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



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West Arnhem Regional Council Mayor James Woods discussing the exciting progress of the new Maningrida changerooms with Minister for Indigenous Australians, Senator Malarndirri McCarthy.

## REMOTE FOOD SECURITY PLAN LAUNCHED

West Mayor James Council Woods met with Minister for Indigenous Australians, Senator Malarndirri Lingiari Marion Scrymgour MP in Maningrida this week at the official launch of the Remote Food Security Strategy rollout for regional and remote communities.

Mayor Woods expressed his support of the strategy, stating, "The release of the Remote Food Security Strategy is a significant step forward for remote communities, will no longer be forced to endure unacceptable food insecurity. Access to affordable food will improve the health and wellbeing of our communities."

The Minister's visit also provided an opportunity to discuss key regional issues showcase important Council-led projects in the community.

"To deliver MeCarthy and Member for meaningful projects that improve the quality of life for residents in West Arnhem communities.."

> Accompanied by Member for Arafura Manuel Brown MLA and Council's Interim Executive Officer Ben Waugh, Mayor Woods led a walk-through of the Maningrida changerooms Supported development. by the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) and managed by the West Arnhem Regional Council

(WARC), this exciting project is taking shape for the Maningrida community.

Mayor Woods appreciated the chance to sit down and discuss other topics with Minister McCarthy including recently completed Maningridaairportstructures designed specifically to support families during sorry business, economic development opportunities and additional funding for community safety initiatives, public lighting and road upgrades.

The meeting highlighted importance collaboration across all levels of government to deliver meaningful projects that improve the quality of life for residents in West Arnhem communities.

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# 2025 'WELCOME TO JABIRU' HANDBOOK NOW AVAILABLE



The 2025 edition of the Welcome to Jabiru Handbook is now available, offering a comprehensive guide to life in this unique town. Whether you're new to the area or a long-term resident, the handbook is an essential resource, packed with important information to help you navigate daily life in Jabiru.

Jabiru, located in the heart of the Top End and surrounded by the breathtaking landscapes of Kakadu National Park, is a town like no other. With its rich cultural heritage, diverse community, and connection to both traditional and modern lifestyles, understanding how to live, work, and explore here is key to making the most of what Jabiru has to offer.

The Welcome to Jabiru Handbook covers a wide range of topics, including:

- Community Events & Festivals
- Accommodation & Dining Options
  - Local Guidelines & Restrictions.
  - **Emergency Contacts & Services**
- Local Languages & Culture
- Town Services & Facilities
- Exploring Jabiru & Surrounds

It is crucial for residents to have a good understanding of their responsibilities while also embracing the many opportunities available.

The handbook is designed to support the community by providing practical information and encouraging residents to engage with and appreciate the

region's natural beauty, culture, and services.

The Welcome to Jabiru Handbook is available for free and can be accessed online through the West Arnhem Regional Council website: https://westarnhem. nt.gov.au/our-communities/jabiru





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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**



## **Upcoming Local Authority meeting dates:**

10 MARCH Maningrida Local Authority

11 MARCH Warruwi Local Authority

12 MARCH Gunbalanya Local Authority

13 MARCH Minjilang Local Authority

Meetings are open to the public!

## **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

## **LOCAL AUTHORITIES RECONVENE FOR 2025**



The Warruwi Local Authority with West Arnhem Regional Council Mayor James Woods, Councillor James Marrawal and staff.

The Local Authorities in the West Arnhem region are set to hold their first round of meetings next week, providing an important opportunity for community engagement and decision-making.

Local Authorities play a vital role in ensuring that residents of Maningrida, Minjilang, Warruwi, and Gunbalanya have a direct voice in how Council services are delivered and how funds are allocated within their communities. These meetings provide a platform for community members to discuss local priorities, share concerns, and collaborate on initiatives that benefit their regions.

Community members and stakeholders are encouraged to attend these meetings to stay informed and contribute to discussions. The meetings are held four times a year for each Local Authority, ensuring regular opportunities for community input. Residents can access meeting agendas and minutes through the West Arnhem Regional Council's website.

For more details about Local Authority meetings or to get involved in shaping your community's future, visit the West Arnhem Regional Council's website.

# REMINDER ABOUT NEW JABIRU BY-LAWS

This is an important reminder about the new West Arnhem Regional Council (Jabiru Town) By-Laws 2024 regarding animals in the Jabiru township.

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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.

Please remember:

### Dog Ownership Regulations

- A maximum of two dogs per household is permitted.
- All dogs must be registered and kept under control at all times.

### **Prohibited Animals**

• Keeping prohibited animals will result in high penalties.

### **Responsible Pet Ownership**

- Ensure your dogs are registered.
- Keep your dogs on a leash when in public areas.
- Do not allow your dogs to become a nuisance through excessive barking or aggressive behaviour.



