



The beautiful Picnic/Pancake Point before sunset. Thank you to West Arnhem Regional Council's Services Manager in Waruwi Matthew Griffiths for taking and sharing this photo. Send your photos to wire@westarnhem.nt.gov.au

SHARING STORIES IN LANGUAGE

From the Bininj Kunwok Regional Language Centre

Seraine Namundja and Jill Nganjmirra wrote and drew pictures (*right*) for their story about yawkyaw (Ngalkunburryaymi), sometimes talked about in English as "mermaid spirits", who live in the waterways of Arnhem Land and other areas.

This story is in a new book "NT Mob Sharing Stories in Language", published by the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. As well as Seraine and Jill's story in Kunwinjku, there are many others in different Aboriginal languages - Arrernte, Anindilyakwa, Kriol, Wubuy, Djambarrpuyngu, Murrinhpatha, Warumungu, and Warlpiri. Each story has a QR code to link to the audio of someone reading it in their language, as well as an English translation and pictures drawn by the authors or their family. You can buy this book from bookshops in Darwin, or from Big W at Casuarina or Palmerston for \$20 (\$23.90 including postage).

Here's part of the story in Kunwinjku....

Mak bu ngarrinan kukku kabodjekmedjekme, wanjh kunukka ngarriburrbun bu ngalkunburriyaymi darnkih kahdi, kore kanjdji kukku-be bu kanhnan ngadberre.



Yika mak bu ngarriburriwe wakkidj, wanjh kandimarneyarkilekme ngadberre, yimankek ngarryime djenj, bu karrurrkmang dja kayarlyirlobme.
Dja nakkawanjh yawkyawk, yiman kandiborrkbun.

Dja yika mak kandimarnekodjekdolkan, bu kabirridjare kandikadjungngadberre, ngad nawu bininj duninjh.

Whenever we see small rippling waves in the water, then we know yawkyawk are close by. They are watching us from deep in the water. If we throw in a fishing line, sometimes yawkyawk will play with it, tugging..

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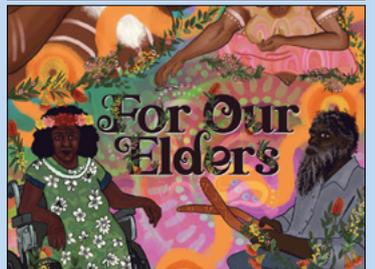
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NAIDOC WEEK FROM 2-9 JULY

This year National NAIDOC Week will run from 2-9 July with the powerful theme 'For Our Elders'.

Across every generation, our Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families.

"Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families.."

They are cultural knowledge holders, trailblazers, nurturers, advocates, teachers, survivors, leaders, hard workers and our loved ones.

Our loved ones who pick us up in our low moments and celebrate us in our high ones. Who cook us a feed to comfort us and pull us into line, when we need them too.

They guide our generations and pave

the way for us to take the paths we can take today. Guidance, not only through generations of advocacy and activism, but in everyday life and how to place ourselves in the world.

We draw strength from their knowledge and experience, in everything from land management, cultural knowledge to justice and human rights. Across multiple sectors like health, education, the arts, politics and everything in between, they have set the many courses we follow.

