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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".

Top Office Refurb Underway

A big thank you to Richard , Leo , Bobby , Linton and Henry , who have been moving all the Top Office stuff out , in preparation for the big makeover.



The Top Office Mob are very excited about the refurb !

H&C Helping PWAC Fix Premises



Sammy from H&C took the ladies around to look at the vacant PWAC houses this week to inspect the damage. TDC are working with PWAC to come up with a plan to help them get their houses fixed up.

There will be a lot of activity in the PWAC premises in the coming months as the funding to get Mi Patha ,and the Womens Centre repaired has been approved.

Oyster Hatchery Site Visit



Aloy, Sophie and Daniel headed off to Groote Island this week to have a look at the oyster hatchery set up at Groote.





The trip was organised by NTG Darwin Aquaculture Centre who are working with local communities to develop

trial production sites. Mitch and the team will be back out to Wadeye when our baby spat arrive. A big thanks to Sam and Mitch from DAC for taking our team on this trip. A big thanks to Steph for getting up so early to get everyone there. **Capturing the Colour Story**



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The Women's fiber Art Workshops continued in Merrepen this week, delivered by Kellie from Dillybag Collective. Freedom Garvey photographer, are also doing photography lessons with the group to introduce photography into the Colour Story Project.



Pictured are Mandy Grove, Leonie Martin and other Merrepan Outstation Community members. The Colour Story Project is funded by NIAA through CDP.



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The Fight Against Bad Hair Days



Junita Jongmin is working hard , helping the ladies sort out bad hair days! A reminder that the salon is open every second week and you can just drop in for a cut , colour or style.



Congratulations Helena and Lenny on Your Wedding Day

There was a wedding in Nganmarriyanga this week and Cindy Dita made this beautiful cake as a gift to help them celebrate. Congratulation Helena & Lenny, we wish you all the very best on your wedding day and for your future together. A big shout out to Cindy who hand made this stunning cake.



Leathercraft Workshops Huge Hit





ΑΚΑ Jacks Leathercraft are in Wadeye this month, teaching skills in tanning skins to be used in the creation of a range of leather items. His first week was spent with Pete and the men at the Men's Shed and was very well received. Next week, he moves to the Women's Centre to share his inspiration with the ladies. Francisco Bunduck was pretty happy with this awesome belt he made.

Women Busy Making Plans



Celesta and Lynne have been busy working on taking the women on a trip to the Tiwi Islands to have a look at the Tiwi Arts and Tourism Centres.

Lynne has been filling in for Brenda who is on leave, and Celesta and Lynne have been working on the plans to get the arts centre back up and running. The ladies had a massive clean up in preparation for a refurb, and got side tracked on a trip down memory lane, digging up old fabric, reports and any other long lost treasures. It is great to see the ladies powering on with their plans.

Norforce Back In Wadeye Soon

The Norforce Regional Force Surveillance Units (RFSUs) are specialised infantry units of the Australian Army Reserve responsible for patrolling northern Australia.



CDP is currently supporting the recruitment drive to get men and women to join Norforce in Wadeye. There have been over 25 applications so far. Those successful in the first round of applications (having all forms of identification) will go to Darwin in early October for three weeks for the selection process.



The second round selection will be held in April next year. Those that are successful will go on to do the patrolman's course.

The Men and Women who join Norforce will share their knowledge of country, and caring for country with the RFSU, and will become the eyes and ears of the Army in remote locations in far north Australia, conducting stealth and reconnaissance patrols and gathering intel. A massive shout out to Janet McCorry for all her hard work to make this happen ! Thanks Janet



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