please visit the website www.oric.gov.au