

Fortnightly news in brief from Jabiru, Warruwi, Minjilang, Maningrida and Gunbalanya



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The Aboriginal Investment Group and Adjumarllarl Aboriginal Coorporation host inaugural 24-hour Wash-A-Thon at the new Gunbalanya Remote Laundry.

24-HOUR WASH-A-THON SUCCESS

The Aboriginal Investment Group are still recovering from the excitement of the 24-hour Wash-A-Thon at the Gunbalanya Remote Laundry recently.

It was a real privilege to join Adjumarllarl Aboriginal Corporation to host the inaugural event, a festival of health, wellbeing and community spirit.

It's been just over two months since the Gunbalanya Remote Laundries was launched and Aboriginal Investment Group CEO, Liz Morgan-Brett says the Gunbalanya Laundry has been a huge success with over 700 cycles spun and five locals employed since the Laundry launched in August.

"Our strong and positive relationship with the Adjumarllarl Aboriginal Corporation has been key to this success and has driven this new initiative for the Remote Laundries Project," Liz said.

A highlight of the Wash-A-Thon for us was giving away over 50 mattresses with linen to households in need! Watching Cyril Junior Boy Rioli inspire the local AFL teams was also something special.

"Thanks to our incredible Remote Laundries Project staff, who kept the cycles spinning and the vibe alive for the 24-hours.."

From haircuts and nail salons to pop-up op shops and a colour fun run to an all-night movie marathon, all fuelled by a continuous spread of delicious Gunbalanya Meats on the barbecue, the community well and truly got involved. Thanks to our incredible Remote Laundries Project staff, who kept the cycles spinning (over 100 of them!) and the vibe alive for the 24-hours! We hope to do it all again next year!

Thanks also to the Adjumarllarl Aboriginal Corporation, West Arnhem Regional Council, Cyril Junior Boy Rioli and Kingsley Whitehurst, Nathan Jawai, ALPA CDP, NT Health, the barbers and Gunbalanya Meats for supporting this event.



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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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Jabiru Radio	98.9 FM



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





Nominations are now open for one casual vacancy for the Gunbalanya Ward and one casual vacancy for the Minjilang Ward.

POLICE STAFFING OVER CHRISTMAS

Police staffing in Warruwi and Minjilang over Christmas will be: <u>Warruwi Police Station</u> Monday 9 December - Friday 13/12/2024 and Monday 13 January - Friday 17 January 2025

Minjilang Police Station

Monday 9 December - Friday 13/12/2024 and Monday 13 January - Friday 17 January 2025



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 MinjilangWard
- Your nomination submission may be made public



For further information:

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WHAT'S ON



School holiday programs will be kicking off soon as school ends for the year. See your local Youth, Sport and Recreation team or community noticeboards for more information.

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

9-13 Maningrida Pre-Cyclone Clean Up

9-13 Warruwi Pre-Cyclone Clean Up

Wed 11 Jabiru Fire Station Lolly Run, Jabiru

Wed 18 WARC Ordinary Council Meeting

Sat 14 Jabiru Bombers Home Game, Jabiru

16-20 Jabiru School Holiday Program commences

REMOVING SCRAP METALS FROM MANINGRIDA LANDFILL



Maningrida hosted Sell & Parker for the last week to work on removing some of the scrap metal from Community. Sell & Parker managed to crush and remove more than 200 cars from Maningrida Landfill.

West Arnhem Regional Council are looking forward to seeing them back in community in 2025 to continue work on removing more of the scrap metal in Maningrida.

This metal is taken for recycling which sees old cars shredded, melted down and turned into multiple things including parts for new cars!

If you have a car body you would like removed by Council, please get in contact with your Council office to arrange collection.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Did you know Council can help Community members move abandoned cars to the Landfill?

If you have an abandoned car on your property that you would like removed, pop into the Council Office and fill out a form!



LOCAL AUTHORITY SUPPORTS ACCESS TO HOMES

West Arnhem Regional Council has been improving accessibility for local residents in Gunbalanya!

The initiative, funded by the Gunbalanya Local Authority and supported by the West Arnhem Regional Council, has seen paving pathways installed at a number of Aged Care and NDIS client houses throughout the community.

Contractors have worked hard to get as many paths complete prior to local roads

closing for the wet season.

"They will provide safer and more reliable access to homes.."

