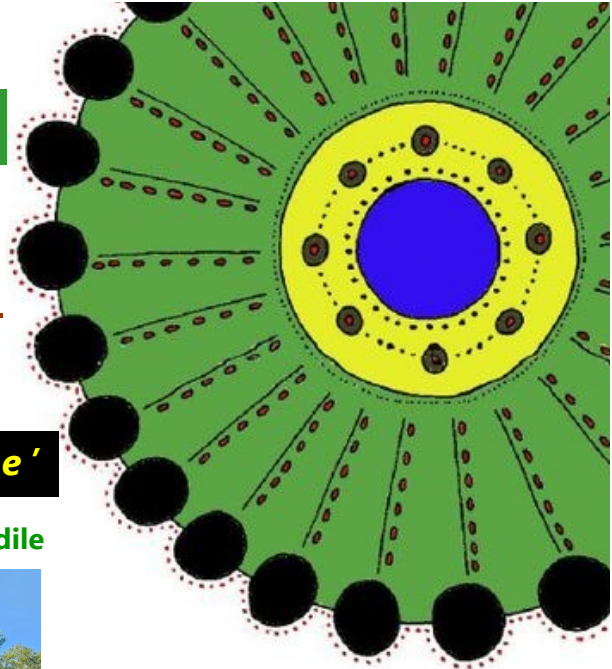


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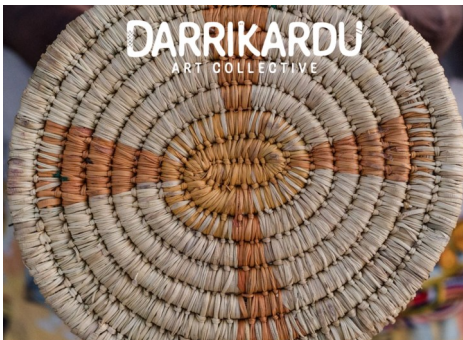


Darrikardu Art Collective Launch

The Darrikardu Art Collective WEB site is in its final stages of development and we are excited to announce its launch in the coming weeks.



Darrikardu Art Collective empowers artists in the Thamarrurr region to harness their creative skills for economic benefit.



Recognising the challenges many artists face in accessing markets for their work, the Collective provides a platform for artists to showcase and sell their creations, fostering the growth of independent enterprises within their community.

A massive shout out to project coordinator Lisa Buchanan and all the artists and art coordinators who have contributed to this project. The Art Collective project is funded under the CDP Pathways to Employment Trial with investment from NIAA.

You can take a sneak peak at the Darrikardu Art Collective website by visiting www.darrikardu.com.au

Credit Images Above : Freedom Garvey

Rangers Remove Killer Crocodile



Thamarrurr Rangers have worked tirelessly since last Tuesday evening, supporting the police in the initial search efforts, and continuing to track down the crocodile at the center of a fatal incident. The crocodile was shot by the Rangers on Sunday and retrieved on Tuesday, a week after the incident occurred. Thank you to all the Rangers involved in this awful situation, your efforts have been recognized and appreciated by everybody.

Fellas Model NAIDOC Shirts



The Healthy Homes Fellas turned into poster boys this week to show off the new NAIDOC shirts. The keep-the-fire-burning-blak-loud-proud mantra is featured on the back. The shirts are available for purchase for \$59.95 from TDC Top Office or from Darwin Office.

RMIT Mapping the Digital Gap

The RMIT University Team will be back in Wadeye next week to continue their Mapping the Digital Gap research. This is a research project measuring digital inclusion and media use in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities from 2021 to 2024.



The research team from RMIT University are working with Thamarrurr Development Corporation as their research partner in Wadeye, one of 12 remote communities around the country. RMIT do this work with local Community Co-researchers.



The work includes gathering survey data from local people. All local people who complete the survey will receive a \$30 VISA Card. The research team will kick off from Top Office on Monday and be encouraging people to complete the surveys.

Frances Mardinga In the Spotlight



This week we are shining the light on **Frances Mardinga**
Clan: Kardu Kura Thipman
Dance Group: Tharnpa
Position: Healthy Homes Community Support Worker

Frances joined the Healthy Homes Cleaning Hub in May this year as the team geared up to launch cleaning services for NDIS clients.

Since joining, Frances has consistently demonstrated her reliability and responsibility, showing up every day and giving her best effort. Her positive impact on the team is evident as her colleagues appreciate how quickly she learns things, her sense of humour, and her ability to independently manage the Orange Sky Truck when necessary.

One of Frances's jobs is operating the Orange Sky Truck, ensuring that the community has access to essential laundry facilities.

Reflecting on her work, Frances reveals, "The thing I enjoy most about my job is wearing my uniform and driving the Orange truck."

Frances proudly states that Fossil Head is her homeland. Outside of work, she looks forward to spending time with her family, and going hunting and fishing.

Looking ahead, Frances shares "My dream for the future is to buy a washing machine and a car, and to continue encouraging my daughter to attend school every day."

Recently, Frances took time to support her daughter during the colour run school event. *(photo above)*.

"I teach my daughter that the most important thing is to 'keep showing up'. Whether it's at school, work, or trying new things, keep showing up and give it your best."

Frances's commitment to her work, her family, and her community makes her a valued member of the TDC Healthy Homes Team.

Child & Family Centre Go Bush

This week the CFC families went to several homelands including Kuy, Nardirri and Kubuyirr where the children enjoyed time fishing, searching for ku balli (mud crab) and telling stories.



They also held playgroups at Melpi beach and Airforce Hill, children read books and searched for various animals, they were very excited to discover a bower bird nest!



There has been great engagement over the bush holidays and lots of fun. The families have all enjoyed getting out bush and have appreciated the support of Sophie and Annia who have worked hard to facilitate so many trips out on Country.

VILLAGE KITCHEN HOURS

Takeaway Opening Hours

Monday to Friday - 8am to 9pm

Saturday & Sunday - 6pm to 9pm

For takeaways off the menu please call ahead on 0448 528 893

Restaurant Opening Hours

Monday to Friday - 6 am - 8am and 6 pm - 8pm

Saturday & Sunday 6pm - 8pm

Spectacular NAIDOC Drone Show



West Daly Regional Council hosted a spectacular drone show on Tuesday night to celebrate NAIDOC week.



The amazing light formations of different totems were splashed across the sky by Drone Entertainment Group (DEG), to the delight and loud cheers of the crowd.



Many people in community had never seen anything like this before, and it was awesome to see so many spiritual emblems appear in bursts of light in the night skies. It was clear that a lot of thought and planning had gone into developing the show. Great work WDRC Team. #NAIDOC2024

