



The Stone Country Festival wrapped up on 16 September 2023! While it was a little while ago, event organisers send an enormous thank you to all who helped make Stone Country happen, it wouldn't have been possible without the incredible efforts of the Gunbalanya community. See more photos, Page 8.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

West Arnhem Regional Council has opened nominations for the 2024 Citizen of the Year Awards across the West Arnhem region, and we need your help to give our community's best the recognition they deserve.

We're looking for someone who makes a difference in our communities including Jabiru, Gunbalanya, Maningrida, Warruwi and Minjilang. Someone who contributes to our community and inspires those around them. They could be quiet achievers, community members or unknown heroes.

The 'Citizen of the Year' awards are community-led awards which acknowledge a number of community members who need a pat on the back - and more - for the incredible work that they do. It is a pleasure for WARC to be able to facilitate these awards every year to celebrate and say thank you to the incredible people who help make the region a great place to live.

We are reaching out to organisations and local residents who can help us by identifying and nominating community members that are doing outstanding things. The Awards rely on members of the public to nominate, so we encourage you to consider putting someone forward in your networks for the 2023 Awards. Your nominee could be recognised in one of our three categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year (16 to 30 years)



2023 Jabiru Citizen of the Year Patrick 'Budda' May and Young Citizen of the Year Jema Brown.

- Community Event of the Year

Nominations forms are available at:
 - The Council website
 - Email wire@westarnhem.nt.gov.au for a copy
 Nominations close 1 December 2023.
 For more information or to nominate, please call 89799465 or email wire@westarnhem.nt.gov.au

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REMOTE HOUSING MILESTONE

One hundred homes have been built in one hundred days as the Territory Labor Government's remote housing program reaches a new milestone of 1200 new builds.

Families from 20 communities have recently moved into brand new homes in communities from the northeast island of Galiwin'ku, through Jilkmिंगgan and Kalkarindji, down to Amoonguna in the south.

Several major construction contracts have powered a building blitz with a pipeline of works rolling out across dozens of remote communities throughout the Territory, such as a \$26.5 million tender recently released in Gunbalanya to build 24 new homes and upgrade another 18, \$5.2 million for 11 homes in Beswick, and \$6.8 million for more homes in Maningrida.

New data highlights the concerted efforts of the Northern Territory and Australian Governments to deliver new homes, extensions and upgrades in remote communities over the past quarter.

The current program is jointly funded by the Northern Territory and Australian Governments through the \$2.2 billion Remote Housing Investment Package Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes.

Since coming to Government in 2016, the Territory Labor Government has built and improved nearly 3000 remote homes.

Chief Minister Natasha Fyles said, "We came to Government with a clear agenda to improving remote housing across the Territory."

"This milestone of one hundred homes built in one hundred days shows just how determined we are to achieve our goal.

"Local decision making is at the core of the planning, designing and construction process and this has encouraged remote community residents to be involved every step of the way from planning and

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design to allocation." Minister for Housing and Homelands Selena Uibo said, "I am really proud of the progress we have made in delivering homes to Territorians in our remote communities.

"The ongoing work not only makes a huge difference to the many families who finally have a home to call their own, it has provided local businesses with contracts running several years, and created opportunities for Aboriginal Territorians to complete formal training including certificates and apprenticeships.

"These opportunities benefit everyone and help to create sustainable communities."



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.

The Wire accepts advertising from businesses and government organisations. Placement of ads is subject to editorial and Council policy.

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NEW ADDITIONS TO WARC FLEET

West Arnhem communities have recently acquired some new additions to the fleet to assist with service delivery!

Maningrida has a new ride-on Kubota mower which was purchased with Capex funding and the Minjilang community has received a new Slasher Silvan 1800HD. West Arnhem Regional Council was able to purchase the slasher through funds generated from fleet asset sales.



TUNE INTO TEABBA RADIO

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



TEABBA

TOP END ABORIGINAL BUSH BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION

GUNBALANYA SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The recent school holidays in Gunbalanya provided a wide variety of activities including sports, pool party, movie night, fishing trip and painting. It was very exciting going to a youth's country where he proudly showed us his country where 'High Ground' was filmed. It is stunning scenery. To make many of these activities happen, West Arnhem Regional Council collaborated or supported the awesome Team Health for Mental Health Awareness Week.



