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



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The Warruwi community brought in 2025 with the annual New Year's Eve count down celebration - jamalak! Read more, Page 2.

VIBRANT COMMUNITY EVENTS

The vibrant communities of West Arnhem are preparing to celebrate Australia Day with a variety of exciting events that reflect their unique cultures and community spirit. From Gunbalanya to Maningrida, each community has crafted activities to respect, reflect, and celebrate this special day in their own way.

In **Gunbalanya**, the festivities will kick off on *Sunday*, 26 *January*, at 5pm at the Oval. Community members can enjoy an evening of cultural performances, sporting events such as footy and basketball, fun runs, games, and community awards. The event promises something for everyone, with food and prizes.

In **Warruwi**, the community is set to gather at Warruwi Hall at 12 noon on Sunday, 26 January. The day will start with a Smoking Ceremony followed by Citizen of the

Year Awards. Activities include traditional dancing, a tug-o-war, sprint games, a didgeridoo competition, and spear throwing. Families and children will also enjoy a colouring competition, water play, and a barbecue.

In **Minjilang**, the celebration will begin at 11.30am with a barbecue lunch. This will be followed by children's colouring competitions and fun water activities, creating a joyful atmosphere for everyone.

Maningrida Day will run from 1pm to 5pm at the Maningrida Pool. Activities include a kicking accuracy competition, three-legged races, a scavenger hunt, casting competitions, and pool fun. Community members can also look forward to cool prizes and a delicious barbecue lunch.

The **Jabiru** community will be holding their event on *Saturday*, 1 *February*, at

the Jabiru Pool. The day begins at 2pm, following the Jabiru Bombers home games. Community members can enjoy a childcare zone, cricket matches, tug-o-war, races, thong tosses, and plenty of pool toys. A late lunch will be provided, and the Citizen of the Year Awards will be announced to honour outstanding members of the community.

These events are made possible through the support of the Australian Government, the National Australia Day Council, and the West Arnhem Regional Council.

Whether it's cultural performances, sports, games, or traditional ceremonies, these celebrations showcase the diversity and unity of West Arnhem's communities. With something for everyone, families and friends are encouraged to join in the free, inclusive festivities.

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WARRUWI BRINGS IN 2025

The Warruwi community came together on 31 December to celebrate the New Year's Eve count down to 2025 - jamalak!

The annual event is a special one for all ages, with a barbecue, basketball games, dance off and of course a disco!

This was followed by the allimportant count down to the new year!







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!





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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Minjilang Radio 106.1 FM
Gunbalanya Radio 106.1 FM
Warruwi Radio 106.1 FM
Jabiru Radio 98.9 FM



WARRUWI SHADE STRUCTURE UPGRADED

One of the main shade structures in the Warruwi community has received some upgrades, thanks to the incredible support of the Warruwi Local Authority.

After identifying that the previous shade was torn and perished, the Local Authority supported upgrading the structure with new cloth and strengthening the rafter support beams.

This work was carried out by West Arnhem Regional Council.

The upgraded shade cloth is made of a superior

waterproof and fireretardant material, ensuring its durability and safety for years to come.

Located near the Warruwi Clinic, this revitalised structure has once again become a central meeting point for the community.

Thank you to the Local Authority for funding this project which aligns with Council's strategic pillar to provide high quality infrastructure and service delivery that meets the unique needs of each community.



REPRESENT MINJILANG AS AN ELECTED MEMBER

Represent Minjilang on the West Arnhem Regional Council!

Nominations are now open to fill one casual vacancy in the Minjilang Ward.



The West Arnhem Regional Council comprises 12 Elected Members representing the communities of Minjilang, Maningrida, Warruwi, Gunbalanya, and Kakadu.

This is your chance to make a real difference and help shape the future of your community.

As a Councillor, you will:

- Listen to and represent the interests of residents.
- Influence decisions that impact your community.
- Provide leadership, guidance, and help determine the region's future direction.
- Advocate to all levels of government on important community matters.

Take this opportunity to contribute to and represent Minjilang!

Pick up a nomination form from your local Council Office.

Nominations open: Friday, 10 January 2025

Nominations close: COB Friday, 7 February 2025.



PUBLIC NOTICE

West Arnhem Regional Council (Jabiru Town) By-laws 2024 approved

West Arnhem Regional Council is pleased to announce that the new by-laws for Jabiru will come into effect on January 1, 2025, replacing the six existing by-laws for the Jabiru Town.

