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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".

Community Market a Big Hit

A huge congratulations to everyone who pulled together to get the community market up and started last Saturday.



The markets are being driven by the PWAC ladies, and all funds raised go to PWAC to assist them to get their business back up and running.



It is great to see the community coming together to support PWAC, and just enjoying coming together in a safe space. The next market day is next Saturday the 2nd of September, so come on down, grab a coffee or a bite to eat, browse at the offerings and enjoy the atmosphere.

More From the Local Market



Celesta and the ladies were busy cooking milawa (damper) to share with everybody, and it was a big hit.





Vincent displayed his BBQ cooking skills , cooking bacon and egg rolls for everybody. He was flat out keeping up with the demand. A big thanks to Vincent for his support in both the pre market preparation and help on the day. A Big Week in the Digital Space

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This week we had the RMIT Mapping the Digital Gap research team, and the First Nations Digital Inclusion Advisory Group Team in Wadeye, engaging with community on digital issues.



The RMIT Team and our local research assistants were conducting surveys , to capture data

to contribute to a digital inclusion strategy.

Lyndon, Lauren Ganley, Head of First Nations Strategy & Engagement, Telstra and Che Cockatoo-Collins, Executive Manager, Indigenous Affairs, NBN Co. were engaging with community to better understand issues with internet and NBN.



A big thanks to Mark Crocombe (Wadeye's very own national treasure) for being so generous with his time and knowledge, and taking the Telstra/ NBN Team on tours to internet sites and also to the museum.

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Oyster Farming Project Underway



This week we had our first oyster production workshop in Wadeye, and the most important step was to confirm a site. Tobias provided guidance on the best spot.



The Nganbe Family have embarked on a journey to commence Black Lip Oyster Farming on the fringes of Docherty Island. A small-scale trial was set up, with the first lot of lines and grow out cages being deployed to test the sites for infrastructure suitability.



The trials will be supported by Darwin Aquaculture Centre (DAC), Stotts Oyster Consulting, Thamarrurr Rangers and TDC.



Once the technical aspects of farming oysters in the region have been proven, oyster farming opportunities will be open to other family groups in the region. We are all very excited to start these trials.

More on Oyster Farming Trials



The Northern Territory Government has been working with the Cooperative Research Centre for Developing Northern Australia (CRCNA), Yagbani Aboriginal Corporation and Anindilyakwa Land Council to produce the Oysters at the Darwin Aquaculture Centre (DAC).



The grow out trials in Goulburn and Tiwi have demonstrated that there is the potential for successful oyster production industries in remote communities, and the Ngnabe family are the first family in the Thamarrurr Region to commence oyster grow out trials.



We had a couple of stow aways on the two trips. Ex Aussie rules star Che Cockatoo-Collins, jumped on board on the second day (looking for an NBN station maybe ??) And that crazy old white lady from TDC Top Office, managed to escape the office and jump on board for the first trip.

A great two days was had by all.



Thamarrurr Youth Bikes Raging

The bike crew have had a busy time. From running a bike program for all the senior kids at school every Monday, to creating new bike tracks around community.



They continue to work on their bike maintenance skills whilst hitting the roads and exploring our community on two wheels. This makes school more fun! The bike project is funded by SCfC. Great work TY –you guys rock.

Meeting with KDC Town Planners



TDC met with The Fulcrum Agency this week , who are doing the Community Vision town planning work for Kardu Diminin Corporation. KDC invited TDC to meet with the agency and they will be meeting with the TDC Board in the coming weeks. The Fulcrum Agency are doing an amazing job on this project and KDC are reaching out to all community groups to be included.

Welcome Katrina to Post Office

TDC Welcomes Katrina to the TDC Post Office Team! The Wadeye LPO has resumed trading from 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday to Friday.



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