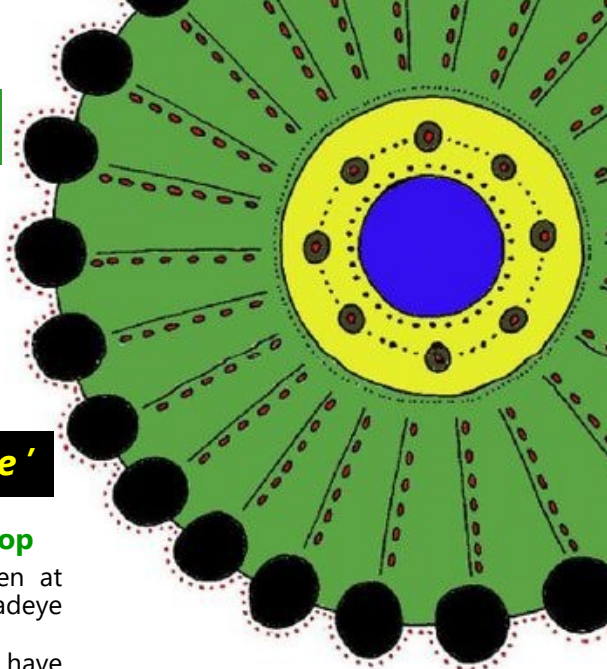


Thamarrurr

Development Corporation

'Coming Together To Work As One People'



Our Heartfelt Condolences

It is with profound sadness that the Board of Directors, Members, Management, and Staff of Thamarrurr Development Corporation extend our deepest condolences to the families and friends of Mr. Bunduck (Milky), who has tragically passed away this week.

As a respected senior leader of the Kardu Diminin traditional owners, he was a dedicated and passionate advocate for the community.

He championed peace through both his words and actions, guiding young people to choose the right path to make Wadeye a good place to live.

His sudden and unexpected loss will undoubtedly impact many, and we share in the deep sorrow and grief felt by all who knew him.

Our thoughts and heartfelt support are with Kardu Diminin and Milky's family during this difficult time.



Women's Centre Pop Up Shop



The women at the Wadeye Women's Centre have been busy making tea towels and other screen printed products in preparation for their pop up stall in Darwin from the 11th to the 22nd September.

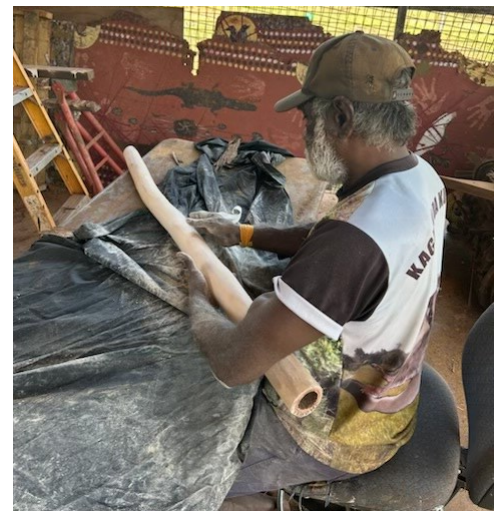
These beautiful designs by Nardi Miler, Bridget Jimarín and Elizabeth Gumbaduck are just a few of the creative pieces being sold at the shop.

The women's fabric, art and other products are available also from the Women's Centre and online. Visit [Darrikardu Art Collective](#).

The women have also been working on branding and promotional materials for Darrikardu Art Collective.

Check out this [Cool Video](#) featuring Celesta Minjin and Norman Dumoo. The video was produced by [Lift Media](#).

Men's Traditional Woodworking



Thomas Thardim (above) has been prepping this didgeridoo for painting. The timber is particularly special, sourced from Brian Murielle in Wudipuli.



Mathias Parmbuk, one of the many talented artists from the Men's Shed, crafted this stunning boomerang. All pieces created at the Men's Shed can be purchased online [Darrikardu Art Collective](#) or from the local Men's Shed.

Sophie Bitting In the Spotlight



This week we are shining the light on:
Sophie Bitting
Clan: Rak Mugath
Language group: Jaminjung
Ceremonial Dance Group: Parlga
Homeland: Kurdamangu
Position: NDIS Remote Community Connector/ General Support Worker

Sophie is a proud Rak Mugath woman from the Jaminjung language group, with her family roots in Kurdamangu (Legune Station).

Now living in Manthathpe with her partner and children, she is deeply connected to the Thamarurr Region, which shares strong ties with North Western Australia. Sophie proudly shares that her totem is Langinh Wilarung, which means "lightning."

Sophie works in the NDIS sector, where she is dedicated to supporting people with disabilities. "I love engaging with the community, speaking with clients in their language, and learning how to better assist those with disabilities," she explains. "Many people need support but are unaware of how to access it. My role is to bridge that gap and ensure they get the help they deserve."

Sophie and her family are trailblazers in the region, being the first to participate in the Black Lip oyster growing trials near Docherty Island. "We're discovering new things together; the kids are learning, and growing oysters on country will be a good thing for our family".

Outside of work Sophie enjoys spending time with her family, going fishing with her partner Aloj and taking trips out to Docherty Island.

Looking ahead, Sophie dreams of building a future on Docherty Island with her family. "We have a dream for our family to live on Docherty Island and have a family business, for our kids and for our future generations, and we are working hard to make that dream a reality".

Safety Patrol Back in Palumpa



It is great to see the Community Safety Patrol back up and running in Palumpa. A big shout out to the new team at West Daly Regional Council [#WDRC#](#)



NDIS & CDP Partnership Trial



TDC is working with NDIA and NIAA on a trial to create jobs for local people to work in the NDIS sector, delivering services to NDIS clients and providing respite and training for local carers.

The timing of the trial coincides with the significant reduction of >\$2million funding in our Region, resulting from the proposed changes that will see the introduction of the Regional Jobs and Economic Development program (RJED), and yet unknown changes to CDP.

The Top End of the NT, including Tiwi Islands has a total of 167 competitively funded job placements under RJED, and ironically the changes are putting 55 local jobs in Wadeye at risk of becoming unfunded. The trial will help keep the Healthy Homes roles funded as they deliver cleaning and yard maintenance services to NDIS clients. TDC currently employs 177 local people and is working to identify ways to keep local jobs in community funded under the proposed changes.

Footy Brings Stars to Wadeye



Jake Clark and Shane Radbone, with the assistance of traditional owners and other volunteers, organised a Wadeye football tournament earlier this month.

The tournament featured Gavin Wanganen, former Essendon and Port champion, and Brownlow medallist. Also in Gavin's group of facilitators was North Melbourne player "CJ" Callum Coleman-Jones, Shane, Breanna, Charlie, and Lachlan - thanks to everyone !



It was a very successful tournament with many local players and spectators attending. Saints won the Grand Final and player of the tournament was Tyson Crocombe/ Kungjung of Saints.

Thanks to everyone, particularly MTD, the Kardu Diminin traditional owners, the Tchanba and Wultjiri dancers, and the agencies and local organisations who all chipped in.

