



The official opening of the Warruwi Community Health Centre was held on Thursday, 25 July 2024 with Community members, officials and stakeholders celebrating the occasion.

HEALTH CENTRE OFFICIAL OPENING

The community of Warruwi has celebrated the official opening of the Warruwi Community Health Centre that has been run by Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service (ACCHS), the Red Lily Health Board (Red Lily) for the past two years.

Two years on from assuming primary health operations, Red Lily and the community of Warruwi are celebrating this milestone with an official opening of the Warruwi Health Centre.

The Red Lily Health Board consists of representatives from areas including Warruwi, Minjilang, Gunbalanya, Jabiru and surrounding homelands.

Red Lily Chair June Nadjamerrek said, "The Board would like to recognise Mr Lami Lami from Warruwi for his original vision for a community-controlled health service in West Arnhem.

"Many of the current Board members were inspired by his example and so pleased to see his dream become a reality in his homeland in September 2022.

"It is now time to come together to celebrate this achievement. This milestone provides the Board, staff, community members, stakeholders and all supporters the opportunity to thank those that have contributed to improving health in the community, and hear more ideas for future improvements."

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The health centre is staffed by a permanent team of clinicians including an Aboriginal Health Practitioner, doctors, experienced registered nurses and a midwife who are supported by local staff to deliver better health outcomes for people in West Arnhem.

The Northern Territory government continues to support the Warruwi Health

Centre to patient-centred care closer to home, including through visiting specialist health services.

The Territory Labor Government believes in local decision making and has transferred primary health care services to over ten communities across the Territory since coming to Government in 2016.

In West Arnhem, Red Lily operate in the community of Minjilang on Croker Island, and will soon assume primary health care operations for the new Jabiru Health Centre once it opens in September.

Minister for Health Selena Uibo said, "Territorians deserve access to the best health care no matter where they live.

"Our Territory Labor Government has listened to community aspirations and worked with relevant national and local stakeholders to make that possible. NT Health will continue to support Red Lily to see quality health care delivered in Warruwi."

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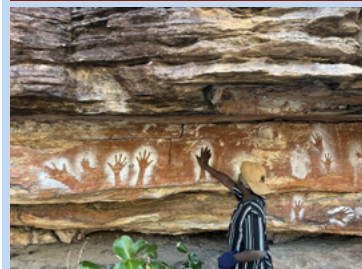
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NAIDOC WEEK POOL PARTY

To celebrate NAIDOC Week, Community members in Maningrida headed to the Pool for a slip and slide, movie on the big screen and barbecue!

This was a great collaboration between West Arnhem Regional Council's Youth, Sport and Recreation crew and the RSAS team!

This activity was funded by the National Indigenous Australians Agency.



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NEW BARGE SCHEDULE FOR ISLAND COMMUNITIES

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.

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, Waruwi, Minjilang, Maningrida and Gunbalanya.

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WHAT'S ON



Registrations for the 2024 Kurrung Sports Carnival will close on Monday, 19 August. 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

AUGUST

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

Fri 9 International Day of the World's Indigenous People

10-18 National Science Week

Mon 12 International Youth Day

17 - 23 Book Week

Wed 21 WARC Ordinary Council Meeting, Jabiru

30 & 31 2024 Kurrung Sports Carnival

HEALTH CENTRE OFFICIAL OPENING

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Member for Arafura Manuel Brown said, "It was great to celebrate this milestone of two years of community-controlled health services in Waruwi – this is why I am part of the Territory Labor Government, it is a Government that listens to community aspirations and does the hard work to make it reality."

"I would like to acknowledge the work of Red Lily and the strong leadership of the Board so Territorians in West Arnhem can have community-controlled health care."

As part of the Lawler Labor Government's commitment to local decision making, the Territory Labor Government worked with Red Lily, the Commonwealth Government, Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory (AMSANT) and the Northern Territory Primary Health Network (NT PHN) to transition operations to Aboriginal community control in West Arnhem.



TWO NEW ELECTED MEMBERS ON COUNCIL



West Arnhem Regional Council has welcomed Ms Monica Wilton and Mr Jermaine Namanurki as new Elected Members, representing the Maningrida Ward on Council.

Councillor Wilton and Councillor Namanurki were officially sworn in as Elected Members of the West Arnhem Regional Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday, 31 July 2024.

During the meeting, Cr Wilton and Cr Namanurki read aloud and signed the Declaration of Office.

Mayor James Woods warmly welcomed Cr Wilton and Cr Namanurki to Council and congratulated them on their appointment.

Cr Monica Wilton, Mayor James Woods and Cr Jermaine Namanurki.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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:

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>

2024 TERRITORY ELECTION

GET READY TO VOTE

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Voting opens on Monday 12 August.

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CELEBRATING CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

The Minjilang Community went all out to celebrate and participate in NAIDOC Week this year!

