



Waruwi has launched a new street library which is now proudly located at the Waruwi school. Read more about the new Street Libraries across the region on Page 5.

## JABIRU'S TRANSITION CONTINUES

The Northern Territory Government is continuing to support the \$135.5 million transition of Jabiru from a mining town to a sustainable tourism and regional services hub.

Another milestone has been ticked, with the Territory Government and Jabiru Kabolmakmen Ltd (JKL) signing an agreement to move the organisation to a wholly community-controlled housing entity.

The organisation will be renamed Jabiru Property Services.

The transition accords with the Government's Local Decision-Making principles and provides the Mirarr people with a stronger voice in relation to housing in Jabiru. It also further progresses the realisation of the Mirarr vision for Jabiru as outlined in the Jabiru Masterplan.

The transition recognises JKL's successes in supporting the transition of Jabiru

through tenure and housing work, stakeholder support and facilitating social and economic development for the region.

JKL played a key role in many aspects of the Future of Jabiru and Kakadu program, including:

- Supporting program governance and implementation by providing secretariat support to the former Jabiru Town Development Authority, Jabiru-Kakadu Taskforce, and chairing the Project Control Group supporting the Taskforce.

- Supporting the transition of tenure arrangements and the rectification of more than 30% (174) of the town's 476 residential dwellings enabling 78 sub-leases over 156 dwellings, in turn delivering property services to many of Jabiru's residents.

- Coordinating and implementing projects and activities in relation to

remediation works in Jabiru, including infrastructure assessments, agreement instruments, works package development and scheduling to support agreements by the Taskforce on remediation works.

- Completing a comprehensive survey of social and community needs for Jabiru.

The transition is the latest milestone in the NT Government's commitment to the future of Jabiru and Kakadu. Following the opening of the Jabiru Hybrid Power Station in 2021, achievements include mobile connectivity upgrades, NBN upgrades, and progressing construction of the \$20 million Jabiru Health Clinic.

Chief Minister, Natasha Fyles said, "Jabiru is an iconic Territory town – the gateway to Kakadu National Park and the West Arnhem Region.

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# PREPARE THIS CYCLONE SEASON

West Arnhem residents are reminded to prepare your family, home and pets for this cyclone season. There are a number of precautions community members can do to prepare and the NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services encourages everyone to have an emergency plan in place with an emergency kit.

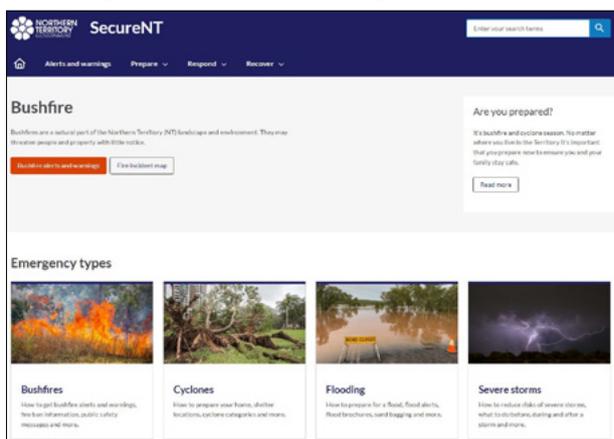
*"Cyclone preparedness information is available at SecureNT and follow them on Facebook.."*

A full list of what residents should include in their emergency kit can be found on the Northern Territory Emergency Service website at [www.pfes.nt.gov.au](http://www.pfes.nt.gov.au). Community members can also prepare their homes by:

- Re-check your property for any loose material and tie down (or fill with water) all large, relatively light items such as boats and rubbish bins.
- Fill your vehicles' fuel tanks. Fill Jerry cans with fuel if you have any.

