



The Jabiru Community held a NAIDOC Week expo with lots of stall and activities. Photo credit: Ted Balneaves.

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

The Jabiru Community celebrated NAIDOC Week ahead of the annual dates in 2024 to allow school-aged children to be more involved with the events during the school term.

This year's theme is 'Keep the fire burning! Blak, Loud and Proud'.

To commence the festivities on Wednesday, 19 June, West Arnhem Regional Council collaborated with Jabiru Area School to hold a Community march from the school to the Jabiru Library.

The march was led by a huge NAIDOC Week banner made with TarniArts. It was great to see so many students, teachers, community members and Council Elected Members involved in the march.

This was followed by an opening ceremony with Deputy Mayor Liz Williams officiating and a Welcome to Country thanks to Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation and Mirarr Traditional Owners. Throughout the morning, there was a very special

Elders morning tea, and stalls and activities for the whole Community including a weaving workshop, a digeridoo lesson and traditional dancing.

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13YARN also came out to share valuable information about crisis support and they handed out heaps of giveaways.

A huge thank you to Greg and the team from Sodexo and ERA for putting on the Community barbecue.

The day was very successful with over 250 people attending these activities.

On Thursday, 20 June, stakeholders came together to continue the expo with stalls and activities at the Library. ALPA Jabiru brought a very special traditional canoe to the

expo for people to learn about. The ALPA team has been building the canoe for many months as a project.

The ALPA team also hosted the community barbecue for everyone to enjoy.

In what was an extra special addition to the day, TEABBA radio brought the 'Ms Jemma' truck to Jabiru and they broadcasted live from Jabiru across the Top End!

TEABBA also donated a \$350 food hamper as a raffle prize which was won by Denzel Websdale.

West Arnhem Regional Council wishes to thank everyone involved in making these events happen: Amy Tambling and Jabiru Area School, ALPA, NLC, GAC, NT Police and Jabiru Fire Station for supporting the march, Sodexo and ERA.

Thanks also to WARC staff particularly Porridge and the works crew.

The events were supported by the National Indigenous Australians Agency.

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BUILDING CAREER PATHWAYS IN ESSENTIAL SERVICES



West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) has created career pathways to allow our local Indigenous employees to upskill to become the next wave of Utility Support Contract (USC) workers in their Communities.

Current staff, in particular works crew, have the opportunity to gradually upskill and undertake formal training until they are qualified and ready to step into the USC roles. Where literacy skills may be a barrier, this training is also provided.

The journey starts by 'shadowing' the current USC Officer who will serve as a mentor and guide to progress from observing to performing the tasks in a supervised, hands-on environment.

Brendon, who is the USC Assistant in Warruwi, said, "When I applied to become the USC Assistant at Warruwi Community, I was curious about the roles and purpose about the USC. So I have applied and was fortunate to get the role. My first few weeks I had so many questions but was pretty hands on from which I was able to develop some

skills and confidence. As an optimistic and ambitious person I have attended work every day with a strong will to build more skills and confidence within myself, which I will be able to educate and create a pathway for more people in our community in the future."

Peter Hussie, USC Operator in Warruwi, who is currently training Brendon is excited to share, "Brendon is proving to be an outstanding trainee with his commitment to the job. His willingness to do any job with a good attitude and his ability to comprehend the underlying principles of how the systems work. This shows that Brendon has a bright future within the USC role."

By the time USC Assistants have completed this journey, they will have all of the formal qualifications required to be an integral part of serving their Community through this essential role.

West Arnhem Regional Council's foundational pillar in their strategic plan is to increase local Indigenous employment across the West Arnhem region.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WEST ARNHAM COMMUNITIES

West Arnhem Regional Council's Business Development Team accesses a lot of information about grants. Each month, we highlight two grants that West Arnhem residents may be interested in. Check the grant guidelines to make sure you qualify to apply and the grant does what you want it to, then give it a crack.

There are literally hundreds of grants happening at any one time. If you have a project or a passion, you are welcome to contact us

to see if we can find a grant that might help you grow your idea.

If you are interested in health, agriculture, education, sustainability, technology, music, conservation, art, sport and so much more, the opportunities are there.

To find out if there is a grant we know about that can help you, please contact grants@westarnhem.nt.gov.au Here are this month's highlighted grants:

Aboriginal Development in **Tourism NT**

Parks and Reserves Grant Program (closing date 29/11/2024)

Tourism NT is offering Aboriginal owned (at least 50%) and NT operating organisations grant funding to support the development of Aboriginal cultural experiences and tourism product in Northern Territory joint managed parks and reserves. Aboriginal Tourism Development in NT Parks and Reserves Grant Program | Tourism Northern Territory (tourismnt.com.au)

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.

