

THAMARRURR RANGERS

No Rubbish On Country



Battery Recycling

In June 2016, Rangers expanded the recycling service to include old car batteries, which were lying around the Community and Country. Already, over 500 batteries have been collected by Rangers and Community members and sent back to Darwin with more than \$2,000 paid back to community.



Beverage Container Recycling

Thamarrurr Rangers established a CDS Collection Point at Wadeye. Community members can bring their empty bottles, aluminium cans and tetra packs each Friday. From January to November 2016, over 400 people have collected more than 200,000 containers for recycling with \$20,000 paid in refunds.

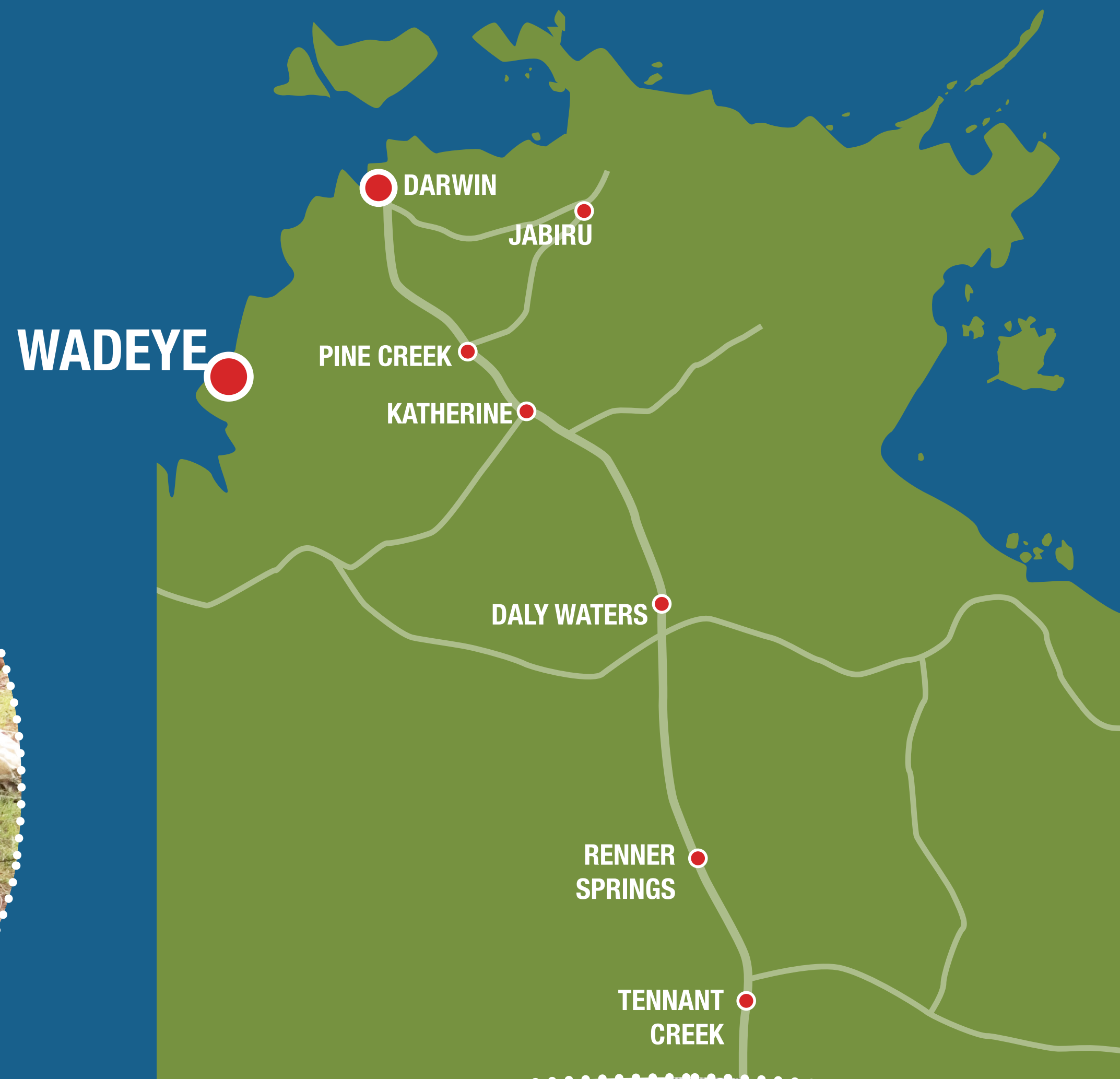


Marine Debris

Rangers have been working to clean and protect their vast 250km coastline for many years. Over the past two years, Rangers have removed over 950kg of marine debris from 14 sites along the coastline; 50% plastic items, 40% metals, and many fishing lines and ghost nets.

Thamarrurr Rangers are working around Wadeye area keeping country clean and raising rubbish awareness.

Nanhthi pana wurran bangurr mere niraputh.



Rubbish Art Competition

Rangers facilitate an annual 'Rubbish Art Competition', to raise awareness about the harmful impacts of rubbish on the land, sea and wildlife, and encourage the Community to think about managing waste. The event has been a good success, with lots of amazing art made out of rubbish.

Community Education

Thamarrurr Rangers are working to raise Community awareness about the impacts of waste on land and sea country. They are encouraging Community members to put rubbish in the bin, recycle where they can, and look at alternative ways of utilising 'rubbish'. Rangers have talked to kids at the School and Crèche, and put posters up around the Community.



Waste and Recycling Expo

In August 2016, Thamarrurr Rangers were invited to present a seminar at the Australasian Waste and Recycling Expo in Sydney. Supported by Tangaroa Blue Foundation, two Rangers presented a movie they had made about the waste problem at Wadeye and some of the ways they are addressing this problem. There was significant interest in waste management solutions in a remote Indigenous community.



Mapoon Beach Clean-up

In September 2015, four Women Rangers were invited to attend the Mapoon Beach clean-up in Cape York. They joined in the week long clean-up with volunteers from all over the world, shared their experiences, and further developed their knowledge and thinking around waste and its impact on the marine environment.



Bins on Country

Thamarrurr Rangers have placed 20 bins at strategic sites in the Thamarrurr Region where people go camping, fishing, picnics, etc. These bins have been made from old drums and are signed "Nanthi Rubbish ka Dupak Ngarra Bin" (Put Your Rubbish in the Bin). The Rangers check and empty the bins regularly.



A great big THANKS to Wadeye Community and organisations and all who have supported these initiatives.

