



The Sydney Swans have visited the West Arnhem region to hold a successful 'Kick The Habit' Footy Festival in Maningrida. Read more below.

'KICK THE HABIT' FOOTY FESTIVAL

The Sydney Swans have concluded their journey through the Top End with a successful 'Kick The Habit' Footy Festival in Maningrida - a smoke-free carnival that promoted an important health message through sport and a stop into Jabiru.

The event was the catalyst of a trip in the West Arnhem Land that saw a contingent of Swans players and staff embark on a special eight-day journey.

Activities included visits to schools, aged care facilities, local homelands, and AFL clinics for the local community, with the mantra of 'Strong Lungs, Strong Body, Say No To Smokes' at the heart of all messaging as the club looked to combat help the 50% of people in Maningrida who smoke.

In partnership with Malal'a Indigenous Health Service and as part of the Australian Government's Tackle Indigenous Smoking program, the club's primary

focus was to promote healthy living through footy, while also enriching their understanding of Australia's connection to country and First Nations People.

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The footy festival in particular was a resounding success that saw participants come from different parts of the West Arnhem Land region to play AFL.

A passionate Welcome to Country ceremony kicked off proceedings on Friday evening before boys and girls from different regions participated in a Youth Clinic. The AFL and AFLW players lead warm ups and training drills, before featuring in the four fixtures and having a kick with the locals.

The weekend saw an incredible two days of footy which males and females participating in a two-day tournament, which families and friends coming together from across Arnhem Land, including Gunbalanya and Milingimbi.

Michael O'Loughlin, a Bloods Champion and one of 19 First Nations players to represent the Swans, said he was incredibly proud to take part in a 'once-in-a-lifetime' event.

"I've joined for the final four or five days and it has been pretty special. You can see the reactions from the community and we've got a huge number who have come from surrounding parts of Maningrida who have joined in on the action," O'Loughlin said.

"It has been an absolute pleasure to be here (and it's) a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to come to a place like this."

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ELECTED MEMBER TRAINING

West Arnhem Regional Council's Elected Members participated in a valuable training session with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development on Monday, 18 November. The session covered key topics essential for good governance and decision-making, including:

- Introduction to finances
- Council meeting procedures and decision-making

- Understanding Local Government
- Roles and responsibilities
- Code of Conduct
- Conflict of interest

Ongoing training ensures Elected Members are well-equipped to serve our Communities with integrity and informed decision-making.

Thank you to the Department for delivering this training!



INFO ON 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:

- download a copy from territoriesredress.gov.au/apply
- call the Scheme on 1800 566 111
- Email help@territoriesredress.gov.au
- In writing at Reply Paid 83394, Canberra ACT 2601
- Visit your local Link Up service for a copy.

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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Warruwi Radio	106.1 FM
Jabiru Radio	98.9 FM



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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

West Arnhem Regional Council has opened nominations for the 2025 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 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 2025 Awards. Your nominee could be recognised in one of our three categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year (16 to 30 yrs)
- 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 2024. For more information or to nominate, please call 89799465 or email wire@westarnhem.nt.gov.au

NOMINATE TO BECOME AN ELECTED MEMBER

Represent Gunbalanya or Minjilang as an Elected Member on the West Arnhem Regional Council!

Nominations are invited to fill one casual vacancy in the Minjilang Ward and one casual vacancy in the Gunbalanya Ward.

This is a great opportunity to influence the future of your Community. Pick up a nomination form from your local Council Office.

• **Nominations open:** Friday, 22 November 2024

• **Nominations close:** COB Friday, 20 December 2024



COUNCIL NOTICE

Nominations are invited for the following positions:

MINJILANG WARD 1 CASUAL VACANCY

WHEN CAN I NOMINATE?

Nominations open: 22 November 2024

Nominations close: COB Friday, 20 December 2024

HOW DO I NOMINATE?

Nominations Forms: Available at the Council Office and at www.westarnhem.nt.gov.au/corporate-documents

Lodge your Nomination: At the Council Office or email governance@westarnhem.nt.gov.au, including a written statement or a 3 minute video submission outlining why you are nominating

Please note:

- You must be eligible to nominate under section 46 of the Local Government Act
- You must be enrolled in the Minjilang Ward
- Your nomination submission may be made public



For further information:

(08) 8979 9469 | governance@westarnhem.nt.gov.au | www.westarnhem.nt.gov.au



COUNCIL NOTICE

Nominations are invited for the following positions:

GUNBALANYA WARD 1 CASUAL VACANCY

WHEN CAN I NOMINATE?

Nominations open: 22 November 2024

Nominations close: COB Friday, 20 December 2024

HOW DO I NOMINATE?

