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



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Students from Gunbalanya, Jabiru, Maningrida, and Warruwi came together in November for the 2024 West Arnhem Youth Leadership Summit.

### **WEST ARNHEM YOUTH SUMMIT**

In the heart of West Arnhem Land, a region celebrated for its rich culture and breathtaking landscapes, the 2024 West Arnhem Youth Leadership Summit brought together young leaders from Gunbalanya, Jabiru, Maningrida, and Warruwi for an inspiring three-day event. this summit, held in November, showcased the transformative power of youth leadership, collaboration, co-design and communitydriven change.

This year's summit not only built on the foundations established in 2023 but introduced innovative approaches that empowered students to develop actionable ideas, share their visions with stakeholders, and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

Each student group created a robust framework for their ideas, reflecting a deep understanding of their communities' needs and potential solutions. The hands-on inquiry approach empowered students to take ownership of their projects, ensuring long-term relevance and impact.

# "Reflecting a deep understanding of their communities' needs.."

the key feature of summit was introduction of an expo-style presentation, where students showcased their ideas to stakeholders, including Arnhem Regional Council Elected Members, Aboriginal Corporations, the Mayor of West Arnhem, and representatives from organisations such as the Department of Education, Lily Health Board, Red

NORFORCE, and more. This interactive format allowed:

- Students to build confidence through multiple presentations;
- Stakeholders to engage deeply with students' ideas, asking questions and offering guidance;
- Youth to develop critical public speaking and problemsolving skills, positioning them to advocate for their ideas back in their communities; and
- Students took the Expo displays back to their communities to present to the Local Authority meetings and other influential stakeholders. This is an opportunity for other providers in communities to strategically and financially support the actions and activities suggested by the youth.

The 2024 West Arnhem Youth Leadership Summit achieved remarkable outcomes:

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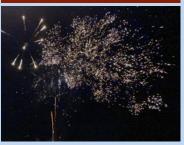
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The Jabiru Community School Holiday Program is off and running with a great turn out so far.

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### BE CROCWISE WHILE HUNTING

Stay sharp and get home in one piece.

Be careful when you're outside because crocs are always hungry and looking for a good feed!

Remember you are in croc country, and while hunting is important to you, watch where you're going and look after your mates as well. Be careful when dropping geese and ducks near the water, and don't forget that hunters can get taken by saltwater crocodiles too. So, when you're out hunting, make sure you stay away from crocs and keep an eye out for others who may wander off.

#Becrocwise



# 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. territories redress.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, traumainformed 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 territories redress. 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 territories redress.gov.au email or call 1800 566 111.



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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# TUNE INTO TEABBA RADIO

Maningrida Radio 106.1 FM
Minjilang Radio 106.1 FM

Gunbalanya Radio 106.1 FM

Warruwi Radio 106.1 FM

Jabiru Radio

98.9 FM





TOP END ABORIGINAL BUSH BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION

# NEW BY-LAWS FOR JABIRU TOWNSHIP

West Arnhem Regional Council reached a milestone earlier this week with the official approval of the West Arnhem Regional Council (Jabiru Town) By-Laws 2024 by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development!

This approval concludes a three-and-a-half-year journey, following the cessation of the Jabiru Town Development Authority.

The new Jabiru By-Laws is an incredible achievement for Council which will greatly support the residents of Jabiru, taking effect on 1 January 2025.

Thank you to everyone involved in making this happen, and particularly Ben Heaslip for your tireless work on this.

# NEW BARGE SCHEDULE FOR ISLAND COMMUNITIES

Due to a change of vessels, the arrival of the regular Barge to Warruwi and Minjilang has now changed to every Wednesday at 7am.

For Warruwi residents, West Arnhem Regional Council wishes to advise that any Australia Post mail will be ready for collection after 10am every Wednesday.

# **NEW YEAR'S EVE SHOW**

The stage is set for one of the most exciting nights of the year for the Maningrida Community – the New Year's Eve Fireworks Spectacular!

Presented by the Maningrida Local Authority, this annual event has become a beloved tradition, bringing families and friends together to celebrate the end of one year and the beginning of another.

