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COMMUNITY SPIRIT SHINES AT TRIATHLON

The spirited community of Jabiru came alive with energy and excitement on Saturday, 10 May, as more than 140 adults and 39 children took part in the 2025 Kakadu Triathlon.

Proudly hosted by West Arnhem Regional Council, the much-loved annual event raised an outstanding \$16,400 for CareFlight NT, with this year marking the triathlon's 12th successful edition.

Known for its vibrant atmosphere and achievable distances, the Kakadu Triathlon continues to attract participants of all ages and abilities and this year's event saw record numbers and over 100 spectators.

Set against the breathtaking backdrop of Kakadu National Park, the triathlon is a short-course event which is all about inclusivity and participation.

Highlighting the true spirit of community, the event received a generous boost from Blue Cycles, who donated five bikes to young participants from the Gunbalanya community, enabling them to join in and

enjoy the event alongside athletes from across the region.

West Arnhem Regional Council Mayor James Woods praised the community for their continued support.

"The triathlon is also a short-course event which is all about inclusivity and participation.."

"It's heart-warming to see so many people come together for such an important cause," Mayor Woods said.

"The funds raised through the Kakadu Triathlon make a real difference to CareFlight's vital work in our region, and it's a privilege to be part of that."

West Arnhem Regional Council extends its sincere thanks to the dedicated staff, volunteers, officials, sponsors, and enthusiastic spectators

who helped make the 2025 event so memorable.

The category winners were:

Women's Open Triathlon: Kylie Scholz

Men's Open Triathlon: John Thyne

Overall Triathlon Team: Casey Day, Sam Hume, Tom Tonkin

Women's 5km Challenge: Lauren Sherwell-Spears

Men's 5km Challenge: Michael Rowe

The 2025 Kakadu Triathlon was proudly supported by: West Arnhem Regional Council, Ranger Rehabilitation Project, JN Mousellis Civil Contractors, Team Health, Get Set Safety and Emergency Training, Jabiru Service Station, Kakadu Tourism, Red Lily Health Board, PTM Group, NBN, NT Triathlon, Darwin Triathlon Club, Peter Keepence Photography, Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel, Cooinda Lodge, Intensity NT, Kakadu Air, Caulfield Grammar, Kakadu Supermarket.

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WEST ARNHAM WELCOMES NEW AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS

West Arnhem Regional Council proudly welcomed three new Australian citizens, Zenicia Araujo Lobo, Sachithra Fernando, and Isuru Marakkala Manage, who made their official pledge of commitment on Friday, 16 May 2025.

In a heartfelt ceremony held in Jabiru, the new citizens took their pledge

before Presiding Officer Mayor James Woods and were presented with their certificates, surrounded by family and friends.

On behalf of the Council, Mayor Woods warmly congratulated the new citizens and wished them every success in their future endeavours.



Zenicia Araujo Lobo, Sachithra Fernando West Arnhem Regional Council Mayor James Woods and Isuru Marakkala Manage at the Australian Citizenship Ceremony.

STAY AHEAD OF FLU SEASON WITH VACCINE

The time has come for Territorians to book their influenza vaccination as flu season arrives with more than 1,400 cases confirmed.

Flu vaccination is recommended annually as the Territory enters the Dry season in the Top End, and winter in our southern parts.

During this period, flu case numbers peak across Australia.

Minister for Health Steve Edgington is urging all Territorians over the age of six months to get the flu vaccine.

"Different viral strains of the flu occur each year and it is important to receive an annual flu vaccine to ensure the best protection against current strains," he said.

Flu is already circulating in the Territory. Since the beginning of 2025, there have been more than 1,400 cases confirmed, mostly in the Top End and East Arnhem regions. So far, there have been 360 reported hospitalisations in the NT due to flu.

Last year 3,303 cases of flu were recorded with around 68,400 Territorians receiving the flu vaccine, compared to 2,776 cases in 2023 where 73,300 Territorians received the flu vaccine.

"The message is clear. By getting the flu vaccine, Territorians not only protect

themselves but prevent giving the flu to others, helping to keep the community safe," said Mr Edgington.

The influenza vaccine is free for the following people:

- All children aged 6 months to 5 years
- All Aboriginal people aged 6 months and over.
- People aged 65 years and older.
- Pregnant women during any stage of pregnancy.
- People aged 6 months and over with conditions predisposing them to complications from influenza.

