

Thamarrurr

Development Corporation

'Coming Together To Work As One People'

OLSH Futures Day a Big Hit

Congratulations to Our Lady of the Sacred Hearts (OLSH) school for the success of Futures Day! This event brought together a variety of organisations showcasing the diverse world of job opportunities. It was a fantastic initiative aimed at broadening the students' perspectives and exposing them to exciting future career possibilities.



NORFORCE had their army trucks on display and Sergeant Mossy (below) showed the kids his military gun replica, which was pretty exciting.



Gary from Deadly Hair Dude (below) showed the kids just how cool a job cutting hair can be, and there were no shortage of aspiring models on the day.



TDC in Full Display at Futures Day

The TDC Housing & Construction team buried a variety of trade goodies in a loader bucket full of sand, and the mini high-visibility vests and hard hats were an absolute hit. *Photo below*



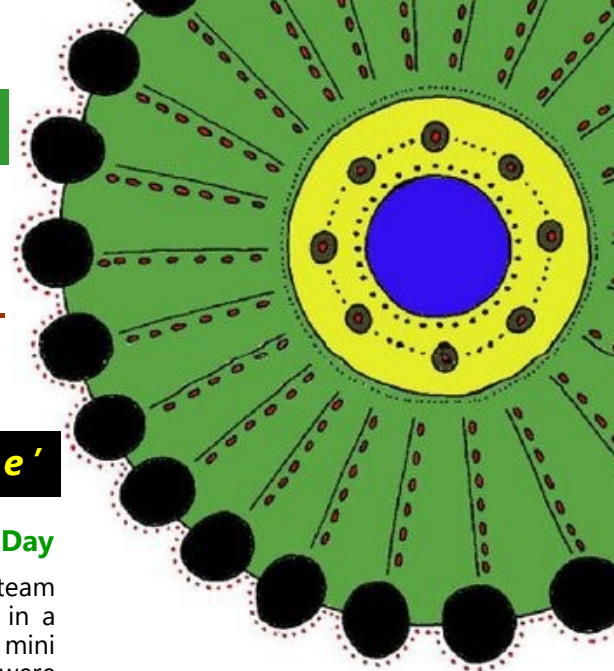
The line to get on board the Ranger boat was long, but it didn't deter the excited mob of kids eager to step into the Rangers' shoes and test their sea legs. *Photo below*



The Aged Care team were loaded up with stethoscopes and bandages and the kids were keen to listen to their buddies hearts. *Photo below*



The women's centre were doing T-shirt prints which were also a big hit. #ThankYouTeamTDC#

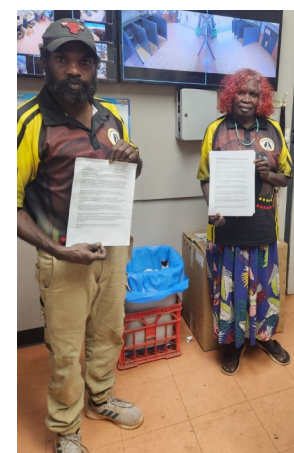


Connection to Country Photo Makes the International Stage



This stunning portrait of Shauna Perdjert and Bridget Perdjert from Kardu Thithay Diminin Clan sitting on Air Force Hill, has been announced as one of the finalists for the 2024 Australian Life photography competition. The image, taken by photographer Adam Ferguson, will be displayed in the National Portrait Gallery of London. Voting for the photo to win the competition commences on August 1st. #Watch this space# Congratulations to Shauna and Bridget!

Law & Justice Brief Taking Shape



KDC and TDC are collaborating with the Community Justice Centre to co-design a framework for a local Law and Justice committee. Stephen Pulchen and Margaret Perdjert have been

gathering key ideas and important considerations to develop the terms of reference for this committee.

H&C Refurbishing Vacant Housing



The Housing and Construction team have been busy refurbishing vacant housing to bring them back up to standard for new tenants. The team have just completed 686 A & B and are currently working on 316 followed by 551. Linton, Xavier, Leo, and Isaac have been putting in a lot of effort to prepare these homes for the next phase of refurbishment. With overcrowding being a significant issue, maintaining habitable conditions in existing housing is crucial. #GreatWork#

Welcome to Team TDC Mark

Mark Ariuu has recently joined Team TDC in Ngangmirriyanga, where he'll be overseeing the Orange Sky Laundry service and supporting the local community by assisting with laundry pickup and delivery. A core goal of TDC is to employ local talent, and we are thrilled to welcome Mark to our team!



Sharing Skills with Students



Year 11 students visited the Women's Art Centre recently to learn screen printing. They all made some cool T-shirts to take home. We hope to see the young ladies back in the centre soon!

Austin Makes First Online Sale



Congratulations to Austin Djorlam for achieving a significant milestone: his painting 'Two Emus' (below) has become the first piece of art sold through the Darrikardu sales portal. The painting found a new home with a buyer in Victoria. Austin, lives in Ngangmirriyanga (Palumpa) but is originally from Oenpelli.

His passion for art began in his childhood, inspired by a family rich in artistic traditions, including painters, weavers, carvers, and musicians. He hopes to pass these traditions on to future generations to preserve his family's unique art style.

Living in a remote community can present challenges to local artists to market and sell their creations. The Darrikardu Art Collective is committed to overcoming these obstacles by helping local artists reach broader markets and providing economic opportunities within their own communities.



In the Spotlight with Deborah



This week we are shining the light on **Deborah Melpi**

Clan : Kardu Diminin

Dance Group: Tjanpa

Position: Administration Support

Deborah's background highlights the diversity and complexity of kinship and family lines. Through her father's ancestry, she identifies as Kardu Diminin, while her mother's family links connect her closely with Yak Maninh. Deborah considers Wadeye her true home. She explains, "My father is from Wadeye, and this is my country, but I grew up in Manthathpe with my grandparents."

25 year old Deborah finished school in year 11 and worked at Mi Patha Takeaway and Bakery. Her role included making and decorating cakes, preparing hot food, and serving at the T House. "When my grandmother became sick, I stopped working and became her full-time carer for about four years until she left us last year" Deborah shares.

Deborah plays a crucial role in Manthathpe, translating and facilitating communication for entities like the police, NORFORCE, and the clinic. "I feel very responsible when translating because I help stop fighting, and I am carrying important information, so I make sure I am careful in my speaking" she reveals.

Deborah undertook a Cert 1 in Business Administration and started working in TDC Top Office in February, manning the reception desk and doing administration. "The best part about working is feeling good and yarning to everyone and feeling happy. When I am at home all the time I don't feel so happy and think about sad things. I like learning new things, it helps my future look bigger" she says. "I have a dream to travel and see the world. I love our little world in Wadeye and Manthathpe, but I want to see the big world. That's my dream".