The West Arnhem Regional Council (Jabiru Town) By-Laws 2024 were approved at a Special Council Meeting on December 6, 2024, and subsequently received the Minister's approval on December 17.

The new by-laws ensure the ongoing maintenance and regulation of the Jabiru Township. This transition marks the conclusion of a three-and-a-half-year journey following the cessation of the Jabiru Town Development Authority. The prior Jabiru Town Development By-Laws, which were set to expire on January 1, 2025, have been transitioned into the new framework. The drafting process began in May 2021 with numerous revisions and community consultations before finalising the new by-laws.

Some penalties related to dog and animal management have increased, specifically:

- Keeping prohibited animals (such as cats and chickens); and
- Penalties for dog attacks.

Table of animal penalties (changes are highlighted in yellow):

By-Law		Max. Penalty Units	Old Penalty Units	New Penalty Units	Penalty in \$
44(3)	Keeping a prohibited animal	50	2	10	1850
47	Abandons or sets at large an animal	50	2	2	370
50(1)	Keep unregistered dog longer than 3 months	50	2	2	370
51(2)	Failure to comply with conditions of registration	50	1	10	1850
52(3)	Failure to notify change of address	10	1	1	185
53(1)	Keeps more than 2 dogs	20	1	1	185
54(4)	Failure to keep dog out of restricted area	50	2	2	370
56(3)	Dog attack	100	9	20	3700
63	Failure to comply with conditions of dangerous dog	100	9	9	1665
64(2)	Entices or incites a dog to attack or menace	50	2	2	370
65(8)	Dog causes a nuisance	50	2	10	1850
67(3)	Fails to collect dog from pound	50	2	2	370
69(7)	Fails to comply with by-laws relating to diseased dogs	50	3	3	555

Council encourages all residents to familiarise themselves with the new regulations and appreciates the community's input and cooperation to ensure a smooth transition.

The new By-Laws are available on our website: https://westarnhem.nt.gov.au/corporate-documents

WHAT'S ON



West Arnhem Communities will hold Australia Day celebrations across the region on 26 January 2025 and 1 February 2025. All community event details are listed on front page.

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

JANUARY

Sat 26 Gunbalanya Community Day, Maningrida Day, Minjilang Australia Day, Warruwi Australia Day events

Mon 27 Australia Day public holiday

Wed 29 WARC Ordinary Council Meeting, via video

JOINT LIBRARY AND YSR INITIATIVE

On the evening of Thursday 16 January 2025, the inaugural Jabiru late night gaming event was held at the Jabiru Library.

The late-night gaming event is a joint initiative of West Arnhem Regional Council Jabiru Library and Youth, Sport and Recreation team.

The event is targeted at young people between 11 and 18 years of age and aims to provide a safe space to undertake gaming on PC's, PlayStation as well as more traditional gaming such as table tennis and board games.

The evening was a success and saw numerous young people attend to enjoy what the program has to offer.

They also enjoyed a feed of hot dogs and pop corn to accompany their gaming experience.

The initiative will continue throughout the school holiday period with plans to continue the event once a fortnight even throughout the school term.

"Was a success and saw numerous young people attend to enjoy what the program has to offer.."

A big shout out to Jabiru Librarian Jillian May for her proactivity and vision relating to this event!

Jabiru Librarian Jill May said, "The late-night gaming nights are a wonderful opportunity for our slightly older participants to enjoy gaming and hanging out with friends in a relaxed and safe environment. With the success of our first event, I look forward to seeing how the event develops over the coming months."





ABORIGINAL CRISIS SUPPORTERS

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.

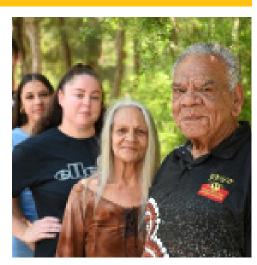
No shame, no judgement, safe place to yarn.

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 yarn to.



COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES

Pictured is West Arnhem Regional Council's Community Care Senior Officer Ida Waianga in Warruwi who is assisting Douglas Djalanba to complete forms following his referral to access services through the My Aged Care webpage.

Ida, who works tirelessly to support his community and promote aged care services, had been approached by Mr Djalanba who advised he would like to access the meals on wheels and receive some help at home.

