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'Coming Together To Work As One People'

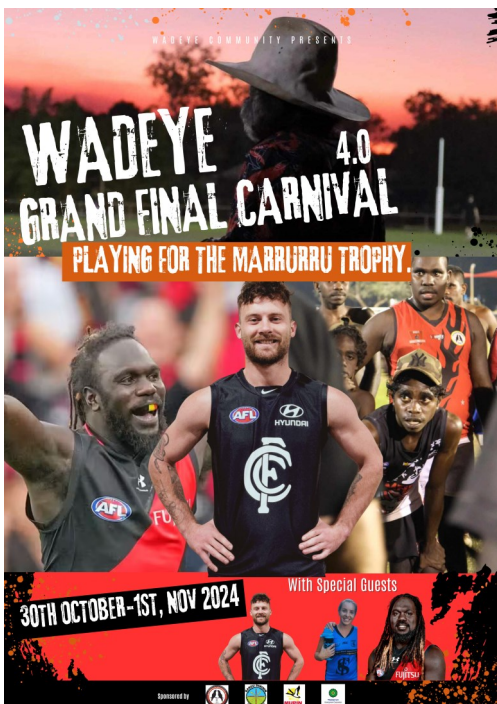
Out of the Archives Men's Ceremony: Circa 1983



The recent Men's Ceremony has evoked powerful memories, pride, and emotions for the men who have gone through ceremony before the young men of today.

This photo captures TDC Directors - Columbanus Warnir, Alfred Thardim, Joseph Thardim, and Cyril Ninnal during a ceremony around 1983. It serves as a poignant reminder for the men who are now guiding the next generation of young men on their life journey.

Congratulations to everybody involved in the success of the recent ceremonies.



New Addition to the H&C Fleet



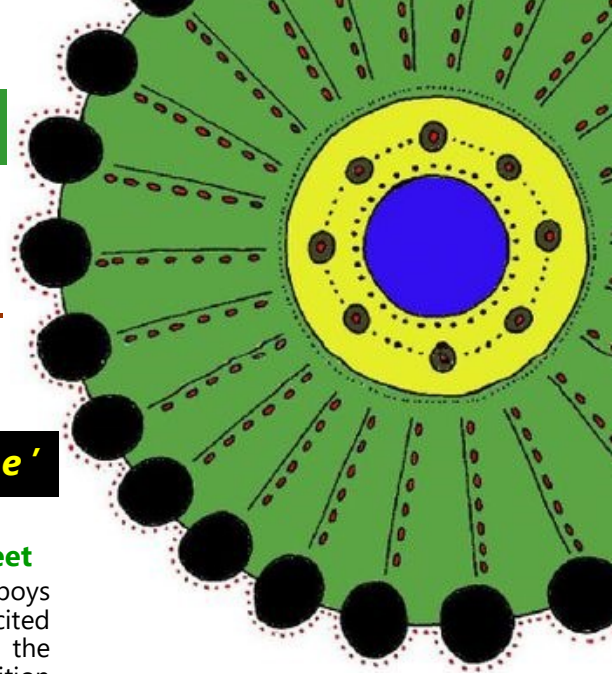
The H&C boys are excited about the new addition to their fleet. The team are gearing up for some major projects, creating a lot more jobs for local Kardu.



Resource Centre a Hub of Activity



The Nganmariyanga CDP Resource Centre has been buzzing with activity this week! The Health Clinic conducted health checks, while the No More Domestic Violence team held discussions with both men and women about domestic violence. Additionally, the Catholic Care financial advisors were in town, and Sister Buffalo worked on sewing projects with the ladies. Super busy week!!!

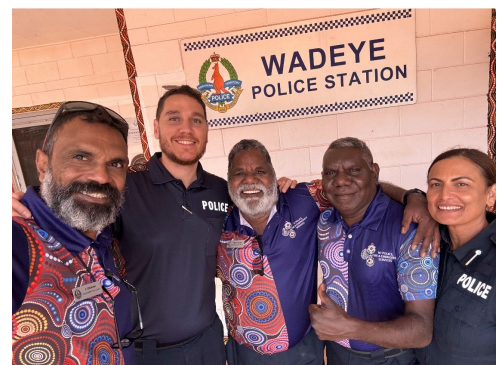


Recognition of Courageous Actions



Greg Munar has been recognised by the Assistant Commissioner of Police for his courageous actions following a fatal crocodile attack in July 2024 at Mango Creek, Palumpa.

