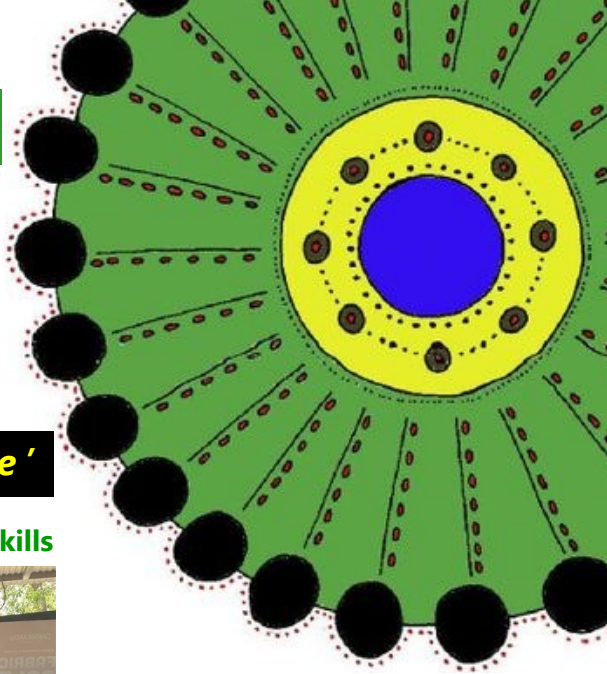


Thamarrurr

Development Corporation

'Coming Together To Work As One People'



Farewell to Our Respected Leader



The community bid farewell to a beloved and respected Elder and Kardu Diminin woman this week, in a heartfelt ceremony that was attended by many. The service took place at the church in Wadeye, followed by a burial at Fossil Head.



As a respected TDC Board member since 2010, and Chairperson for three consecutive terms, her leadership and wise counsel will be greatly missed. The family extends their gratitude to everyone who contributed to making the funeral a beautiful and memorable celebration of her life, as well as those who offered comfort during this sad time. We offer our heartfelt condolences to her family and to Kardu Diminin and Kardu Kura Thipman.

Pride in Sharing Traditional Skills



The women from the Thamarrurr Region including Wadeye, Emu Point and Palumpa delivered weaving workshops in Darwin this week, taking great pride in sharing their traditional skills.



Around twenty people attended the workshops and all the women from various backgrounds enjoyed yarning and laughing with the ladies from Thamarrurr. They gained a greater appreciation for all the time and work that goes into traditional weaving.



Big Arse Fence to Tackle Crime



TDC Housing and Construction Team have been busy constructing a big arse security fence around the perimeter of 100 Man Camp, to tackle crime in the Village. A big shout out to Linton and Leo (below) who have been part of the crew doing this work.



TDC has spent over \$2 million in security measures in the last 12 months and has lost millions of dollars due to property damage, theft and related insurances. It is very sad that the destruction of community assets drains and diverts money away from programs, services and infrastructure that benefit community, and it important that the perpetrators of these crimes understand this message.

The fence is being funded by NTAIC.

Gabriella Thardim in the Spotlight



This week we are shining the spotlight on **Gabriella Thardim**.

Clan: Kardu Wakal Bengkuhn
Ceremonial Dance Group: Lirrga
Country: Da Kurrangu
Role: CDP Office Receptionist

Gabriella has been in a frontline role in the CDP Office as the receptionist for over fourteen months, beginning in July 2023.

In her role she is highly valued for patiently managing the large volume of foot traffic, coordinating client appointments, and demonstrating exceptional customer service skills. The CDP team love having Gabriella in the office as she helps keep morale high on busy and sometimes stressful days.

"I love working on the computer and appreciate how we all work together as a team and support each other," Gabriella shares. She laughs as she adds "I also enjoy using the paper shredder", finding it a satisfying part of her job.

Outside of work, Gabriella loves spending time with her family, especially going fishing and watching the sun go down at the beaches. These moments bring her a deep sense of peace and fulfillment.

Looking ahead, Gabriella aspires to use her experience to mentor and train new CDP reception staff. "I want to share my knowledge and help others succeed in this role," she says. Her goal is to contribute to the growth and development of future team members, and continuing her commitment to delivering excellence in customer service.

Humpty Doo Barra in Wadeye



The team from Humpty Doo Barramundi (HDB) were in Wadeye this week as part of a two way learning program. The Wadeye Mob have been going to the HDB farm and this week it was HDB's turn to come back to Wadeye. The group learned various methods and parameters of water quality testing and different marine knots.

This exchange builds valuable skills and strengthens connections between the community and HDB. The HDB team had a bigger adventure than anticipated with the plane malfunctioning forcing an unplanned sleepover in Wadeye.



The True Value of Art: Why Cheap Street Purchases Undermine Artists

When you buy art off the street at low prices, it might seem like a great deal, but this practice can have serious consequences for the artists behind the work. Artists invest time, talent, and resources into their creations, and selling their art for a fraction of its worth diminishes not only its value but also the sustainable business structures they are trying to build.

Artists rely on sales to fund their materials, develop their enterprises, and invest in their creative journeys. When art is purchased cheaply, it undermines these efforts, making it difficult for artists to thrive. Fair compensation allows them to continue producing quality work and contributes to the growth of their local economies.

By supporting artists at fair prices and valuing art appropriately, you're not just purchasing a piece of art; you're investing in a more sustainable, vibrant and equitable culture-based economy.

If an artist is in need of quick funds, Darrikardu may be able to offer a downpayment to the artist for quality art and then remit the balance of the full value of the art when it is sold. **Please don't facilitate quality art being sold for the value of a tobacco pouch or less.**

For information on the Indigenous Art Code and fair valuation please email darrikardu@thamarrurr.org.au

Upcoming CDP Training

Horticulture Nursery Training

23rd - 27th September

10 AM Start

Nursery @ Ranger Station

Pest Control Training

23rd - 27th September

9 AM Start

@ CDP Resource Centre

Drive Safe Training

30th Sep—2nd Oct

9 AM Start

@ CDP Training Centre