CRISIS SUPPORTERS AVAILABLE FOR ALL

Going through a tough time? If you, or someone you know, are feeling worried or no good, we encourage you to connect with 13YARN on 13 92 76 (24 hours/7 days) and talk with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporter.

This is your story; your journey and we will take the time to listen.

No shame, no judgement, safe place to yarn. We're here for you.

<https://www.13yarn.org.au/>
 - 13YARN is run by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
 - Free and confidential service available 24/7 from any mobile or pay phone

- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporters to yarn to.



MANINGRIDA PRE-CYCLONE CLEAN UP DAYS

Mon 23 – Fri 27 October & Mon 20 – Fri 24 November 2023

Place unwanted hard waste at the front of your house BEFORE the day and Council will collect it for you!

✓ WHAT WE CAN COLLECT:

- Household items: furniture, white goods, timber
- E-waste: TVs, computers
- Scrap metals: Bedframes, toys

✗ WHAT WE CAN'T COLLECT:

Green waste, commercial waste, oils or chemicals



Any enquiries, please see the Council Office



WARRUWI PRE-CYCLONE CLEAN UP DAYS

WED, 4 OCTOBER & MON, 6 NOVEMBER 2023

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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.

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WED, 4 OCTOBER & MON, 6 NOVEMBER 2023

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West Arnhem Regional Council will be holding pre-cyclone clean up days in all communities. Keep an eye on your noticeboards.

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

OCTOBER

Tue 31 Halloween

NOVEMBER

Thu 2 Maningrida Local Authority Meeting

Mon 6 Warruwi Pre-Cyclone Clean Up Day

Thu 9 Jabiru Pre-Cyclone Clean Up Day

Mon 13 Minjilang Pre-Cyclone Clean

LET'S PREPARE OUR REGION FOR CYCLONE SEASON

As we move into cyclone season there are things we can all do to prepare and keep yourself, your family and your home safe. A few helpful tips from NT Police, Fire & Emergency Services <https://secure.nt.gov.au/>

"Council will be undertaking pre-cyclone clean-ups across all of our communities.."

Trim tree tops and branches well clear of your home

- Clear your property of loose material that could blow about and possibly cause injury or damage during extreme winds
- In case of a storm surge/tidal warning, or other flooding, know your nearest safe high ground and the safest access route to it
- Prepare an emergency kit that can sustain every member of the household for at least 72 hours.

Council will be undertaking pre-cyclone clean-ups across all of our communities so community members can dispose of any hard rubbish that may become a risk in the cyclone season.

As Council staff members please spread the word around our communities and help your colleagues, family and neighbours stay safe this cyclone season. Keep an eye out on the WARC Facebook and the Wire for you communities dates.

Upcoming pre-cyclone clean up dates:

- Maningrida Pre-cyclone clean up (23-27 October & 20-24 November)
- Warruwi Pre-cyclone clean up day (Monday 6 November)
- Minjilang Pre-cyclone clean up (30 October and 13 November)
- Jabiru Pre-cyclone clean up day (Thursday, 9 November)



EMERGING ABORIGINAL LEADERS CALLED TO JOIN FIRST CIRCLES 2023 PROGRAM

The Territory Labor Government supports the ground-breaking First Circles Program, which cultivates the next generation of Aboriginal leaders.

"Ground-breaking First Circles Program, which cultivates the next generation of Aboriginal leaders.."

The program is now open to expressions of interest from Aboriginal Territorians who want to be part of next year's program.

Supporting this unique program is one of the ways the Territory Labor Government is enhancing strong Aboriginal leadership, governance and capacity, which is fundamental to Aboriginal Territorians driving local solutions and leading the way in local decision making.

First Circles Members will attend four workshops in 2024 and be mentored and supported by staff and previous members whilst in the program.

The year-long series of intensive

workshops culminate in the group addressing all Ministers in the Northern Territory Government Cabinet.

Successful applicants will be invited to attend the Aboriginal Leadership and Governance Forum to be held in Alice Springs in 2024.