## **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.

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### 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



National Reconciliation Week is held from 27 May to 3 June each year. This year's theme is 'Bridging Now to Next'. Visit the NRW website for further 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

## MARCH

**Sat 8** International Women's Day

Mon 10 WARC Local Authority Meeting, Maningrida

Tue 11 WARC Local Authority Meeting, Warruwi

Wed 12 WARC Local Authority Meeting, Gunbalanya

Thur 13 WARC Local Authority Meeting, Minjilang

Fri 14 WARC Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee

Meeting

## NEW BOLLARDS INSTALLED AT OVAL

New bollards have been installed around the Maningrida cricket oval, marking a step forward in improving the area. The project, carried out by contractor JMK on behalf of West Arnhem Regional Council, was completed last month and included the addition of two entrance gates.

These upgrades aim to support future planning and development of the site,

enabling the possibility of additional infrastructure. The bollards also serve to prevent vehicles from driving onto the park area, enhancing safety for both users and community members.

The initiative was made possible with support from the Maningrida Local Authority, reflecting a collaborative effort to improve community spaces.







## **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!



# **WORKS CREWS BEGINS TRAINING FOR** CERTIFICATE III IN CIVIL CONSTRUCTION

WARC Works Teams have formally started their training in the Certificate III in Civil Construction. Warruwi and Minjilang were the first ones to welcome Matthew Scott, from Batchelor Lecturer spending Institute. one week in each community to complete their first units of the program including the White Card course... What a successful start!

Misman Kris, Senior Works

Officer at Minjilang, said it was great to have Matthew on-site for training. "The boys really enjoy having him here and we learned a lot from him. We look forward to completing the full certification".

The lecturer will visit Jabiru on the week starting 3rd March and Maningrida on week starting 10 March.

Well done to all participants and good luck with your journey!









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## 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 selfdetermination.

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.

The National **NAIDOC** Poster competition has

become an iconic feature of National NAIDOC Week and has a rich and significant history beginning in 1967 when the National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) first began producing posters. NAIDOC posters have been exhibited by various Australian cultural institutions such as the National Museum of Australia and reflect not only the many significant social changes that have occurred since 1967 but also the evolution of art over the years.

Each year the National NAIDOC Poster Competition encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists aged 16 years and over to submit their artwork which reflects that year's National NAIDOC Week Theme.

How to enter

To submit an entry visit the NAIDOC website.

The Poster Competition closes on Sunday 23 February 2025, 11:59pm (AEDT).

### **HOSTED BY:**



OPEN
(12 and above)
\$55

**JUNIOR** 

(13 and under)

\$30



RACE BRIEFING

Official briefing on morning of event

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# TRIATHLON

JABIRU, NT

# SAT, 10 MAY 2025

## **OPEN TRIATHLON**

Individual or team (of 2 or 3) 12 yrs & above 250m swim / 7.5km ride / 2.5km run

## KAKADU CHALLENGE

5km RUN only - Open Individual 12yrs & above

2.5km WALK only - Open Individual 12yrs & above - Untimed

## **JUNIOR TRIATHLON**

13 years & under - Register on the day! Distance based on ability on the day

## **DETAILS:**

FIRST RACE COMMENCES: 7:00am
EVENT LOCATION: Jabiru Swimming Pool

Registration and Race Briefing from 5:45am - 6:40am (Junior registration on the day)

Gold coin donation for breakfast Free event singlet for Open Participants

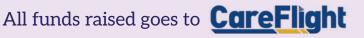
## STAY UP-TO-DATE

https://give.careflight.org/event/kakadu-triathlon

## **GET IN TOUCH**

To sponsor or volunteer, contact info@westarnhem.nt.gov.au





## REMOTE FOOD SECURITY STRATEGY LAUNCHED

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Senator Malarndirri McCarthy launching the Remote Food Security Strategy in Maninarida.





WARC Interim CEO Ben Waugh, Manuel Brown MLA, Senator Malarndirri McCarthy and Member for Lingiari Marion Scrymgour MP.



The new Maningrida Airport structures.



Conducted by University of Melbourne

# 2025 VET VISIT DATES

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

### **COMMUNITY DATES:**

Minjilang: April, September 2025

Maningrida: April, July, September 2025

Jabiru: July, September 2025

Gunbalanya: July, September 2025

Warruwi: July, September 2025

\* Please note, dates can change at short notice



The program offers a range of free treatments/procedures, including: health checks, de-sexing, parasite control (tick/mange injections, flea treatment, tick spraying), minor surgeries as required

# MANINGRIDA CHANGEROOMS DEVELOPMENT

have been major steps forward in the development of the Maningrida Changerooms, bringing the project closer to completion!

Key updates include:

- Concrete seating areas are being formed.
- All mechanical and water lines are now 100% complete.
- Roof sheets will be installed in the coming days.

Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) is thrilled to be delivering this project for

the Maningrida community and looks forward to seeing the first teams use the stateof-the-art changerooms. This facility will provide essential amenities for players, officials, and spectators, enhancing the overall sporting experience at Maningrida Oval.