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Please note:

- You must be eligible to nominate under section 46 of the Local Government Act
- You must be enrolled in the Gunbalanya Ward
- Your nomination submission may be made public



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WHAT'S ON



West Arnhem Regional Council will be holding the final round of Local Authority meetings for 2024 from Monday, 25 November - Thursday, 28 November. Please visit the WARC website 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 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

NOVEMBER

Sat 23 Jabiru Bombers Home Game, Jabiru
Sat 23 Jabiru Christmas Market, Golf Club
Sun 24 Jabiru Children's Christmas Party, Jabiru Pool
Mon 25 Minjilang Local Authority Meeting
Tue 26 Waruwi Local Authority Meeting
Wed 27 Gunbalanya Local Authority Meeting
Thu 28 Maningrida Local Authority Meeting
Fri 29 Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee Meeting

COUNCIL ADOPTS ANNUAL REPORT



In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2019*, the West Arnhem Regional Council has adopted its 2023-24 Annual Report.

The Annual Report features Council's strategic goals and objectives, performance for the financial year ending 30 June 2024 as well as the financial analysis of reports and audited financial statements.

This Annual Report can be downloaded at www.westarnhem.nt.gov.au, obtained from any of Council's offices in Jabiru, Minjilang, Waruwi, Gunbalanya and Maningrida, by telephoning 08 8979 9444 or by emailing info@westarnhem.nt.gov.au.

YOUTH BASKETBALL COMPETITION

West Arnhem Regional Council's Youth, Sport and Recreation teams (YSR) in Jabiru and Gunbalanya worked together to hold a Community Warddeken Youth Basketball Competition including Gunbalanya, Jabiru and Homelands Youth.

The competition was held as part of Healthy Skin Week and was made possible by a grant from Adjumarlrl.

It ran with the 24 hour wash-a-thon hosted by Aboriginal Investment Group and Adjumarlrl.

The competition, which was held on 6 and 7 November, was very well-attended and made possible by Nathan Jawai and his team, the Jabiru YSR team, Gunbalanya YSR team, Lochie Mckenzie from Adjumarlrl and numerous other stakeholders involved in the 24-hour Wash-a-thon.

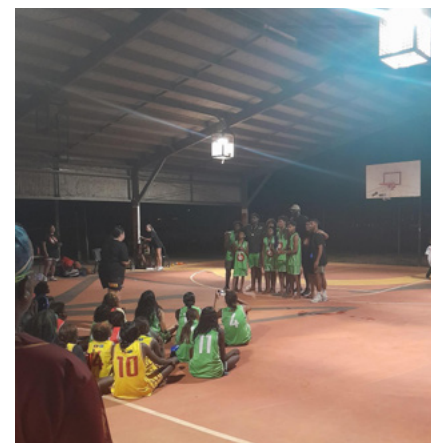
The Gunbalanya girls team won the female competition and the Jabiru boys team took out the male competition.

A number of skills events were also held between games and there were prizes including signed jerseys, shoes and basketballs from Nathan Jawai's time in

the NBA!

WARC YSR Officer Leah Holt-Narul said, "The first night I noticed we had about 150 people and then the next night we had way more. We almost had too many kids to fit into the teams! I think next year we can make it bigger and better and now we know it will be well received we can plan for that to make the next event even better than it was this year. It was a great event for the community of Gunbalanya as well as all the youth that travelled from Jabiru and homelands."

Leah went on to say, "a highlight of the event for me was seeing all the parents come out to cheer on their children, it was a real whole of community event."



FURTHER UPGRADES TO GUNBALANYA OVAL

The Gunbalanya community can look forward to a new and improved sports oval very shortly with contractors currently on site.

The upgrades to the important community facility will include resurfacing, line marking and irrigation works, including sprinkler replacements, in the pipeline.

These improvements aim to provide a higher standard of playing field for the community to enjoy various sports and recreational activities.

There has been positive feedback from community already with the oval looking very green and residents commenting that

they can't wait to play football on it. And, it won't be long before other communities are invited to come along and play.

"There has been positive feedback from community already with the oval looking very green.."

These works will further enhance the facility following the completion of the new Oval Lights in September 2024, which

now enable night games - a fantastic addition for local sports and events.

A huge thanks to the Northern Territory Government and the Gunbalanya Local Authority for supporting these valued community projects.

Council also wishes to thank everyone involved in getting the oval up and running.

Council also thanks the Gunbalanya Community for avoiding the oval whilst this work is being carried out. It is expected to be completed by 6 December 2024.

Please note, the oval gates will be temporarily locked closed to allow the seeded oval to stabilise growth before use.



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Going through a tough time?

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- 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.

SYDNEY SWANS VISIT MANINGRIDA AND JABIRU

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AFL players Sam Wicks, Matt Roberts and Patrick Snell featured prominently in the festival, playing in fixtures across two action-packed days, while AFLW players Maddy Collier, Tanya Kennedy, Eliza Vale and Sarah Steele-Park (train-on) also played alongside members of the local community.