From 17-19 July, the Community held a Mamaruni School Athletics Carnival, Elders Luncheon, Colour Run, Community barbecue and a movie night.

These events were made possible through exceptional collaboration between West Arnhem Regional Council, ALPA, CDP, Stedman's Construction, Red Lily and Mamaruni School.

All parties proactively assisting one another to ensure the people of Minjilang could come together for a great week of laughter, fun, culture, and Community.

Some comments from the young participants were: "The colour run was the best day ever!!!" and "Can we make every week like this?"

Another comment was, "It is so great to see everyone working together to have events where everyone from the community can laugh and have fun together."



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JABIRU VET VIST

Thurs, 19 September 2024

This is a free health & animal management program for dogs (only domestic animals permitted in Jabiru)

Assistance to transport animals from Manaburdurma available if required

REGISTER YOUR PET:

With the Council Office (between 8.30am - 4.30pm)
by phone: 8979 9444 or pop into the Council Office
Or email: info@westarnhem.nt.gov.au

Bookings close COB Thursday 12 September.

The treatments/ procedures covered by the program:
Health checks, surgical desexing and basic worming

Register in advance if you require vaccinations (fee for service for vaccinations - CASH ONLY)



Vet service
will take
place at the
Jabiru Hall

STAKEHOLDERS SUPPORT WARRUWI CULTURE CAMP



The inaugural Warruwi Youth Culture Camp was an incredible example of empowering and listening to youth to make a lasting and positive impact on their lives.

Strongly supported by the Warruwi Local Authority, West Arnhem Regional Council held the camp between 17 & 18 July at the special location of Ngjipin Beach, with more than 39 young people from the Community taking part.

The idea for the youth camp came directly from the young people who expressed a desire for more on-country learning and connections at the West Arnhem Youth Leadership Summit in 2023. The Youth Leadership Summit brought together 50 attendees from the Communities of Gunbalanya, Maningrida, Minjilang, Warruwi, and Jabiru to build leadership capacity, identify the current needs of youth in West Arnhem Land, and present a shared vision for youth outcomes.

The insights gained from the Summit have informed strategic direction of local Community youth initiatives, ensuring that they align with the actual needs and aspirations

of the youth in West Arnhem.

Warruwi Council Services Manager Geri Narul worked tirelessly to coordinate the youth culture camp which included a talk about tackling smoking and vaping by Red Lily Health, caring for country with the Mardbalk Rangers, a visit from Power and Water and off site activities including spear making and collecting mud mussels. The young people also enjoyed a yarning circle and manyardi with Elders.

In the lead up to the camp, Council worked with Red Lily to arrange for youth to have a health check up which tied in a great incentive to support their health and wellbeing.

A huge thanks to the incredible partnerships with Warruwi Local Authority, Traditional Owners, Elders, Mardbalk Rangers, Yagbani Aboriginal Corporation, Red Lily Health, Member for Arafura Manuel Brown, Power and Water, NT Police, and Ajurumu Store, Gunbalanya Meats, Warruwi School and West Arnhem Regional Council and staff.

Your support made this camp possible.

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.

FAMILIES COME TOGETHER FOR NAIDOC WEEK



Gunbalanya held a family fun day at the pool to celebrate NAIDOC Week through a collaboration with Team Health, ALPA CDP, Adjumarllarl and West Arnhem Regional Council.

There was lots of fun games and prizes, thanks to National Indigenous Australians Agency, ALPA and hoops4Health, as well as music, a water slide, a barbecue and the event culminated into an exciting colour fun run.

The Community really enjoyed coming together and it was great to also have a visiting school from New South Wales join us.

It was warming to see families having fun together which really highlighted the importance of family in Indigenous culture.

One of the mums said after color fun run, "that was great lets do that again."

Special thanks to West Arnhem Regional Council, TeamHealth, ALPA CDP, Adjumarllarl, Hoops4Health and many volunteers helping with the colour fun run.

This activity was funded by the National Indigenous Australians Agency.



Tackling Indigenous Smoking Stall at the Kurrung Sports Carnival:

We are excited to announce that the Top End Tackling Indigenous team will be hosting a Tackling Indigenous Smoking Stall at the Kurrung Sports Carnival on the 30th – 31st of August in Jabiru. This event is a fantastic opportunity to engage with the community, share important information about the dangers of smoking, and promote healthier lifestyle choices just before the tobacco tax and price of cigarettes goes up on 1st September.

Red Lily Health Board is working with AMSANT, Mala'la Health Service



Kia Gowler – Red Lily Health Board, Tackling Indigenous Smoking Worker, Jabiru

Aboriginal Corporation and NT Health on the Top End Tackling Indigenous Smoking program to reduce the harms tobacco causes in Top End communities.

