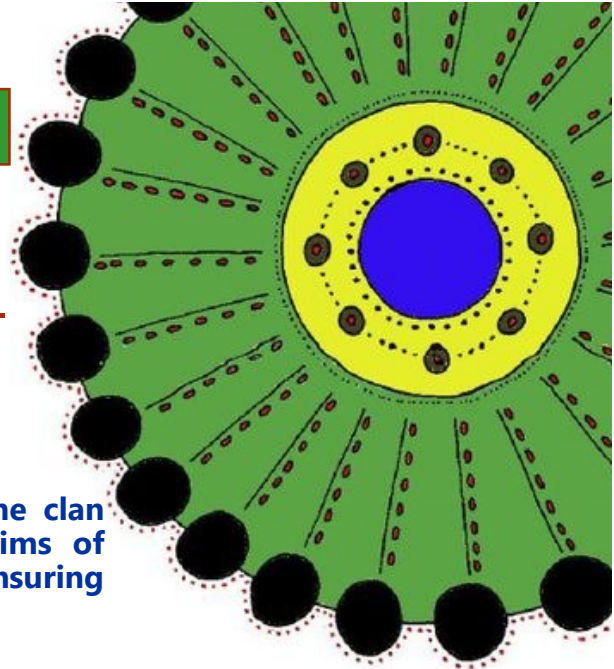


# Thamarrurr

## 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”.**

### Peacemaking Mob in Wadeye



The Community Justice Peacemaking team were in Wadeye this week, meeting with lots of different people, leaders and groups, to

support the community to find a way back to peace.



The community is very tired from all the fighting, and Justine, Anna and Gary have lots of experience in helping communities work through conflict. They will also deliver some peacemaking training to help leaders in the future.



Cyril, Gary and Anna (above) did a short video in Murrinh-patha to explain to community about the role of the peacemakers. They are not here to take sides or make judgement. They are here to listen to everybody and help make a plan to bring the community back together to work as one people to make community safe.

### Big Year in Wadeye For Training

2024 is a big year for training in Wadeye and this week the training kicked off with a two day First Aid course and a Certificate I in Workplace Skills course.



The first aid course attracted a lot of interest and the fellas had a bit of a laugh working with the mannequins.



There was great feedback from the Workplace skills training, particularly around digital devices training. There is some more digital training coming up soon, so if you know people who will benefit from this training, reach out to CDP Mob.

We are very excited that two of the ladies who did the training are starting work next week in Top Office. Deborah Melpi and Joy Kungjung are joining TEAM TDC in administration support.

### Ladies Preparing Soup Kitchen

The PWAC ladies have been working very hard to get the T-House kitchen and café area cleaned and ready to open up their community soup kitchen.



The ladies are eager to support the community with healthy meals.

The kitchen will be open on Mondays and Tuesdays for the next 6 weeks and the ladies will prepare meals for local people who are struggling with access to healthy meals. A big thanks to Lousia, Phillipa and Doris for all your hard work.

### Reengaging Defence & Norforce



This week the Youth Diversion Team and TDC Management met with Senior members of the Army Cadets, NORFORCE Regional Surveillance Unit and ADF Indigenous Support Program to commence re-engagement. The Commanding Officer of the NORFORCE Darwin Squadron and members of the squadron will be coming to Wadeye in the coming weeks. They will meet with Traditional Owners to discuss the best way to build a defence presence in the region, and engage young people in cadetships.



## Collecting Materials for Weaving



The PWAC ladies have been getting out on country, collecting materials for weaving, and have started weaving products to sell.



The ladies are heading in to do the weaving workshops in Nightcliff Darwin again soon. They are also preparing for Barunga and the Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair.



Getting out of town has been very therapeutic for the ladies, enjoying the green landscape and stunning water pools. If you know any young women who are interested in learning to weave please send the down to the womens centre.

## Local Lads Getting Back on Track



The Youth Diversion Lads have been doing their community service work and getting involved in positive activities this week, having a crack at tennis.



The lads headed down to the creek for a cool off, burning off energy in a positive way.

A big thanks to Norman, Liam and Woody for supporting the lads with their Youth Diversion commitments.



This week we welcomed Mark Woodhouse (Woody) to the Youth Diversion Team. Woody has 30 plus years in Military Service and as part of his role will be working to tray and get the Army Cadet program

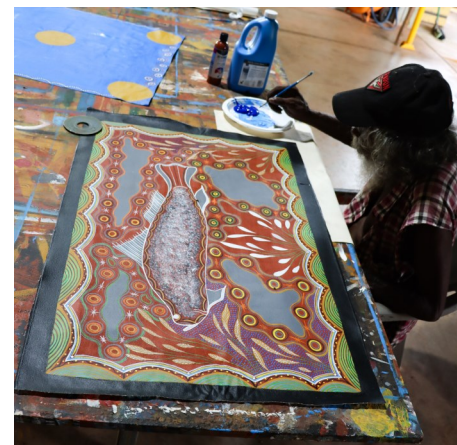
running in Wadeye.

Woody has worked as an Aboriginal Liaison Officer in the Defence forces and is passionate about working with youth.

## Art Collective Coming to Life



Art Collective Coordinator, Lisa Buchanan has been working to get the Art Collective up an running. There has been a lot of back end work getting the Artist Agreements in place to ensure the artists and their works are protected.



Austin from Palumpa (above) and Rob-in from the mens Shed (left) have been producing some beautiful pieces. The Art Collectives mission is to "Support economic resilience for artists living remote in the Thamarrurr Region"

The collective comprises artists from Merrepen, Namarluk, Nama, Nganambala, Nyanmariyana (Palumpa), Peppimenarti, Wadeye, Wudikapildyerr & Wudapuli.

The collective is 100% Aboriginal owned and is an online art centre. All sales directly support the artists, with all profit going towards artists fees and future projects.

If you know any artists that might be interested in selling their art online, reach out to Lisa, who can help make this happen.