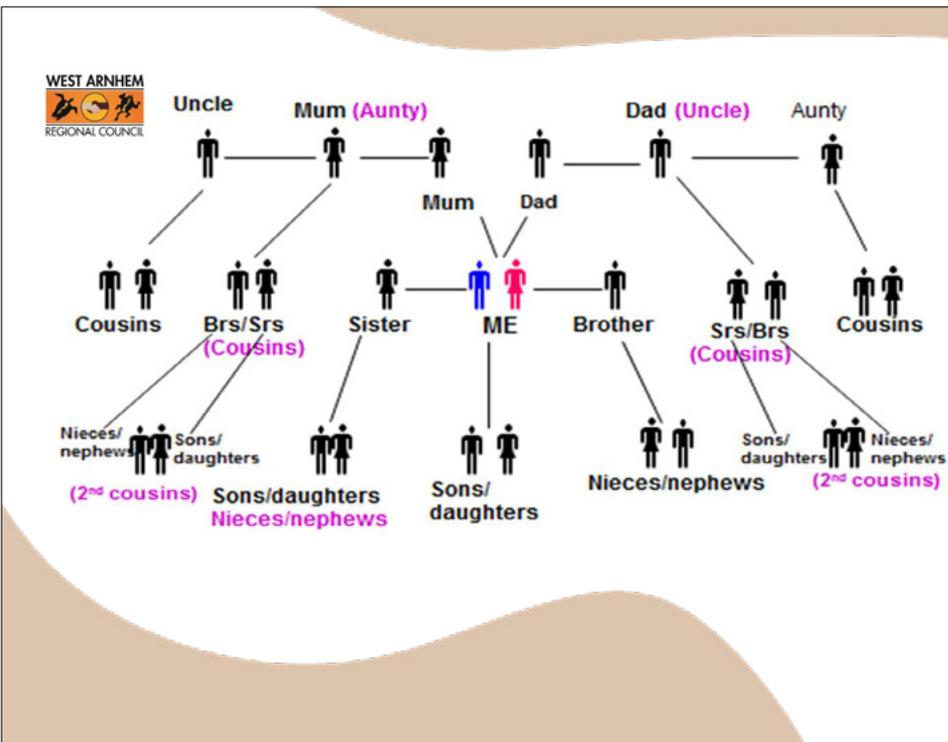
The struggles of our Elders help to move us forward today.

The equality we continue to fight for is found in their fight. Their tenacity and strength has carried the survival of our people.

It is their influence and through their learnings that we must ensure that when it comes to future decision making for our people, there is nothing about us - without us.

We pay our respects to the Elders we've lost and to those who continue fighting for us across all our Nations and we pay homage to them.

In 2023, how will you celebrate For Our Elders?



WIRE

West Arnhem Regional Council acknowledges the First Nations Custodians; and the many Language and Family groups who are Managers and Care-takers to each of their Traditional homelands and Waters across the West Arnhem Regions Wards. West Arnhem Regional Council pay their respects and acknowledge Elders, past present and rising.

The Wire is the only regular source of news and information in the Kakadu and West Arnhem Land region. More than 500 copies are distributed fortnightly to Jabiru, Warruwi, Minjilang, Maningrida and Gunbalanya.

Our electronic edition goes out to more than 500 individual email addresses across West Arnhem Land and the Top End.

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- Maningrida Radio 106.1 FM
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- Gunbalanya Radio 106.1 FM
- Warruwi Radio 106.1 FM
- Jabiru Radio 98.9 FM



TEABBA

TOP END ABORIGINAL BUSH BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION

WARRUWI ATTENDS MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE



Waruwi is the second community in West Arnhem to welcome the National Wellbeing Alliance and their *Mental Health First Aid and Suicide Prevention* course. With a total of 17 attendees, 14 of them being WARC staff, this 2-day program was a great educational opportunity in the mental health area and culturally adapted for indigenous communities.

"A space to talk about the different mental health issues people go through and how we all can help families.."

Men and women had separate sessions, providing a more comfortable and

culturally appropriate environment. Geraldine Narul, Wellbeing Services Coordinator in Waruwi, said the course a great eye-opener activity to realise how important it is to talk about mental health. "This course created a space to talk about the different mental health issues people go through and how we all can help families around when these situations. We are isolated and don't have access to many resources so having this training is quite useful" Geraldine says the feedback has been so positive that community members continue to express an interest for this training to be delivered again later this year. This training opportunity will be coming to Jabiru 14th and 15th & 19th and 20th June; Minjilang on 20th and 21st June and 25th and 26th June in Gunbalanya.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2023 27 MAY — 3 JUNE

BE A VOICE FOR GENERATIONS

ACT TODAY FOR A RECONCILED TOMORROW

#NRW2023 NRW.RECONCILIATION.ORG.AU

ALBERTO LUGLIETTI MEMORIAL POOL

OPENING HOURS

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Monday	1.30pm - 6.30pm	Additional wet season hours 1 October - 30 April
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Saturday	1.30pm - 6.30pm	
Sunday	1.30pm - 6.30pm	
Public Holidays	1.30pm - 6.30pm	CLOSED Good Friday, Christmas Day, New Year's day

Regular & casual pool passes available

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Olympic-sized pool with shade - children's splashpad & pool - playground
 - barbecue facilities - gym & shower facilities - kiosk - aqua fitness -
 - shaded picnic tables - mobility lift - kids Monorail - jumping pillow

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WHAT'S ON

If you have an upcoming event you would like to see listed in this space please phone the Wire on 8979 9465 or email wire@westarnhem.nt.gov.au.



