



The 2023 Kurrung Sports Carnival Women's Basketball winners Minjilang pictured with Councillor James Marrawal who presented the trophy on behalf of West Arnhem Regional Council.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR KURRUNG

Sportspeople from across West Arnhem Land will gather in Jabiru next month for the highly anticipated 2024 Kurrung Sports Carnival.

Proudly hosted by the West Arnhem Regional Council, this popular two day event brings together talented men and women from the five Communities of Jabiru, Gunbalanya, Maningrida, Waruwi, and Minjilang.

The Kurrung Sports Carnival is an exciting event on the local calendar, fostering stronger Community bonds and sense of belonging.

This year's carnival, scheduled for 30 and 31 August, promises an exciting line up of competitions, including:

- A men's AFL competition
- Men's and women's basketball

The inclusion of the women's AFL 9s contest is a notable highlight, reflecting the growing interest in women's football in the region.

The Council looks forward

to showcasing this sport and providing the opportunity for girls and women of all age groups and skill levels to participate and represent their region in a family-friendly, culturally safe, competitive event.

*"The Kurrung Sports Carnival is an exciting event on the local calendar.."*

Additionally, the carnival will feature a cultural dance performance known as Manyardi/Kunborrk, which will conclude the 2024 event. This was a highlight addition to the 2023 program which concluded the carnival on a very positive note.

Promoting and celebrating positive sportsmanship and fair play, the event will again feature the 'Spirit of Kurrung' cup, awarded to the Community which shows these key values.

For more information about the event, community members are encouraged to speak with their local Youth, Sport, and Recreation Officer.

And, if Jabiru locals are interested in volunteering at the two day event supporting the catering or sports events, please contact Lance Schmidt at the Council Office.

### 2023 CARNIVAL WINNERS:

**Men's Basketball Winners:**

Maningrida (10)

**Men's Basketball Runners Up:**

Waruwi (8)

**Men's Basketball MVP:**

Brenton Gwadbu (Waruwi)

**Women's Basketball Winners:**

Minjilang (28)

**Women's Basketball Runners up:**

Waruwi (12)

**Women's Basketball MVP:**

Sophia Lee (Minjilang)

**Men's AFL Winners:**

Jabiru Bombers (2.1.13)

**Men's AFL Runners Up:**

Gunbalanya (1.2.8)

**Men's AFL MVP:**

Tyrese Raymond (Garrack Bombers)

**'Spirit of Kurrung' Cup:**

Waruwi

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## NT POLICE AND COUNCIL ENTER MOU TOGETHER

Strong Communities thrive on collaboration.

West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) and NT Police have taken a significant step forward in our partnership together with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

*"Cultivate a future where every Community member feels safe and supported.."*

Elected Members and NT Police Superintendent Jody Nobbs and Senior Sergeant Adrian Kidney came together at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on

Tuesday, 18 June, to accept and sign the MOU.

This valuable collaboration will foster mutual understanding and cooperation in the 5 West Arnhem Communities we serve.

The MOU provides an overview and guidance to ensure consistency and cooperation between Police and WARC's Local Authorities Community Night Patrol (CNP) and Sport and Recreation (SR) services.

It also paves the way for other agencies to join forces with WARC and NT Police for collaboration and provision of services to increase community safety, harmony, health, and wellbeing.

Together, we aspire to cultivate a future where every Community member feels safe and supported.

We look forward to working with NT Police and our Communities to continue to build a better future together!



West Arnhem Regional Council Elected Members and staff and NT Police Superintendent Jody Nobbs and Senior Sergeant Adrian Kidney.

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Details here: <https://www.dccew.gov.au/.../first-nations/cawi/recruitment>

## 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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Warruwi Radio	106.1 FM
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# SAVE THE DATE

UNITING SPORTS TEAMS FROM WEST ARNHEM LAND

## KURRUNG SPORTS CARNIVAL

**30 & 31 AUGUST 2024**

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**MEN'S AFL**

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## WHAT'S ON



Registrations for the 2024 Kurrung Sports Carnival will open shortly. Please chat to your local youth, sport and recreation team for further 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 Fire'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 Fire'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 Fire's Fitness Training 5.30pm

## JULY

14 - 19 Minjilang NAIDOC Week activities

Fri 19 Waruwi NAIDOC Week activities

Wed 31 WARC Ordinary Council Meeting, Jabiru

## AUGUST

Sun 4 National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

Fri 9 International Day of the World's Indigenous People

30 & 31 2024 Kurrung Sports Carnival

# GUNBALANYA SCHOOL HOSTS CAREERS EXPO FOR STUDENTS



West Arnhem Regional Council joined an array of stakeholders, including Power and Water, ALPA CDP, Injalak Arts, Gunbalanya Police, TeamHEALTH, DICE and Remote Training Australia, at the Gunbalanya School Career Expo to promote and raise awareness of the jobs and careers available in the Community.

