

# Thamarrurr

## Development Corporation

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

### Darrikardu Art Collective



The Darrikardu Art project is progressing along with the appointment of Community Arts Coordinators Austin Djorlum and Bridget Jimarin (Bunduck). Austin Djorlum is based in

Nganmarriyanga (Palumpa) and comes from a family of renowned artists. He was mentored by his father in Gunbalanya. His painting style and traditional skills are remarkably advanced for his age. Austin's enthusiasm is infectious and is inspiring us all.



Bridget is based in Wadeye and is renowned for her screen prints, with her echidna print being one of the most in demand designs.

Lisa Buchanan, Darrikardu Art Collective Coordinator has been working with artists on artist profiles

and agreements, compliance with the indigenous art code, cataloging art, the website / sales portal and the Darrikardu Facebook page. All this hard work will come to fruition in the coming weeks.

The artists are looking forward to having an easily accessible sales avenue that preserves and promotes ethical trading in Indigenous art.

### Income Management Consult

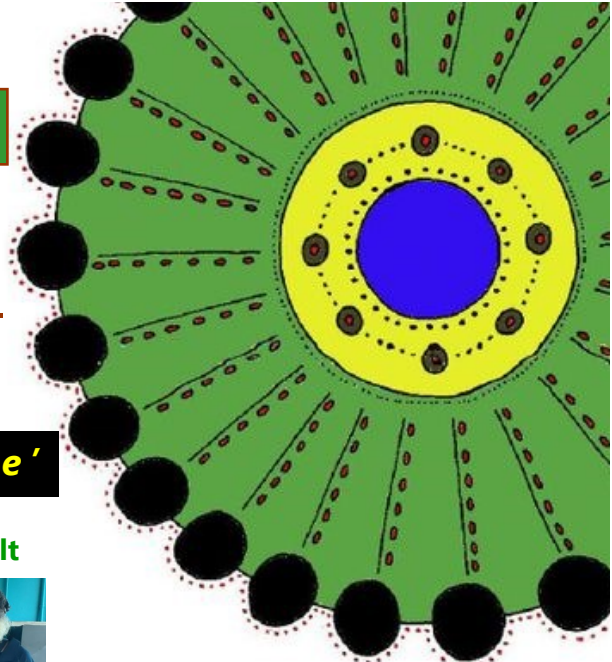


The Department of Social Services and First Nations-owned company ETMP have been back in community consulting with the local people on the future of Income Management.



The group were in Wadeye from Monday to Wednesday and headed out to Palumpa on Thursday. This is their second consultation visit this year.

We are very appreciative of the effort being taken to undertake genuine, on the ground consultation on this important matter.



### HEALTH ALERT - INFLUENZA

**The Chief Health Officer has issued an Influenza Health Alert.**

There has been a significant increase in influenza infections across the NT in the last few weeks. Influenza cases are likely to continue to increase throughout the Northern Territory over the coming weeks. Health services in the Royal Darwin Hospital and Palmerston Regional Hospital are experiencing very high numbers of presentations to the Emergency Department and hospital admissions related to influenza-like illnesses, and a Code Yellow has been enacted. Be alert for cases of influenza and influenza-like illnesses in your community, promote vaccination, and encourage other behaviours to minimise transmission of respiratory viruses.

**Vaccinations are available at the clinic. If you do not have a flu vaccination you are not permitted to enter the Aged Care Facility.**



*Above - TDC CEO John Gawen setting an example and getting his flu shot at the Wadeye Clinic.*

## Big Shout Out to Yellow Shirts



The Thamarrurr Youth Yellow Shirt Team have been in Nilih this week, doing educational activities together with families, to build confidence in the young ones to attend school, by practicing school stuff.



The activities are delivered under the Education Engagement and Attainment Initiatives (EEAI), that aims to engage (or re-engage) young First Nations Australians with schooling and education. Some families have had no exposure to mainstream education and these activities help families understand the value of schooling and education. A **BIG** shout out to all the Yellow Shirt Team who have been delivering this initiative.



## Women Out Plum Harvesting



The ladies from the women's centre took some time to get outdoors and get involved in the plum harvest.



Plum harvest season is a unique time of year when local women come together and immerse themselves in connection and culture, while working to gather the traditional bush tucker fruit to distribute across the country.



It is a time for women to enjoy sharing stories and to embrace the soul soothing feeling of being out on country. Plum harvest was cancelled the two previous years due to men's business in 2023 and fighting in 2022, so the women are all really happy that the harvest is taking place this year. A big thank you to Lea Brady for supporting the ladies to do plum harvest.

## Housing & Construction Legends



Wes and the H&C crew have been flat out working on the Mi - Patha refurb. There has been a hype of activity with the recent dry spell.



Serious water and pest damage in the ceilings, and roof repairs has been taking some time with the wet weather. But now the dry weather is here the lads are in there smashing it.



DJ Air and the team have been working on electrical, refrigeration and aircons, and the refrigeration equipment is on its way.

Carpenter Michael Howie and local lad Harold have been working on Nilih refurb. Cassie (below) and Glen have been going hard with the loader and rock breaker on the demolition of Lot 323. Our H&C team are absolute legends!



**PUBLIC NOTICE POST OFFICE**  
**Change to Post Office**  
**Trading Hours**

**Opening Hours Next Week**  
 Monday 22nd April to Wednesday 24th April - **9:30am - 2:30pm**  
 Thursday 25th April - **CLOSED (Anzac Day)**  
 Friday 26th April - **CLOSED**

**TDC MANAGEMENT**