Almost 200 Tiwi Adult students will mark Adult Learning Week with a colourful graduation ceremony on the Tiwi Islands today.

In only the second Tiwi Islands Training and Employment Board graduation ceremony, 184 Tiwis will graduate from 36 courses held on the islands this year.

The wide-ranging courses have covered everything from survival at sea, to bread-making and crowd control training, many through New Apprenticeships.

Minister for Employment, Education and Training Syd Stirling said the awards ceremony is a highlight of Adult Learning Week and real proof that we are never too old to learn.

"The Tiwis have taken a positive step forward through adult education and training for themselves and a further step towards improving the economic future of the island.'

"I congratulate the Tiwis graduating today and encourage others to open up new opportunities for themselves through Adult learning," Mr Stirling said.

"Today, learning is not just about education and it doesn’t stop when we finish school – learning is for life."

"The Government is committed to making lifelong learning options available, accessible and relevant to all Territorians and in real dollars, the Northern Territory spends more per head of population on vocational education and training than any other State or Territory." (sourced from the ANTA 2002 Directions and Resource Allocations).

"The Territory Budget allocates more that $200 per head for every man, woman and child in the NT for provision of Vocational Education and Training programs," Mr Stirling said.

"The importance and relevance of adult education cannot be emphasised highly enough, especially for those Territorians who live in rural and remote areas."

Member for Arafura Marion Scrymgour and Minister John Ahkit will be present at the ceremony, which will include Tiwi traditional dancing, a womens choir and a welcome from traditional landowner Walter Kerinaiau.