The current 2023 program includes 27 members who have attended the First Circles workshops and are scheduled to complete the program in October 2023.

Managed through the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet's Aboriginal Affairs Strategic Partnerships Team, since it started in 2014 over 100 Aboriginal leaders have been part of the program.

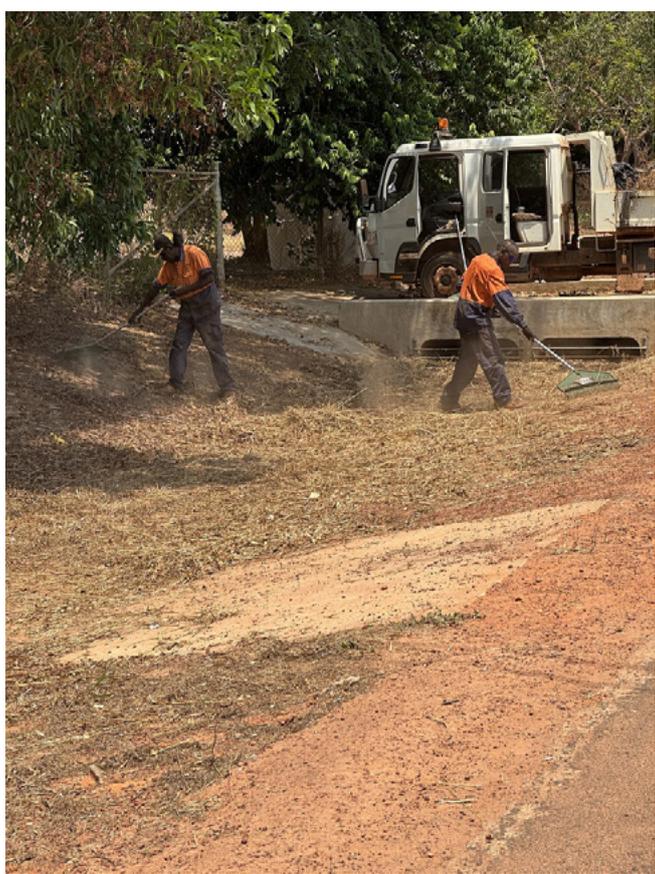
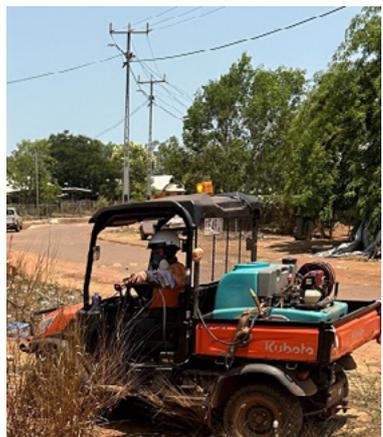
Many members go on to represent their community on a national platform. Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Member for Arnhem Selena Uibo, is a First Circles graduate.

The program is a key element of the Territory Labor Government's commitment to the Aboriginal Affairs Strategy, including local decision making, closing the gap and ensuring Aboriginal Territorians' social and economic aspirations are being met.

Expressions of interest applications for the 2024 program close on 30 November 2023.

WEED MANAGEMENT UNDER WAY IN MANINGRIDA

Maningrida is currently in full weed management mode attacking Mission grass and other noxious weeds in the township before the wet season arrives. We have met with the local Rangers to coordinate our efforts around town. We are identifying Mission grass locations and then spraying the areas with a dyed chemical and on the following day our works crews are cutting, gathering and burning the weeds on site instead of transporting to the landfill to restrict potential weed spread.





CIVIL LAW CLINIC

Gunbalanya

NAAJA WILL BE CONDUCTING A CIVIL LAW ADVICE CLINIC IN YOUR COMMUNITY ON:

Monday 6 November at the Park oppsite the Adjumarllari Store between 11.00AM – 4.00PM

CIVIL LAW MATTER CAN INCLUDE:

- Government Complaints (Police, Health, Prison)
- Seized Vehicles
- Child Welfare Matters
- Motor Vehicle Compensations (MACA)
- Adult Guardianship and Volatile substance abuse matters
- Centrelink Matters
- Income Management and Basic Card Issues
- Discrimination
- Representing families for Cornial Inquest
- Victims of Crimes (CVSU)

ORANGE SKY MANINGRIDA

FREE LARGE WASHING MACHINES AND DRYERS

COME FOR A YARN!



