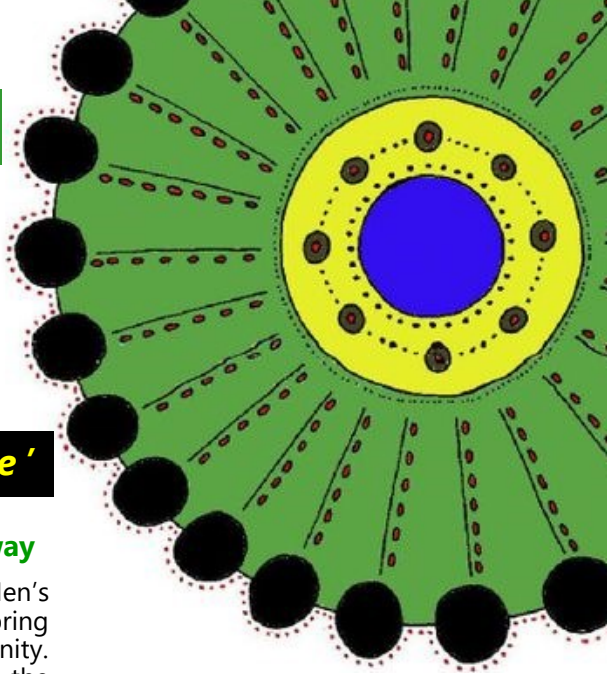


Thamarrurr

Development Corporation

'Coming Together To Work As One People'



Our Heartfelt Condolences



We are deeply saddened to acknowledge the untimely passing of a long-term TDC Employee and Rak Kulinhmirr man.

He walked in his father's footsteps as a proud working man and was a strong role model for his children, striving to build a better life for them.

He leaves behind a wife and three children, a Mother, sisters and brothers and many family members who have suffered great pain with his passing.



Around 150 people participated in an emotional smoking ceremony at the TDC Housing Yard. All machinery, vehicles, buildings and the yard were smoked to encourage the departure of the spirit.

Our hearts go out to his loved ones during this difficult time. We also send gratitude to the family for their prayers for peace in the community in the wake of this tragedy. God Bless.

Men's Lore Ceremony Underway

Kardu Diminin have initiated a Men's Lore Ceremony aimed at restoring peace and balance in the community. Last years Men's Ceremony was the largest in thirty years.



The ceremony will give Elders the opportunity to share Traditional Lore with the young men, highlighting its connection to 'The Dreaming' and outlining how to engage respectfully with the land, kinship, and community.

Kardu Diminin have published guidelines on how people living in community should conduct themselves while ceremony is taking place. The ceremony is expected to continue for approximately two weeks.

The key elements of the guidelines outline where people can and cannot go, dress codes, curfews and travel restrictions.

It is important to understand that these guidelines are not discriminatory or sexist. Rather, they emphasise respect for the unique and sacred aspects of ceremonies and Lore that are specific to men and women.



Lore is a vital aspect of traditional Aboriginal culture, empowering Kardu Elders to guide young men in the right way. We ask that everyone on Kardu Diminin land respect the wishes of the Traditional Owners and the guidelines while ceremony is taking place.

ASQ-TRAK Practitioner Training



Last week Rebecca, Lena and Myra from the Child and Family Centre travelled to Melbourne to undertake ASQ-TRAK training.



The training teaches how to observe and monitor developmental progress in Indigenous children.

The ladies learnt how to identify and support children with

developmental delays and best practice approaches for engaging traumatised children. The ladies are now accredited ASQ-TRAK practitioners.

ASQ-TRAK is the only early childhood developmental screening tool that has been culturally adapted for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in Australia

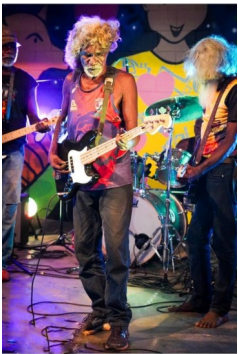
The group also took the opportunity to do some sight-seeing. The ladies had a great time in Melbourne!

Francis Bunduck In the Spotlight



This week we are shining the spotlight on **Francis Bunduck**
Clan: Kardu Diminin
Ceremonial Dance Group: Tharnpa
Position: Yard & Maintenance

Behind Francis's stern face and piercing gaze lies a man with many stories to share. When we start talking about work, he opens up about his passion for it. "Working is good for me. I've always been a working man, since I was young. I worked at 100 Man Camp before all this," he says, gesturing around him with his hands. "When I first started here, it was a workshop where we fixed trailers and front-end loaders."



When asked what he enjoys outside of work, his face lights up with a big grin, his eyes shining with joy. "Guitar," he says. "I love playing guitar. I am in the Nangu Red Sunset Band, and we play everything, ACDC '60s music, Slim

Dusty, Reggae, and our own songs." He beams with pride. "I've been playing since I was a little fella. I drove my Mum and Dad mad! We started a band when I was 18. I used to sit with my guitar and sing to the girls. They would gather around while the others got jealous!" he laughs.

When asked about his dreams for the future, he replies, "A good rest. I think about the times we played music, and it makes me happy. Now, when I'm resting, I close my eyes, I hear the guitar, and feel happy. I dream about the guitar".

NORFORCE Inspiring Next Gen



Our friends from NORFORCE were recently featured in the NT News, sharing a story about their work to inspire the next generation of remote Territorians to join the Australian Defence Force (ADF).



Over the past year they have been looking for the right community members in the Thamarrurr Region to join their ranks and serve in important roles across Northern Australia. Community soldiers play a vital role in border surveillance, helping to combat illegal fishing and smuggling.



NORFORCE has a strong and positive relationship with Wadeye and the Thamarrurr Region, and the kids really enjoy their visits to the community. #GreatWorkNorforce#



Crafting Spears for Ceremony



The older men have been out on country near Old Mission to collect swamp bamboo and melk for crafting ceremonial spears for the Men's Ceremony. The men will heat the melk root to produce a natural resin that binds the spears together. These spears play a vital role in the Men's ceremony.

Foster & Kinship Carer Luncheon



Territory Families and Foster & Kinship Carer Services held a Carer Celebrations luncheon this week to honour our kinship carers in the West Daly Region.



The celebrations included a feast of a lunch and activities and games for the kids. A big shout out to all of our community carers for all the work that you do and all the care that you give.

Drive Safe Training
30th Sep - 2nd Oct
9 AM Start
@ CDP Training Centre