

Thamarrurr

Development Corporation

'Coming Together To Work As One People'

Traditional Owners Seek Update on Port Keats Road Upgrade

Local Aboriginal Corporations have written to the new Northern Territory Government requesting an urgent update on the status of funding for the Port Keats Road upgrade. There are growing concerns that the project may be cancelled following recent moves to reprioritise infrastructure projects across the Territory.

MURIN Association, Thamarrurr Development Corporation, and Kardu Diminin Corporation have submitted a joint request to Chief Minister Lia Finocchiaro and Minister for Logistics and Infrastructure Bill Yan, seeking clarification on the future of this critical project.

The Port Keats Road, which connects Wadeye, Palumpa, and surrounding Homelands, is vital for regional mobility and economic development. Years of inadequate maintenance, combined with the road's current state of being impassable for 4 to 6 months annually, have severely disrupted access to essential services, isolated communities, and raised costs for residents, businesses, and service providers.

The Commonwealth has committed the majority of the \$72 million needed for the upgrade, so the potential withdrawal of NT Government funding would represent a significant missed opportunity and would be devastating for the surrounding communities.



In recent weeks, four significant vehicle accidents have occurred on the Wadeye to Palumpa stretch, further highlighting the road's dangerous condition. *Photo Left Just one of the vehicles that succumbed to the dangerous road*

Before any decisions are made, we respectfully invite government officials to visit Wadeye, meet with Traditional Owners and community members, and see firsthand the road's impact on daily life.

Empowering Women Through Safety Workshops



Last week, the Child and Family Centre, One Tree Services, and Victims of Crime NT hosted a series of Women's events as part of the UN's 16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women.

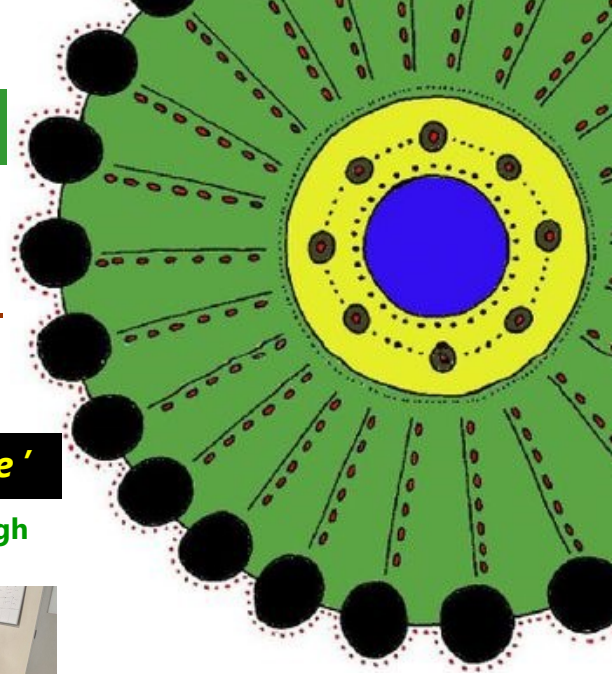


On Monday, Sharron from Personal Protection Strategies visited Wadeye to deliver a safety workshop, where women actively engaged in practicing the techniques she demonstrated. She shared insights on situational awareness, de-escalation strategies, and practical tips for staying safe in their community.



On Tuesday, the Child and Family Centre, Victims of Crime, and One Tree facilitated arts and crafts wellbeing activities for women and a Talking Respect workshop with OLSH high school girls. The session covered consent, recognizing healthy relationships, identifying coercive behaviours, and seeking support from safe adults.

In the afternoon, Kardu Diminin welcomed the Yalu women from Galiwinku, who flew in to lead workshops the following day, to share their knowledge and experience.



ENI Working with Rangers To Build Water Quality Testing Skills



This week, the Rangers took part in training delivered by ENI, aimed at enhancing their existing skills and knowledge in water quality testing. They regularly conduct testing around the Blacktip Yelcherr Gas Plant to monitor the health of the surrounding marine environment. The plant is located 12 km southwest off the coast of Wadeye. The Rangers have a strong working relationship with ENI and they work together on a number of local projects including plant pipe maintenance and water quality monitoring.