Where will you find us?

<p>Monday</p> <p>Tuesday</p> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>Thursday</p> <p>Friday</p>	<p>Side Camp 1</p> <p>Top Camp</p> <p>Side Camp 2</p> <p>Bottom Camp</p> <p>New Sub</p>
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FOOD SAFETY SUPERVISION COURSE DELIVERED AT WARC

A new food standard Code was introduced in the Northern Territory, including new requirements for all businesses that handle food, being relevant to West Arnhem Regional Council Community Services staff. For that reason, in partnership with Charles Darwin

University, West Arnhem Regional Council delivered the Food Safety Supervision course so they could learn the new code and refresh their knowledge when it comes to handle food properly and safely. This was attended by WARC staff and community stakeholders.



JABIRU PRE-CYCLONE CLEAN UP DAYS

THUR, 5 OCTOBER & THUR, 9 NOVEMBER 2023

Place unwanted hard waste on the kerbside at the front of your house **BEFORE** the day and Council will collect it for you!

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✗ WHAT WE CAN'T COLLECT:

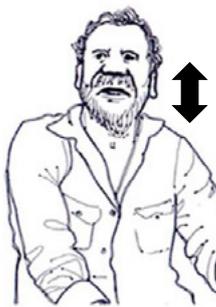
Tyres, green waste, commercial waste, oils or chemicals



Any enquiries, please contact the Jabiru Office on 8979 9444.



HOW TO SAY..



Nod head

YES

'Ngawa' - Ndjébbana

'Iyi' - Iwaidja

'Ngaw' - Burarra

'e'e' - Mawng

'yoh' - Kuninjku



NO

'Kóma' - Ndjébbana

'Karlu' - Iwaidja

'Ngika' - Burarra

'Makiny' - Mawng

'Kayakki' - Kuninjku



2024 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

SCAN ME



www.westarnhem.nt.gov.au/our-communities/nominate-citizen-year



NOMINATE NOW

CATEGORIES:

Citizen of the Year

To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen

Young Citizen of the Year

To be eligible, the person must be an Australian Citizen under 30 years of age on January 26, 2023

Community Event of the Year

A person/group who staged an outstanding community event during the past year

SCAN the above QR code to fill out the Nomination Form!

Please return completed form before 1 December 2023

2023 STONE COUNTRY FESTIVAL WRAPPED UP



The Stone Country Festival wrapped up on 16 September 2023! An enormous thank you to all who helped make Stone Country happen, it wouldn't have been possible without the incredible efforts of the Gunbalanya community. And thank you so much to all who joined us for this incredible day, your presence and participation made this year's festival one for the history books!



Registrations Open: 31 October
Registrations Close: 18 November

Jabiru Swimming Pool
Sunday, 26 November
11am - 2pm

Inflatables
Santa & his helpers
T-shirts
Presents
Roving entertainment



JABIRU COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
Come along and join the fun!

Free party food! Bring your bathers!
Please BYO picnic rug.
Only pre-registered children will receive a present from Santa and a t-shirt upon arrival.
Children must attend to receive their present
ALL Children MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

REGISTRATION BOX AT THE FOLLOW LOCATIONS:
IGA, WARC, Jabiru Area School Office, Childcare, Jabiru Pool

Please register each child once and include their age

Ask your mob, your way, RU OK?

“Come from a place of love and care. It's not about judging them for the way they've been behaving.”



Karen
Meriam, Wagadagam

STRONGER TOGETHER
ruok.org.au/strongertogether

RU OK?
A conversation could change a life.

JABIRU POOL WET SEASON HOURS

Jabiru's Alberto Luglietti Memorial Swimming Pool will commence the extended 'wet season' opening hours from Tuesday, 3 October.

From October to 30 April 2024, the pool will open for morning sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6am to 8am.

West Arnhem Regional Council encourages community members to take advantage of the extra opening hours in the mornings.