Territory Day is coming up on 1 July. Official events will be held in Jabiru and Maningrida. See your local noticeboard for more details.

WEEKLY

Monday

Underwater Hockey: Jabiru Pool, 5pm
Fire Station Training: Jabiru Fire Station, 6pm

Tuesdays

Jabiru Playgroup: see the Facebook page, 9:30am
Bombers football training: Brockman Oval, 5:30pm
Jabiru Firey's Fitness Training: Magela Oval, 5:30pm
Aqua Fitness: Jabiru Swimming Pool, 6.15pm
Jabiru Art & Craft Group: private residence (enquire directly) 7.30pm

Wednesdays

Skins Golf: Jabiru Golf Club, 4.45pm

Thursdays

Story Time: Jabiru Library, 11.00am
Jabiru Bombers Football training: Brockman Oval, 5pm
Jabiru Firey's Fitness Training: Magela Oval, 5.30pm
Aqua Fitness: Jabiru Swimming Pool, 6.15pm
Jackpot Joker Draw, Jabiru Golf Club 7.30pm

Fridays

Jabiru Golf Club raffles & Members Draw, 7pm
Pool competition: Jabiru Golf Club, 7pm

Sundays

Jabiru Firey's Fitness Training 5.30pm

JUNE

Fri 27 - Sat 3 National Reconciliation Week

Thu 1 Maningrida Local Authority, Maningrida

Sat 3 Mabo Day

Fri 23 WARC Ordinary Council Meeting

26 - 30 Vet Visit (WARC program), Gunbalanya

JULY

Sat 1 Territory Day

UPCOMING VET VISITS THROUGH ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



West Arnhem Regional Council will once again be providing region-wide animal management program across all communities in 2023!

The Ark Animal Hospital will visit each community (these dates may change slightly):

Gunbalanya 26th June - 1st July
6th July - 8th July

Warruwi 2nd July - 8th July

Minjilang 2nd July - 5th July

The treatments/ procedures covered by the program:

Health checks and consultations, tick/mange injections, flea treatment, tick spraying, de-sexing, puppy parvovirus (c3) vaccinations (under 6 months of age), contraceptives, minor surgery as required.

2023-24 REGIONAL PLAN & BUDGET CONSULTATION

West Arnhem Regional Council approved the 2023 - 24 draft Regional Plan and Budget at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday, 10 May 2023, and is now seeking feedback on the document.

This Draft incorporates documents including:

- Regional Strategic Plan
- Detailed Budget Information
- Rates Declaration

You can obtain a copy of the Draft Regional Plan and Budget 2023 - 24:

- Download a copy on the website at <https://www.westarnhem.nt.gov.au/corporate-documents>
- In person at 13 Tasman Crescent Jabiru, or at the Regional Council Offices in Warruwi, Minjilang, Maningrida or Gunbalanya
- By telephoning (08) 8979 9444 or emailing info@westarnhem.nt.gov.au



Feedback and comments must be submitted by: 9am on Saturday, 3 June 2023.

