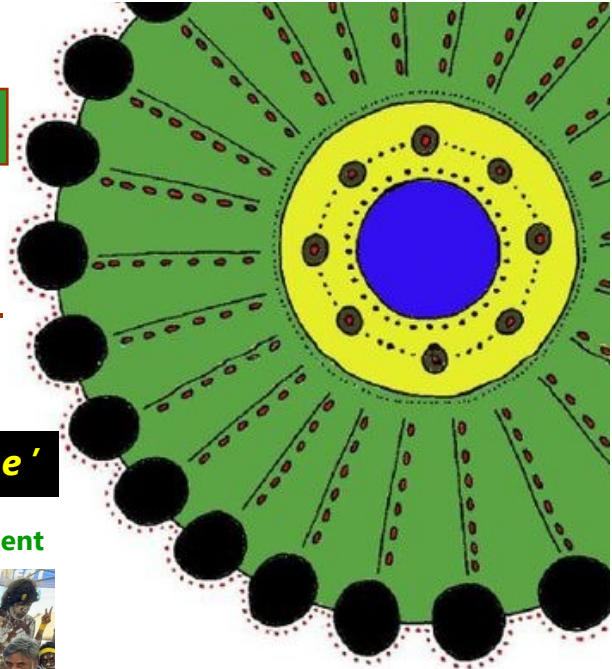


Thamarrurr

Development Corporation



'Coming Together To Work As One People'

Community Cabinet in Wadeye



We had a very exciting start to our week with the Northern Territory Government Ministers and Department CEO's visiting Wadeye for Community Cabinet meetings.



Kardu Diminj delivered a powerful Welcome to Country and it was very moving to see the little kids doing dance.



Members of the TDC Board and our Executive Team met with the Ministers and presented the Cabinet with requests for some important commitments from Government. These included support for : Decentralised living ; Port Keats road upgrade; Culture based economy ; Alternate school models; Increased policing and emergency response capacity; Increased investment in Youth Diversion; Investment in Service provider housing ; Law and Justice Committee ; Access to affordable energy and Increased morgue capacity.

Mutchirr Signs Historic Agreement



Congratulation to Mutchirr Corporation on the signing of their Local Decision Making (LDM) agreement.

The Chief Minister Eva Lawler, our Local Member Dheran Young and the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty Chansey Paech all spoke about the significance of the agreement.



Jack Wodidj and Amy Narburup signed the historic agreement between Mutchirr and Government.

The LDM will mean that the community of Nganmariyanga / Palumpa will have more control over their own affairs and be more empowered to build prosperity and drive community aspirations.



Welcoming Dignitaries with Dance



The Ministers and dignitaries were treated to a wonderful display of culture in both Wadeye and Nganmariyanga this week, as the local ceremonial groups performed stories through dance. #StrongCulture#



Team TDC - In The Spotlight

Each week we are going to shine the spotlight on one of our awesome Team Members and recognise the hard work that they do in community. This week we are shining the light on:

Christine Tchemjiri



Clan: Rak Nganthawudi
Dance Group: Wangga
Position: Senior Ranger

Christine has been a Ranger since 2020, cherishing her time working on country and caring for it. "Being on country makes me feel peaceful and calm. When we sit by the fire, we laugh together," she says.

Reflecting on her career path, Christine shares, "My first job was as a health worker at the old clinic when I first left school. My second job was radio broadcasting from the old club for three years".

She later ventured into adult education, teaching respect and professionalism, followed by working as a teacher's aide, where she taught young kids about respect for parents and teachers, and the importance of going to school everyday. She also helped teach subjects like English, Religion, Science, and Math.

After moving to Darwin in 2008, Christine became a full-time interpreter with NTG Interpreter Service, gaining a high a level of respect and demand for her skills. "I handled tough cases, which took a toll on my mental health," she reveals. Seeking respite, she returned to Wadeye and worked at Centrelink for two years before joining the Rangers.



Currently working as a Senior Ranger and Mentor for the Women Rangers, Christine teaches environmental stewardship and teamwork, emphasising mutual respect.

"My dream for the future is to go back to Cape Scott, my homeland, do a tourist business, then retire with my family and have happy life. That's my dream and that's my plan."

Mi Patha Refurb in Final Stages



The Mi Patha takeaway refurbishment is in its final stages and will be ready to be handed back to community to reopen in the coming weeks.

With the support of the NIAA Stronger Communities for Children (SCfC) program, TDC is proud to have been able to invest in and work on getting this community asset back into service.

The s19 lease negotiations are still underway and we look forward to working with the successful applicant. TDC through CDP will continue to support the take away operations with training and building job readiness skills for local people.



The refurb has provided local employment and kept people in jobs over the wet season. A big thanks to the construction teams and to Xavier, Calvin, Isaac and Linton who have been working as trades assistants on this project.

Learning Different Cultures



Last week at the CFC, families asked us to talk about cultures in other countries, that some of the Mums had seen in our picture books. The kids heard stories about Native American hunters, Indian folktales and Germanic/ Prussian fairy tales as they played in their costumes. The Mums found it fascinating to hear patterns and stories from other cultures around the world, that have similarities to the stories they heard from their Elders. This week OLSH advised that the kids we enrolled in preschool have the highest attendance in their class and we are so proud of them!

AKA Jack's Leathercraft is Back



Jack is back in community passing on his leathercraft skills with the local people in Nganmarriyanga, Palumpa.



The school holidays meant that everybody could have a go at learning new skills and making something.



The Mob all got involved in processing some different animal hides including rabbit, goanna, snakes and fish skins.

Nothing was wasted as all the flesh got cooked up for a big lunch on the fire.

The local Mob are keen to have a go at making products out of locally sourced skins, and we can't wait to see what they come up with. The work that Jack does in community is funded by CDP as an activity that was identified by community as a skill they want to learn.

#BuildingSkills#



Thamarrurr Youth Meals on Wheels



A massive shout out to the TYC Team who are delivering the school holiday program.

On top of the busy schedule of activities they are running meals on wheels to the many families who rely on school for meals during the day.