### **TDC NEWS**

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# **Thamarrurr**

## **Development Corporation**

### Coming Together To Work As One People'

### **Black Lip Oysters Pass Taste Test**



The latest oyster grade is showing that the Black Lip Rock Oysters are growing faster than expected and the first taste test has been given the big thumbs up.



Samples were sent in to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to identify the levels of cadmium uptake in farmed oysters in the current locations. Parallel to this, a project is being undertaken to address the acceptable cadmium levels in the Food Safety Code.



The next batch of oysters will arrive early in the new year, while this current batch is thriving and on track for harvest this time next year.

### **Pink Ribbon Wellness Day**



The ladies at the women's centre hosted a Pink Ribbon wellness event, enjoying a morning tea, lunch, and a variety of soothing activities.



Steffi Arvanitakis was invited to share her Integrated Bodywork Wellbeing sessions which blend remedial massage techniques with healing songs, fresh herbs, flowers, and bush medicine. This uniquely restorative experience nurtures the body, mind, and spirit, providing a truly holistic approach to wellness, and the women just loved it.



A big thankyou to all the ladies at ■ led organisation. Thamarrurr Youth for making all of these beautiful cupcakes. ■ BE THE CHANGE

**Women Step Up for Breast Test** 



A big shout out to the NT Health Breast Screening Team for making the truck available at our Pink Ribbon Event. It was great to see the number of women who opted to have breast cancer checks while attending the Pink Ribbon event.



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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the members of Thamarrurr Development Corporation will be held on:

### Wednesday the 6th November Time: 10 AM Place: Da Ngimalmin (Old Church) Meeting followed by Lunch

■ Local Kardu are encouraged to ■ become Members of TDC and ■ nominate Directors, who will play a ■ vital role in steering your community ■ led organisation.

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#### Virgina Cumaiyi In the Spotlight



This week we are shining the spotlight on **Virginia Cumaiyi.** 

Clan: Rak Wambu (Kardu Wakal Benkunh)

Ceremonial Dance Group: Lirrga Country: Kubuyirr

### **Department: Healthy Homes**

Virginia Cumaiyi works at Healthy Homes where she enjoys cleaning, delivering Orange Sky laundry services, and recycling. She believes in the value of hard work and says, "Work is patha," which means "good." Virginia finds staying at home boring and prefers activities that keep her busy and help others.

She is excited about Healthy Homes working more closely with NDIS clients, understanding that many people need support in her community. Virginia wants to play a part in improving their lives. "Lots of people with disability are bored at home as well, its hard for people to get out".

Her country is Kubuyirr and Virginia has dreams for the future on homelands. She hopes for a time when people can build homes and work on their homelands. She believes, "We can have a better life on homeland, and I can help my community in greater ways."

With a strong commitment to community service and a vision for a better future, Virginia Cumaiyi is dedicated to helping others thrive. She says, "I dream of a better life."

Her dreams show her desire for a fulfilling and impactful life, not just for herself, but for her entire community.



### **Bridging Generations: Coming Together to Build Traditional Fish Traps**

In Fossil Head and Old Mission, the highly anticipated fish trap project continues to bring generations together. Young boys and older men are collaborating to build traditional fish traps using modern techniques, creating excitement and camaraderie. The project has included boys from the youth diversion team, and they are learning valuable skills using power tools while also gaining insight into the age-old practice of fish trapping. This hands-on shared experience not only strengthens community bonds but also sparks excitement for everyone involved as the local people are working towards building local economies on country.

The project highlights the importance of passing down knowledge, ensuring traditions thrive while adapting to contemporary practices. Together, they are cultivating a deeper understanding of sustainable fishing methods and working towards building a future where families can work together on their country using their natural resources. *Photo below: An aerial view of the Fossil Head fish trap.* 







Just in Time for Xmas