This can be sent by email to: info@westarnhem.nt.gov.au or by mail to: Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 721, Jabiru NT 0886. For further information, please call (08) 8979 9444

SPORTS IN THE HEART OF KAKADU

KURRUNG SPORTS CARNIVAL

SAVE THE DATE

1 - 3 SEPTEMBER 2023

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Men's Basketball | Women's Basketball | Men's AFL

CELEBRATING NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK



National Reconciliation Week in 2023 will officially end on Saturday, 3 June which is also a significant milestone in the reconciliation journey - the date of the High Court Mabo decision. The week also started on a significant date, 27 May, which commemorates the successful 1967 referendum. Reconciliation week is a time for us all to reflect on and learn about our histories and cultures as we move forward in our

reconciliation journey in Australia. For West Arnhem Regional Council, our vision for reconciliation is to champion meaningful consultation and improve relationships with First Nations Peoples, based on the values: Integrity, Respect, Innovation and Inclusiveness; to deliver beneficial outcomes for the West Arnhem region. We are so fortunate to live in such culturally significant region, and it is vital we all continue our reconciliation path together for our people and our communities. Pictured is the National reconciliation week opening ceremony held in Jabiru with Welcome to Country from Traditional Owner Shanice Mudjandi, the flag raising by our team and Deputy Mayor Liz Williams cutting the cake. Thank you to Sodexo for the wonderful cake.

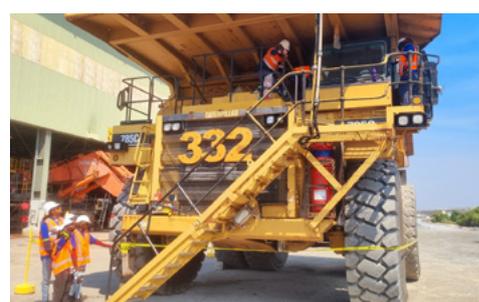


SENIOR STUDENTS VENTURE TO ERA RANGER MINE

Gunbalanya School Nawaran Senior students went on an excursion across the river to investigate job opportunities at ERA Ranger Mine, ERISS and Kakadu Native plants.

They participated in a scavenger hunt on pit 3, got up and close with a dump truck and excavator, lunched in the crib room, planted seedlings and viewed bugs and snails through microscopes.

Thank you to Leona Katzer for being our host. Stories and photos contributed.





Conducted by The Ark Animal Hospital

GUNBALANYA VET VISIT

26 June - 1 July & 6 - 8 July 2023

*This is a free health & animal management program
for all community members*

HOW TO SEE THE VET

See Council staff to leave your name & lot number so the vet can see you:

- pop into the Council Office
- by phone: 8970 3700

The treatments/ procedures covered by the program:

Health checks and consultations, tick/mange injections, flea treatment, tick spraying, de-sexing, puppy parvovirus (c3) vaccinations (under 6 months of age), contraceptives, minor surgery as required.

*Any enquiries, please
see the Council Office.*



GET READY FOR TERRITORY DAY

On 1 July each year, Territorians get to officially celebrate everything they love about this place we call home and the people who make the Territory so special! Keep an eye on your local noticeboards for events in your community.

Where: Lake Jabiru Park

Time: From 6:00pm

Fireworks Display: A stunning fireworks display will light the sky at 7:00pm. No personal fireworks.

Where: Maningrida Football Oval

Time: 6:30pm

What's Happening: Celebrate with a BBQ and an official fireworks display at 7:00pm.

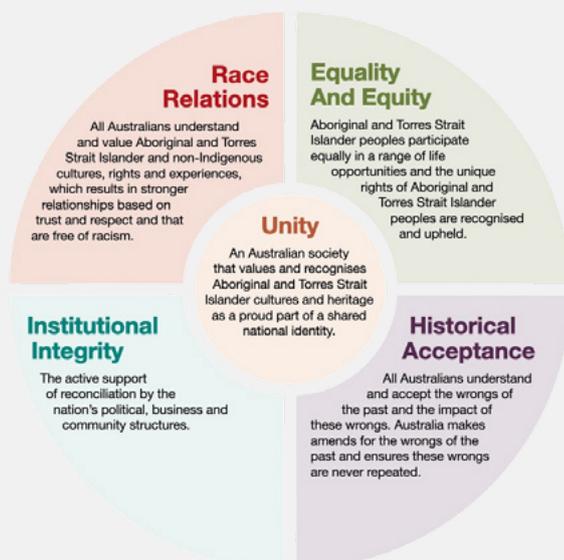


Territory Day 2022 in Jabiru, Photo credit: Peter Keepence Photography

5 DIMENSIONS OF RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation Australia's vision of reconciliation is based and measured on five dimensions: historical acceptance; race relations; equality and equity; institutional integrity and unity.