BOXING & MENTORING WORKSHOPS
WADEYE RECREATION HALL
FRI 6 - SAT 7 - SUN 8 - MON 9 DECEMBER

Boxing is a positive way for young people to regulate their emotions through heavy physical work, become stronger and improve focus, attention and discipline.

Day 1 Mentoring & Boxing Drills	3-5 pm YOUTH	6-8 pm Adults
Day 2 Mentoring & Boxing Drills	1-4 pm YOUTH	5-8 pm Adults
Day 3 Mentoring & Boxing Drills	1-4 pm YOUTH	5-8 pm Adults

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Thank you to the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) for supporting these workshops

Florine Lantjin In the Spotlight



This week we are shining the spotlight on **Florine Lantjin**
Ceremonial Group: Tchanba
Country: Yidiyi
Position: Aged Care Support Worker

Florine Lantjin, a dedicated local support worker at Wadeye Aged Care, has spent decades enriching the lives of elderly community members. With her roots in Yidiyi, Florine embodies both care and cultural pride.

"I can't remember how long I've been working, but it's been a very long time," she reflects. Her journey in the Aged Care sector began in the mid-to-late 1980s, working alongside Sister Moreen in the old respite building.

Over the years, she has seen Aged Care in Wadeye evolve - from a small facility run by the local council to the current residential building managed by TDC since 2020.

"I've been doing this for a very long time, I have seen many things change."

Florine finds her role deeply rewarding. "I like helping old people - showering them, playing bingo, and dyeing colours together. I enjoy coming to work with the other nurses; we are all one family here."

Outside work, Florine cherishes her time on country and with her family. She enjoys weaving dilly bags at home, an activity that keeps her connected to her cultural traditions while offering creative expression and comfort.

Florine's unwavering commitment and warm spirit make her an integral part of Aged Care Team, blending professional care with cultural pride.

We feel very lucky to have Florine on our team. Thank you Florine!

TDC Board Plans For the Future



The TDC Board and Executive Team have been developing a new five-year strategic plan over the past few months, with the final workshop taking place this week. This plan is set to be published in January, perfectly timed to kick off the new year.



The process of refining our Vision, Mission, Values, and Strategic Priorities has been an invaluable experience. It has allowed us to deeply explore our core business and establish clear focus areas for the years ahead.

Vision Statement

TDC's vision is for thriving communities where Kardu Thamarrurr have Da Tarangka-me' (clear pathways) to walk in both worlds, sharing our knowledge, maintaining our rich cultural heritage, and the ability to benefit from social and economic growth, which helps us to live the life we choose.

Mission Statement

TDC's mission is to build on the strengths of the Kardu Thamarrurr, through culture - based activities, social, community and economic development, so that everyone has the opportunity to Purdururturt (to thrive), and no one is left behind, now and into the future.

Strategic Pillars - (What we focus on)

- **Thriving Communities**
- **Empowered Kardu**
- **Healthy Country, Seas and Ecosystems**
- **Safer Communities**
- **Strong TDC**

A massive thank you to the team from Cross Cultural Consultants for facilitating the process. Their ability to capture the essence of the workshop conversations, and skillful articulation have been truly remarkable.

Territory Tidy Town Awards



Congratulations to the Palumpa, Nama, and Peppimenarti communities for being recognised at the Territory Tiny Town Awards for their outstanding efforts in keeping their communities clean!

A huge shoutout to the Palumpa CDP Team and Nganmarriyanga School for their incredible dedication to organising large-scale community cleanups.

Special thanks to Anthony Manby, Samuel Anglitchi, Jerome Dairyi (Whiskey), and Jeremy and

Charlotte Amor for their leadership and hard work in driving these efforts.

A big thanks to the West Daly Regional Council for nominating the communities for these awards and bringing the judges to see the results of all the hard work. It was fantastic to see so many wins and well-deserved recognition. The West Daly Council mob did a road trip to Alice Springs to receive the awards. Amazing teamwork, everyone!



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NOTICE OF

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

New Updated Date

Date: Thursday 12th December 2024

Time: 10:00am

Where: Murin Airport Terminal Wadeye

**ALL MEMBERS ARE
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**