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The Forum created a space to share leadership and governance stories, knowledge and experiences from an Aboriginal perspective and looked at how we can work together to strengthening Aboriginal leadership and long-lasting governance and partnerships for the future.

First Circles graduate, Michael Maymuru attended the forum from Yirrkala and said, “Leadership is important in communities. It provides strength and resilience when faced with challenges. Showing good leadership helps shape a positive future for the next generations and can lay solid foundations to continue building on the vision of our past leaders. Leadership quality can have a positive impact in all areas of your life.”

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