The new paving paths are a significant improvement, especially as the wet season approaches.

They will provide safer and more reliable access to homes, particularly benefiting residents who rely on wheelchairs.

Thank you to the Gunbalanya Local Authority for supporting this special project.

Stay tuned for updates in 2025 as we recommence these paving works at the remaining homes!









Maningrida Pre-Cyclone Clean Up

14-18 October, 11-15 November & 9-13 December

Place unwanted hard waste at the front of your house BEFORE the day and Council will collect it for

✓ WHAT WE CAN COLLECT:

Household items: furniture, white goods, timber E-waste: TVs, computers Scrap metals: Bedframes, toys

X WHAT WE CAN'T COLLECT:

Green waste, commercial waste, oils or chemicals



Any enquiries, please see the Council Office.

Warruwi Pre-Cyclone Clean Up 9-13 December 2024

WEST ARNHEM

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MANINGRIDA CHANGE ROOMS TAKING SHAPE

Progress on the new Maningrida change rooms is moving quickly! along very the next Over two weeks, all steel work is expected to be completed and ready for the roof sheeting to be installed, weather permitting. Once this stage completed, plumbers, electricians, and air conditioning trades will be onsite, running cabling, pipework, and duct work throughout the building. The project is starting to take shape and come together, which is really exciting. A big thanks goes Stedman's to Constructions for the extra hours put in to bring it to this stage so quickly.

West Arnhem Regional Council is proud to be able to deliver this exciting project for the Maningrida Community! Stay tuned for further updates.









RALPH'S RAMBLES..

As I said in my last Rambles, where has this year gone,

I was going to go into a new yarn, 'I'm not from here', but... So a little bit of a heads up over the last couple of years there has been comments that I'm not from here, Jabiru.

I'm going to have a Ramble about that in the new year. My message this time is to do with being safe over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

I just want to say we need to be safe when we are travelling especially by cars regardless of if it is on dirt or bitumen, crossing creeks, rivers or the different weather conditions.

We need to be comfortable to keep an eye on others and if we feel worried about them driving or travelling as passengers talk to them.

When I was in my 20's I used to drive as hard and fast as I could and always thought I was the better driver.

One day my Father told me 2 things –

- Son, it is not the accident that will kill you it is the sudden stop at the end.
- The other was that when he was a Police Officer in Melbourne before he came to the NT the hardest thing that they had to do was knock on doors and let them know that a family member was in a fatal accident.

So what I'm saying is be safe over the holidays but all the time, it affects all of us when we hear of fatal accidents. If driving 'liftum' right foot.

I wish everyone a good Christmas, I want to see you all in '25 and say g'day instead sorry to hear the sad news.

Ralph F. Blyth

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JABIRU TOWN SQUARE REVITALISATION

The Jabiru Town Square Revitalisation project is well underway, bringing a fresh look and vibrant energy to the heart of Jabiru. Initiated by the Jabiru Property Services in early 2024, this community-focused effort aims to transform the town square into an inviting space for both residents and tourists. The project has been a collaborative effort, with coordination led by Jabiru Property Services, Rio Tinto, and the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet. As the license holder for maintaining the area, the West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) has played a significant role, contributing manpower and resources.

One of the early steps in the revitalisation was the removal of three garden beds to create open areas that will soon be with new turf. WARC's efforts to prepare the space were funded through an Activate NT grant, which enabled the purchase of soft furnishings, umbrellas, chairs, and mats. These additions will transform



Clontarf, WARC and the team from Kakadu Native Plants supporting the Jabiru Town Square Revitalisation project.

the area into a welcoming gathering place during the Dry Season.

A giant toy box, another exciting feature of the revitalisation, has also been secured for the plaza, offering a touch of fun for children and families.

The transformation of the town square has truly been a community effort. On Tuesday, December 3, Kakadu Native Plants installed irrigation systems for the newly cleared areas. Later in the week, on Friday, December 6, the community came together to lay the turf.

It was great to see students from Clontarf, community groups, and volunteers rolling up their sleeves to contribute. GAC-JT Chief Operating Officer Owain Dunn, joined in the effort alongside May Brazil from the Ranger Rehabilitation Project, WARC's Council Services Manager in Jabiru, and dedicated WARC works officers.

