

## Community Garden in Malak

A group of Malak workers and residents want to establish a community garden in, around and even under the Malak Shopping Centre. The aim is to develop the garden over the following months with various plantings and projects.

It is envisaged that people with gardening skills will take turns in running work sessions to share knowledge and skills.

The group had a meeting on 6 April to talk about possibilities; discussions about possible projects and issues continue online on [www.malak.org.au](http://www.malak.org.au) (for signed up users).

We are still looking for donations of tools, seedlings and garden equipment. Please contact us and we will arrange to collect your valuable contribution. Our first project is likely to be a workshop in June

on propagating desert roses.

You may register your interest to the above email address and we will send you the details when finalised.

Email [ao@brownsmart.com.au](mailto:ao@brownsmart.com.au) for more information on this project.

## Our Malak Website up and running

A new web site about and for Malak is up and running; visit it at [www.malak.org.au](http://www.malak.org.au). The web site, called *Our Malak*, is the home on the Internet for various community cultural development projects being undertaken by Brown's Mart Community Arts and Melaleuca Refugee Centre, with their partners and communities in Malak.

The Connect series of workshops on the Internet and community cultural development (also known as Our Malak) is one such project; outcomes of the workshops will be posted on the web site.

Malak will also be a main location for the Darwin Fringe Festival, 18-29 June 2008. Ultimately, this site should serve all things Malak; we hope more and more Malak people will be part of Our Malak.

Malak residents are welcome to join the web site. Email [eo@brownsmart.com.au](mailto:eo@brownsmart.com.au) if you want to sign up as a contributor.



A community newsletter published by Brown's Mart & Melaleuca Refugee Centre

*Welcome to the first edition of Our Malak newsletter. This is an occasional publication to keep you informed on what's happening in Malak. We hope to produce a regular newsletter in the future as more resources become available. If you wish to become involved or assist with the production of this newsletter or any other activity related to Our Malak, please ring Bong on 8981 5522 or call in at the Telecentro - Shop 2 Malak Shopping Centre*

## Digital Photography Workshops

Free workshops on making and working with digital images will start on Wednesday, 21 May 2008, 6:00 to 9:00 PM, at the Malak Telecentro (Shop 2, Malak Shopping Centre). The workshop is part of a series exploring digital photography, image processing, postcard production, and online facilities for sharing digital images. Workshop facilitators will be Nic Borgese, a photographer, and Gloria Richards, a graphic designer.

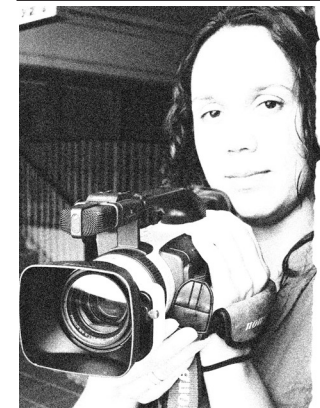
The digital imaging workshops are in turn part of a longer series of workshops on digital and online creative technologies hosted by Darwin Community Arts (formerly Brown's Mart Community Arts) at the Malak Telecentro from April to September this year.

For more information on the workshops, visit <http://www.malak.org.au>

### Photography Workshops

**Wednesday May 21  
To  
Wednesday June 18  
6-9pm**

**Malak Shopping Centre**



# Fringe@Malak

The Darwin Fringe reaches out more to the Northern Suburbs in 2008, with Malak as the focus point. Fringe@Malak will showcase outcomes of community arts projects facilitated by Brown's Mart Community Arts and its partners working in the area.

Melaleuca Refugee Centre, who work with various communities in Malak, are the main organising team for Fringe@Malak this year.

## Malak Street Party



Malak Shopping Centre and Car Park  
Chambers Crescent, Malak  
3:00 PM to 10:00 PM  
Saturday, 21st June 2008

The Malak Street Party will incorporate contributions and cultural expressions from the many communities of Malak, the Northern Suburbs, and Darwin. Activities include:

### Performances:

Music, Dance, Theatre

Food: Take-away and sit-down, share a meal with neighbours and friends

Art and Craft Market

Freecycling Market: bring things you don't need, take things you need

Outdoor Film Screening (featuring Fist Full of Films winning entries and other films)

Blue Light Dance Party, alcohol-free disco for under-18s

Internet access and workshops at the Malak Telecentro

## Visual Art Exhibition

20-22 June, Various locations in Malak

*A Day in the Life of Malak.* This exhibition in Chambers Crescent Theatre will feature photographs produced by local residents, documenting a day of their lives in Malak. The project facilitator is Nic Borgese, a photographer and community development worker.



*Shortcuts.* Rebecca Arbon, a Darwin artist and media worker, will transform an alleyway somewhere in Malak into a public installation space. Constructed from local newspapers and hand sewn thread, the installation creates a new dialogue between the alley and the public that use it.

For more information, check out <http://www.malak.org.au> or <http://www.darwinfringe.com.au>.

**Want to get involved in the Fringe@Malak?  
Ring Lee on 8985 3311 or  
Bong 8981 5522**