- Check your emergency kit and fill any water containers you may have (you should have at least 3 litres of water per person per day for at least 72 hours).
  - Ensure household members know what the strongest part of the house is and what to do in the event of a cyclone warning or an evacuation.
  - Tune in to your local radio and/or television stations for further information and warnings.
  - Check neighbours are aware of the situation and are preparing.
- Cyclone preparedness information is available at SecureNT: <https://securent.nt.gov.au/prepare-for-an-emergency/cyclones>

or Follow SecureNT on Facebook. The website features useful information about how to prepare for a cyclone, find an emergency shelter, how to prepare pets for emergencies, what to put in an emergency kit, how to create an emergency plan and more. Secure NT also includes up to date emergency alerts and warnings from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM), NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Road Report NT, Power and Water and Bushfires NT. For more information on the tropical low and weather warnings go to the BoM website: <http://www.bom.gov.au/nt/warnings>



The SecureNT website features useful information including up-to-date emergency alerts and warnings.

## SECURE YOUR HOME THESE HOLIDAYS

A few helpful reminders for those who are going away over the Christmas period. If you're going away, prepare your house and yard before you leave:

- Lock your doors, windows and gates
- Don't leave valuables in plain sight/in front of windows
- Arrange for someone who will be in the community to check on your home at different times each day/night
- Record descriptions, models and serial numbers and take photos of all your valuables to assist in easy identification should they be reported lost or stolen.
- Photograph jewellery and other collectables for easy identification
- Garden tools, equipment, hand tools and ladders should be locked away when not in use to prevent them being used to gain access to your home
- Don't leave volatile substances in plain sight. Lock them away.

This includes glue, paint, spray cans, mineral turps etc.

- Drain fuel from lawn mowers and

other tools and lock them away

- If you see something or someone suspicious, please report it to the Police. If we aren't working you will be transferred to Darwin who in turn should advise us.

If we don't know about it, we can't do anything about it (13 14 44 police assistance line). If you are going away, please complete the attached 'Absentee Owner Advice Form' and return it to the Police Station. This will enable us to more efficiently target unoccupied homes and buildings and hopefully deter any would-be offenders. More information is available by contacting the Northern Territory Emergency Services. Police will also be out in force this year and they urge people not to drink and drive, ensure seatbelts are worn, infants and children secured in appropriate restraints and ensure timely rest breaks if driving long distances.

# 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.

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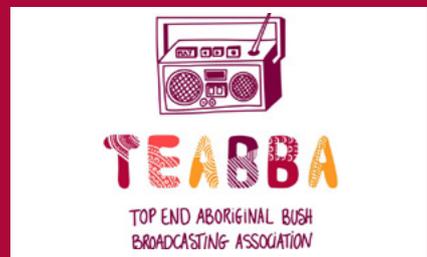
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## TUNE INTO TEABBA RADIO

- 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



# MANINGRIDA HEALTH WORKER RECOGNISED

Maningrida's very own Fabian Smith from Malala Health Service was awarded Runner Up in the Remote Aboriginal Health Worker category of the Northern Territory Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker and Practitioner Excellence Awards.

Fabian, a Kunibidji man and Traditional Owner from Maningrida, takes immense pride in being a conduit for two-way learning, understanding and building better health services. He started working at the health clinic in 1998 and has dedicated himself for the last 25 years to improving the lives and health for people living in Maningrida community.

Most recently, Fabian helped lead the coordination of COVID-19 awareness and vaccination.

Combining his clinical and cultural knowledge, his tireless efforts led to increased engagement in the Covid-19 vaccine and management of the pandemic response.

It has been a lifelong dream for Fabian to complete qualifications health qualifications and he was one of the first to enrol in the Cert II Aboriginal Health



Fabian Smith from Maningrida was announced as the Remote Aboriginal Health Worker Runner Up of the Northern Territory Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker and Practitioner Excellence Awards recently.

training. Fabian was able to study the course on his country and celebrated his graduation surrounded by family and friends in March 2023. For his outstanding dedication to his community, studies and health work, Fabian was also awarded the Training Award of Excellence on Graduation Day. He is highly respected by all his colleagues and is sets an excellent example to his peers in health services.

Fabian proudly accepted his award at a presentation

ceremony held in Darwin on 7 December.