The incident was particularly harrowing for Greg, as the missing child was his niece.



Despite his personal grief, Greg supported the devastated family, communicating the police's search efforts with compassion and clarity.

He acted as a crucial liaison between the family and emergency services, fostering understanding and calm in the community during the complex search efforts for the missing child. His dedication and cultural leadership earned him well-deserved recognition for his exemplary conduct during this tragic time.

In the Spotlight with Jules Dumoo



This week we are shining the spotlight on **Jules Dumoo**.

Clan: Ma Thanggural Rak Perrederr
Ceremonial Dance Group: Wangga
Role: Strong Men Program Mentor

Jules Dumoo describes himself as an old man, but his energy, passion, and dedication to his community tell a different story. "I've been working for the community since the 1980s," he reflects. "Back then, we built tin sheds with local wood and it was hard, but in a different way. Now, we have cars and planes, a school and a pool, but the challenges are different."

Jules coordinates the Mental Health Program at the Men's Shed, advocating for culturally rich initiatives to support the mental health of young men. He believes that connecting them to their country and language fosters a sense of belonging and strength. "Strong culture and connection help them stay on the right path in both worlds," he says. Every dry season, he takes young people onto country to learn their language and visit sacred sites.

He emphasises the need for young people to navigate two worlds and wants to see more of them in meaningful jobs. Current short contracts hinder their progression into apprenticeships. He envisions a future where young people can build businesses and pursue professional careers delivering services in community.

Jules's homeland is Yenmungirrini (Perreder), and he has long sought to return his family there. Jules hopes to retire on his homeland next year, surrounded by his five children and many grandchildren. "I want them to grow up where they belong, with their language and culture, and to be strong."

Promoting Healthy Development



The Child and Family Centre hosted a themed playgroup where kids explored different jobs they might want to do when they grow up. Nyanda and Raphi (left) are deciding between being a doctor and a shopkeeper. Nyanda attends preschool every day, thanks to her involvement with the Centre last year, and she has helped Raphi return to preschool too.

It's wonderful to see these little ones enjoying preschool and playgroups while encouraging each other to attend!

If you want to get your little ones engaged in early development activities please see Lena and Becky at the Old Church. *(photos with permission).*

Ranger Pete Back in Wadeye



It is great to see Ranger Pete back in Wadeye this week. Pete is in town to provide support while staff are on leave. On his last visit we got to meet little Ranger Jimmy who had a blast meeting all the local kids! We have been getting lots of questions about how the fire program works, if you are interested in how it works pop down and see Pete and have a yarn. There are also Jobs for new Rangers, so come down and put your name down to become a Ranger !!!!

JOBS: Trades Assistants Wanted



A Big shout out to Jimmy, Xavier, and the Housing & Construction (H&C) Team for their amazing work on the refurbishments in Peppiminarti!

With five housing projects underway, the H&C Team are eager to hire local Kardu who have a white card as Trades Assistants (TA's). There are immediate job opportunities for TA's to work with painters,

carpenters, and plumbers. If you are interested, reach out to H&C or visit the REAL JOB MOB in the CDP Office. If you don't have a white card you can register for the next course at the CDP office.

This is a fantastic chance for all the white card holders in community to secure a REAL JOB! Don't miss out!

Recycling for a Cleaner Community



The dedicated ladies at the Resource Centre have been working hard sorting cans, bottles and other recyclables to be barged into Darwin for a \$ return.

More than eleven pallets of waste have been removed from the community and sorted by hand!

RECYCLING > RECYCLING > RECYCLING

The next recycling sorting day is on **Tuesday the 15th October** at the Resource Centre - Lot 471, on the corner of Kolumboort and Bunduck Streets.

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
10c refund per item
100 items = \$10
500 items = \$50
1000 items = \$100



Bring cans, bottles and tetra packs.