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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

PFES CADETS VISIT STAKEHOLDERS IN JABIRU

A group of 19 Police Fire and Emergency Services (PFES) Cadets from Year 11 visited Jabiru between 20-24 May as part of their community engagement and cultural awareness camp.

The Police Fire and Emergency Services (PFES) Cadet program in Darwin is a vocational program for year 11 and 12 students.

The Cadets are not trainee Police officers, although some may eventually choose that employment path.

While in Jabiru, the cadets undertook activities in town and on Country, engaging with many locals and local stakeholders.

This included a visit to the Jabiru School, Police Station, Fire Station, the pool, library and a cultural immersion day at Nourlangie and Patonga Homestead with Many Muir.

On Friday 24 May, the cadets attended the West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) Chambers to learn more about Local Government and the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet (DCMC).

Council Services Manager Dana Hewett, Business Development Manager Leanne Johansson represented WARC and Mayor James Woods also attended via video-conference from Maningrida. Mayor Woods shared his personal and professional history, and imparted



The Police Fire and Emergency Services cadets with West Arnhem Regional Council Business Development Manager Leanne Johansson and Mayor James Woods via video-conference.

knowledge to the cadets around his different roles; from Mayor to his involvement in emergency services.

The cadets felt honoured that a busy man like Mayor Woods would take time out of his schedule to meet with them.

Dana and Leanne shared information about WARC and their roles within Council.

Claire Joyce from DCMC also shared an overview of DCMC which was very informative.

The cadets asked many questions throughout the 1.5 hour session and left with more insights in to local and state government. The Cadets enjoyed their time in Jabiru and thank you to all stakeholders involved in their trip.

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FREE EVENT

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Jabiru

IT'S A TERRITORY THING

Jabiru Lakeside, Civic Drive
1 July 2024 | 7:00PM

Celebrate with the official fireworks display
No personal fireworks
Plan your Territory Day celebration at territoryday.nt.gov.au

NORTHERN TERRITORY MAJOR EVENTS

WHAT'S ON



Official events to celebrate Territory Day will take place in Maningrida and Jabiru on Monday, 1 July 2024. For details about events in your community, see your local noticeboard.

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

JULY

Mon 1 Territory Day, Jabiru and Maningrida

7 - 14 NAIDOC Week

Wed 24 WARC Ordinary Council Meeting, Jabiru

Tue 30 Risk Management and Audit Committee Meeting, Jabiru

JABIRU SEWERAGE UPGRADE UNDERWAY



Great news for Jabiru residents. The NT Government funded, \$12.49 million Jabiru sewerage upgrade project began mobilisation in April. Darwin based business, Mousellis & Sons have been awarded the contract to deliver this project, which is part of the NTC's \$135.5 million commitment to supporting a strong and sustainable future for Jabiru. The project is expected to take two years to complete.

The Sewerage upgrade will be completed in two stages. Stage one will see

investigative works to the sewer lines and manholes. This is important for planning the most effective repairs and upgrades in the following stage. The second stage, estimated to begin in 2025, will focus on addressing the identified issues. This will include repairing existing pipes, replacing damaged sections, and expanding the system for improved capacity.

This upgrade is an important investment in Jabiru's future, and it will ensure the community has a modern and efficient sewerage system for years to come.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME HELD AT THE JABIRU PUBLIC LIBRARY



The Jabiru Public Library hosted the annual National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday, 22 May 2024.

'BowerBird Blues' was read by our Guest Reader Jacko who is West Arnhem Regional Council's NDIS Remote Connector.

Jacko made an awesome costume to engage and immerse the children into the story book. Great Job Jacko. National

Simultaneous Storytime is held the same date and time every year across the country. This is a special day for early years to embrace and celebrate literacy. We were one of 2,359,147 participants in Australia to participate.

Thank you Bridgette and the FaFT families for coming along and celebrating with us at the library. Happy Reading.

SHARING STORIES TO HELP LEARN AND PRACTISE

Kaye Namundja wrote this story about when she was young. She put in a few Kunwinjku words and place names for Balanda to learn, and also for Bininj to practise reading their language. Drawings by Jill Nganjmirra and Kaye Namundja. Kaye and Jill work for the Bininj Kunwok Regional Language and Cultural Centre.

A long time ago myself and my namud (family), we lived at an outstation near Maningrida, kore kunred Mankolod (at the place called Mankolod). That's when I was about five years old, in the late 1970s and 80s.