Congratulations to all recipients of the 2023 Northern Territory Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker and Practitioner Excellence Awards. Aboriginal Health Workers and Aboriginal Health Practitioners are the essential conduit between traditional and western health services. They are critical to closing the health gap by delivering culturally safe, holistic and client focused care in often challenging circumstances

and locations.

The awards are an opportunity to showcase outstanding members of these professional groups while recognising and acknowledging the significant contribution they make to their families, communities and the NT healthcare system.

The awards also recognise NT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying qualifications from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care training package.

## UPDATES FROM THE GUNBALANYA COMMUNITY CARE TEAM

West Arnhem Regional Council Community Care staff in Gunbalanya have been busy preparing and cooking the daily breakfasts and lunches for the clients and people with disability.

Majority of the time, staff are cooking approximately 35-40 lunches per day (nil on weekends) and minimum of 10 breakfasts per day. Each breakfast usually

has yummy bacon and eggs and a cup of tea at the Centre and each lunch pack usually has a tasty hot meal with sweets or fresh fruit which are delivered to their homes during the week.

If they choose not to come to the Centre early in the morning for breakfast, quite often a breakfast pack is available.

Our staff consist of men and ladies to help

our people with different needs.

Sometimes our people come in to the Centre and have their showers and their washing done, or have a yarning session in the big day room area in the air-conditioning.

Our Community Care Bus collects our people and brings them into the Centre and takes them home again.



Andrew Naroirga showing off the new urn at the centre which is very much appreciated!



Ethan Nabalwad working hard at raking up the leaves in the backyard in preparation for wet season.



Katie Nayinggul preparing the sweets with some lovely grapes.

## CAHILL'S CROSSING CLOSED

Oenpelli Road at Cahill's Crossing is impassable due to flooding as of Thursday, 30 November 2023.

To keep up-to-date on road closures, the Road Report NT provides up-to-date road condition information on all Government controlled roads.

Keep up to date by visiting the Road Report NT website: <https://roadreport.nt.gov.au/home>

Or, The Kakadu Access Report provides daily updates on the status of key visitor sites throughout Kakadu National Park: <https://parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/access/>

## WHAT'S ON

### 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

## DECEMBER

**Wed 20** WARC Ordinary Council Meeting, Jabiru

**Sun 24** Warruwi Christmas Eve Party & Caroles by Candlelight

**Sun 31** Maningrida New Year's Eve Fireworks & Warruwi NYE Countdown and Dance Off

## JANUARY

**Fri 26** Mardbalk Day - Warruwi, Jabiru Splash -

Jabiru Pool, Gunbalanya Day, Minjilang Day

**Sat 27** Maningrida Day, Maningrida Pool

## PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST MELIOIDOSIS

Top End residents and visitors are being urged to take extra precaution to avoid melioidosis ahead of the wet season.

Melioidosis is a disease caused by the bacterium, *Burkholderia pseudomallei*, found in tropical soil and water.

"People are more likely to come in contact with the bacteria during the wet season, when bacteria increase after heavy rains and concentrate in the soil surface layers," said Royal Darwin Hospital and Menzies Professor of Medicine, Bart Currie.

"On average around 50 cases of melioidosis are reported in the Northern Territory each year, with the vast majority of those diagnosed between November and April," said Professor Currie.

Case numbers in the most recent wet season (1 October 2022 to 30 April 2023) were higher than usual, with NT Health recording 80 cases of melioidosis and six deaths in the Northern Territory.

Melioidosis bacteria can enter the body through cuts and sores. When it's wet and windy, the bacteria can be blown around in the air and inhaled through dust and droplets.

The first sign of melioidosis is commonly a chest infection. Other symptoms can include:

- fever and sweats
- headache
- confusion
- difficulty passing urine for men

- joint pain or swelling
- skin sores that don't heal.

People are advised to seek medical attention early to ensure prompt diagnosis and treatment. Treatment requires hospital admission and intensive antibiotic therapy. People with underlying health conditions that lower immunity are more likely to develop melioidosis. This includes those with diabetes, heavy alcohol intake, kidney and lung disease, people who take immune suppression therapy medications, cancer, and advanced age.