This year, Territorians aged 5 years and over who are eligible for a free vaccination under the [National Immunisation Program](#) (NIP) can also get vaccinated from a participating pharmacy.

"Vaccination is especially important for people at higher risk of serious influenza complications and for people who live with or care for high-risk individuals, but I encourage everyone to be vaccinated," said Mr Edgington.

To book a flu vaccination, contact a GP, health clinic or pharmacy.

For more information, including eligibility to receive the flu vaccine for free through the NIP, visit NT Health's [Flu vaccination webpage](#)



West Arnhem Regional Council acknowledges the First Nations Custodians; and the many Language and Family groups who are Managers and Care-takers to each of their Traditional homelands and Waters across the West Arnhem Regions Wards. West Arnhem Regional Council pay their respects and acknowledge Elders, past present and rising.

The Wire is the only regular source of news and information in the Kakadu and West Arnhem Land region. More than 500 copies are distributed fortnightly to Jabiru, Warruwi, Minjilang, Maningrida and Gunbalanya.

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Warruwi Radio	106.1 FM
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TOP END ABORIGINAL BUSH
BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION

SUPPORTING MOVEMENT, CONNECTION, CULTURE

West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) recently partnered with Red Lily Health, Waruwi School, Minjilang School, and Yagbani Aboriginal Corporation to deliver Hoops4Health — a First Nations-led, strength-based program aimed at supporting healing, connection, and youth empowerment through basketball and community leadership.

The initiative creates opportunities for positive change by promoting healing, leadership, and empowerment through one of the community's favourite physical activities - basketball.

In Waruwi, Works Officer Baden was

recognised as a local 'Champion' and took time to speak with young people about the importance of staying in school, continuing their learning, and avoiding drugs and alcohol. The event was a great success, with more than 100 participants joining throughout the day.

In Minjilang, strong support from the local school and community helped boost participation, with over 40 young people getting involved in the activities.

Minjilang Wellbeing Services Senior Officer Singita Campion said.

"There was incredible support from Minjilang Sports and Rec staff in helping

run the games and set up the event.

"Healing, connection, and youth empowerment through basketball and community leadership.."

A big thank you to the local community members who helped bring even more participants to be part of the program."



Minjilang hosted Red Lily Health and Hoop 4 Health last week, supported by West Arnhem Regional Council and Mamaruni School.



West Arnhem Regional Council in Waruwi partnered with Red Lily Health, Waruwi Community School and Yagbani Aboriginal Corporation to deliver the First Nations-led strength-based program.



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

MAY

26 National Sorry Day

27 - 3 June National Reconciliation Week

31 World No Tobacco Day

JUNE

3 Mabo Day

5 WARC Risk Management and Audit Committee Meeting, Jabiru

CHEMICAL TRAINING IN MINJILANG AND MANINGRIDA

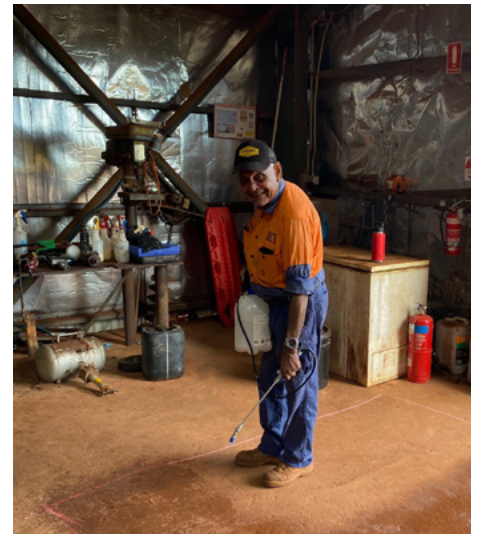
West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) staff in Minjilang and Maningrida were the first two communities to welcome CDU Trainers for the 'Treat Weeds and Apply Chemicals' course, delivered on-site for the very first time.

This course used to be part of the 'Ranger Ready Program' in Jabiru once a year. In 2025, WARC has coordinated directly with CDU for this activity to be delivered on-site in each community.

Murray Lauritsen, CDU Trainer that was in Maningrida, says that having

this type of training delivered within the work environment provides context and relevance. "On-site training allows participants to practice skills on the actual equipment and in the actual work environment, leading to quicker and more effective learning".