To assist, Ida started the process of helping Douglas with his referral on the My Aged Care webpage with a minor helping hand from Lee in Jabiru. Ida then helped Douglas to fill out other important forms afterwards.

If you know of someone in your community who would benefit from aged care services, contact the service in your community or talk to your local Council Services Manager. To be eligible for aged care services, Indigenous applicants must be at least 50 years old and be assessed as suitable to receive services.

Ida Waianga, Warruwi's Community Care Senior Officer said, "I love my community and enjoy being able to help the older people with providing them breakfast and lunch with meals on wheels and at home help if they require assistance or items for their daily life. I am happy to



Warruwi's Community Care Senior Officer Ida Waianga, with West Arnhem Regional Council, assisting Douglas Djalanba.

help people fill the forms who enquire about accessing aged care services, and always looking for people who I think would benefit from this service."

2025 NAIDOC THEME 'THE NEXT GENERATION'

Announcing the NAIDOC 2025 Theme: "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision, Legacy".

As we celebrate 50 incredible years of NAIDOC Week, we honor the achievements of the past while looking boldly to the future.

This year's theme is a tribute to the resilience of our communities, the vision of our leaders, and the strength of the next generation.

"From the wisdom of our Elders to the courage of our youth, NAIDOC 2025 is about building a legacy of unity, respect, and self-determination.."

From the wisdom of our Elders to the courage of our youth, NAIDOC 2025 is about building a legacy of unity, respect, and self-determination.

Join us as we commemorate this powerful milestone and celebrate a movement that continues to grow, evolve, and inspire.

Together, we walk forward, honoring where we've come from and embracing the bright future ahead.



PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW JABIRU POST OFFICE OPENING HOURS

We wish to advise from Monday, 20 January 2025, the Jabiru Post Office opening hours will be:

10.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday

We wish to thank you for your understanding.

SUNDAY, 26 JANUARY 2025 MINJILANG | 11.30AM BARBECUE LUNCH CHILDREN'S COLOURING COMPETITION WATER ACTIVITIES WEST ARNHEM PROCESS Assisted by the Australian Government through the National Australia Day Council





WORK IN & EXPERIENCE ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU

Darwin

Regional Roads Manager - \$108K – Permanent – Full Time – No Accommodation provided – Closes 19 February 2025

Fleet Coordinator - \$95K – Permanent – Full Time – No Accommodation provided – <u>Closes 19 February 2025</u>

Finance Manager - \$130K – Permanent – Full Time – No Accommodation provided – <u>Closes 12 February</u>

Reporting Accountant - \$95K – Permanent – Full Time – No Accommodation provided – <u>Closes 05 February</u>

Gunbalanya

Landfill Officer – 74K – Permanent – Full Time – Accommodation provided – Open until filled

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

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

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

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

Youth Sport and Recreation Assistant - \$48k - Permanent – Part time - No Accommodation provided – Open until filled

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

Jabiru

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

Miniilang

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

Child Care Officer - \$57k - Permanent – Part time - No Accommodation provided – Open until filled

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

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

<u>Warruwi</u>

Wellbeing Services Senior Officer - \$79k – Permanent - Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available – <u>Closes 12</u> February 2025

Childcare Senior Officer – 68K – Permanent – Full Time - No Accommodation provided – Open until filled

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

Centrelink Officers x 1 – \$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



Indigenous people are encouraged to apply

COLLABORATIVE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

December 2024 Minjilang Sport and Recreation team held their first 'Minjilang Master Chef and Fishing day as part of their jam packed school holiday program. Due to popular demand, on Friday 17 January 2025, West Arnhem Regional Council's Sport and Recreation team in Minjilang held the second round of 'Minjilang Master chef and fishing day' which was another huge success. The series was designed to support healthy food choices and connection to culture and shows our teams dedication to their community. Well done once again to our Minjilang Sport and Recreation team!

Sport and Recreation Officer Sophia Lee said, "The kids responded really well to our first session of 'Minjilang Master Chef and Fishing' and so we really had to make sure we did it again for them before school goes back. It is so nice spending time with the kids, teaching them about cooking healthy food and sourcing their own bush tucker from the ocean! It was a really fun day had by all".









Nominations are invited for the following positions:

MINJILANG WARD

1 CASUAL VACANCY

WHEN CAN I NOMINATE?

Nominations open: Friday, 10 January 2025 Nominations close: COB Friday, 7 February 2025

HOW DO I NOMINATE?