To avoid melioidosis, the following precautions should be taken:

- wear covered waterproof footwear when outdoors
- wear gloves while working in the garden or a soil-based environment
- wash then cover sores and abrasions with waterproof dressings
- wear a face mask while using high pressure hoses around soil and paths
- stay indoors during heavy wind and rain
- seek medical attention early.

Melioidosis does not usually spread from one person to another or from animals to humans.

More information about melioidosis is available at <https://nt.gov.au/wellbeing/health-conditions-treatments/bacterial/melioidosis>

### BOKNO BUS TIMETABLE - Patonga/ Whistleduck

MORNING		AFTERNOON	
Patonga Homestead	7.00am	ALPA	2.45pm
Patonga Airstrip	7.20am	Jabiru Plaza	3.00pm
Jim Jim Rangers	7.35am	Bowali Ranger	3.20pm
Cooinda Lodge	8.00am	Whistleduck	3.40pm
Whistleduck	8.30am	Cooinda Lodge	4.15pm
Bowali Ranger	8.45am	Jim Jim Rangers	4.30pm
Jabiru Plaza	8.55am	Patonga Airstrip	4.40pm
ALPA	9.00am	Patonga Homestead	4.50pm

### Town Camp/ Mudginberri/ Kapalga/ Mamukala

AMPA	7.15am	ALPA Office	2.55pm
Town Camp	7.30am	Jabiru Plaza	3.00pm
Plaza Bus stop	7.45am	Mudginberri	3.15pm
ALPA Office	7.55am	ALPA Office	3.30pm
Mudginberri	8.15am	Jabiru Plaza	3.35pm
Jabiru Plaza	8.40am	Mamukala	3.50pm
ALPA Office	8.45am	Sth Alligator	4.10pm
Kapalga	9.30am	Kapalga	4.25pm
Mamukala	10.00am	ALPA Office	5.10pm
Jabiru Plaza	10.30am	Town Camp	5.15pm
ALPA Office	10.35am		

# ROLLING OUT STREET LIBRARIES IN WEST ARNHEM

The Jabiru Public Library symbolises a lifelong commitment to literacy in West Arnhem Land, and, thanks to the street library initiative, we have been able to take another positive step towards making literacy more accessible to our most remote communities!

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Recently, the Jabiru Library purchased 5 street libraries to be placed throughout the West Arnhem region in the Northern Territory. West Arnhem Land is a huge area and home to many First

Nations families who are cut off from access to townships because of seasonal rains and large distances.

On 27 November, Warruwi launched their street library which is now proudly located at the Warruwi school. Children at school are excited to read some of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation books in their street library.

Minjilang also received and launched their new and exciting street library much to the delight of the community.

The library is now filled with books and has been placed at the Minjilang Clinic.

Thank you to ALPA Minjilang staff and participants who painted and decorated the library beautifully with a lovely colour scheme and shells (pictured below).

It was wonderful to be able to collaborate with ALPA to get the street library ready to launch.

The Jabiru Public Library will continue to donate books to these street libraries to provide

access to literacy for all people. Gunbalanya and Maningrida will be launching their street libraries in the New Year.

What is a street library? Street libraries are a window into the mind of a community; books come and go; no-one needs to check them in or out.

Happy Reading...

For further information please contact:

Jillian May, Librarian  
 Jillian.may@westarnhem.nt.gov.au



**JABIRU SPLASH**  
 FRIDAY, 26 JANUARY 2024  
 JABIRU POOL, 10AM

**BARBECUE**  
**LOTS OF POOL TOYS**  
**PAINTING ACTIVITY**

**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

**WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
**Australia Day**  
 Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

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# GUNBALANYA HOLIDAY PROGRAM REVAMP

Just in time for Christmas holidays, the Gunbalanya Youth Centre has lots of new and rediscovered equipment to further engage and revamp the program.

