



## Tiwi Islands Permit System Amendments: commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2015

### **Resident permits:**

- Resident permits are required at all times (**at no cost**) for all non-Tiwi people residing here permanently for work or other purposes (e.g. partner of a Tiwi person). Additionally, there is **no cost** for this type of permit if travelling outside community boundaries (you will need to advise if you wish to travel outside community boundaries when applying for your permit). N.B. Hunting and fishing permits attract a fee – see below. All permits are issued only upon approval of the Tiwi Land Council.
- The responsibility of acquiring a permit for a non-Tiwi person who resides here for work purposes is with the employer. Permits are issued only upon approval of the Tiwi Land Council.
- The responsibility of acquiring a permit for a non-Tiwi person visiting/residing for reasons other than work purposes is with the person's *host* Tiwi or approved non-Tiwi resident.

### **Long Term Resident Permits:**

- Long Term Resident permits are allocated to non-Tiwi people who have resided on the Tiwi Islands for many years and have proven to be valuable members of the community.
- A Long Term Resident permit holder allows access within and outside community boundaries, as well as fishing and hunting at no cost. This 'all-encompassing' approval will be noted on the Long Term Resident's permit card.
- Nominations of people for Long Term Resident's permits can be submitted to the Land Council by members of the Tiwi Islands community and will be tabled at meetings of the Tiwi Land Council for consideration.

### **Fishing and Hunting Permits:**

- Please note that changes to both fishing and hunting permit processes are:
  - those with current fishing and/or hunting permits will now need to re-apply for hunting and/or fishing permits every 12 months so that each permit holders' circumstances can be reviewed by the Tiwi Land Council on a more regular basis. You can no longer automatically renew either of these permits online without the need for your application to be tabled a meeting of the Tiwi Land Council.
  - Expiry date on annual hunting and fishing permits will be the 31st of January each year – regardless of when you pay and/or are approved for a permit throughout the calendar year.

## **Fishing:**

- Fishing permits are NOT required in *permit free areas* shown in yellow on the included map.
- A \$200 per year fishing permit cost applies for approved fishing permits in restricted/red zones on included map ***BUT - N.B*** these permits ***are only*** issued to approved, permanent, non-Tiwi residents who hold a current, relevant visitors' permit (or their approved guests – see next bullet point). All permits must be approved the Tiwi Land Council. If you are not a permanent non-Tiwi resident as per the first 2 bullet points of this document, you cannot apply for a fishing permit and cannot fish in restricted/red zones.
- A \$100 fee for a 14 day fishing permit applies for those wishing to fish waters in restricted/red zones, ***BUT – N.B.*** these permits are only issued upon approval of the Tiwi Land Council AND are only available for guests/visitors to the islands who can clearly show they are visiting a Tiwi or non-Tiwi permanent resident host - i.e. people looking to visit family and friends on the Tiwi Islands for up to 2 weeks and wishing to fish with the same timeframe.

## **Camping**

- A separate permit is required to camp at either of the 2 designated campsites ONLY, and will be issued only upon approval of the Tiwi Land Council and subsequent payment. (A third site has been identified in the Apsley Strait and will become available for camping permit holders in the not too distant future. See 'Fishing Zones' map for locations).
- Options available for camping permits:
  - Maximum stay in either of the 2 designated areas is 1 week (7 days).
  - \$20 charge per night, per person – payable on approval of the Tiwi Land Council.
  - Or, if choosing to stay the maximum time period of 7 days - \$100 per person for the entire week (all dates must be specified).

## **Hunting:**

- Annual hunting permits are issued to Tiwi Land Council approved permanent residents only. Fees charged upon approval will be \$100 per land owning group selected during the permit application process (maximum of 3 land owning groups only i.e. \$300 maximum cost - refer to included map showing different land owning groups).
- 14 day hunting permits will attract a \$100 'one-off' fee, issued only upon approval of the Tiwi Land Council. This option would cover guests/visitors to the islands, with a Tiwi or non-Tiwi host, looking to visit for a few days, up to 2 weeks. Maximum of 3 land owning groups (refer to included map) can be selected using this option with the 'flat rate' being \$100.00. ***N.B.*** - A 14 day hunting permit application will only be approved if the applicants nominated host is a recognised Tiwi person or is a recognised non-Tiwi permanent resident and holds a current annual hunting permit.

***For all permits, apply online at: <http://permits.tiwilandcouncil.com>***

***\*\*\*Quarantine info pack and Terms and Conditions of permits will be emailed/issued automatically with every approved permit.\*\*\****