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

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

- · 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









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AGED CARE JOINS IN HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

On Friday, 17 January 2025, West Arnhem Regional Council's Jabiru Youth, Sport and Recreation team, along with the Kakadu Community Care Team hosted a day of fishing including youth participants and aged care clients.

The trip saw participants travel to Magela Creek, Silver Bridge, Nourlangie Creeks (1, 2 and 3) as well as Airport Creek.

Although the fishing was a little tough, the target species barramundi was caught and a great afternoon was had by all!

What was really special was observing the interaction between the youth participants and the aged care clients which included a healthy mix of cheeky banter and solid advice.

This has certainly been a highlight activity

held during the school holiday so far.

"What was really special was observing the interaction between the youth participants and the aged care clients.."

Council's Wellbeing Services Coordinator for Jabiru Aden Reeves said, "I loved to see the enthusiasm for this event from both the youth and aged care participants. It was great to spend a day in nature learning new tricks both from our youth and our aged care fishers."









JABIRU COMMUNITY DAY

SATURDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2025

JABIRU POOL | 2.00PM

After the Jabiru Bombers games!
Outstation bus pick ups from 1.30pm

CHILDCARE ZONE

CRICKET

TUG-O-WAR

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

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ALBERTO LUGLIETTI MEMORIAL POOL

OPENING HOURS

1.30pm - 6.30pm Monday Tuesday 1.30pm - 6.00pm Wednesday 1.30pm - 6.30pm Thursday Closed Friday Closed Saturday 1.30pm - 6.30pm Sunday 1.30pm - 6.30pm 1.30pm - 6.30pm **Public Holidays**

Olympic-sized pool with shade - Gym - Children's Splash Pad & Pool - Playground - Barbecue - Shower Facilities - Kiosk - Aqua Fitness -Shaded picnic tables - Mobility Lift - Monorail - Jumping Pillow

AQUA FITNESS on Tuesday 6.15pm - 7.00pm (weather permitting)
CLOSED Good Friday, Christmas Day, New Year's Day
No School, No Pool Policy





56 Kinchela Road, Jabiru Ph: 08 8979 9447 | www.westarnhem.nt.gov.au

MINJILANG BASKETBALL COMPETITION KICKS OFF

Throughout the December and January school holidays, West Arnhem Regional Council's Youth, Sport and Recreation team at Minjilang have been running a community basketball competition.

The competition will run between the dates of 14 January 2025 and 31 January 2025 and will see some fierce competition throughout it so far! The overall winner of the competition, as well as stand out participants will receive prizes at the conclusion of the competition.

The Sport and Recreation staff are placing a strong focus on teamwork, sportsmanship and mindfulness as part of the program and are holding valuable conversations with participants whilst stretching pre and post-

game.

Sport and Recreation Officer Sophia Lee said, "The kids here at Minjilang really love their basketball and this competition is a way to really engage our participants to ensure they are keeping active and healthy whilst ensuring important principles like team work and good sportsmanship at the forefront of their minds".

"Placing a strong focus on teamwork, sportsmanship and mindfulness as part of the program.."







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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

MANINGRIDA DAYI

SUNDAY, 26 JANUARY 2025 MANINGRIDA POOL | 1:00PM



CASTING COMP

BARBECUE LUNCH

SCAVENGER HUNT

POOL ACTIVITIES

KICKING ACCURACY COMP **COOL PRIZES**

3 LEGGED RACES



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CHANGE TO JABIRU RUBBISH COLLECTION

The new weekly rubbish collection schedule in Jabiru has commenced. Going forward, the collection will be:

- Tuesdays Red lid bins
- 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.www.mw.nt.gov.au

Please ensure you let all your neighbours and friends know, who may not be on social media about this change to the schedule.

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



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 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

Report WATER LEAKS

Our water is precious.





Free call 1800 245 091 to report leaks

PowerWater



Jabiru Childcare Centre

Currently taking enrolments for 2025!

Our program is based on the national Early Years Learning Framework, which focuses on the children's interests, strengths and individual needs. Our educators work closely with the children to develop a play-based program which is enriching and encourages collaboration with peers, while building on their strengths and emerging skills.

Opening Hours:

Contact Us:

JabiruChildcare@westarnhem.nt.gov.au

Centrelink Customer Reference Number
(CRN): 406957335SI

Enter your child onto the wait list:

https://parent-portal.kidsoft.com.au/create-account/JabiruChildcare



