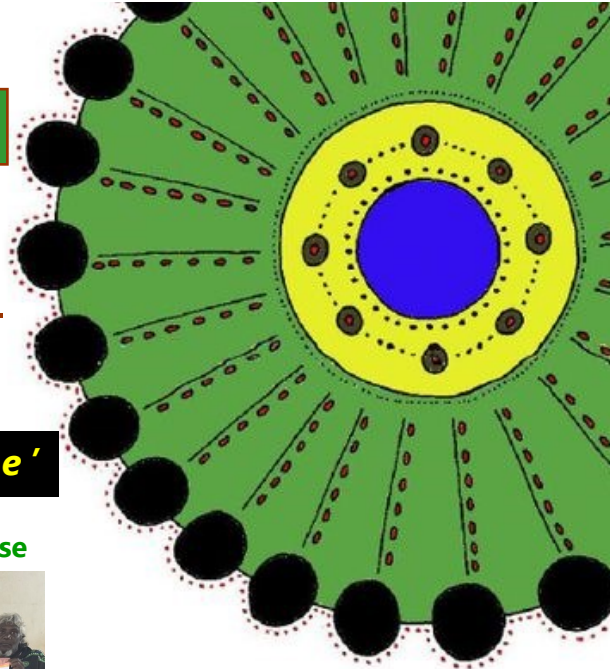


Thamarrurr

Development Corporation

'Coming Together To Work As One People'



Our Heartfelt Condolences

It is with a heavy heart that we acknowledge the recent passing of our Chairperson and much loved and respected Senior Kardu Diminin Woman.

This happened very suddenly and unexpectedly, but we are comforted that her family was able to gather to be by her side at the time of her passing. We extend our thanks to the clinic team who facilitated a safe and embracing space for the family to say their goodbyes.

As a respected Board member since 2010, and Chairperson for three consecutive terms, her leadership and wise counsel will be greatly missed.

We will also miss her wicked sense of humour and the love she displayed for her husband, family, community and country.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to her family and to Kardu Diminin and Kardu Kura Thipman.



Mental Health First Aid Course



There was an awesome turnout to the Women's Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid Course recently and all the participants completed the course.



The course was run by National Wellbeing Alliance who are a First Nations owned business, supporting First Nations people, communities and organisations to achieve mental health and wellbeing.



The Youth Diversion Fellas did the Men's course, and they said the course helped them learn things that will be very useful in doing their jobs.

Official Opening of First Nations Institute for Gender Justice



This week a cohort of women from Wadeye and Merrepen attended the invitation only opening of the Wiyi Yani U Thangani First Nations Gender Justice Institute that will be chaired by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, Dr June Oscar AO.

The new institute – a first for Australia – will build on and continue the Wiyi Yani U Thangani (Women's Voices) Project led by the Australian Human Rights Commission.

Twenty women from the Thamarrurr region attended the Women's Voices conference last year. The key findings are that First Nations women are key to holding society together, healing, reducing harms and violence, and guaranteeing cohesion and healthy environments for everyone.



From left: Dr June Oscar, Aunty Matilda House, former Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Larissa Behrendt at the launch of the First Nations Gender Justice Institute at ANU. Photo: Australian Human Rights Commission.

International Women's Day

The Child and Family Centre (CFC) hosted an International Women's Day event recently, at Old Club for women to enjoy lunch and t shirt tie dying.



This year's IWD theme was #InspireInclusion# so we chose a neutral location and collaborated with Safe House and Thamarrurr Youth to access women from all areas of community including those who often don't get to participate.



The ladies seemed to have a great time, we had an excellent turn out and the t-shirts looked stunning. We were thrilled to be able to celebrate all the fabulous women in community that we work with and for. Happy IWD!

Sublimation Printing Workshops



The ladies in the Women's Centre participated in Sublimation Printing training with the new equipment that has been purchased for the women's centre.

Sublimation is a method of printing that transfers a design into a material or fabric using ink and heat. The ladies had a great time transferring images and their art onto products.



The ladies are planning to use the equipment and training to print funeral shirts and uniforms for community.

Building Our Local Capacity in Security Operations

Six local candidates have successfully completed the Community Support Officer role and some of the participants will go on to do the Certificate II in Security Operations next week.



The course content covered many things including : Situational Awareness and Patrolling in Teams ; Basic Vehicle Checks and Maintenance ; De-escalation techniques; Dealing with Individuals under the influence of substances and Dealing with individuals with Mental Impairments.



The participants feedback said they mostly enjoyed the scenarios based practices, particularly learning to patrol at 100 man camp. They practised managing people entering the camp, radio communications with teams, along with ways to support each other in potentially dangerous situations. They also liked practicing patrolling and performing building and asset checks.

A big thanks to Darwin Integrated Training and Neptune Security for delivering the training , and for all the support provided to the participants.

There are still some spots left in the Cert II in Security operations starting next week. Please email billie.weightman@thamarrurr.org.au to register.

Course Dates - Week 1: Monday 25th March to Wednesday 27th March - **Week 2:** Tuesday 2nd April to Thursday 4th April - **Week 3:** Monday 8th April to Thursday 11th April

Aged Care Industry Reform Forum

Members of our Aged Care team attended a NATSIFAC (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care) forum in Brisbane recently, to discuss the new Aged Care Standards and Reforms, which are due to commence on the 1st of July 2024.



There are big changes in the Aged Care industry and a lot of education and training will be required, and time to implement and act on the changes.

The forum was a great chance to network with other NATSIFAC providers from around Australia, and share experiences with other rural and remote teams. Lots of contact details were exchanged, and it was also great to meet the Department of Health officials face to face.