

# Thamarrurr

## Development Corporation

### 'Coming Together To Work As One People'

#### Peacemaking Workshops

All community members are invited to join Gary and Anna ( pictured below ) from the Community Justice Centre to learn more about conflict and fighting and ways to make peace.



This is the first of a series of workshops and they will be held at the following venues from 10 AM - 2PM with lunch provided.

#### MEN'S SESSION ~

Wednesday 3rd April,  
Ranger Kitchen

#### WOMEN'S SESSIONS ~

Thursday 4th April,  
Da Ngimalmin ( Old Church)

#### YOUTH SESSIONS ~

Friday 5th April,  
Thamarrurr Youth

The workshops will build on local knowledge and skills and focus on building skills in conflict resolution and practicing peacemaking. The sessions will cover understanding conflict (what conflict looks like, causes, approaches, stages and its impacts) and strategies for managing conflict.

Anna and Gary have been in and out of community over the past few months, working with local leaders and natural peacemakers to co-design the workshops.

The Peacemaking project has been funded by National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) and we extend our thanks to NIAA for their support.

#### Tiwi Island Art & Enterprise Visit



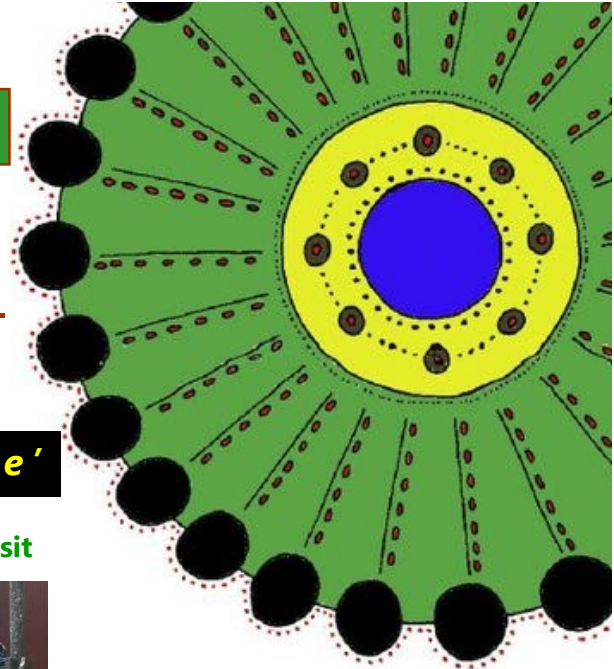
Ladies from Emu Point , Wudikapilya and Wadeye visited the Tiwi islands this week to learn how the community runs their art centres and tourist operations, and to understand the journey they have been on to get their enterprises up and running.



The Tiwi women were very welcoming and were happy and proud to share their experiences and knowledge.



It was a great opportunity for the ladies to learn about what it takes to operate businesses in community, and the ladies all came away with some great ideas to progress in their own communities.



#### Housing & Construction 'A' Team

It was great to see the H&C Crew out at the emergency muster point this week, completing their regular emergency evacuation drills, complying with contract commitments and making sure the team keep safe.



It is really important that the team know what to do in emergency situations.



Xavier (left) and Leo (right) from the H&C crew were having some fun on the job, learning some Dogging/ Rigging hand signals from Pete. Both men recently completed their Working at Heights, and they are gearing up to get their qualifications to operate the machinery themselves one day!

A big shout out to our H&C team who get called out at all hours of the day and night to do housing repairs and secure premises after breakins. We all really appreciate all the hard work that you do under really tough conditions.

## Our Local Rangers to the Rescue



The Rangers have been keeping really busy these past few weeks, doing lots of vehicle retrievals for people getting bogged and stuck out of their depth.



Please be cautious when travelling out bush as the roads are very wet and boggy. A huge thank you to our Rangers for all the help you have been providing to stranded motorists over the past few weeks.

## Wadeye Footy Carnival a Big Hit

Congratulations to Murrinhpatha Nim-mipa store and AFL Wadeye for the hugely successful football carnival this last week.



It was awesome to see such a good turnout for all the events. It was also great to see all the local organizations coming together to support the events.



## Stunning New Screen Prints



Artists Bridget and Naomi have been working on new print screen designs and produced this stunning fabric this week.

The vibrant colours are a bold choice by the ladies, and we can't wait to see these fabrics made into garments.

## Good and Bad News for Oysters

There was a roller coaster of emotions on the oyster front this week, as the lines were dragged out to sea. Aloy and the Rangers worked really hard to retrieve the lines, and we all got involved in the post mortem to investigate what occurred.



The good news is that the problem was identified and has been rectified, and the oysters are growing much faster than anticipated.



The bad news is we lost a significant number of oysters, which is always to be expected when undertaking technical trials. But we are all really excited at the rapid growth rates !!!!

## Dumu Café Shuts its Doors



Dumu Café in Bright closed its door this week and there were lots of mixed feelings, sharing good memories and feeling saddened by the end of an era.



The Cafes owners partnered with Thamarrurr Youth Indigenous Corporation to develop the cafe as a training program for young people from Wadeye. During their ten years of operation,

Dumu has had over 90 participants complete the program, with many of these returning to Bright to extend or consolidate their training or supporting other family members to attend. Look out for the next edition of Ya Kardu to read the full story on the amazing work that has been done by Dumu Café to support our young people in life changing leadership development.

## NO MORE Yarn at Men's Shed



Recently, Adrian, who is the NO MORE Community Based Worker, led an important discussion alongside Norman from the Youth Diversion, about bystander actions in the face of domestic and family violence. The men's Shed is more than just a place for art and craftsmanship - it's a place for important conversations and community networking. Great Work NO MORE AU!