Special thanks go to Peter 'Christo' Christophersen and his team from Kakadu Native Plants, who guided the volunteers through the process. Despite the hard work, the day was filled with camaraderie, laughter, and a shared sense of purpose.

Ŵitĥ these significant milestones achieved, the revitalised town square is shaping up to be a vibrant centerpiece of Jabiru life. As work continues, the community can look forward to a space that reflects their spirit and hospitality, offering a warm welcome to visitors and locals. This project is a testament to what can be achieved when community members and organisations come together with a shared vision. The Jabiru Town Square Revitilisation is more than just a facelift-it's a celebration of community pride and collaboration.

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to bring this exciting project to life!



Jabiru stakeholders including WARC, Ranger Rehabilitation Project, Clontarf and GAC-JT joined the team from Kakadu Native Plants to lay the new turf.





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KAKADU COMMUNITY CARE EAM - OUTSTANDING WOR

During the month of November and December, West Arnhem Regional Council's Community Care Team in Jabiru have been hard at work ensuring all clients are being serviced to the highest levels.

The team has been building capacity in delivering social and domestic support as well as providing a friendly and reliable meal service to all who require it within the Kakadu ward.

The Jabiru Community Care team provide essential services to the community and do so because they care! This is a quick way of saying

thank you to our hard working team to let them know they are truly appreciated by WARC and the Community. Wellbeing Services Coordinator for Jabiru Aden Reeves, "The Jabiru Care Community team arrive at work, day in and day out with smiles on their faces eager to provide the highest quality services to our community. Although I know the team does not do this for the recognition, it is nice to show them how truly wonderful and appreciated they really are by the Wellbeing services team and the wider community."

WORK IN & EXPERIENCE **ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU**

Gunbalanya

Post and Administration Officer - \$68k - Permanent - Full time -Subsidised Accommodation available, - Closes 8 January 2024

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

Community Wellbeing Senior Project Officer - \$95k -Permanent - Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available,-

Closes 8 January 2024

NDIA Remote Community Connector - \$73k - Fixed Term - Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available, - Closes 8 January

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

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

Warruwi

Centrelink Officers X 2 - \$63k - Permanent - Part time - No Accommodation provided - Open until filled

For more information: Please phone 08 8979 9404 or email vacancy@westarnhen.nt.gov.au



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obvious places. Thieves often target jewellery, in jewellery boxes on bedroom dressers and other valuables in bedside

Consider installing an alarm

system, motion sensor lighting or closed circuit cameras.

screens/doors and ensure they are key locked.

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windows, even when you are outside



door or in obvious places. Thieves may use them to gain entry to your home or to steal your car. Lock all garden tools and



ladders away so they can't be used to break into your home.



Make sure keyed locks are fitted to all of your doors and windows.



Keep trees and bushes in front of doors and windows trimmed to avoid being used as hiding places.

Use an ultra violet (UV) pen to mark property. Mark your valuables with your driver's licence number, prefixed by the letters 'NT' for Northern Ferritory e.g. NT123456

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into your home, by

doing the following:

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING WRAP UP



WARC Elected Members speaking with students at the West Arnhem Youth Leadership Summit.

The West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) held an Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday, 19 November, hearing a range of reports from various departments and hosting several key presentations.

As part of the technical services report, Council received an overview of all Local Authority and other Council projects currently under way across the region. Throughout November, some of the key projects developments have been:

- Gunbalanya Oval upgrades, including resurfacing, line marking and irrigation work - Maningrida Oval Change rooms construction, with the concrete pad and block work moving along very quickly

- Paving of walkways has commenced at a number of Gunbalanya Aged Care homes

As part of the visitors and presentations, Council was privileged to confer with Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development Chief Executive Officer Luccio Cercarelli on local government matters.

Elected Members also received an update and an in-person demonstration of the new Bibi planes currently being trialled in the West Arnhem region by Charles Darwin University.

It is hoped that the pilotless Bibi aircraft will support delivery of medicine and other health care products between Jabiru, Gunbalanya and outstations. Red Lily Health Board representatives also attended the Council meeting to explore ideas for strengthening partnerships aimed at improving health outcomes across the region.

Council then met with Traditional Credit Union (TCU) representatives who discussed future opportunities to improve banking services for remote Communities.

NT Police Superintendent Jody Nobbs and Acting Senior Sergeant Christopher Harden also attended the Council meeting to provide an overview of their ongoing partnership with WARC under a Memorandum of Understanding.

