



NGARA OTELLOUCH

Leader
Magaria Tellei
Oribech Kodep
Supporting Leader
Kerungil Tellei



Main Activities

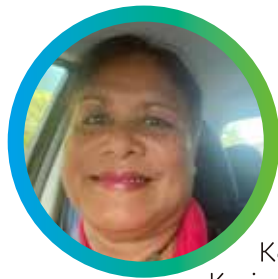
- Participating in all community meetings
- Donating/fixing food for functions
- Participating in community projects and clean-ups
- Raising money for worthy causes and people in need of financial assistance
- Supporting food security by making gardens
- Promoting the conservation of the coastline
- Supporting members' funerals

Background of Establishment

Ngara Otellouch is a traditional younger women's organization from Melekeok State that has existed for over hundred years. The name derived from a Palauan word "Otellouch", which roughly translates to being brisk, alert, and standing out.

Purpose

To strengthen and support the community as an organization for happier and healthier Melekeok citizens.



Member's Voice Ms. Magaria Tellei

We are the traditional younger women's organization from Melekeok State, and in the past, the members were women from Melekeok and women from other villages who were married to men in Melekeok and were living in Melekeok, which consisted of around 50 members. Today, we have more than hundred members and it also includes women from Melekeok who reside in villages and states other than our community. This leadership position was bestowed on Kerengel Kodep from the same clan and me by the highest-ranking woman of the first clan named Ebil Reklai Keringilianged, who passed away in the late 1980s. My original partner, Kerengel, passed away and her younger sister, Oribech, stepped in to take her sister's role, currently working together with me.

We recently celebrated the 25th Anniversary of Ngardok Lake Reserve in 2022. This lake is the largest natural freshwater lake in the area that we cherish. We spent all the National Holidays in 2022 planting trees in designated areas, planting shrubs that lessen erosion in our community, planting flowers along the Compact Road, and finally planting coconut trees in designated areas. For the last two years, our organization worked closely with our counterpart, Men's Organization Ngaramecherocher, once a month on a Saturday to control and monitor the invasive plant (Cheuais) in Ngardok Lake. This is an ongoing project which will take years to accomplish!

Our short-term goals are to provide all the members an opportunity to have their gardens grow and to have the members participate in the monthly dues that are collected for worthy causes. Our long-term goal also includes the gardens, as well as having their taro patch to be able to sustain their livelihood. We face challenges in areas of finance, as well as having a generation gap within the organization, but we believe collaboration with other organizations will help assist us in overcoming them. I believe that all of us in our organization have the best interest of our community. We want to work towards promoting activities that will yield harmony, teamwork, and happiness among all members.

Contact Information