

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”.

Scott Steps Down as CEO



It was a big week this week, with the shock announcement that long serving CEO Scott McIntyre has formally stepped down as CEO of TDC.

Scott has a long and close relationship with the community of Wadeye. He lived, worked and married in the community, and has been the driving force of the rapid and exponential growth of TDC.

He started his working journey in Thamarrurr with the Rangers in Peppimintarti in 2000, and helped start the Wadeye Ranger program in 2004. He moved to the city for family reasons in 2006 and came back to Wadeye in 2016 as General Manager, taking up the head job of CEO in 2019.

Scott has placed a big focus in recent years on building a highly skilled leadership team, with a wide range of skills to drive community lead projects forward. We have seen many businesses in Wadeye fall over when a key person leaves, and Scott was determined to build a resilient and enduring business, that did not rely on one or two key people. John Gawen will continue Acting as CEO until the board formally appoints a CEO. Scott has indicated he would like to continue to work on community lead projects in some capacity after a period of respite. We thank Scott for his hard work and passion over a long period and look forward to working with him again soon.

Palumpa Opportunity Shop Open For Business

The Palumpa Op Shop opened its doors at the CDP resource centre last week with a an official ribbon cutting ceremony and a very successful first day of sales.

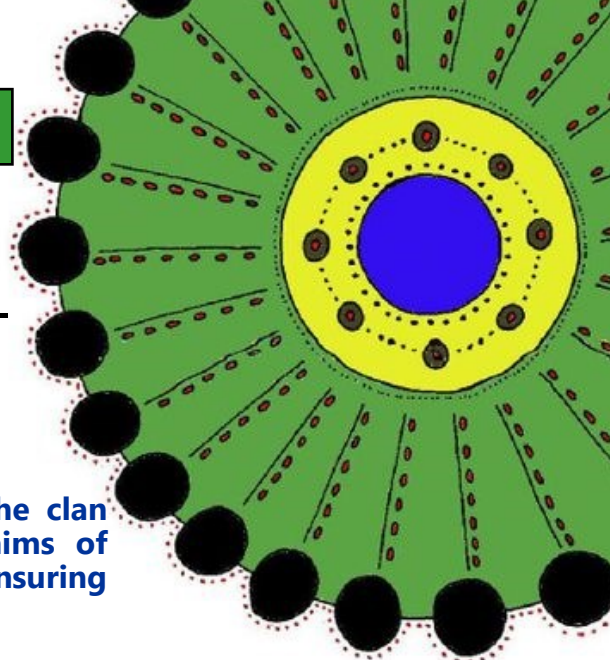


Local customers picked up lots of bargains ranging from clothing, shoes and household linens.

Kellie, a teacher from the local school has teamed up with Jeremy and Charlotte to get the Op shop up and running. Local community members are involved in the set up and running of the store.



The funds generated will support Nganmariyanga Public School, in a range of out of school activities like attendance at the Adelaide River Athletics Carnival.



Da Ngimalmin Family Centre Grand Opening



**Monday 17th July
11am to 2pm**

**Welcome Ceremony
Lunch
Stakeholder Meet & Greet**

Marda Pek Pek T-House Clean Up

The Marda Pek Pek ladies have been helping out with the T-House clean up as the PWAC Board forges forward with a reopening plan.



We are all excited to see PWAC rebuilding strong foundations to reclaim its businesses for the strong women. The NLC is meeting later this month to decide the fate of the leases of the PWAC buildings, and all the community groups are getting behind the women's organisation in hope of a favourable outcome.

Working with Traditional Owners on Fire Management

As part of the Western Top End Savanna Fire Management project TDC is working with Traditional Owners all over the Daly River Port Keats Aboriginal Land Trust.



The work we are doing is helping Traditional Owners access their own country to protect assets such as outstations and sacred sites and to burn some country early in the dry season to stop big bushfires burning too much country late in the dry season.

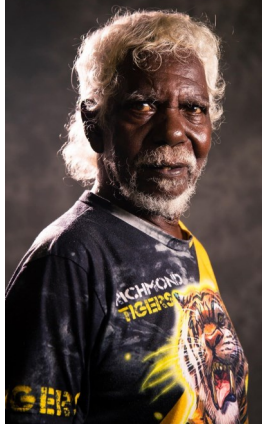


The early season fires are smaller and not as hot as late season fires, and that is good for the plants and the animals. It also emits less carbon into the air, which is good for action against climate change.



The rangers worked with a group of Marrathiyel mob to look after the outstations in the area close to Wudikupildiyerr. The Ranger group in that area isn't operating at the moment, so we contacted T.Os directly to work together!

Faces of Wadeye, Mathias Nemarluk



Mathias was born in Wadeye in 1955. His father's country is big Tjindi and his mother's country is Nardirri.

He was sent to the school at Port Keats mission and then to Kormilda College in Darwin.

His parents had meanwhile contracted leprosy and were living with the rest of the family at the East Arm leprosarium. The leprosarium was run by the health department and staffed by the nuns from the order of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. After leaving school he started work as a ward orderly.

The Doctor at the Leprosarium was Dr John Hargreaves who was a pioneer in reconstructive surgery for people with leprosy. He decided that Mathias would make a great nurse and supported him to undergo formal training in nursing. Mathias was responsible for the preparation and sterilisation of the theatre equipment.



He then began to assist in operations, which consisted of taking part of a nerve from the leg of a patient and joining it to a damaged hand. At the time this was ground-breaking work in the treatment of leprosy.

Mathias graduated with a certificate in nursing which allowed him to give medication and other things. He then began working for the health department in Katherine with people from the town camps who had leprosy.

Mathias came back to Wadeye in December 1974. Cyclone Tracey hit Darwin later in the month and Matthias decided to stay in Wadeye and he worked as a general nurse at the clinic in Wadeye. He met and married his wife Teresa and they had one son Timmy.

Adverse Impacts of Stolen Generation Redress Scheme Payments

We have seen an increase in alcohol fuelled violence, domestic violence and Elder abuse in recent weeks, with an influx of cash resulting from the Stolen Generation Redress Scheme Payments spreading through community.

Payments are typically \$82,000 per applicant, and a total of \$6.1 million is expected to come into Wadeye this year relating to these payments.

There have been extremely violent incidents around a number of TDC work sites, and staff have been forced into lock down and shut down.



Last Friday a vehicle rolled in the main street as up to 100 people were involved in altercations that included the use of axes and other weapons. Earlier in the week a young man had his jaw broken with an axe and was airlifted to Darwin and placed into ICU.

Police, Emergency Services, Community and Government stakeholders met late Friday to review the escalating situation.

We understand these periods of unrest can be very traumatic for our team. Please reach out to EASA professional counsellors on 8941 1752 if you feel you would benefit from counselling. If you need a break in Darwin, please speak to your manager about employee support respite flights.

CDP Training Calendar

Cert II Construction – Wadeye – 10 July, 3 week add on, to enable 5 participants of the course to fully complete the course.

Small Engine – Wadeye – 17-28 July

Hairdressing —6-month Cert in Indigenous Hairdressing will commence 24th July (pending completion of venue repairs)

Cert I Visual Arts – Wadeye – 7 – 24 August