This course has provided the Works Crews USC, and AROs with appropriate strategies for weed control problems. They have learnt the different types of weeds, chemical herbicides, and safe practices to eliminate them.



WEST ARNHEM
REGIONAL COUNCIL

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!



WARC SUPPORTS STUDENTS AT NT SCHOOL SPORTS COMP

Recently, West Arnhem Regional Council Sport and Recreation Officer Sam, alongside Jabiru Works Crew staff member Kingsley, travelled to Darwin to support students from Gunbalanya and Jabiru Schools who were participating in the 12 Years and Under NT School Sports competition.

The students were selected not only for their talent on the football field but also for their school attendance, commitment to training, and the positive choices they've made in their communities. During their stay at the picturesque Lee Point, the students quickly overcame initial nerves and began forming new friendships with kids from across the Top End.

Teaming up with students from Tiwi, Adelaide River, Palumpa, Croker, Maningrida and Humpty Doo, they formed male and female "Top End Remote" teams. Over the course of the competition, both teams played six games against sides representing Darwin, Top End Urban, East Arnhem and Central Australia.

It was a slow start, but with

each match, teamwork and confidence grew. Both the boys and girls teams celebrated two strong wins each, learning valuable skills and gaining experience along the way. One official commented, "The Top End Remote boys were the best team to watch – they were just so much fun."

Off the field, students were taught the basics of scoring and goal umpiring, taking on these roles during games when they weren't playing. Their involvement was enthusiastic and professional, earning praise from event organisers and coaches alike.

To cap off a fun-filled and rewarding trip, the group enjoyed a well-earned visit to Leanyer Water Park. As the competition wrapped up, the Gunbalanya students said 'goodbye' to new friends before heading to the airport for their charter flight home.

A special congratulations goes to one Gunbalanya student who was selected as an emergency for the NT representative side – a testament to the effort and talent shown throughout the week.



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:
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Contact Us:
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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>



ANZAC DAY SERVICES IN WEST ARNHEM

MINJILANG ANZAC DAY SERVICE



On April 25, 2025, communities across West Arnhem gathered to commemorate ANZAC Day, honouring the courage and sacrifice of Australian and New Zealand service personnel.

The day featured dawn services supported by NORFORCE and defence personnel, community gatherings, and a special RAAF flyover, reflecting the region's deep respect for its

WARRUWI ANZAC DAY SERVICE



JABIRU ANZAC DAY SERVICE



Photos credit: Peter Keepence Photography

ANZAC DAY SERVICES IN WEST ARNHEM

MANINGRIDA ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Photos credit: Lou Meyers and Julie Dennien.



Help at home for older people.

If you're finding it harder to do the things you used to, you might need a bit of help at home. You and your family can get help to:

Access services to support you with:

- Rides around your community (to see family, food shopping, doctor's appointments and other places)
- Help inside and outside your home (like vacuuming, preparing meals, cleaning gutters and mowing the lawn)
- Help with changes to your home (like adding hand rails or ramps)

Find information in one spot:

- Help and support for elders in your community
- Who can get help
- The cost
- People and groups specially trained to help in your community

Connect with myagedcare on www.myagedcare.gov.au or call 1800 200 422

*1800 calls are free from land lines; calls from mobile phones might be charged.

Contact Service Centre: Lee on 08 8979 9454

WORK IN & EXPERIENCE ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU



Jabiru

Administration Officer – Business Development - \$76k
- Permanent – Full Time – Subsidised Accommodation available – Closes Wednesday 28 May 2025

Pool Officer - \$60k – Permanent - Part time - Subsidised Accommodation available – Closes Wednesday 28 May 2025

Early Childhood Educator Assistant – Cert 3 – \$66k – Permanent – Full Time – Subsidised Accommodation available – Closes 28 May 2025

Maningrida

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

Waruwi

Diploma Qualified Child Care Senior Officer – 76k – Permanent – Full Time - Subsidised Accommodation available – Open until filled

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

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

For more information:

Please phone 08 8979 9404 or email vacancy@westarnhem.nt.gov.au

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply



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Team Tri winners from Jabiru Tom Tonkin, Sam Hume and Casey Day.