Youth now have access to ping pong, a mini netball ring in the gymnastics room and an exercise bike.

Thanks to NIAA funding, the centre received a pool table and electric drums for our budding rockstars which have both been

an instant hit.

A very big thanks to Paul from CDP who put it together and also fixed the basketball ring at the community court. He is an awesome asset to community who unfortunately we are losing. Thanks also to works crew for delivering the gear.

Another big thank you to Caylus and Blair (NT Australian of the year) who facilitated another 2 laptops through DOTCOM for the youth centre.



## JABIRU'S TRANSITION TO COMMUNITY CONTROL CONTINUES

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"We are investing millions into Jabiru to transform it into the tourism and services hub we know it is well positioned to be.

"This new transition ticks another milestone, and gives the community of Jabiru control of the homes that are built in their community and the best place for them."

Member for Arafura, Manuel Brown said, "The Territory Government is investing \$135 million in making sure the community of Jabiru and the Mirarr people get to make their own decisions.

"Jabiru is the gateway to Kakadu, and a place which should be bustling with opportunity, this is what the Territory Government is making sure happens."

Gundjeihmi CEO Thalia van den Boogaard said, "JKL's success in supporting the transition of the town would not have been possible

without the clear vision of the Mirarr traditional owners and funding support from NT Government.

"GAC would like to thank the Northern Territory Government for the ongoing support and funding that has allowed JKL to make significant contributions to the transition of Jabiru throughout each phase of the organisation's growth."

"In light of progress made in Jabiru and the establishment of the township entity Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation Jabiru Town (GACJT), now is the right time for a wholly community-controlled housing entity to focus on housing as a crucial requirement to enable the Mirarr vision of Jabiru. The repurposed Jabiru Property Services is a sure guarantee that we will focus on Jabiru's property market, to realise the Mirarr vision and benefit all people in and across the region."

## CRISIS SUPPORTERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR EVERYONE

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.



## 2024 NT YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS

The search has begun for incredible young people 30 and under from across the Territory. Who you would like to recognise? Nominations are open for the 2024 Northern Territory Young Achiever Awards.

Everybody knows an inspiring young individual;

- Who we all wonder where they find the time to help others
- Who is paving the way for our future through innovative thinking
- Who is a leader and role model for their peers

We need to give thanks, and now you can by nominating them into one of these categories:

- Spirit Super Connecting Communities Award
- Minister for Youth Excellence in Youth Leadership Award
- Aurizon Indigenous Achievement Award
- Mindil Beach Casino Resort Travel, Tourism and Hospitality Award
- NT Government Small Business Achievement Award
- Glencore McArthur

River Mining Regional and Rural Initiative Award

- McDonalds NT Career Achievement Award
- Zip Print Sport Award
- NT Government Young Carers Award
- Charles Darwin University International Student Award
- Colemans Contracting & Earthmoving Agriculture Award
- NT Government Young Aboriginal Educator Award
- Somerville Promoting Disability Rights and Inclusion Award

The awards celebrate those people who have contributed to their community.

To nominate, go online to [www.youngachieverawards.com](http://www.youngachieverawards.com) select 'NT' and then click the gold 'Nominate Now', or call 1300 148 228. Or feel free to call the Awards Office or email [ntyaa@awardsaustralia.com](mailto:ntyaa@awardsaustralia.com) All nominees will receive a letter of congratulations and a certificate.

Nominations close Wednesday, 20 December 2023.