My ngabba (Dad), who was from the skin group Nawakadj and Kardbam clan, used to hunt for kunj (kangaroo) and nganabbarru (buffalo) and other mayh (animals). He speared them with barrawu (shovel-nosed spear) for us to eat. He would always use borndok (spear thrower) to make the spear go far. Sometimes he would use a different spear which we call mankole, made from Acacia wood, to catch djenj (fish) and other things.

Once in a while we made kunkarlewobe (fish traps), which means putting logs, stones and some spear grass into the creek, so the djenj can't go through. That's when we can catch the djenj with our hands. Also sometimes we used mandjabu and walabi (two kinds of

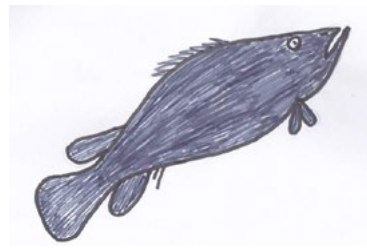
fish net) to catch djenj. The older ladies used to talk to us about going out and collecting manme (bush tucker). They had to show us first - which foods to eat and which not to eat.

Sometimes when we didn't have food, we had to walk from Mankorlod to Mumeka to get food for us to eat, because they had a truck coming with food from Manayingkarirra (Maningrida). This took us a whole day walking kore bininj manbolh (on a traditional walking path). When I was young, every night we had to sit around a fire to listen to a dreamtime story, for example Nakorrkko story and also many stories about djang (our sacred places), so that we knew not to go to those places without permission. I liked all the stories.

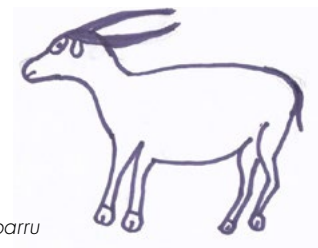
On time there was a sick old man. He was my ngadjadj, my father's brother-in-law, or in other words - my uncle. A sad day came for us when he died. My ngabba told us to leave Mankorlod and move to another outstation at Manmoyi. So we buried my ngadjadj and went to stay at Manmoyi with other family. I was about ten years old then.

After that my mum and dad, my three brothers and me, we all came to live at Kunbarlanya (Gunbalanya) forever, where I live now.

Bonj (The end)



Djenj



Nganabbarru



borndok



walabi



Mankole



Kunj

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NEW ACTIVITIES AT GUBALANYA COMMUNITY CARE



The Gunbalanya Community Care team recently implemented a new initiative aimed at increasing client involvement and engagement prior to breakfast time. This initiative strives to provide clients with meaningful and interactive activities to kick-

start their day and promote a sense of community and connection within the organisation.

This occurs every morning at the Community Care building in Gunbalanya.

By introducing these activities before breakfast, Community

Care aims to enhance the overall well-being of their clients by promoting physical, mental and social engagement. These activities not only provide a positive start to the day but also create a supportive and inclusive environment that encourages client involvement

and active participation. Client's advised that the new activities are fun and it is more exciting attending the centre. Find out more about Community Care Services in Gunbalanya by popping into the Community Care Centre or call 08 8970 3700.

UPCOMING TERRITORY DAY EVENTS



2023 Territory Day fireworks in Jabiru. Photo credit: Peter Keepence Photography.

The iconic Territory Day celebrations will take place across the NT on 1 July, giving Territorians the chance to celebrate our region. Please join us for the official Territory Day events in our region:

Where: Maningrida Football Oval
Time: From 6:00pm
Fireworks Display: A stunning fireworks display will light the sky at 7:00pm. No personal fireworks.

Celebrate with a barbecue and an official fireworks display.

Where: Jabiru Lake, Civic Drive
Time: 5.45pm
Fireworks Display: A stunning fireworks display will light the sky at 7:00pm. No personal fireworks.

Celebrate with a barbecue and an official fireworks display. These events are supported by the Northern Territory Government and West Arnhem Regional Council.


FREE EVENT

Celebrating
our land
in the sky

Maningrida

IT'S A TERRITORY THING

AFL Oval beside the Maningrida School
 1 July 2024 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Celebrate with the official fireworks display
 Personal fireworks allowed (not on the oval)
 Plan your Territory Day celebration at territoryday.nt.gov.au




SUPPORTING NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

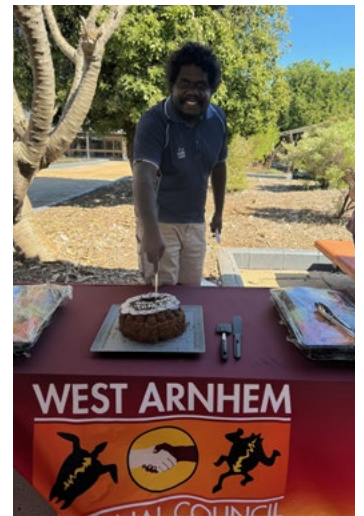
The Jabiru Community joined in the National Reconciliation Week (NRW) events and activities hosted by West Arnhem Regional Council.