For those who have attended in previous years, you already know this is one of the most incredible fireworks displays in the Top End.

This year's display promises to deliver an unforgettable experience, featuring a fireworks event of the highest standard.

Expect a breathtaking 25 minute show that will light up the Maningrida skies.

The festivities will be at 7pm - 8pm at the Maningrida Oval, with the fireworks display lighting up the night sky (weather permitting).

This event wouldn't be possible without the incredible support from:

• West Arnhem Regional Council

• Maningrida Progress



Association

- NT Police, Fire, and Rescue
- MERGS
- Malala Health
- Stedman's Constructions

This is a highlight community event for Maningrida and we hope to see everyone there to bring in 2025.



### WHAT'S ON



West Arnhem Communities will hold Australia Day celebrations across the region on 26 January 2025 and 1 February 2025. Please check your local noticeboards more details closer to the date.

#### **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**

**16-20** Jabiru School Holiday Program commences **Tue 31** Maningrida New Year's Eve Fireworks

#### **JANUARY**

Sat 26 Gunbalanya Community Day, Maningrida Day, Minjilang Australia Day, Warruwi Australia Day events Mon 27 Gazetted Australia Day public holiday Wed 29 WARC Ordinary Council Meeting, via video





### **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!



# 2024 FIRST CIRCLES PROGRAM GRADUATION

First Circles participants successfully graduated from the leadership program earlier this month at Parliament House.

During the day, the group engaged Northern with Government Territory Cabinet Ministers to discuss topics relevant to Aboriginal communities.

The First Circles Leadership Program is an NT Government flagship program aimed to help identify, mentor, and support Aboriginal emerging leaders from remote communities across the Northern Territory. West Arnhem Regional Council Services Manager Geri Narul, a participant in the 2024

for the opportunity. "I have always wanted to be a part of the First Circles program. My sister Leah has done it in 2023, and she's inspired me to apply," Geri said.

program, said she is grateful

"I was able to identify what styles of leadership I have on both professional and personal level. I was also able to identify

what styles of leadership I have



2024 graduate Geri Narul with Minister Steven Edgington MLA.

from a cultural perspective for my community. It's made me realise how important my styles of leadership are in my community because that's how my people see me, for who I am as a leader, an individual, as a sister, a daughter, a mother, an aunt etc. That is what's important to me as a leader." Geri said she encourages emerging leaders in the Top End to participate in this unique opportunity.

"I have been networking, and I know a few people who are interested and are wanting to apply for the 2025 program.

"Ît was an experience I will never forget. It was such a privilege to be a part of the program for 2024."

Arnhem Regional West Council Mayor James Woods Councillor Jacqueline Phillips are also Alumni of the First Circles Leadership Program who both addressed the graduates, describing how the program influenced their leadership journeys.

"Identify, mentor and support Aboriginal emerging leaders from remote communities across the Northern Territory.."

The program is calling for expressions of interest from Aboriginal Territorians that want to be part of the program in 2025. Applications close on 31 January 2025. For more information visit aboriginalaffairs.nt.gov.au





### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### 2025 JABIRU RUBBISH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Commencing 7 January 2025, Council's weekly rubbish collection schedule will be:

> Tuesdays - red lid bins Thursdays - yellow lid bins





If you have feedback regarding this new schedule, please contact the Jabiru Council Office on 8979 9444 or email: info@westarnhem.nt.gov.au



West Arnhem Regional Council Mayor James Woods and Councillor Jacqueline Phillips, also First Circles Alumni, pictured with graduate Geri Narul.



West Arnhem Regional Council Mayor James Woods speaking at the 2024 First Circles Leadership program graduation.

# MANINGRIDA ZETTA & RADIO TRAINING

Top End Aboriginal Bush Broadcasting Association (TEABBA) in partnership with the Bawinanga Employment Services Team Maningrida, delivered radio training to seven CDP participants over 3 days.

During the training, they learned all aspects of producing local radio programs with the potential of one trainee gaining employment as the Maningrida RIBS Broadcaster.











# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT MANINGRIDA POOL

Wed 18th December - Sun 26th January

Mondays & Tuesdays - closed

Wednesdays: 6am - 8am & 1pm - 6pm

\*Thursdays: 6am - 8am & 1pm - 6pm

\*Fridays: 6am - 8am & 1pm - 6pm

Sat & Sun: 8am - 12pm & 1.30pm - 5pm

- \*Friday 20th December: 12pm 5pm (Kid's Christmas Party)
- \*Further changes may be made for future events
- \*Pool closed on Public Holidays (25th & 26th Dec, 1st Jan)



# Report WATER LEAKS

Our water is precious.





Free call 1800 245 091 to report leaks



## WEST ARNHEM YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

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- Leadership Skills: Students Enhanced developed confidence, communication, and teamwork abilities.
- Actionable Ideas: Community-focused solutions were presented and refined for real-world implementation.
- Collaboration with Stakeholders: Presentations engaged key regional leaders, ensuring support and alignment with local strategies.
- Sustainable Impacts: Teachers gained evidence to support students in completing the Stage 1 South Australia Certificate of Education (SACE Year 11) subject, ensuring the long-term educational benefit.

This project is a testament to collaboration, made possible with funding from National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) and the co-design of the West Arnhem Regional Council, Youth Engagement Project, and the NT Department of Education.

Additional in-kind support was provided by the ERA Community Partnership Fund, with contributions from NORFORCE, Icon Sports Northern Territory, Kakadu Air, Gunbalanya Air, Kakadu Cultural Tours and Team Health.

VAMP TV joined the program, featuring the West Arnhem Youth Leadership Summit on Episode 182.

Thank you to everyone who supported this initiative, attended the presentations in Jabiru and in community and most importantly, to the young leaders who remind us of the power of youth voice in shaping the future.



Commencing 7 January 2025, Council's weekly rubbish collection schedule will be:

- Tuesdays Red lid
- Thursdays Yellow lid bins

This will enable our staff on the ground more time to focus on keeping our parks and gardens neat and tidy and ensuring our landfill meets environmental regulatory standards.

It will also align collection with Council's current rates declaration available at: www. westarnhem.nt.gov.au

Please ensure you let all your neighbours and friends know, who may not be on social media, and remember, the collection days will vary over the Christmas and New Years Period (this will be advertised shortly).

If you have feedback regarding this new schedule, please contact the Jabiru Council Office on 8979 9444 or email: info@westarnhem.nt.gov.au



Youth Summit attendees were treated to a Guluyambi cruise thanks to Kakadu Cultural Tours support.



West Arnhem Regional Council Mayor James Woods and Councillor Monica Wilston at the summit.



#### **COMMUNITY REMINDERS:**



- Make sure bin wheels are facing your property
- Leave a gap between the bins
- Ensure bins are placed away from light poles.
- Place bins on kerbside (not the road)

# MINJILANG SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM









West Arnhem Regional Council's Sport and Recreation Team Minjilang recently hosted hands-on cooking with youth session preparing participants, kangaroo tails. This event not only offered a unique opportunity for the youth to connect with their elders to learn the skills of preparing bush tucker in traditional methods but also emphasised the importance of healthy eating and sustainable practices. This included kangaroo tail, a rich source of lean protein, iron, and essential nutrients, supports physical health and wellbeing by providing the body with energy and aiding muscle repair.

Incorporating such foods into daily life fosters a deeper understanding of the nutritional value of bush tucker, which has sustained generations for thousands of years. preparation

young participants to learn about the land, its offerings, and the cultural significance of food in practices. traditional This experience creates a strong sense of identity, while promoting mental, emotional, and wellbeing through shared cooking and storytelling. It is a powerful reminder of the connection between food, culture, and the environment, inspiring a holistic approach to health and community.

Wellbeing Services Coordinator Aden Reeves said, "This was a fantastic experience with an amazing group of participants and staff. The way the youth participants immersed themselves in the experience and listened to staff regarding correct preparation and cooking methods was impressive. The feed of freshly cooked kangaroo tails and Damper afterwards was the reward!"

Going through a tough time?

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.

This is your story; your journey and we will take the time to listen.

Noshame, nojudgement, safe place to yarn.

We're here for you.

https://www.13yarn.org.au/ - 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 varn to.









