

# MURA BADULGAL (TSI) RNTBC NEWSLETTER



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Seungapa to the fourth edition of the Mura Badulgal (TSI) RNTBC newsletter. With only 3 months to go until the end of the year, it does make you wonder where has the year gone?

Recently an Introduction to Governance training took place on Badu Island and the training was a success and well attended by members, traditional owners, the Council of Elders and the Directors of Mura Badulgal (TSI) Corporation.

The training was delivered over two (2) days and it was delivered by the Registrar Mr Anthony Bevan and Assistant Manager, Russell Styche from the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations. Luke Hockey the PBC Support Officer from TSRA was also in attendance and provided much support and advice during that week.

Some of the units covered included corporate governance, understanding corporate structure, the rule book, financial management, making decisions for the corporation, meetings and planning.

Following this workshop the Directors and Council of Elders also met to workshop the rule book and revisit their roles and responsibilities. This office is in the process of developing Terms of Reference of the Council of Elders and Directors to ensure a smooth and transparent working relationship.

Mura Badulgal (TSI) Corporation and Badu Island Foundation is also in discussions to review their current organisational structure and a model will be proposed at a later date.

The PBC is still in discussions with the Department of Natural Resources and Mines (DNRM's) regarding the valid applications under the Land Holding Act or also known as the Katter Leases. If you or your family member had put in an application and your not sure if your application was valid or invalid, we encourage you to call DNRM's or visit us at the office.

Last but not least as you know an Expression of Interest went out to community to lease the St Mark's Church. The PBC had received two (2) applications and the Directors have decided to let the members and traditional owners decide on who will be the successful occupant. For further information on this matter and future meetings please see the back of this notice.

Koeyma Esso

THE DIRECTORS



Rule Book Workshop

## Random Facts

- Badu Island State School opened on 29 January 1905.
- Badu Island is 60km from Thursday Island. That is the same distance from Cairns to Babinda.
- At the start of 1942, with the pearlling season ending, the number of recruits rose to form the Torres Strait Light Infantry. B Coy Company consisted of men from Badu, Moa and Mabuiag. In total it was said that 116 Badu Island men were part of B Coy Company.
- The largest ocean on Earth is the Pacific Ocean, it covers around 30% of the Earth. The Pacific Ocean has an original meaning of 'peaceful sea'. .

# DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

Are you interested in becoming a Director of Mura Badulgal (TSI) Corporation? The duties of a Director include:

- Duty to act with care and diligence
- Duty to act in good faith
- Duty to not improperly use position or information
- Duty to disclose conflicts of interest
- Duty to not allow insolvent trading



At the next AGM on **26 November 2014** a vote for the Chair and Directors will take place. A week before this meeting a notice to call for nominations will be displayed around the community. If you require more information, please contact Louisa.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- General Meeting on Thursday, 16 October 14 at Public Hall
- Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 26 November 14 at the Public Hall.

## FUNERAL ASSISTANCE POLICY SUSPENDED

On Thursday, 11 September 2014 the Directors of Mura Badulgal (TSI) Corporation passed a resolution that Mura Badulgal (TSI) Corporation will no longer provide funeral assistance under its former policy.

The Directors plan to develop a new funeral assistance scheme similar to the one used by the former Badu Island Council. This scheme will be self-funded and designed to support those families that contribute to the fund.

Further details will be announced at a later date.



Congratulations to Mulga Junior Rugby League for a great and successful season. Mura Badulgal (TSI) Corporation was a major sponsor of the teams.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR

### DIRECTORS



Charlotte Tamwoy has lived on Badu Island all of her life. Charlotte has a wealth of knowledge and experience and is currently employed as the Director of Primary Health Care Services - TSI and NPA Hospital and Health Services.

In the mid 90's, native title was more spoken and heard about and Charlotte was one of the founding members of Mura Badulgal when it first became incorporated. The late Mr William Bowie had the leading role as the Chair and Charlotte was one of the first members. There has only ever been two women on the board which was Geiza Stow and Charlotte.

Charlotte has been an active member of the board for a long time and through this journey she has been faced with many challenges particularly as a female board member, but she has not let this discourage her as it only gives her motivation to continue. Charlotte has witnessed the changes and progression and this has been a very rewarding experience for her and makes her extremely proud as a Badulgal woman.