*"Promote and raise awareness of the jobs and careers available in community.."*

Students went around the different stations to ask questions about jobs such as the skills required, salary, education and daily task involved. From Council, Lajane from HR did a general WARC stall, Sam did a Sport and Recreation stall and Garby, Kevin and Pirri did a civil crew stall and having the machinery there was a big hit.

The opportunities are endless!





# TERRITORY DAY CELEBRATIONS IN MANINGRIDA



Maningrida celebrated Territory Day on 1 July 2024!

It was a great evening with a huge crowd and an even bigger fireworks display at the Maningrida Oval.

Huge thank you to the Maningrida Community and West Arnhem Regional Council team for putting on a great event.

West Arnhem Regional Council had the works team for security around the boundary, the sport and recreation team facilitated the barbecue and oval lights, post office staff helped with traffic control and Council administration also helped coordinate and control traffic.

Territory Day recognises the day the NT gained power, from the Commonwealth Government, to self-govern in 1978. Every year on 1 July, Territorians come together to officially celebrate everything we love about this amazing place we call home.



## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

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](mailto:grants@westarnhem.nt.gov.au). Here are this month's highlighted grants:

### Tour Guide Training Support (Closes 11pm, 28 Feb 2025)

Tourism NT is providing funding to assist with building a capable tour guide workforce in the Northern Territory (NT). Up to \$5,000 is available for NT-based tour operators who conduct tours in the Northern Territory to train new or upskill existing tour guides. <https://grantsnt.nt.gov.au/grants/tour-guide-training-support>

### Youth Vibe Holiday Grant program (Closes 12.29am on 12 August 2024)

The Youth Vibe Holiday Grants program is available for activities and events for young people, their families and the wider community during September/October, December/January and June/July school holidays. Organisations can apply for grants of up to \$2,000 for each school holiday period. <https://tfhc.nt.gov.au/social-inclusion-and-interpreting-services/office-of-youth-affairs/youth-grants-funding>

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## WEST ARNHAM REGIONAL COUNCIL ATTENDS NGA

West Arnhem Regional Council serves as a vital advocate and representative for our Communities at all levels of government.

Recently, Mayor James Woods, Councillor Mickitja Onus and CEO Andrew Walsh travelled to Canberra to attend the National General Assembly.

During their visit, Mayor

James Woods had an amazing opportunity to host ALGA President Linda Scott at the National General Assembly, with Councillors from both East and West Arnhem Regional Councils in attendance.

While the discussions were powerful, Mayor Woods expressed his sincere gratitude to Linda Scott.

"Thank you for your service to Local Government - job well done," said Mayor Woods.

Community needs and interests were also at the forefront of discussions when Mayor Woods, Councillor Onus and Councillors from East Arnhem Regional Council met with Senator Malarndirri

McCarthy.

They discussed support for local government, housing, the critical need for Indigenous employee housing, health, the new Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program and homelands.

It was heartening to hear Senator McCarthy's unwavering support for local government.



Mayor James Woods, Councillor Mickitja Onus, CEO Andrew Walsh and staff and Councillors from East Arnhem Regional Council pictured with ALGA President Linda Scott.



Mayor James Woods, Councillor Mickitja Onus, CEO Andrew Walsh and staff and Councillors from East Arnhem Regional Council meeting with Senator Malarndirri McCarthy.

## GREAT NEWS!



**Red Lily Health Board are pleased to announce we will be managing the Jabiru Health Centre from the new building from 8:00am on Monday the 2nd of September 2024.**

**It will remain a service for all residents & visitors.**



# REGISTRATIONS OPENING SOON

30 & 31 AUGUST 2024

**Get your AFL & basketball  
team  
together now!**

\*Each team needs a team manager  
\*Start organising your  
sponsorship  
and team uniforms!

MEN'S BASKETBALL  
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
MEN'S AFL  
WOMEN'S AFL 9'S

## KURRUNG SPORTS CARNIVAL

WEST ARNHAM  
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# SHARING STORIES IN KUNE LANGUAGE

Michelle Martin wrote this story about when she was growing up on an outstation, with some words added in Kune language. Pictures by Jill Nganjmirra. Michelle and Jill work for the Bininj Kunwok Regional Language Centre.

