

Mura Badulgal (TSI) RNTBC NEWSLETTER

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Wow the year has gone so fast and we have reached December once again. School is out, mangoes have ripen, dingies are out working the waters, its simmering hot, clear blue waters, high tides and Christmas lights, it can only mean it's the festive season!!

So much has happened this year and most recently as most of our members know, a newly elected board has been appointed by its members. 302 members voted on the day that saw a huge turn out at the AGM.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our retiring directors Mr Peo Ahmat, Mr Solomon Ahmat and Bishop Tolowa Nona. We know we have some big shoes to fill and we esso you for your valuable time, commitment and most importantly your insightful knowledge in working towards making the vision a reality for Mura Badulgal.

Its full steam ahead for this board and we will continue what has started. You also may have noticed surveyors on the island and as part of the Community Survey Program delivered by the Programs Office, those lots that have not been surveyed will be under this program.

Also congratulations to those students who recently graduated from Tagai Campus. Exciting times ahead and we wish you well in your future endeavors.

On that note as the festive season is fast approaching we wish you all a safe and festive season. Be wise and don't drink and drive.

Koeyma Esso

THE DIRECTORS OF MURA BADULGAL (TSI) CORPORATION



Left to Right: Frank Loban, Laurie Nona, Eva Bowie, Alick Tipoti, Charlotte Tamwoy and Naizel Enosa. Absent: James Yorkston and Manuel Nomoa

KATTER LEASE UPDATE

Ms Julie Brogan, Manager of Lands Act Branch, Department of Natural Resources and Mines will be visiting Badu in the new year to talk with those **VALID** applications. Watch this space for more information.

For those with **INVALID** applications you can apply for a hardship certificate but there is a cut off date.

Visit this office so we can explain further or call us on 0742 030 986.

RANDOM FACTS

- 12 December 2014 marks—Native Title Determination Day for Badu Island in recognition of the native title rights over the land that were recognized in 2005.
- Rudolph was Santa's 9th reindeer.
- Hill in KKY is pronounced as 'Paad' and in Meriam Mir it's pronounced as 'Paser'.
- Mango in KKY is pronounced as 'Woeiwi' and in Meriam Mir it's pronounced as 'Waiwi'.
- Turtle in KKY is pronounced as 'Waaruu' and in Meriam Mir it's pronounced as 'Nam'.
- Saint Nicholas, whose name was changed over the years to **Santa Claus**, was a real person, a bishop in the church in the fourth century

AGM OUTCOME

This corporation recently held its Annual General Meeting on 26 November 2014 at the public hall on Badu Island. Chair, Mr Peo Ahmat provided a summary of the years events, particularly the successful transfer of the Badu Deed in Grant in Trust (DOGIT) on 1 February 2014 to Mura Badulgal as the new trustee. This was the culmination of many years work and a significant achievement for the board of directors. Looking ahead, Mr Ahmat believes the PBC can now expand it's horizons as Trustee to create greater autonomy for the economy of Badu by creating more employment opportunities and economic development for the traditional owners of Badulgal.

The AGM attracted a huge interest from members with many travelling to Badu for the day. Following many nominations for directorship, 302 members voted on the day for the contested positions: The newly elected Directors are:

Badu Island Directors—Mr Laurie Nona (re-appointed), Mr Frank Loban, Mr Naizel Enosa, Mr James Yorkston (re-appointed), Mr Manuel Nomoa (re-appointed) and Ms Eva Bowie. **Inner Island Director**—Mrs Charlotte Tamwoy (re-appointed). **Mainland**—Mr Alick Tipoti (re-appointed).

Each director thanked the members for their support and the newly elected chair, Mr Laurie Nona invited all church denominations to join in blessing the new board for guidance in their role as directors.

GET TO KNOW THE DIRECTORS



ALICK TIPOTI has been a director on the board for the last three terms and would like to continue in this role if re-elected. Alick is passionate about making sure that every Badulgal near and far are treated equally and with fairness and are updated on the issues that face the board and the community.

Flow Chart of Events As stated in the Rule Book, the below flow chart is the process the board will take to resolve a land dispute.