This project is proudly supported by the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) and managed by WARC.

Stay tuned for more updates as construction progresses!



Mayor James Woods and Minister for Indigenous Australians, Senator Malarndirri McCarthy touring the Maningrida changerooms.



The Maningrida changerooms seating is being installed.



The Maningrida changerooms seating is being installed.



an adult's hand when crossing the road







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## COUNCIL NOTICE

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

### Please note:

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











## **EXTENDING WELLBEING SERVICES IN KAKADU**

The Kakadu Youth, Sport and Recreation team are working hard to ensure that all youth within the Kakadu Ward are included and able to access our services.

This is being achieved by increasing service provision during the evening and on weekends as well as strengthening operational stakeholder relationships so they can assist with transport, supervision and resources.

"Strengthening operational stakeholder relationships so they can assist with transport, supervision and resources.."

The Kakadu Youth, Sport and Recreation team now regularly have participants from nearby outstations such as Whistle duck, Headquarters and Mudginberri as well as outlying locations such as Jim Jim Ranger Station.

As we continue to improve service



provision we hope to further increase outstation youth participation to ensure that the Kakadu Ward Youth, Sport and Recreation program can be enjoyed by all youth and community members within the ward.

Wellbeing Services Coordinator for Jabiru Aden Reeves said, "It is imperative that our Youth, Sport and Recreation services are accessible by all community



members within our ward! Improving and increasing service delivery to ensure equitable participation between all youths within our ward is a goal our team has been working towards for some time. To see it now coming to fruition is an amazing feeling and a true testament to the hard work and dedication of our Youth, Sport and Recreation officer Leah Holt-Narul."

## 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.

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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.



# WORK IN & EXPERIENCE ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU



### Darwir

Human Resources Administration Assistant - \$71K - Permanent - Part Time - No Accommodation provided - Closes Wednesday 12 March

**Human Resources Manager** - \$130k – Permanent – Full Time – No Accommodation provided – Closes Wednesday 12 March 2025

Regional Roads Manager - \$112K - Permanent - Full Time - No Accommodation provided - Closes Wednesday 19 March 2025

### Gunbalanya

Community Senior Safety Officer - \$71k - Permanent – Part time, No Accommodation provided – Open until filled

**Broadcasting Officer** - \$71k - Permanent – Part time - No Accommodation provided – Open until filled

**Centrelink Assistant – \$60k** - Permanent – Part time - No Accommodation provided – Open until filled

### <u>Jabiru</u>

Retail & Post Office Team Leader – \$76k – Permanent – Full Time – Subsidised Accommodation available – Closes Wednesday 19 March

**Works Officer** – \$60k – Permanent – Full Time – No Accommodation provided – Open until filled

Early Childhood Educator Assistant – Cert 3 – \$66k – Permanent – Full Time – Subsidised Accommodation available – Closes Wednesday 12 March 2025

**Pool Officer** - \$60k – Permanent - Part time - Subsidised Accommodation available – Open until filled

### For more information:

Please phone 08 8979 9404 or email <u>vacancy@westarnhen.nt.gov.au</u>

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply



## BUILDING MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

West Arnhem Regional Council would like to extend our deepest appreciation to the amazing team at Bunnings Palmerston for their incredibly generous donation of small plants and gumboots!

Your kindness will make a world of difference to the children at our centre as they embark on their gardening adventures.

It not only provides a fun and engaging activity but also ensures the children are being taught the principles of sustainable and healthy eating practices at the same time!

It's through community partnerships like this that we can continue to foster a love for nature, outdoor play, and sustainability in our children.

Thank you, Bunnings Palmerston, for your continued support and for helping us grow not only plants but also the hearts and minds of the children in our care. We are truly grateful!











ALBERTO LUGLIETTI MEMORIAL POOL

# **OPENING HOURS**

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

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



# WORK IN & EXPERIENCE ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU

### <u>Maningrida</u>

Utilities Support Contract Operator - \$82k – Permanent – Full Time – Subsidised Accommodation available – Closes Wednesday 12 March

Youth Sport and Recreation Assistant - \$50k - Permanent – Part time - No Accommodation provided – Open until filled

**Customer Services Officer** - \$66k - Permanent – Full time - No Accommodation provided – Open until filled

### Minjilang

Community Care Officer - \$60k - Permanent – Part time - No Accommodation provided – Open until filled

### **Warruwi**

Wellbeing Services Senior Officer - \$82k - Permanent - Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available - Closes 5 March 2025

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Childcare Senior Officer} - 71k - Permanent - Full Time - No \\ Accommodation provided - Open until filled \\ \end{tabular}$ 

**Broadcasting Officer** - \$71k - Permanent – Part time - No Accommodation provided – Open until filled

**Centrelink Officer** – \$66k - Permanent – Part time - No Accommodation provided – Open until filled

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