**LOCK your door** – the most effective way to prevent thieves from entering your home.



ock gates, garages and sheds windows, even when you are outside



Don't leave valuables in obvious places. Thieves often target jewellery, in jewellery boxes on bedroom dressers and other valuables in bedside



Keep your house keys, car keys and garage remote controls away from the front door or in obvious places. Thieves may use them to gain entry to your home or to steal your car.



Consider installing an alarm **system**, motion sensor lighting or closed circuit cameras.



Lock all garden tools and ladders away so they can't be used to break into your home.



Install security screens/doors and ensure they are key locked.



Make sure keyed locks are fitted to all of your



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 rritory e.g. NT1234<u>5</u>6



Keep trees and bushes in front of doors and

nity, report it to Police on 131 444 or call Crime Stoppers ers on 1800 333 000

# WORK IN & EXPERIENCE ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU

#### Darwin

Manager Technical Services - \$125k - Permanent - Full time - No Accommodation provided, - Closes 15 January 2025

#### Gunbalanya

Post and Administration Officer - \$68k – Permanent – Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available, – Closes 8 January 2025

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 - Permanent – Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available, – Closes 15 January 2025

Community Wellbeing Senior Project Officer - \$95k - Permanent - Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available, - Closes 8 January

NDIA Remote Community Connector - \$74k - Fixed Term - Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available, - Closes 8 January

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

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

#### For more information: Please phone 08 8979 9404 or

email vacancy@westarnhen.nt.gov.au

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply

#### WEST ARNHEM



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### POLICE STAFFING ON WARRUWI AND MINJILANG DURING HOLIDAYS

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





### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

2023-24 ANNUAL REPORT

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 of Council's offices in Jabiru, Minjilang, Warruwi, Gunbalanya and Maningrida, by telephoning 08 8979 9444 or by emailing info@westarnhem.nt.gov.au.

Andrew Walsh Chief Executive Officer





# Nominations Open

### **JABIRU SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM UP AND RUNNING**

The Jabiru Community School Holiday Program is off and running with a great turn out for day one at the Jabiru Library. Participants engaged in art and craft and other activities throughout the day. Keep an eye out for an updated Jabiru School Holiday Program event calendar as there will be opportunities for late night gaming (older participants) and two fishing trips before school goes back next year. See you all there!



The program is formed through a collaborative effort between the Library and Jabiru Youth, Sport and Recreation.

Jabiru Youth, Sport and Recreation Officer Leah Holt-Narul said, 'There was a great turn out for day one of the Jabiru School Holiday Program with a lot of kids attending. We welcome everyone down to enjoy what the program has to offer and look forward to seeing you over the Holiday period."



# 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.

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 mosquitoprone 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



# WHAT'S ON



## Warruwi School Holiday Program

| Monday                    | Tuesday   | Wednesday                | Thursday  | Friday   |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|--|
| 16/12/24                  | 17/12/24  | 18/12/24                 | 19/12/24  | 20/12/24   |
| Touch Rugby<br>Chill zone | Movie & Pop Corn<br>Night on the Projector<br>at the Hall   | Basketball<br>Chill Zone | Volleyball<br>Chill Zone<br>Arts & Craft                  | Disco Night  |
| Monday                    | Tuesday   | Wednesday                | Thursday  | Friday   |
| 23/12/24                  | 24/12/24  | 25/12/24                 | 26/12/24  | 27/12/24   |
| shing – Bottle Rock       | Carols By Candle<br>Lights<br>Community BBQ &<br>Presents for children-<br>Presents & BBQ<br>supplied by Ajurumu<br>Store | Closed<br>*******        | Movie & Pop Corn<br>Night on the Projector<br>at the Hall | Disco Night  |
| Monday                    | Tuesday   | Wednesday                | Thursday  | Friday   |
| 30/12/24                  | 31/12/24  | 01/01/25                 | 02/01/25  | 03/01/25   |
| Basketball<br>Chill Zone  | New Year's Eve<br>Countdown<br>Dance Off  | New Years Day Disco      | Fishing – Bottle Rock                                     | Movie & Popcorn<br>Night on the Projector<br>at the Hall |



