## **Thamarrurr**

## **Development Corporation**

#### **Our Mission**

"To develop all commercial opportunities on behalf of the clanmembers 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".

#### **Good Friday Shenanigans**



A massive shout out to Hardys Aviation who managed to pull three planes and three pilots out of thin air on Good Friday , after the original booking was inadvertently cancelled without the organisers and participants of this movement of people being alerted.



The chaos started (or got worse) after the majority of the 30 plus people were being ferried to the airport, only to find the planes had been cancelled.

The group patiently waited after buying out the whole KFC stock on hand. Thank you to our super hero on the day Kay Shulz (and the other old lady), for driving nearly 120km round trip, picking everybody up on Good Friday.



#### **Drive Safe Training & Testing**



The Drive Safe Team were back in Wadeye this week , with the roads impassable to Palumpa.

There were around twelve participants all aiming to get their drivers licenses



#### IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE VOLATILE SUBSTANCE ABUSE (VSA)

There has been a series of incidents where volatile substances (VS) have been stolen and sold and / or distributed to community members who are inhaling the substances.

If you are in possession of any volatile substances (VS), please take extra care to ensure they are locked securely away.

Examples of VS include: Petrol , lighter fuels, spray paints, paint thinners, glue etc.

If you identify any theft please report it to the police immediately.

Inhaling events cause serious permanent damage and are leading to an escalation in domestic and other violence.BE VIGILANT-VSA KILLS

#### **Cert II in Construction**



There has been really good and consistent attendance at the Cert II in Construction training and the group have started making some really cool stuff.



The training will develop practical employment and life skills and we are all really excited to see all the great stuff coming out of the training.



It is awesome to see some of the H&C team participating in the training. These skills will be transferable to working in H&C . #AwesomeWork#

### **TDC NEWS**

#### **Aged Care Resident Profile**



#### **Bernadette**

**Age:** 82 **Totem:** Rainbow **Children:** 5 - 4 boys 1 girl **Grandchildren:** Maybe 12!

**Life History:** I was born in Port Keats. I completed schooling until I finished. I then worked in the kitchen at the old convent for years. I also worked as a cleaner at the church. I married at the age of 20 and had my first baby at the age of 20. My first baby was born, a son Cornelius, we spent two years at Darwin because of his feet problems.

**Enjoys:** Weaving, playing cards, watching footy, painting.

**Favourite music:** Slim Dusty, who I have met before.

AFL Team: North Melbourne.

**Travel history.** Nowhere. Only Port Keats, Darwin and Kununurra.

Country: Fossil Head

**Interesting Fact:** Once caught a big Barra, well over a meter at fossil head!

**Describe Aged Care:** A safe and

happy place.

Thank you Taryn for capturing these memories and stories.

#### 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, <u>PLAS</u>TIC BOTTLES , CANS

#### **Preparing for the Big Burn Off**

With so much rain around, it is hard to imagine that the dry season is just around the corner and along with the dry weather comes the fire season.



Ranger Luke and Fireman Torro are familiarising themselves with the Raindance R3 incendiary device, to get ready for aerial burning in the early dry season 2023.

The Thamarrurr Rangers work closely with Traditional Owners and Rangers from the entire Daly River, Port Keats Aboriginal Land Trust to set lots of small fires from the helicopter, during prescribed burning exercises.

Prescribed burn(ing) is the controlled application of fire under specified environmental conditions to a predetermined area, and at a time, intensity, and rate of spread required to attain planned resource-management objectives

Using the helicopter allows the Rangers to access big areas that are otherwise inaccessible by road, especially when the roads are still wet.



It was great to see Pete Sheldon back in Wadeye. Pete has managed to dodge the TDC News camera for over a year but got paparazzied at the airport! Pete spent this week in Wadeye working with Luke and Torro and headed down to Daly River today to do fire training with local mob down there.

Thanks Pete for sharing your local knowledge and expertise with the new team, it was great to see you back.

#### B-I-N-G-O, B-I-N-G-O ,B-I-N-G-O

You sang the headline didn't you!



The ladies from the Women's Centre, the Aged Care Centre and Marda Pek Pek all got together for a social game of bingo. It is great to see all the women from different family groups coming together in a positive way and having some fun.

#### **Child & Family Centre Uplift**



Margaret has been working hard at Da Ngimalmin, putting all the flat pack furniture together, and she is a gun at it! The Child and Family Centre is coming to life, thanks to the hard work of Lea Brady and the ladies. It's looking awesome!



# PUBLIC NOTICE REMINDER Temporary Change to Post Office Trading Hours

The reduced trading hours will continue for another few weeks while we get the new team trained up .

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

**TDC MANAGEMENT**