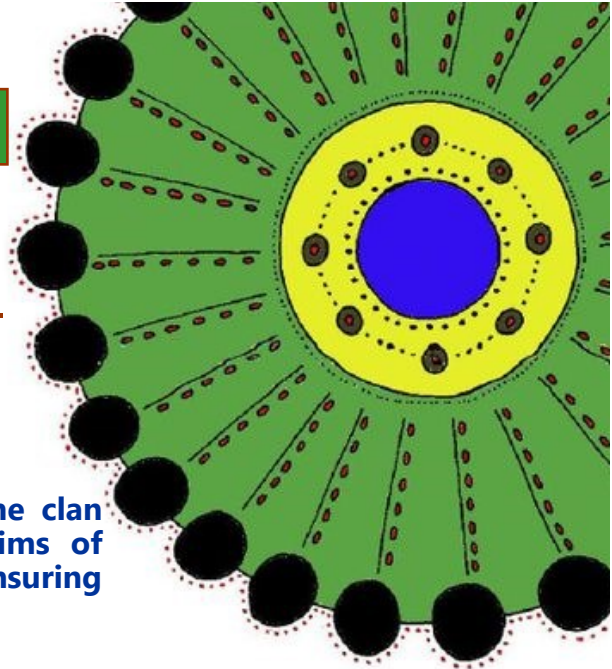


# Thamarrurr

## 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”.**

### 100,000 Oysters Arrive in Wadeye



This week we welcomed the arrival of over 100,000 oyster spat to Wadeye. The baby oysters were deployed out into the floating seapa cages attached to lines, as we trial both subtidal and intertidal farming systems.

The system being set up in Wadeye is different from the other regions who have static systems that are close to the shore.



While shore based systems provide easy access for grading and maintenance, they also allow easy access for intruders and unwanted visitors.

The tidal systems being set up around Wadeye, are only accessible by boat and reduce maintenance by using the natural tide and wave activity to reduce bio-fouling. Congratulations to Aloisha Nganbe and family, and a big thanks to Mark and all the Rangers for their help.

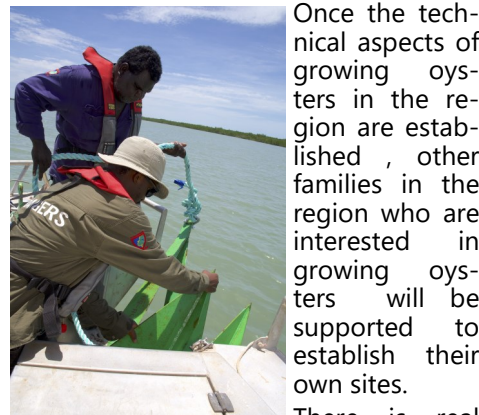
### Docherty Inaugural Oyster Farm



It has been an exciting week for the Nganbe family and the TDC enterprise development team as the first batch of oysters arrived for deployment, kicking off Wadeye’s very first oyster farm.



TDC has partnered with the Darwin Aquaculture Centre (DAC) and Stotts Consulting to support the Nganbe family with their oyster farming enterprise.



Once the technical aspects of growing oysters in the region are established, other families in the region who are interested in growing oysters will be supported to establish their own sites. There is real potential for aquaculture in the region and working with family groups at a micro business level is the best way to bring this potential to life.

### Last Handover Brings Huge Relief



The very last Housing New Build of the 17 builds was handed over to NTG by TDC Housing & Construction this week, bringing this massive project to an end, much to the relief of our team.



This project has been in motion since December 2021, and for those that don’t know the history of this project, the H&C team

were unexpectedly catapulted into the midst of chaos with 125 refurbishments and major repairs resulting from the unrest in 2022.

It has been a massive effort from our team and a network of subcontractors to get the new builds over the line whilst also getting through 125 unexpected refurbishments.



It was a huge relief for all involved to hand over the last set of keys. A big thank you to Brad and Kate Fitton, Joel Kennedy and the entire H&C Team and supporting subcontractors.



## Merry Christmas from Aged Care



The staff and residents from Aged Care wish everybody a Merry Christmas. There have been some very frightening incidents around the Aged Care facility this last week, with large groups gathering with weapons outside the facility. We hope that this settles before Christmas so the old people can have some peace. We would also like to thank Neptune ad Kingsmen Security and our local police for all the work you are doing to try and keep us safe in these challenging times.

## Palumpa Gets Ready for Xmas



The Palumpa Team were all smiles and busyness as they prepared to celebrate Christmas.

It has been a big year at Palumpa with lots of highs and lows throughout the year and it is great to see so many positive activities in the lead up to Christmas.



The kids got out and beat the heat on a water slide, while others cooked up a storm in the kitchen.



Everyone turned their hands to making Christmas decorations and it was a great to see so many happy faces getting into the Christmas spirit.

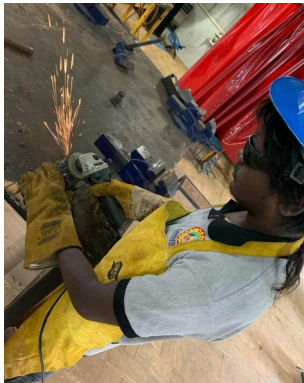
## Congrats to Russel and Marcus



A massive congratulations to Marcus and Russell who were awarded their certificates by the Governor of Odisha in India recently. These young men have completed six months of Automotive skills training at Centurion University in India.

Centurion University is committed to providing quality education to those often excluded from the education system, and has learning resources that don't disadvantage people with low levels literacy and numeracy.

Training away from home also provides the students with the opportunity of focussing on learning without the distractions and pressures experienced in community. The India program is lead by the visionary team at Thamarrurr Youth.



## Community Plagued By Violence

Tensions in community have been escalating since the beginning of December and this week there have been large groups of people causing disturbances, congregating with compound cross bows, axes and other weapons.

Police were overwhelmed by a group of up to 300 people and the TRG have been deployed into community.

Police, security and clinic vehicles have all been targeted, with weapons being thrown at vehicles and a police car rammed and significantly damaged.

The clinic has been inundated with patients with non life threatening but serious injuries including axe wounds, lacerations and a spear injury.

Police are working around the clock to respond and apprehend perpetrators.

At present, access to food has not been threatened, and the store is keeping information flowing about food security. It is expected that people who have been cashed up before Christmas will start to struggle in the coming weeks.

Security at the Aged Care facility has been increased to 24 hours and we continue to have two patrols on at night.

All services that have not closed over Christmas are operating as normal and doing their best to support the majority of community members who are not involved in the unrest.

The service delivery group are meeting daily, and the Wadeye Taskforce has been reactivated.

While there is little that we can do while the violence is occurring, TDC along with other stakeholders are beginning to prepare for any emergency responses that may be required after the fighting eases.

**VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TRADING HOURS**

From Saturday 23rd December to Tuesday 2nd January inclusive, the kitchen will be operating from 5pm - 9pm only. Dining room closed during these times. Normal business hours will resume on Wednesday 3rd January. No phone orders will be taken.