National Reconciliation Week commenced with an opening ceremony on Monday, 27 May in the town plaza, with a Welcome to Country by Mirarr Traditional Owner Corben Mudjandi and an opening address by Deputy Mayor Liz Williams.

There was also a special cake and refreshments and resources available for people to browse.

The Jabiru Library also hosted a special story time by Nanna Marcia and a Reconciliation Film Club night on Tuesday, May 28.

The National Reconciliation Week theme for 2024, Now More Than Ever, is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will – and must – continue.



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WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL ADOPTS 2024-25 PLAN AND BUDGET

West Arnhem Regional Council adopted the 2024-25 Regional Plan and Budget at the Ordinary Council Meeting this month. This is a significant document for West Arnhem Regional Council and the Communities we serve.

The Plan sets out Council's organisational vision, purpose and values, our strategic priorities (through our strategic Pillars) and budget over the next 12 months.

A copy of the West Arnhem Regional Council Plan and Budget can be downloaded from the Council's website at: www.westarnhem.nt.gov.au/corporate-documents or a copy obtained from any of Council's offices in Jabiru, Minjilang, Waruwi, Gunbalanya and Maningrida, or by emailing a request to: info@westarnhem.nt.gov.au.

CELEBRATING OUR TEAM'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

West Arnhem Regional Council is thrilled to announce the successful completion of the recent Foundation Skills for your Future (FSFYF) program by our dedicated staff.

This federally funded initiative has been a transformative journey for our employees across all West Arnhem Communities, enhancing their reading, writing, numeracy, and computer skills.

In collaboration with Charles Darwin University, this program has been delivered through regular face-to-face sessions conducted by trainers who visit our Communities.

They have provided invaluable support, either through personalised one-on-one sessions or in small groups, focusing on identifying individual learning needs and career goals.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all participants for their hard work and commitment!



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Minjilang group together.



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Jabiru group together.

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NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS IN JABIRU

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

BUDDING FOOTBALL STARS IN MINJILANG



Minjilang has started children's football training with great attendance levels. Organisers take a fruit platter and ice water to get prepared for an hour of footy and fun twice a week. Tuesdays is AFL training and Thursdays is NRL/touch footy training.

It is amazing to see the kids having such a great time learning about teamwork, respect for team mates, leadership, and encouragement. The skill level has increased rapidly throughout the past month with some future football stars in the making.

In conjunction with Mamaruni School, West Arnhem Regional Council will be drafting a jersey designed by the kids!

Watch this space.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM INSPIRES EMERGING DJS IN GUNBALANYA

IDENTIFIED YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT OUTCOME

The purpose of the recent Youth Leadership Summits held in the West Arnhem region was to provide a platform for young people to present their ideas to the decision makers from their community, and there been many valuable outcomes identified at the Summits so far.

One of these important outcomes came from the young people in Gunbalanya who identified that they want more discos in the Community.

To support this activity for young people, West Arnhem Regional Council engaged 'Dream Impact Inspire', which is run by Charly Templar, who has previously organised boxing programs and DJ sessions.

While the Community was quiet due to the bush holidays, the Gunbalanya Youth Centre was pumping with aspiring DJs during these holidays!

DJ Charly spoke proudly about the improvement he saw over the 3 days. Charly also extended his activities, by doing some cross training with youth and boxing. He spoke about the opportunities available for DJs and how he travels Australia and overseas. The Thursday night finished

with a disco with lots of dancing, prizes and some DJs trying their new skills.

It has been great to broaden the youth and community's horizon with new skills and opening their eyes to opportunities, listen to their voices and, most of all, have fun!

Thanks to Adjumarllarl and TeamHealth for assisting.



WORK IN & EXPERIENCE ARNHAM LAND & KAKADU



Jabiru

Governance Advisor – Permanent - Full Time, Subsidised Accommodation available - Applications close Wednesday 10 July 2024

Early Childcare Educator Assistant – Permanent – Full Time, Subsidised Accommodation available depending on qualifications – Open until filled

Minjilang

Utilities Support Contract Operator – Level 6 \$79k - \$85k – Fixed term – Full time, Subsidised accommodation available - Applications close Wednesday 17 July 2024.

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