NT Police also emphasised their commitment to attending upcoming Local Authority meetings across the region.

During a meeting break, Elected Members were invited to attend the West Arnhem Youth Leadership Summit which involved young people travelling from five of West Arnhem communities to engage in hands-on learning experiences designed to develop their leadership and explore their future aspirations.

The Elected Members were fortunate to join other Community representatives to hear the students' final presentations on their vision for a strong future for the region.

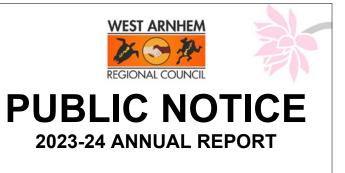
All Council meetings are open to the public, with dates and agendas available on the West Arnhem Regional Council website.



(above) Red Lily Health Board members meeting with WARC Elected Members at the Ordinary Council Meeting.



WARC Elected Members and staff with Charles Darwin University who conducted a demonstration of the new Bibi planes being trialled.



In accordance with the Local Government Act 2019, the West Arnhem Regional Council 2023-24 Annual Report can be downloaded at www.westarnhem.nt.gov.au, obtained from any Council's offices of in Jabiru. Minjilang, Warruwi. Gunbalanva and Maningrida, by telephoning 08 8979 9444 or by emailing info@westarnhem.nt.gov.au.

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NEW AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS



New Australian Citizens Chanura Hirushamal and Ming Chi Yang with West Arnhem Regional Council Mayor James Woods.

West Arnhem Regional Council proudly welcomed two new Australian citizens in the West Arnhem region following a heartfelt ceremony on Friday, 29 November 2024.

Ming Chi Yang, originally from Taiwan, and Chanura Hirushamal, from Sri Lanka, officially made their pledge of commitment to Australia in front of friends and family - marking a significant milestone in their lives.

As the Presiding Officer, Mayor James Woods extended a warm welcome to the new citizens on behalf of the Council and the broader West Arnhem region.

West Arnhem Regional Council congratulates Chanura and Ming Chi on their new journey as Australians!

PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST SALT MARSH MOSQUITOES

NT Health is urging Top End residents and visitors to protect themselves from the salt marsh mosquitos as numbers are expected to increase, following heavy rainfall and high tides.

Elevated saltmarsh mosquitoes numbers can be expected between now and January.

Salt marsh mosquitos are aggressive biters that can transmit mosquitoborne diseases such as the Ross River virus and the Barmah Forest disease.

To minimise the chance of being bitten by mosquitoes people should:

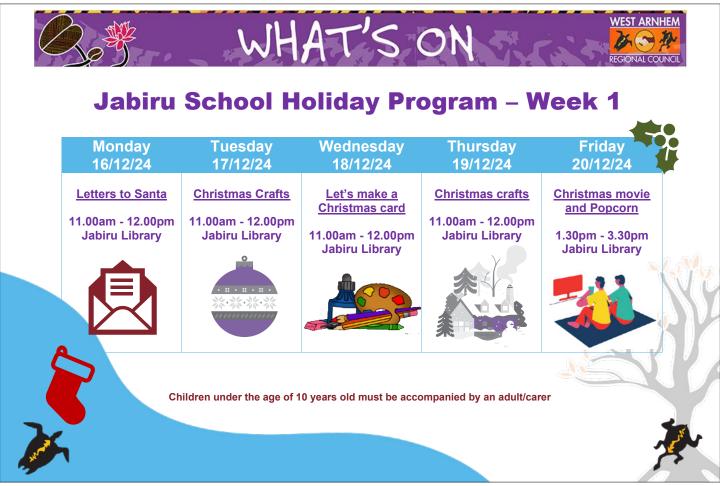
• Wear protective light-coloured clothing with long sleeves, long trousers, and ankle protection with socks, in mosquito-prone areas

Use a protective repellent containing DEET, picaridlin or oil of lemon eucalyptus (PMD) and other mosquito protection devices as a supplement to protective clothing when outdoors in areas of mosquito activity

• Avoid exposure to coastal swamps and mangrove areas

• Use mosquito coils, lanterns and barrier sprays in outdoor areas and near the home to prevent mosquitoes from entering houses.

• Ensure infants, children and animals are adequately protected



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