Our stall will feature educational materials, interactive activities, and resources to help those looking to learn more about or quit smoking.

We encourage everyone to stop by, ask questions, meet your local Tackling Indigenous Smoking worker, and learn more about how we can work together to

tackle Indigenous smoking.

Join us at the Kurrung Sports Carnival and take the first step towards a smoke-free future!

If you seek support in quitting or reducing smoking, we encourage you to visit your local health centre.



CULTURAL EXPERIENCES CENTRED AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

The Jabiru Childcare hosted an afternoon tea NAIDOC event and thank you to Adjumarllarl Aboriginal Corporation who kindly donated their time to attend our NAIDOC event, preparing a fire to cook barramundi and kangaroo tails which the children really enjoyed trying.

Adjumarllarl supported the event by providing an incredible cultural experience for the children as traditional dances and music was

performed for the children, who were also invited up to dance alongside.

The childcare children spent the week learning songs together to share at the event, where we invited others to join in with us.

Thank you to our wonderful staff member Sonia, who supported the event by teaching the children songs and cooking some amazing damper that was a hit! We look forward to our next NAIDOC event.



LEARNING SKILLS WITH BUILD UP SKATEBOARDING



'Build Up' skateboarding visited Minjilang recently, bringing out skateboards, ramps, helmets and pads so that the youth could showcase their mad skills and learn from the professionals. There were more than 30 kids aged from 4-15 taking part in the lessons.

The skateboarding sessions were supported by the West Arnhem Regional Council

(WARC) Youth, Sport and Recreation Team at the Community Hall.

The purpose of the visit is to continue WARC's commitment to community Sports and Recreation programs in Minjilang.

Staff said, "the kids skateboarding has come a long way since our last visit...these kids are shredding!"



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

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- pop into the Council Office

The treatments/ procedures covered by the program:

Health checks and consultations, tick/mange injections, flea treatment, tick spraying, de-sexing, contraceptives, minor surgery as required.



Any queries, please see the Council Office

CAMPING EXPERIENCE AT KABULWARNAMYO

Gunbalanya youth recently had the pleasure of joining the Warddeken Ranger mob in a culture camp at Kabulwarnamyo.

This was made possible with the support by Team Health and West Arnhem Regional Council Youth, Sport and Recreation.

West Arnhem Regional Council Councillor Donna Nadjamerrek invited the group to camp in her country and participate in the culture camp.

The young people got to see some very special sites, hear and learn from Elders and their stories of the land, work with rangers in fire burn-offs and also got to witness new technology such as drones that they now use to help monitor land. Young Richard, who is from that country, very proudly guided the group and shared his knowledge with youth and staff. We can safely say Kabulwarnamyo future is in great hands.

We wish to thank Councillor Donna, Mary and all family, Warddeken Rangers and all of Kabulwarnamyo for allowing us to visit and share and show us this amazing country.



TERRITORIES STOLEN GENERATIONS REDRESS SCHEME

Sharing or reading this information might bring up difficult memories and feelings. There is 24/7 support available if you need help managing the emotional impacts of this information.

Stolen Generations survivors who were removed as children from their families and or communities in the Northern Territory or the Australian Capital Territory (before self-government) or the Jervis Bay Territory, can now apply for redress.

People can apply to the www.territoriesredress.gov.au in their own time until 28 February 2026.

The Scheme offers a redress payment of up to \$75,000 and a healing assistance payment of \$7,000. The Scheme also offers the opportunity for Stolen Generations survivors to have their story about the impact of their removal acknowledged by a senior government official, should they wish, and have it acknowledged in a written and/or face-to-face way.

Applicants do not need to have records about their removal to apply but may wish to share any documentation.

Free support services are available to help applicants throughout the application process - they can access these services even if they are just thinking about applying. The Scheme encourages applicants to contact these services to help them make a fully informed decision that best suits their personal situation.

Support to submit applications is available through local Link Up services.

Independent legal advice and financial counselling in relation to applications is available through knowmore Legal Service (www.knowmore.org.au). knowmore has culturally safe, trauma-informed assistance on 1800 566 966 or 1800KNOWMORE. They have male and female Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement Advisors available in all of their offices.

If a member of the Stolen Generations

passes away on or after the Scheme was announced on 5 August 2021 and they would have met the eligibility criteria, their family will be able to apply on their behalf.

How to apply:

To apply for the Scheme, fill in an Application for redress form:

- download a copy from territoriesredress.gov.au/apply
- call the Scheme on 1800 566 111 between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm (Australian Eastern Time), Monday to Friday (excluding Canberra public holidays).
- Email the Scheme on help@territoriesredress.gov.au
- Write to the Scheme at Reply Paid 83394, Canberra ACT 2601
- Visit your local Link Up service for a copy.

To find out more about the Scheme, visit territoriesredress.gov.au email or call 1800 566 111.