Korrokon (a long time ago) when I was about ten years old, we lived at Babori, which is an outstation east from Buluh Kaduru. This was on Bununggu Warrayhngu clan country. We used to walk far out in the bush to look for bulukki (beef) and manme (bush tucker). kobahkobanj (old men and women) would tell us to find a spot darnkih rendeno kure ngarriyoy (near the creek where we would camp). Kumekebe malabarrhomb (then in the morning), the old men took the yawurrinj (young boys) to hunt for nganabbarru (buffalo) and kunj (kangaroo). They showed the

yawurrinj how use mankole (spear) and borndok (woomera / spear thrower).

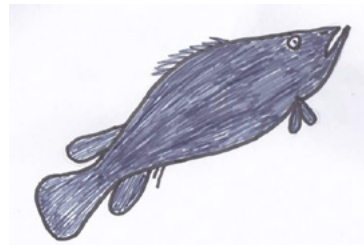
Now the old women would show us yawkyawk (young girls) how to look for mankung (sugar bag) and manme. My babba (auntie / father's sister) would take me.

They showed us how to find the mankung bodno (bee)s in the trees, when they fly in and out from their birdi (wax). Then they showed us how to look for karrbarda (long yams) and manyawok (cheeky yams) and how to dig them up with kunkaninj (digging sticks).

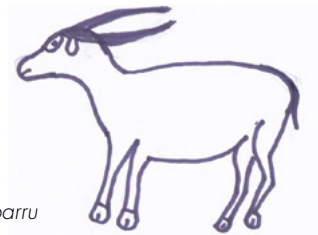
Later the men and yawurrinj came back with some kunkanj (meat) from nganabbarru and kunj. The old women and yawkyawk had some mankung (sugarbag), karrbarda and manyawok to take back kured (home).

Then all the yawurrinj and yawkyawk birrikakweng wakkidj (went night fishing) to catch djenj (fish) for breakfast.

Bonj (the end).



Djenj



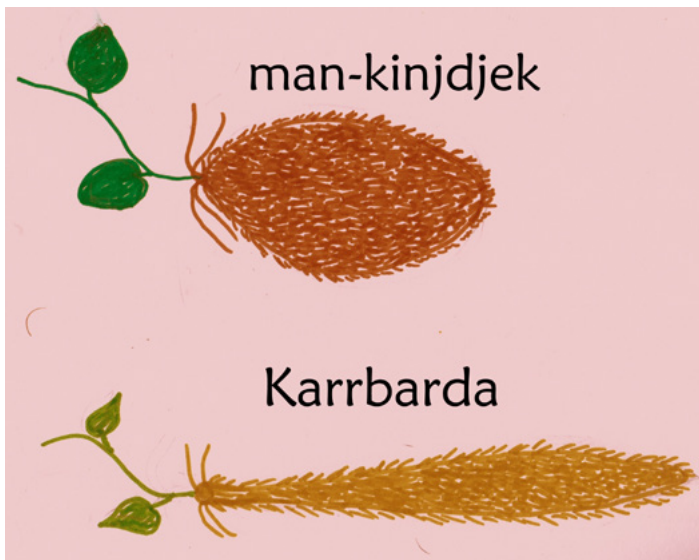
Nganabbarru



borndok



walabi



Mankole



Wakkidj



Kunj

**WOMEN'S AFL 9'S**

UNITING SPORTS TEAMS FROM WEST ARNHEM LAND

**KURRUNG SPORTS CARNIVAL**

**30 & 31 AUGUST 2024**

**Council are gathering numbers for a Women's AFL 9's competition!**

**EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST:**

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# LIGHTING UP THE SKY ON TERRITORY DAY



The Jabiru Community celebrated Territory Day on 1 July with an incredible fireworks display held over the scenic Jabiru Lake.

This is always the perfect location to view the official fireworks display with spectators lining up their own chairs and blankets on the grassed area at the lake park.

An incredible crowd of 300 people, including community members and tourists, turned out to watch the fireworks spectacle, enjoy the music, atmosphere and playing on the playground.

West Arnhem Regional Council wishes to all of the volunteers who helped with the barbecue dinner.



Photo credit: Ted Balreaves

## NEW BARGE SCHEDULE FOR ISLANDS

Due to a change of vessels, the arrival of the regular Barge to Waruwi and Minjilang has now changed to every Wednesday at 7am. For Waruwi residents, West Arnhem Regional Council wishes to advise that any Australia Post mail will be ready for collection after 10am every Wednesday.

