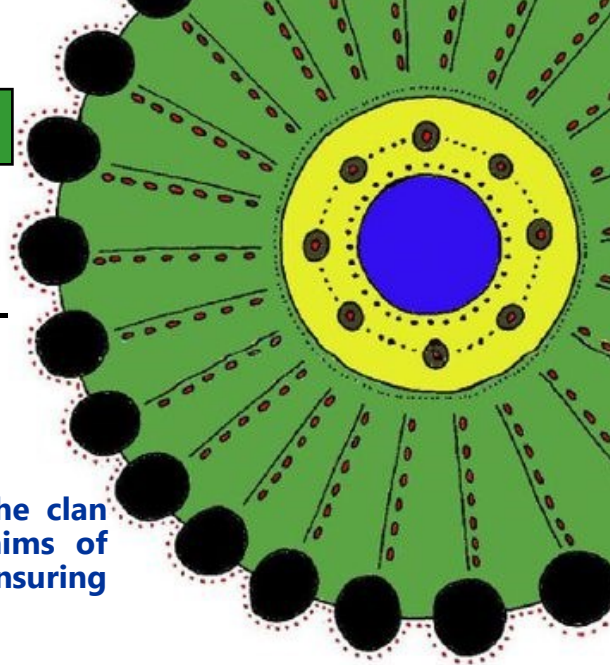


# Thamarrurr

## Development Corporation

### Our Mission

**“To develop all commercial opportunities on behalf of the clan members throughout the Region to advance our key aims of providing local jobs for local people and, in the long term, ensuring every child has a chance of a full life”.**



### Black-Lip Oyster Site Assessment



Samantha Noland , Senior Aquaculture Scientist and Mitchell Beagley, Senior Technician from the Darwin Aquaculture Centre (DAC), came out to Wadeye for two days this week to work with the Traditional Owners on finding a suitable site for the Black-Lip Oyster aquaculture project. The project is being driven by the Nganbe family who are keen to produce oysters on and around Docherty Island.



One of the key indicators of suitable growing conditions is existing inhabitants. The group found two species of rock oysters and collected ten oysters for genetic testing and ten for metals testing. DAC will do an assessment and provide more information on the site characteristics and potential and next steps in a report for our consideration.

### Black-Lip Oysters Continued .....

Black-lip oysters can be grown across the northern Australia coastline and oyster farming can provide local economic development and employment opportunities that align with Traditional Owner aspirations of working on country and using natural resources.



*Above: The group wading off shore from Docherty.* Oyster farming is the process of collecting or producing spat (juvenile oysters) and growing them to market size. It is a n ideal low technology , low investment , low technology , low maintenance, introduction to aquaculture farming.



*Above: Farmers working on the oyster farm at South Goulburn Island*

A local group will be attending the International Tropical Rock Oyster Workshop at the World Aquaculture Conference being held in Darwin for the first time in May, and visiting the South Goulburn Island site later this year. We are all very excited to see this project kick off.

### Barunga Preparations Underway



Naomi , Virginia and Beatrice have been busy getting products ready for the Barunga Festival in June.



The stall will be bigger and better than last year , with locals coming along to deliver weaving , dyeing, music and facepainting workshops at the festival.

The ladies have been preparing paintings to sell and display at the festival. They have also been showing off our new shirts. A big thanks to Lynne Jackson for getting the team shirts organised and for leading the charge on Barunga 2023. We are aiming for Wadeye to have a **BIG** presence at this years festival.





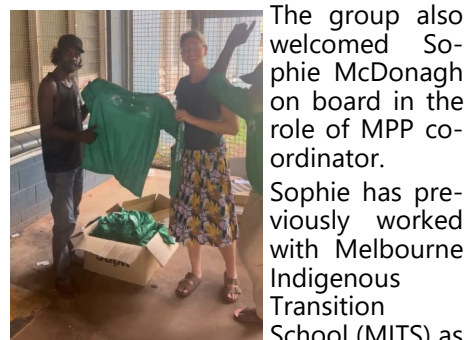
## Marda Pek Pek Cultural Training



The Marda Pek Pek Mob have been busy in Wadeye delivering cross cultural training to the new local police.



We will be looking for feedback from the police on the training to see what is relevant, what is not and how the training was received.



The group also welcomed Sophie McDonagh on board in the role of MPP coordinator.

Sophie has previously worked with Melbourne Indigenous Transition School (MITS) as a Boarding Co-

ordinator, and with Thamarrurr Youth in their Youth Sport and Recreation program and Bush Holiday Program. We are very excited to have Sophie on team TDC. # Welcome Sophie #

**RECYCLING EVERY MONDAY**  
10 AM - 2PM

**OPPOSITE THE RANGER BASE**  
10 cents Refund Per Item  
100 items = \$10  
500 items = \$50  
1000 = \$100

**TETRA PACKS , GLASS BOTTLES,  
PLASTIC BOTTLES , CANS**

## Boggy Roads Causing Havoc

The storms around the region are causing havoc on the roads with Palumpa, Kuy and Yederr roads now impassable.



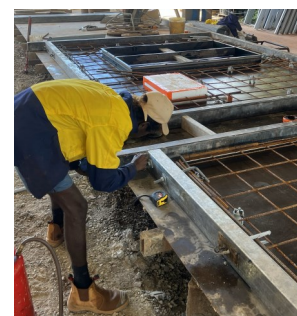
The Traditional Owners of Fossil Head have also put out an instruction that any non-essential travel to Fossil Head and access to country from the Fossil Head road is not permitted until further notice.



While the roads are causing problems for the grown ups who are trying to do life, the kids gave a big thumbs up, and are having a ball, enjoying all the muddy commotion.



## H&C Smashing Out Tilt Panels



The Housing & Construction team have been working hard in the tilt panel construction yard, with only 5 houses remaining to be built. Two x 3 bedroom houses are being handed over on Tuesday 28/3 followed by the next handover dates for two x 3 bedroom duplexes on the 18/4. A massive thanks to Joel and the team


for their relentless persistence to help get the local housing shortage under control. #GoTeam#

## Gezz's Sun Flowers from India



Geraldine has been learning how to operate commercial sewing machines and overlockers, doing different seams, collars and plackets, body measurements, pattern making and printing. Gezz has just completed work on this stunning piece. #GoGirl#



 **Australia Post** **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Temporary Change to Trading Hours**

Effective from Monday 27th March to Thursday 6th April, trading hours will be reduced.

**Mon - Fri 10:00am - 02:00pm**  
Closed Sat & Sun. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

**TDC MANAGEMENT**