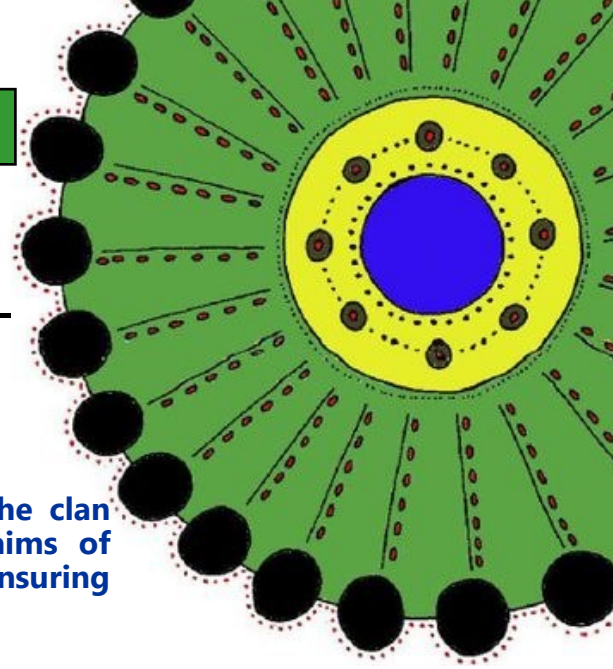


# Thamarrurr

## 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”.**

### Fire Season Preparation All A Go



The Rangers have been very busy planning and organising work for the bushing fire season that is rapidly approaching.



This week they have been busy at Old Mission , making firebreaks and clearing around infrastructure such as bores, houses, generators , solar panels and more. There has been a combination of on ground and aerial burning.



### Aerial Burning Protects Landscape



Torro and the Thamarrurr Rangers have started the early dry season burning program with some aerial burning around Kimul, Kartinyan, Nurdik and Nganambala.

The Rangers are aiming to get some burns done along ridgelines now, while some moisture is still remaining , and burns are slower and less intense.



This will stop fires from travelling across the landscape later in the year.



### Bright Second Semester Cohort

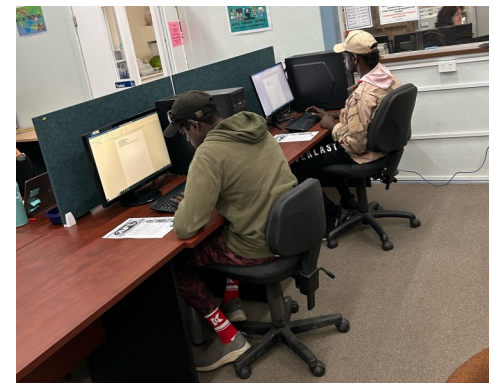


A new cohort of boys have arrived in Bright to commence training and develop life skills to live away from home.

They have all been attending the program which including barista training, kitchen duties, customer service, and computer training.

The Bright program builds the capacity of

young people to 'walk in two worlds' and is a precursor to other international travel programs.



The Bright Leadership program is a Thamarrurr Youth initiative supported by NIAA funding and TDC.



## Emu Point Silks for Barunga



The ladies at Emu Point are working on their natural dye silk fabrics, getting ready for Barunga which is fast approaching.



TDC will be supporting up to 70 people from across Thamarrurr to participate in Barunga this year, with products coming in from across the region to showcase and sell.

Our stall this year will be double the size of last year and the communities will be running a range of workshops, from weaving, to painting to didgeridoo playing. The youth groups will participate in softball again this year and the dancers will be appearing live at Barunga for the first time since 2018. [Wadeye Dancers at Barunga 2018.](#)

For more info on Barunga 2023 click on the link <https://barunafestival.com.au/>

## Preparing for Canberra Summit



There has been lots of preparation this week for the twenty one women from across the Thamarrurr Region, heading off to Canberra to attend the Wiyi Yani U Thangani (Women's Voices) National Summit next week.



The Summit is a once-in-a-generation platform for agreement-making where over 200 First Nations women will come together, raise their collective voice, and determine the way ahead.



The National Summit is an outcome of the Wiyi Yani U Thangani (Women's Voices) project, led by Commissioner June Oscar AO, in partnership with the National Indigenous Australians Agency. It is the first ever national gathering of its kind.

At the Summit, serious commitments will be formed to invest in the vital work identified through Wiyi Yani U Thangani, guaranteeing it is made real and drives systemic change over the long-term. First Nations women and girls' voices are vital to paving the way for a future that all Australians deserve and have a right to. For more info click on the link [Women's Voice Summit](#).

## Building Strategic Capacity

This week we welcomed two new team members into new roles in Corporate Services, as we continue to progress building our strategic capacity.

TDC has experienced exponential growth over the past 5 years, (which stalled during the pandemic) and we are further building our capacity to be strategically proactive (rather than reactive) and strengthen our governance and risk platforms.



Declan O'Gallagher joins the Grants Team as Lead Writer, as we work towards developing a community driven investment strategy and a portfolio of investment ready projects, that are well planned and budgeted. There are many times that investment opportunities arise, but we are too busy dealing with the day to day shite to capture these opportunities. Declan has an extensive background in Communication, Media Ethics and Public Writing, and we welcome him to Team TDC as we build depth in our Grants Team. Declan has spent time in Wadeye in his previous life and has a passion for Cultural Heritage. There will be some more restructuring announcements in the Grants Team in the coming weeks.

We also welcome Thivanka Silva as Governance, Risk and Compliance Co-ordinator (GRCC), Thivanka brings a range of skills in Executive and Operational Risk Management, Accounting and Business Administration.