These five dimensions do not exist in isolation, but are interrelated. Reconciliation cannot be seen as a single issue or agenda; the contemporary definition of reconciliation must weave all of these threads together. For example, greater historical acceptance of the wrongs done to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples can lead to improved race relations, which in turn leads to greater equality and equity.



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FREE LARGE WASHING MACHINES AND DRYERS

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Where will you find us?

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Side Camp 1

Top Camp

Side Camp 2

Bottom Camp

New Sub



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TIDY TOWNS PROGRAM RETURNS TO WEST ARNHEM



West Arnhem Regional Council's team in Maningrida participating in a past Tidy Towns program!

West Arnhem Regional Council recently endorsed our partnership with Keep Australia Beautiful to enable our return to participating in the Tidy Towns Program! Some of our long standing employees may remember this or have experienced the positive effect it has in participating communities. In the coming months, each community will have visits from Keep Australia Beautiful to engage local community stakeholders in creating plans to reduce litter in our communities. It is aimed at achieving a whole of community response to be engaged in reducing the waste footprint for the whole area. Aside from improving the overall look of our communities, we are working towards improving the public health for all residents and protecting the natural environment surrounding our communities which, we believe, are some of the most spectacular in the world!

Skateboarding Program!



GUNBALANYA BUILD UP SKATEBOARDING

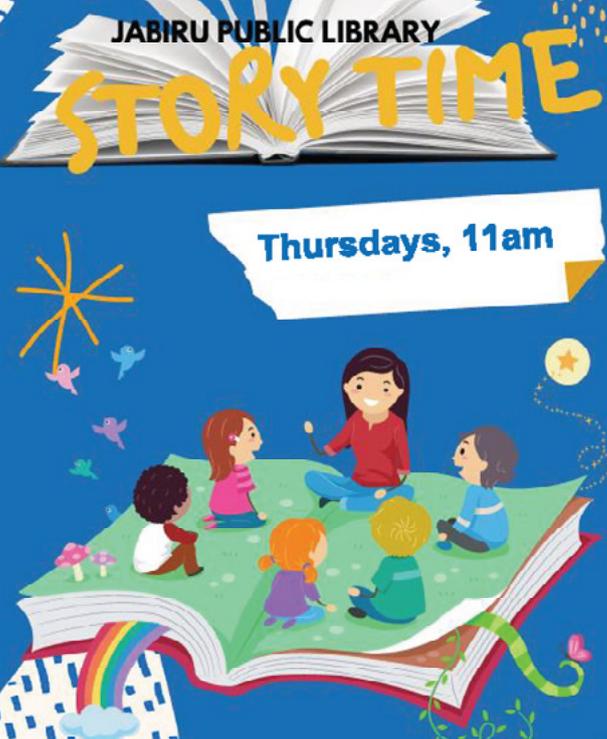
5 and 6 JUNE after school
Gunbalanya Recreation Hall (SCFC)
BBQ on 6 JUNE!



STRONGER COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

JABIRU PUBLIC LIBRARY STORY TIME

Thursdays, 11am





FOR ANY QUERIES, CONTACT THE LIBRARY ON 8979 9460

EDUCATION AND CARE AWARDS



Nominations for the 2023 NT Education and Care Awards are open until Friday 2 June 2023. Individual award category winners will receive a trophy and a \$1500 cash prize to contribute to their professional development.

Categories include:

- Outstanding Aboriginal Educator
- Outstanding Educator
- Outstanding Early Childhood Teacher
- Outstanding Leader
- Outstanding Education and Care Program (2023 theme- wellbeing)

Program award winners will receive a trophy and a \$2000 cash prize to contribute to their professional development.

All finalists will receive free registration to the 2023 Little People Big Dreams Conference to be held on Saturday 23 September 2023.

HOT TOPICS DISCUSSED AT MAY COUNCIL MEETING

The Ordinary Meeting of Council took place on 10 May 2023, and a tip of the hat to our Councillors for some tough, tedious and vital recommendations!

