

Thamarrurr

Development Corporation

'Coming Together To Work As One People'

Aged Care Team Our Local Heroes

The Aged Care centre was thrown into lock down when it was hit with a COVID outbreak, after a resident spending the day with family out in the community contracted the virus.



Unfortunately five residents tested positive, along with three staff members. Some residents commenced on Anti Viral medication and have all made a full recovery after eight days. One resident had life threatening symptoms but has now recovered.

We extend a massive thank you to all the clinic staff for their commitment and care to the residents and full support during this difficult time. The COVID-19 Virus has a major impact on the respiratory system of the elderly and those with complex health conditions, and a high level of care must be taken in an outbreak. We would like to remind all community members that if they have any COVID symptoms to attend the clinic and get tested.

We understand that many locals feel upset when they cant visit loved a one in the facility, but keeping our clients safe is our priority, and the centre has been closed to all visitors and contractors.

A big shout out to the team of Nurses and support workers in Aged Care for working extra hours, and the huge effort of wearing the PPE in the extreme heat to ensure the virus does not spread. Thank you also to the security team who have been managing lock out compliance , which has been upsetting for family members wanting to visit loved ones.

Palumpa Broadcasting Back On

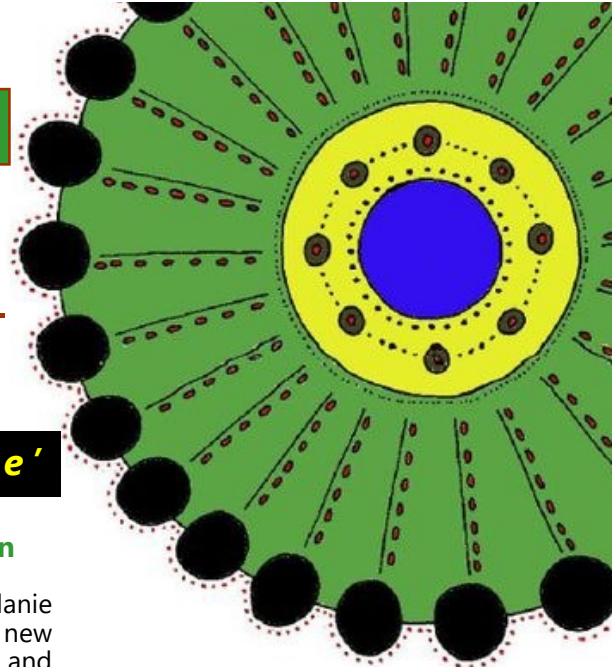
TDC is pleased to welcome Melanie Cook to the team. Melanie is the new local radio broadcaster in Palumpa and is really enjoying her new gig.



Melanie broadcasts every weekday from the Palumpa Resource Centre. You can catch the local broadcasting on 106.1 FM. Great Work Melanie !



Radio is an important communication tool, particularly in times of emergencies. If you have any messages for community and you want to get them on air , please don't hesitate to reach out to broadcasting@thamarrurr.org.au. A big shout out to Top End Aboriginal Bush Broadcasting Association (TEABBA), who assist with broadcast training, technical equipment, repairs, upgrades, and maintenance.



Top Office Mob Getting Bigger

A big shout out and welcome to Deborah Melpi & Joy Kungiuong who have joined our Top Office Team. Deb and Joy recently completed the Workplace Skills Training and are enrolled to do Digital Literacy Training in the coming month. The training has been organized by the CDP Real Job Mob.



The ladies have been doing on the job training this week with our Top Office Legend Kaitlyn Knight. We are building our Top Office team to help cope with the increasing work loads . Welcome to our crazy busy little world ladies !

DREAM IMPACT INSPIRE

BOXING WORKSHOPS

A Reminder that the Boxing Workshops organized by KDC & MTD are being held next week.

The workshops and mentoring will be held at the Wadey rec hall on the **Wed 21st, Thu 22nd and Fri 23rd Feb.**

Sessions times are:

2:00 - 4:30pm Adults 18+

5:00 - 7:00 pm 13-17 Years Old

Friday : Boxing Exhibition 3-5pm

Community Disco 7-10pm

Engaging Local Peacekeepers



It was great to see Anna Weekes from the Community Justice Centre back in Wadeye this week.

Anna has been working with the ladies and is identifying local people who are organically leading in peacemaking roles. Supporting local people to build their capacity in peacemaking roles is an important part of the work being done by the CJC. A big thank you to the ladies who have for working closely with Anna this week.

Breakins Keeping the Team Busy

We have had a spate or break ins and attacks on vehicles in the past two weeks and an escalation in the number of crimes being committed by very young people.



The Housing Team and the Workshop team have been keeping busy, responding to repairs resulting from crime.



The ongoing repairs to damaged property makes it difficult to do business in community. It is disappointing that resources

designed to be used for community projects gets used up by ongoing repair and replacement costs. Thank you to our team who respond so promptly when called to secure premises after a break in. Please remember to report all property and vehicle crimes to police, and if young people are identified as being involved, report on this link [Mandatory Reporting](#).

Palumpa Lads Pumping Iron



Jeremy has been working with the local lads to get gym equipment set up at Palumpa.

Jeremy was the last man standing with any patience left for the set up instructions.



The lads have really enjoyed getting together and working out and burning off some energy while the rains bucket down.

NORFORCE ENGAGEMENT IN WADEYE

Senior Members of the Darwin Squadron of NORFORCE, will be in Wadeye to reestablish their connection within Wadeye with the aim of developing key individuals to assist in the defence of Australia and our people.

They will be in Wadeye from the **28th February to the 1st of March.**

Please let interested people know that they can register their interest at Top Office and we will pass on their details to the Squadron Leaders and assist them to attend the engagement activities.

NDIS Coordinating Respite



Our NDIS Coordinator of Supports have been working on a Carer Respite and Client Independence program since November last year and the first cohort headed off to Darwin this week.

The program allows secondary caregivers and clients to go to Darwin and participate in activities and training, as well as attending allied health appointments, while giving the primary caregivers a break at home.



Half of the participants spend time in Darwin for one week and half for two weeks. Respite in Darwin relieves participant primary Carer from Carer's fatigue and participants get to practice their independence.



The second cohort will be departing next week for two weeks. Thank you to our NDIS team for going the extra mile to get this program in place. We have been very fortunate to build such a proactive and experienced new team, and we look forward to supporting the team to grow the NDIS service delivery in both Wadeye and Darwin. **#GoTeam#**