Additional 'Wet Season' Opening Hours (1 October - 30 April):

- Monday: 1.30pm - 6.30pm
- Tuesday: 6.00am - 8.00am and 1.30pm - 6.00pm
- Wednesday: 1.30pm - 6.30pm
- Thursday: 6.00am - 8.00am and 1.30pm - 6.00pm
- Friday: 1.30pm - 6.00pm
- Saturday: 1.30pm - 6.30pm
- Sunday: 1.30pm - 6.30pm
- Public Holidays 1.30pm - 6.30pm

Community members are also reminded about the aqua fitness sessions which take place at the pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, pop into the pool during opening hours.





ALBERTO LUGLIETTI MEMORIAL POOL

OPENING HOURS

New opening hours commence Monday, 1 May 2023

Monday	1.30pm - 6.30pm	Additional wet season hours 1 October - 30 April Tuesday 6.00am - 8.00am Thursday 6.00am - 8.00am Saturday morning sessions available CLOSED Good Friday, Christmas Day, New Year's day NO SCHOOL, NO POOL POLICY
Tuesday	1.30pm - 6.00pm	
Wednesday	1.30pm - 6.30pm	
Thursday	1.30pm - 6.00pm	
Friday	1.30pm - 6.00pm	
Saturday	1.30pm - 6.30pm	
Sunday	1.30pm - 6.30pm	
Public Holidays	1.30pm - 6.30pm	

Regular & casual pool passes available

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



56 Kachelo Road, Jabiru
 Ph: 08 8979 9447 | www.westarnhem.nt.gov.au

PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS

Japanese encephalitis (JE) is caused by the Japanese encephalitis virus. Encephalitis is inflammation of the brain tissue and is usually caused by an infection. The virus is spread through mosquito bites.

Infection in humans is most commonly asymptomatic.

On rare occasions, it can result in severe disease with brain damage and even death.

How it is spread

JE is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. It cannot be spread from person to person.

In countries or regions where the virus is present, the transmission is more common in areas of increased mosquito activity.

Pigs and wild water birds help spread the virus. It multiplies in infected pigs, leading to very high levels in their blood.

Mosquitoes feeding on infected pigs and water birds pick up the virus and may spread it to humans.

Symptoms

It usually takes 5 to 15 days between getting bitten by the infected mosquito and becoming unwell.

Symptoms include:

- headaches
- fever
- seizures or fits (especially in young children)
- neck stiffness
- drowsiness
- confusion, delirium and coma in severe cases.

Treatment

There are no specific treatments for JE. In most cases, individuals are admitted to hospital where they are closely observed and given supportive care.

How to protect yourself

There are 2 ways to prevent JE:

- avoid being bitten by mosquitoes
- there is a vaccination.

There is currently a limited supply of JE vaccines. If you're a Northern Territory (NT) resident you may be eligible to receive a free vaccine.



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13 YARN

"We're here to help, call us for a yarn"

13 92 76

13 Yarn is the first national support line for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people in crisis. We offer a confidential one-on-one over the phone yarnning opportunity and support with a Lifeline trained Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporter for mob who are feeling overwhelmed or having difficulty coping. We are here to provide crisis support 24/7 to enable our community to yarn without judgement and provide a culturally safe space to yarn about their needs, worries or concerns.



Culturally Safe Space

Available 24/7 across Australia from any phone

We listen, without judgement or shame

Lifeline

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

Gayaa Dhuwa (Proud Spirit) Australia
 This service has been developed in collaboration with Gayaa Dhuwa!

JABIRU ESTABLISHED AS AUSKICK CENTRE

Jabiru has recently been established as an official Auskick Centre. So far our Jabiru "Baby Bombers" have had two of eight training sessions. It was wonderful to be able to provide the players with free footy boots and socks so they are able to train to the best of their ability, in high-quality gear. The kids got a huge kick out of receiving these gifts - one

young girl was so motivated to train that she couldn't wait until Thursday so she joined in with the adult training on Tuesday just to try out her new boots! A big thank you to Kit Bag For Kids for donating this equipment in such good condition. It's wonderful to be supported in facilitating sporting ventures for the youth here in Jabiru. Go Bombers!



**Maningrida
Local Radio**
Tune in to 106.1

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