"Community wellbeing, safety, financial sustainability and longevity underpins all that we do."

The Council met via video conference showcasing the diversity of WARC Council staff and Councillors alike, pulling off a Council meeting across 6 different sites simultaneously is no easy feat, thanks to all our wonderful Community staff on the ground. Fortunately it was a smaller meeting alas, some big topics. The most exciting was the endorsement of the Draft Regional Plan and budgets, which are now out for community consultation

and feedback for 21 days.

The month of May will always be a financial heavy agenda for all Australian Councils, The *Local Government Act 2019*. (Northern Territory) governs the timelines for these important document and it is important that all Councils put their thinking caps on to ensure all things community wellbeing, safety, financial sustainability and longevity underpins all that we do. And that's exactly what our Councillors did.

Speaking of, Council have endorsed a decision to move away from paper based agendas, by the upcoming purchase of laptops and creation of email addresses for all of our elected members.

Thinking of the environment and allowing for ease of delivery and increasing the sustainability footprint of WARC.

Lastly, in even more exciting news, in June, were taking Council to the community! Planning is well underway, all going well, bringing our Elected members and staff together in Gunbalanya.

JABIRU PUBLIC LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

New opening hours commence Monday, 6 March 2023

Monday	10.30am - 4.30pm
Tuesday	10.30am - 4.30pm
Wednesday	10.30am - 4.30pm
Thursday	10.30am - 4.30pm
Friday	10.30am - 4.30pm
Saturday & Sunday	CLOSED
Public Holidays	CLOSED

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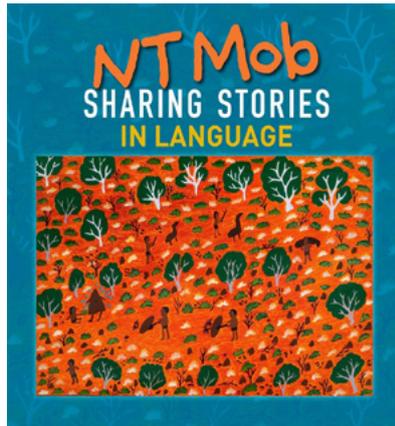
This initiative is funded by the Australian Government, Department of Health

Gayle Dixon (Torres Strait) Australia
Member of the Torres Strait Council
This service has been developed in collaboration with Gayle Dixon

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WORK IN & EXPERIENCE ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU



Works Officer – Jabiru, Level 2/3, Permanent – No Accommodation provided – Applications close Wednesday 21 June 2023

For more information:

Please phone 08 8979 9404 or email vacancy@westarnhen.nt.gov.au



Indigenous people are encouraged to apply

SPECIAL VISIT TO MINJILANG

An Army helicopter landed in Minjilang recently for a very special impromptu visit to collect one of their members.

The reservists visited the Minjilang office to introduce themselves and said that they would be making another visit in Mid-July as part of a recruiting drive for NORFORCE.



NOMINATE FOR YOUR

LOCAL AUTHORITY

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

BECOME A LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY!

The Local Authorities central function is to support local decision-making. Each Board receives an annual allocation of funding to be used towards projects of local importance.

What does this mean for you and your community?

A strong Local Authority will make informed decisions on issues and get things done based on recommendations which come from within the local community.

WARC has Local Authorities in Gunbalanya, Waruwi, Minjilang and Maningrida.

What is the commitment?

Local Authority members meet four times a year.

More information?

Chat to the Council Service Manager in your community, or visit the local Council Office.



Dated: October 2021

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AUSKICK MAKES A COMEBACK IN JABIRU

Last Thursday night, Jabiru had a wonderful community event at Magela Oval. There was a wonderful turn-out with many participants and spectators. Jacob from Jabiru Clontarf put together a great evening with the support of many stakeholders. There was an Auskick session held for the young children in the community before a senior AFL match between Jabiru and Gunbalanya. There was a barbecue, a fundraising store, a half-time sprint race and a great atmosphere all round. It was wonderful to see so many people helping out and enjoying themselves.



ALBERTO LUGLIETTI MEMORIAL POOL

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