"It really does put things into perspective. I think some people have travelled from other islands to be here - even driven four or five hours to come here and play some footy," Wicks said.

"It's been a great way for us to connect with them because we obviously love our footy as well. It's a great way to bond with them."

The community quickly filled with red and white as Swans merchandise was handed out to the community.

The Swans would like to extend a sincere thank you to

the community of Maningrida, the Australian Defence Force, Malal'a Health & AMSANT for their contribution in making the trip so memorable. West Arnhem Regional Council staff from Jabiru and Maningrida also supported the event.

West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) Wellbeing Services Coordinator Jabiru/Maningrida Aden Reeves said, "It was fantastic to be a part of such a well organised and well attended event. The week included an amazing mix of high quality football clinics and matches as well as plenty of time on country going fishing, four wheel driving and collecting bush tucker. Well done to all the teams involved and the support staff to making this event such a success!"

A big shout out to WARC YSR team leader Maningrida Edward Dudanga who put in a mammoth effort throughout the week to ensure proceedings ran smoothly.

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REGIONAL COUNCIL



PUBLIC NOTICE

2023-24 ANNUAL REPORT

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Andrew Walsh
Chief Executive Officer



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Australia Day

Citizen of the Year 2025

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



Nominate someone who makes a real difference in your Community in the 2025 Citizen of the Year Awards.

Award Categories:

Citizen of the Year

Young Citizen of the Year (16-30 yrs)

Community Event of the Year

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NOMINATE NOW:

At www.westarnhem.nt.gov.au
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NOMINATIONS CLOSE: 2 December 2024

CONTACT:

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PHONE: (08) 8979 9465



STAKEHOLDERS HOST HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

Young people in Jabiru were treated to a Halloween Festival supported by Caulfield College staff and students, West Arnhem Regional Council's Jabiru Youth, Sport and Recreation, NTG Sport and Recreation Officer and Jabiru School on Thursday 31 October 2024.

The community Halloween event was held at the Jabiru Caulfield College Campus and was well attended by the community. The event included several Halloween-themed game stations, face painting, lots of food and a spooky disco to finish the event off. Many hands made light work in set up and pack down with the latest group of Caulfield College students assisting staff to get ready and pack down after the event!

Big shout out to all involved in the event for making it a memorable evening for all.

Wellbeing Services



Coordinator Aden Reeves said, "Having just landed in Jabiru shortly before this event, it was a great introduction to the strong community fabric that Jabiru boasts! A big shout out to the Caulfield chefs who put on an amazing spread. It was a great night and extremely well attended by people of all ages!"

WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT AFL TEAMS



Adjumarllarl and West Arnhem Regional Council worked together recently to be able to provide flights for men in Gunbalanya to travel to Maningrida for the Sydney Swans supported footy festival!

Well done to everyone and the players.



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Gayaa Dhuwa (First Step) Australia

This service has been developed in collaboration with Gayaa Dhuwa

DIAMOND CREEK NETBALL TEAM IN GUNBALANYA

Both Jabiru and Gunbalanya had the pleasure of a visit from Diamond Creek Netball Club all the way from Victoria recently. Thanks to Gunbalanya school for opening up sessions to allow the 21 players and coaches to run sessions during school time.

The students got right into it and there was a lot of natural talent on display.

The Diamond Creek ran very engaging sessions and everyone had fun and learnt new skills. We thank Diamond Creek for visiting us, sharing their skills and time and the equipment that was donated.

Hope we can do it again!

WORK IN & EXPERIENCE ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU

Gunbalanya

Wellbeing Services Coordinator - \$95k – Permanent - Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available – Closes 4 December

Senior Works Officer - \$79k – Permanent - Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available – Closes 4 December

Community Care Team Leader - \$74k – Permanent - Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available – Closes 27 November

Community Safety Assistant - \$48k - Permanent – Part time, No Accommodation provided – Open until filled

Community Safety Officer - \$57k - Permanent – Part time, No Accommodation provided – Open until filled

Community Senior Safety Officer - \$68k - Permanent – Part time, No Accommodation provided – Open until filled

Centrelink Assistant – \$57k - Permanent – Part time - No Accommodation provided – Open until filled

Broadcasting Officer - \$68k - Permanent – Part time - No Accommodation provided – Open until filled

Jabiru

Council Services Manager - \$112k – 12 months Fixed Term – Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available, – Closes 11 December 2024

Early Childhood Educator Assistant - \$63k – Permanent - Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available – Closes 27 November 2024

Pool Officer - \$57k – Permanent - Part time - Subsidised Accommodation available – Open until filled

Warruwi

Wellbeing Services Senior Officer - \$79k – Permanent - Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available – Closes 27 November 2024

Broadcasting Officer - \$68k - Permanent – Part time - No Accommodation provided – Open until filled

For more information:

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