The happy 5km Kakadu Challenge participants at the finish line.



The young Junior Tri participants from Gunbalanya with the new bikes donated from Blue Cycles.



There were 39 enthusiastic junior participants at this years event.



West Arnhem Regional Council Councillor Mickitja Onus and overall Men's Tri winner John Thyne.



Ranger Rehabilitation Project reps Jill and Emma with overall Women's Tri winner Kylie Scholz.



The youngest junior participants at this year's event with the Careflight bear.



The Women's 5km Kakadu Challenge winner Lauren and Matt from GET SET.



West Arnhem Regional Council staff behind the 2025 Kakadu Triathlon.

GUNBALANYA COMMUNITY ADULTS TOUCH COMPETITION

West Arnhem Regional Council's Utilities Support Coordinator in Gunbalanya Voase Naivalu has gone above and beyond for the community, running adults touch rugby for every Tuesday.

While the first couple weeks were a bit slower so the sport and recreation team welcomed some younger participants to

join in so a game could go ahead. Every week has grown in popularity and, last week there was a great turnout from adults with different stakeholders and community with others watching on.

This week, Sport and Recreation want to add a kids touch rugby game to cater for kids.

It is great see Voase sharing his passion by volunteering to provide this opportunity to community. Quite the athlete himself its quite inspirational watching Voase on field with his rugby physique but moves like a gazelle

A community member said her family enjoyed very much.



VOLLEYBALL ENGAGES ALL AGES IN GUNBALANYA

Gunbalanya recently had Volleyball NT come to the community to run volleyball sessions both in school and outside school with West Arnhem Regional Council's (WARC) Youth, Sport and Recreation team. It is a sport that really engages all the age groups in Gunbalanya.

There was a lot of skill development and progression which is great to see.

Another positive was some students who previously lacked confidence on the volleyball court really thrived and starred.

School sports teacher Ben described the sessions as

amazing.

Some students were awarded with a new volleyball chosen for attitude and efforts in the sessions. One of the parents thanked Luke from volleyball NT for giving their son a ball as they were very excited as the sessions had inspired their love of volleyball having constructed a home made net and now they had a proper volleyball to utilise.

Thanks to Luke and Ordino from Volleyball NT, the school for partnering with WARC to utilise this visit for full benefit of community and the NT Government School Sports Vouchers.



WORK IN & EXPERIENCE ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU



Darwin

System Accountant - \$98k - Permanent – Full time, No Accommodation provided – Closes 28 May 2025

Waste and Resource Coordinator - \$98k - Permanent – Full time, No Accommodation provided – Closes Wednesday 28 May 2025

Gunbalanya

Community Care Cook - \$32.20 per hour - Permanent – 20 hours per week, No Accommodation provided – Open until filled

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

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

Jabiru

Customer Services Officer - \$66k - Permanent – Full Time – Subsidised Accommodation available – Closes Wednesday 4 June 2025

Relief Administration Officer - \$71k - Permanent – Full Time – Subsidised Accommodation available – Closes Wednesday 28 May 2025

For more information:

Please phone 08 8979 9404 or email vacancy@westarnhem.nt.gov.au

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SPECIAL VIEWING OF SUNS VS HAWKS GAME!

West Arnhem Regional Council joined with Clontarf and Adjumarllarl to deliver the regular Thursday afternoon footy last week, with an extra special barbecue and viewing of the AFL game in Darwin - Suns vs Hawks!

There was Auskick going and a big kids match before everyone headed back to the Recreation Hall to eat, watch footy and escape the mosquitos.

There were some very passionate Hawks supporters

cheering on their team but in the end, Suns were too strong. This afternoon event was also a late celebration for Mothers' Day and Youth Week. Thank you everyone for coming along!



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2025 VET VISIT DATES

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

SCHEDULED DATES:

Minjilang: 12-15 May, 22-24 September

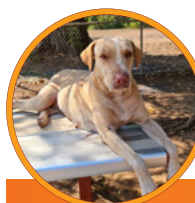
Maningrida: 28 April-9 May, 14-18 July, 10-23 August, 8-12 Sept

Jabiru/Town Camp: 10 July, 26-30 August, 18 September

Gunbalanya: 7-11 July & 15-19 September

Warruwi: 14-18 July & 15-19 September

** Please note, dates can change at short notice*



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