

# Thamarrurr

## Development Corporation

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

### Welcome to Team TDC

TDC welcomes Jonathon Jauncey and Mark Gaspris to the Executive Management team, building much needed depth and increased capacity at this level.

Jonathon (below) is a Yawuru Man from Broome in the Kimberley's, who has lived in the Northern Territory for most of his life. He has come across from the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet where he was Regional Director for the West Daly Region.



Jonathon has previous high level experience in Palliative Care, Education and Indigenous Employment. Along with a strong background in Governance and Cultural Security, Social and Emotional Wellbeing and Community Development, he brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to his new role.

Jonathan has extensive experience living in and working with remote Aboriginal communities and has an excellent understanding of traditional Aboriginal protocol's, practices, and Lore.

Jonathon is well respected in Wadey and we are all very excited that he will be staying and continuing to work in community.

### Welcome to Team TDC

Mark joined TDC this week, recently transitioning from Katherine where he was the Chief Operating Officer for Kalano Community Association.

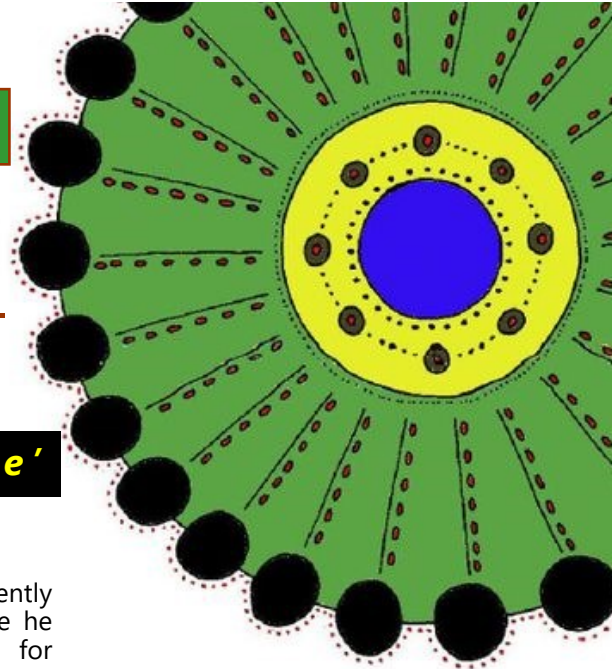


Mark had oversight of many community programs and services, including transport, patrol, youth outreach, child and family care, youth diversion, alcohol and other drugs, and after care. Mark cites one of his proudest accomplishments as leading the start-up of the Katherine Sobering Up Shelter and assisting with the transition of the Aged Care facility from Red Cross to Kalano.

Prior to this, Mark had over 20 years of experience as a successful Business Owner, Manager and Director in various industry sectors across Australia. He was driven towards community services work when he recognized that his skillsets and knowledge could contribute to a quality future for remote communities. Lead by community, for community.

Mark has picked up the Commercial Services portfolio and brings a level of expertise that will be invaluable to our business improvement agenda.

We have some big and complex challenges ahead and we feel very lucky to have attracted such high caliber people to team TDC to work for community.



### Gearing Up for Plum Harvest

The mi marrarl (plums) season has started in Wadey this year and the ladies are gearing up for a big season. Claire Jongmin collected some this week and showed us that the plums around Nhilinh are big and ready to pick.



All Senior Traditional Owners are reminding all pickers that if you are picking plums, you are not allowed to cut down the trees or break the branches. You must have permission from the Traditional Owners to harvest plums from their land. Permission forms are available from the Enterprise Centre, opposite the Ranger base.

TDC will pay pickers \$12 per kilogram for good, fresh plums. Bring your bags of plums and your completed forms to the Enterprise Centre





## Peacekeeping Workshops

Thank you to all the community members who took the time to participate in the Peacekeeping Workshops run by the Community Justice Centre this week.



The workshops aim to empower local peacekeepers to help drive culturally safe, place based strategies to improve local justice outcomes, increase safety and strengthen community.

Our Local member, Dheran Young dropped in to see the women in one of the workshops, to see first hand the work that is being done.



There were three workshops this week, one for the men, one for the women and one for the youth combined.



The feedback from participants has been really positive, and people have said that they are learning skills they can use in their day to day life.

There will be more workshops in the coming weeks and all local community members are welcome to join. The peacekeeping project has been funded by NIAA.

## Food Handling Training



Twenty seven (27) participants attended the Food Handling Training recently that was held at the Thamarrurr Youth Café.



New food safety standards came into effect in December 2023. Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) introduced a new set of guidelines and Food Safety Management Tools. The new standards apply to all businesses that prepares and serves food.



## CHANGES TO RECYCLING VENUE AND DAY

A reminder that the community recycling has moved to the Resource Centre on the corner of Kolumboort and Bunduck Streets - Lot 471.

**Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**10c refund per item**

- 100 items = \$10
- 500 items = \$50
- 1000 items = \$100

## Certificate II in Security

The Certificate II in Security Training is in its second week with the final week training coming up next week.



Three local people look set to complete the training and they will have jobs to go straight into when they get their security licenses.

## Liquor Permit Changes

TDC is writing a complaints submission to the Minister for Alcohol Policy regarding the recent changes to Liquor Permits. TDC directly employs 264 people and 89% of our employees are permanently based in Wadeye. The changes were made in response to claims made by the Liquor Commission that Liquor Permit Holders were a significant contributor to the illegal selling of alcohol.

There is no evidence that supports these claims. The Liquor Commission are drawing a link between the way that permit holders consolidate freight when purchasing alcohol and the volume of alcohol being sold in community. The consolidation of freight is a standard practice for ordering goods for people living in Wadeye, and there is no evidence that there is a link between freight consolidation and volumes of secondary supply. The only reason that freight is consolidated is for cost efficiency and affordability. The difference in the price of freight for one carton of beer is as follows:

- Consolidated freight costs between \$8 and \$14 per carton of beer.
- Unconsolidated freight costs between \$56 and \$77 per carton of beer.

Our analysis indicates that people will leave the region because of the changes, and we are seriously concerned that service delivery across all sectors will be adversely impacted if the changes are not reversed.