

Thamarrurr

Development Corporation

'Coming Together To Work As One People'

NT Treaty Symposium

Fifteen delegates from Wadeye attended the Northern Territory Treaty Symposium on Monday. The symposium was hosted by the Northern Territory Government at the Darwin Convention Centre.



The symposium was opened by Larrakia vocalists from THE YOUTH MILL - Performing Arts Co. with a very powerful and hypnotic welcome to country performance.



Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, The Hon, Chansey Paech has re-committed the NT to a Treaty pathway, and the symposium was one of the first steps to develop a solid plan for moving forward.

Chansey acknowledged that the consultation on the way forward for a Treaty needs to include mob in community, on community, right across the Territory.

Our MLA Dheran Young got called onto the stage for an impromptu question time, and it was great to see him sharing a story about the strong voices in Wadeye and the importance of listening to the people on the ground.

Thank you to everyone that travelled to attend the forum. *Photo credit the Youth Mill and NT News.*

Mi Marrarl Harvest Underway



The Mi Marrarl (Plums) harvest is underway and we were all really excited to see Lea Brady back in Wadeye. Lea has come back to support the women to harvest grade and pack plums.



Grace and the Mardigan ladies headed out bush this week and all the ladies enjoyed getting out bush to harvest plums.



Harvesters are reminded to get permission forms signed if going onto someone else's country. Lea has the forms at the Enterprise Centre. A reminder also not to cut or break branches when harvesting.

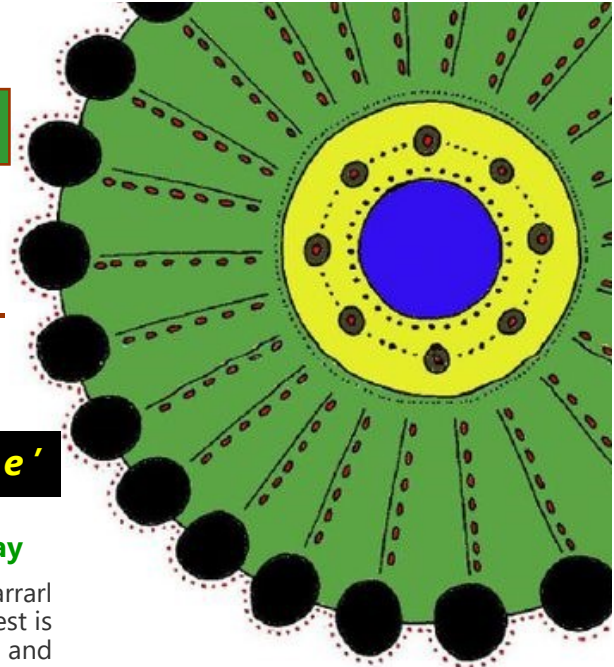
INCOME MANAGEMENT CONSULTATIONS

The Department of Social Services and First Nations-owned company ETMP are consulting with the community on the future of Income Management (Basics Card). Your views will help shape the future of Income Management.

Tuesday 9 -11 am Thamarrurr Youth ; 12 - 1 pm Front of Main Arcade Perdjert Street

Wednesday 9 - 11 CDP Resource Centre ; 11:30 - 12:30 Women's Centre

Thursday - Palumpa All Day



Security Operations Graduates



Congratulation to Gerald Jimarín, Johny Clydon and Virginia Bunduck who completed both the Community Support Officer training and the Certificate II in Security Operations course.

All three graduates will obtain jobs working in security across community. We are all very proud of the participants for completing the courses.

Important Notice -Beach Closure

Yek Maninh Traditional Owner Leon Melpi has advised that the beach from Tchindi up to the south of Untimelli / town beach is closed, including ENI / Yelcherr Beach, Injun cliff and Injun beach and includes the road out to the gas plant. The beaches will be closed for April and May.



Untimelli / town beach is open but please take caution when travelling on the road out to this beach, as this is an unmaintained road and there has been reports that there are hazards on this road.

Savanna Fire Management

There have been some exciting developments in the Savanna Fire Management program as it expands its footprint across the region.

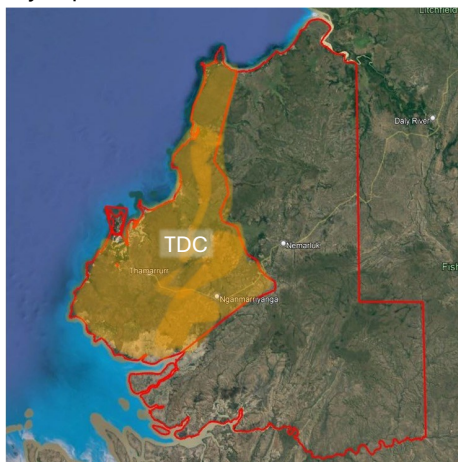
The project has been operating since 2020 and aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, by shifting the timing of burning to earlier in the dry season in comparison to before the project started.

This will be better for the climate and the environment and the project can earn money through the sale of carbon credits.



A meeting was held last week between the Fire Rangers and some community members to start to assemble a Savanna Fire Management Subcommittee, which will help guide the Western Top End Fire Abatement Project.

The new Subcommittee will have representatives covering the entire land trust. The project now operates on the entire Daly River Port Keats Aboriginal Land Trust, which is a lot bigger than the area where TDC normally works, so it is important to have broader community representation.



Last week we spent two days talking about the fire management activities that the project does and how the business side of it is going. Then we received some nominations from people who want to sit on the Subcommittee for the next four years.

Vegetation Management Drive

The Healthy Homes Team, along with the Youth Diversion Lads and the Orange Sky Ladies will be heading out and setting up activity hubs in family group locations from next, to get all families involved in grass / weed cutting around the houses.



They will bring mowers and whipper snippers and garbage bags to each location, along with the Orange Sky trucks and a BBQ. A schedule of all the days / locations will be published on Monday.

The team will be set up down at **Creek Camp on Monday 15th to kick off**. All families are expected to get involved in the clean up. See You There !!!

Child & Family Teddy Bears Picnic



This week the CFC ran a holiday program for kids which included a much loved teddy bear's picnic. The kids played hide and seek and relay races before enjoying their own picnic feast and feeding their teddies. While kids played with their teddies, they were learning to cross the midline with their gross motor skills to improve physical development.



Sister Buffalo Sharing Skills



Sister Buffalo have been working with the ladies in Palumpa teaching sewing skills, and the ladies have been having a blast. Sister Buffalo will continue working with the Ladies in Emu Point, Wadeye and Palumpa this year. The Wadeye ladies have been inspired by their Tiwi visit and are making bags to sell at Barunga.



The Barunga working committee will be getting together in the coming weeks to prepare the stalls and activities for Barunga. Thamarrurr will be represented with four stalls this year, Men's Shed, PWAC Women's Centre, Thamarrurr Youth and Dilly Bags the Colour Story. We are working on getting a softball team together again and hopefully a football team this year.