## WORK IN & EXPERIENCE ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU



### Maningrida

**Council Services Manager** – \$112- 114K Plus super & allowances - Full Time, Subsidised Accommodation available - Applications close Wednesday 7 August 2024

### Gunbalanya

**Broadcasting Officer** - Level 4 \$ 68k - \$73k – Part Time – No accommodation provided – Open until filled.

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### For more information:

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# CREATIVE ACTIVITIES DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The Jabiru school holiday program facilitated by the West Arnhem Regional Council Sport and Recreation and Library teams have been keeping the young people active and busy.

Each day, around 20 young people have participated in the activities, and at times, there were even more, joining in with their parents and carers.

The activities including arts and crafts, computer and video games, Lego and board games, have all been taking place at the Community Hall and the Library.

While the Clontarf and Stars Academies and Caulfield Grammar are away on school holidays, Leah, from Sport and Recreation, moves focus

to the creative activities supported by the Jabiru library staff.

Local resident Tarnia has been volunteering and sharing her skills with the local children, guiding them to build a magnificent kinga. This has been the biggest school holiday project so far and the finished product will be on display within the next two weeks.

Do you have a skill or a hobby you would like to voluntarily share with your community and the Sport and Recreation team, either during the day, after school, in the evening or a once off event. Dance, music, creative writing or art just to suggest a few.

Please contact Leah at Council.



## NAIDOC WEEK - WARRUWI

FRIDAY, 19 JULY 2024

### NAIDOC MARCH

3.00PM

From the Council Office to the School

### ACTIVITIES

Didgeridoo Contest

Spear Making with the Elders

Weaving Workshop with Elders

Damper Making

### SPORTS ACTIVITIES

beach volleyball, Basketball & Football

### COLOUR RUN AND BBQ

## NAIDOC WEEK

**KEEP THE FIRE  
BURNING!  
BLAK, LOUD  
AND PROUD**

**7-14 JULY 2024**

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Urapun Muy by Deb Belyea

SAMUAWGADHALGAL, TORRES STRAIT

'Urapun Muy', from the Kowaw Ya dialect of the Top Western Islands of the Torres Strait, means 'One Fire'. The title of this work pays homage to Torres Strait Islanders and Aboriginal people everywhere, as we all have that one fire: our passion for our culture. In this work, I have depicted the hands of our ancestors that have carefully dropped a burning ember on to a fire. This ember burns hot with intensity, starting the flames, as it combines with the new fire. The linear detail shows the energy and power as cultural knowledge is transferred from our ancestors to us today. Culture is the fire that gives us knowledge, wisdom and purpose. It is our responsibility to maintain, protect, and pass on our fire to our future generations. Afterall, Culture keeps us Blak, Loud and Proud.

Aboriginal Flag designed by Mr Harold Thomas.  
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This National NAIDOC Week Activity is funded by the National Indigenous Australians Agency



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## YOUTH AFL 9'S KICKING GOALS

IDENTIFIED  
YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT  
OUTCOME

40 young men between the age of 12 - 17 years of age ventured onto Brockman Oval to take on the AFL 9's round robin carnival between Jabiru, Maningrida and Gunbalanya.

The exciting carnival was held during the school holidays.

Despite travelling the furthest Maningrida put forward two teams. Every team played each other once from Thursday afternoon concluding Friday lunchtime with Maningrida 2 taking on Gunbalanya in the grand final. Maningrida led at half time but Gunbalanya over run them in the second half claiming the cup.

*"Everyone represented their Communities with distinction.."*

When announcing the 'best and fairest' players at the end of the carnival it was noted that all players could have been awarded the fairest as everyone represented their Communities with distinction.

The idea of the carnival was a suggestion raised in the recent youth leadership summit that youth wanted inter-community competition so we delivered.

There are numerous benefits from this carnival which promoted and contributed to the health, social and emotional well-



being of young people in West Arnhem Land.

It takes a lot of time and effort for this to happen so thank you to:

- WARC Community Services
- TeamHealth
- Adjumarllarl Youth Diversion
- Jabiru School
- Red Lilly Health
- Jabiru Bombers volunteers
- Jabiru waterkids
- AFL Maningrida AFL Development Officer
- WARC Works crew

It was an absolute pleasure and hope to be back bigger and even better next time.



## YOUTH GET INTO SCREEN PRINTING WITH INJALAK ARTS



Young people in Gunbalanya have been getting some extra special art lessons these school holidays thanks to Injalak Arts in Gunbalanya.

A special thank you to Michael and Amy who have been facilitating great screen printing sessions with the Sport and Recreation team and young people.

We look forward to collecting the bags and shirts to take home!

