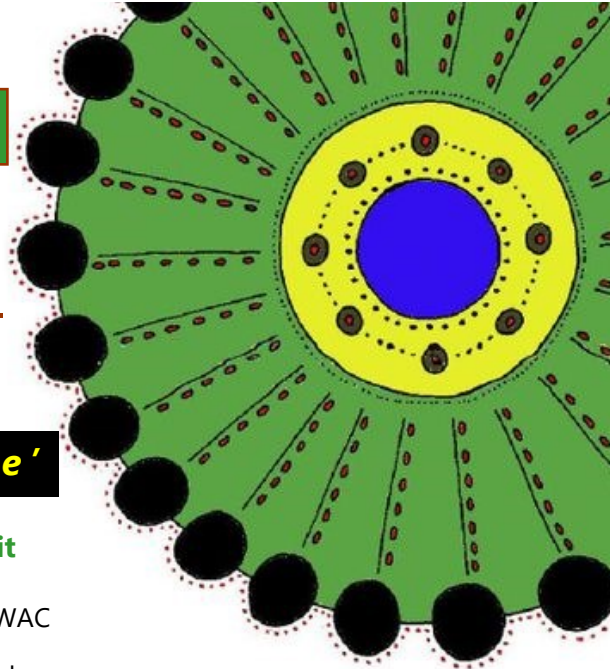


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'Coming Together To Work As One People'



Nganbe Oyster Farm First Grade



The first oyster grading event took place this week and the results are awesome. The baby oysters have doubled in size, measuring in at an average of 10 mm. They averaged just under 5 mm when they arrived just before Christmas.



The oysters will be graded every 6-8 weeks to ensure size uniformity in each cage. There will be frequent training events with each grade.



Now that proof of concept has been established the project will now consider its larger infrastructure requirements.



PWAC Soup Kitchen a Huge Hit



The PWAC Ladies opened their community soup kitchen this week and it was a huge hit. The ladies served 60 meals

within 45 minutes of opening and served more than 200 meals over the two days. The kitchen will be open on Monday and Tuesdays from 12:30 pm.



Family Centre Mums N Bubs

This week at mums n bubs, kids heard a Murrinhpatha story about going to a disco, a book written by the school's literacy production centre.



Children from last year's mums and bubs had their first day of school this week and have come down to the CFC to say Hi, share their artwork they created for us. We were glad to hear they are loving school.

Deadly Hairdressing Mob



Deadly hair Dude, Gary was in Wadeye to do the hairdressing course unit assessments this week. Juanita and Merle worked very hard to showcase their new skills.



The girls are really passionate about hair art, and are steadily progressing through the formal course units, while having fun.



The program is looking for some fellas to do the training, to help broaden the service to a wider client base and help maintain respect for the kin-

ship system that structures people's relationships, obligations, interactions and behaviours towards each other. If you know any budding young hair art-ists, please ask them to reach out to the CDP Real Job Mob.

A Journey of Self Discovery



A group of young men embarked on a journey of self-discovery and cultural connection. Initiated into a space of deep listening, they gathered around traditional foods, breaking barriers as they learned

about the significance of the kangaroo, the importance of the didgeridoo, and the art of cooking their own traditional goose and kangaroo tail.



Guided by five dedicated senior leaders, these young men delved into the profound meaning of respect, finding solace in a healing circle where words flowed freely. Each participant, once unfamiliar with the concept, embraced the essence of circle keepers, understanding the importance of a safe and supportive environment.

In this cocoon of understanding, these young men, who had never before experienced such cultural richness, found strength from each other and their circle keepers.

As the circle resonated with stories, laughter, and shared experiences, the walls of unfamiliarity crumbled.



The impact of this journey was profound, creating a lasting impression on both the initiated boys and the senior leaders who facilitated the process. The power of cultural immersion, respectful dialogue, and the warmth of shared foods had woven a tapestry of growth and unity, altering the perspectives of these young men and fostering a sense of connection to their roots. Thankyou to the Gan'na , Men's Shed and Youth Diversion. (Credit Gan'na words and photos.)

Loads of Fun Tie Dying



The ladies at the Women's Art centre had loads of fun doing Tie Dying this week. The activity has been introduced to support the young ladies who are keen to have a bit of fun with colour. It is great to see some of the younger ladies coming up to the Women's Arts Centre.



Women Taking A Break Out Bush



The women from the arts centre took a well earned break on Friday and headed out bush for a picnic and a swim.



The women finished off the working week cooking malawa , taking advantage of the break in the rain. The absence of rain resulted in the temperatures soaring and the creek gave welcome relief.

Recycling & Resource Centre



The Rangers came up to the Resource Centre this week to train the CDP Team in recycling grading. The recycling has moved and will be at the Resource centre every Friday. #GreatWorkTeam#

John Luckan in New CMC Role



Congratulations to John Luckan who has taken up a new role with the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (CMC). John works with the Aboriginal Interpreter Service (AIS) and has been engaged as Regional Support Officer to work with Jonathon and Chris on the ground.



Changes to Murin Weekly Flight Schedule

Murin Association would like to notify the Wadeye community that from **Monday 12 February 2024** new flight departure schedules will come into effect.

The changes to departing flight times from both Darwin and Port Keats can be viewed on the attached flight schedule.

Flights pre-booked and that fall on or after Monday 12 February 2024 are still valid but will have a new departure time as listed in the updated flight schedule attached.

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