## WORK IN & EXPERIENCE ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU



**Pool Officer** – Jabiru, Level 2 \$56k – Part Time – Subsidised Accommodation provided – All applications considered

**Community Care Officer** – Jabiru, Level 2/3, \$28 - \$34 per hour – Casual – No Accommodation provided – All applications considered

**Customer Services Officer** – Maningrida, Level 3 - \$59k – Full Time – No Accommodation provided - Opened until filled - All applications considered

**Community Care Cook** – Gunbalanya, Casual – 20 hours per week – No Accommodation provided - Opened until filled - All applications considered

**Broadcasting Officer** – Gunbalanya, Level 4 \$68 – Part Time – 20 hours per week – No Accommodation provided - Opened until filled - All applications considered

**For more information:**

Please phone 08 8979 9404 or email [vacancy@westarnhen.nt.gov.au](mailto:vacancy@westarnhen.nt.gov.au)



*Indigenous people are encouraged to apply*



# WHAT'S ON



## GUNBALANYA SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

MONDAY 18/12	TUESDAY 19/12	WEDNESDAY 20/12	THURSDAY 21/12	FRIDAY 22/12
<p><b>MORNING ACTIVITY</b></p> <p>10am-12pm Youth Centre Drop in with painting</p> 	<p><b>MORNING ACTIVITY</b></p> <p>10am-1pm Youth Centre Drop in with hairdressers thanks to Adjumarllari SCfC</p> 	<p><b>MORNING ACTIVITY</b></p> <p>10am-1pm Youth Centre Drop in with hairdressers thanks to Adjumarllari SCfC</p> 	<p><b>MORNING ACTIVITY</b></p> <p>11am-2pm Youth Centre Wellbeing with TeamHEALTH and Christmas tie dye T-shirts and bags</p> 	<p><b>MORNING ACTIVITY</b></p> <p>10am-12pm Youth Centre Drop in with Christmas cooking</p> 
<p><b>AFTERNOON ACTIVITY</b></p> <p>2pm-6pm with Build-up Skateboarding</p> 	<p><b>AFTERNOON ACTIVITY</b></p> <p>2pm-6pm with Build-up Skateboarding</p>  <p>And 5-9pm Movie night with TeamHEALTH @youth centre</p> 	<p><b>AFTERNOON ACTIVITY</b></p> <p>4pm-7pm Sport</p> 	<p><b>AFTERNOON ACTIVITY</b></p> <p>3pm-6pm Pool party with Adjumarllari and TeamHEALTH</p> 	<p><b>AFTERNOON ACTIVITY</b></p> <p>4pm-7pm Sport</p> 



# MANINGRIDA BASKETBALL GRAND FINAL

The Maningrida basketball grand final turned out to be a fantastic community event with exciting games and a great crowd!

*"Grand final turned out to be a fantastic community event with exciting games and a great crowd!"*

Huge congratulations and thank you to the teams, coaches, organisers, volunteers and the community for an amazing event. The community spirit was

incredible.

West Arnhem Regional Council's Youth Sport and Recreation team did an amazing job and worked with No More to deliver the important message of no violence to the community and all participating teams linking arms in support of this.

West Arnhem Regional Council wishes to thank: Northern Territory Government, Basketball NT, Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation, Maningrida Progress Association, Stronger Communities for Children, No More, and all of the volunteers and supporters.



Ask your mob, your way, R U 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

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**R U OK?**  
A conversation could change a life.

# NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS

Maningrida Oval

7pm - 8pm *(weather depending)*

Sunday, 31 December 2023

*Proudly presented by*  
Maningrida Local Authority



**MERGS**

## PROMOTING THE VALUES OF SPORTSMANSHIP



Matt from AFLNT visited Minjilang and Warruwi recently to deliver some exciting programs for the community. In collaboration with West Arnhem Regional Council's Youth Sport and Recreation team and the schools, Matt ran activities with different age groups of men and women separately, with a strong focus on developing 'sportsmanship', 'coaching' and 'skills'. These are fundamental elements to not only AFL but all sport and recreation. Matt will continue these community visits in 2024.



# MARDBALK DAY

FRIDAY, 26 JANUARY 2024  
WARRUWI | 10AM

SMOKING CEREMONY  
COLOUR FUN RUN  
TUG-O-WAR  
KID'S ARTS  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
SPEAR THROWING  
COMPETITIONS

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## Maningrida Local Radio

Tune in to 106.1

## Nativity and Carols

Jabiru Church

Friday 15th Dec  
7pm at the church

All welcome,  
come as you are or dress as  
shepherds, angels or animals