

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”.

Barunga Festival 2023

Over 50 people from Wadeye, Emu Point, Wudikapilyerr and Darwin, headed to Barunga on buses, planes and an assortment of vehicles for a weekend of softball, art sales, culture workshops, singing, dancing, meeting new people, and seeing old faces.



A mass of tents were set up along the bank between the river and the softball field, with a big kitchen cookout home base.



It was a great long weekend with the ladies softball team, Emu Sisters band, Artists from Wadeye, Wudi and Emu Point showcasing their culture and skills, and PWAC coming together.

The damper making, natural fabric dyeing, t-shirt printing and weaving workshops, led by the women were a huge success and all places for the whole weekend were sold out on the first morning. A huge congratulations to all the women involved.

All About the Art and the Artists

Local art made up a large portion of the products for sale over the weekend, and the artists were happy to share the stories about the art pieces to both browsers and buyers.



Western Australian Indigenous Senator Dorinda Rose Cox (above) beat the crowds and bought this stunning Sun Mats piece of art by Wendy Sams.



Robin Nilco, supported by Rob Walsh held the fort for the men who all went walkabout following the men’s gathering held in Darwin earlier in the week.

Colour, Jewellery & Weaving

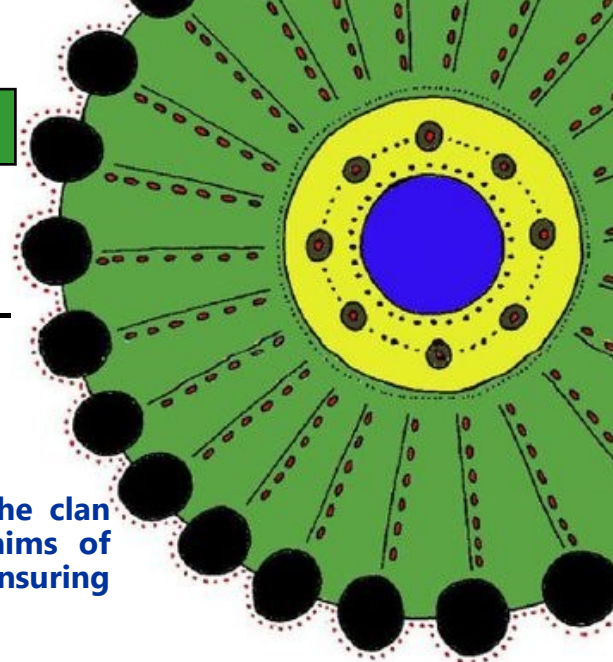


The Emu Point and Wudikapilyerr ladies proudly showcased their jewellery, weaving and colour story dyed fabrics and apparel. The ladies actively took part in setting up the stall, making sales and running workshops, all of which were a huge success.



Palngun Wurnangat Aboriginal Corporation (PWAC)

The PWAC strong women together stall did a roaring trade of T-shirts, fabric, and workshops and it was awesome to see the continued momentum in the rebirth of PWAC. We look forward to seeing more movement in this space.



Workshops A Huge Success



The workshops were a huge success and the women were very happy and proud to share their skills and knowledge.



There were around 140 attendees across the Damper , Weaving , Dying and Printing workshops and all workshops sold out on the first day.



A Weekend of Celebrations



The Emu Sisters took to the stage and belted out some awesome tunes which was a great relief from the endless number of speeches !



The dancers opening the last night of celebrations were joined by the crowd.



To add to the celebrations , our golden girl Lea Brady celebrated her 22nd-birthday (for the 3rd time) and was pleasantly surprised when the ladies walked out singing and clapping with a cake. (Photo below and right).



Wadeye Magic Softball Stars



The ladies softball team put up a fierce challenge on the field , and the play off for a place in the grand final was intense. Lots of our festival participants came over to watch the game and the loud cheering , whooping and banging on pots and metal added to the excitement.



The ladies just missed out on making the grand final , but played a fantastic game and kept the audience on the edge of their seats.

A massive thanks to Lea for coordinating the softball team and games.



Happy Birthday Lea Brady

