



The very first Maningrida and Homelands Youth Summit has been a powerful gathering of young people from 12-15 August 2025.

MANINGRIDA YOUTH SUMMIT

The 2025 Maningrida Youth Summit was held from 12-15 August, bringing together young people from Maningrida and the homelands for a week of workshops, discussions, and activities focused on leadership, culture, and community.

The stakeholders involved in the Summit were Njamarléya Cultural Leaders and Justice Group, NIAA, Mala'la Health, Maningrida College, and Bawinanga Homelands Aboriginal Corporation.

West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) supported the event by providing marquees, gas, and ice, and by hosting evening basketball games led by Youth and Recreation Team Leader Edward. These games gave youth a chance to connect, have fun, and stay active as part of the Summit's program.

The Youth Summit was held to give young people

from Maningrida and the homelands a platform to share their ideas, celebrate their culture, and build leadership skills.

"Opportunity for youth to share their dreams and vision directly with the elders in the community.."

A key highlight was the opportunity for youth to share their dreams and vision directly with the elders in the community, creating a meaningful dialogue between generations.

This exchange not only inspired the young participants but also strengthened community connections, fostered

pride in their heritage, and encouraged the youth to take an active role in shaping their own future. Overall, the Summit promoted wellbeing, empowerment, and a sense of belonging for all participants.

West Arnhem Regional Council's Youth, Sport, and Recreation team proudly hosted the evening basketball games during the Summit, which drew a huge crowd of enthusiastic participants and community members. It was a highlight of the evenings, providing fun, connection, and a chance for youth to showcase their skills. I was incredibly proud of our team, who were always ready to stand by and support wherever needed.

At the same time, the event would not have been possible without the outstanding leadership and coordination of the organisers, Njamarleya, ..

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West Arnhem Regional Council, in partnership with The University of Melbourne, is proud to continue delivering the animal management program across the region.

This long-running and valued program brings essential veterinary services to all West Arnhem communities, supporting both animal welfare and community health.

Strongly backed by our Local Authorities, this ongoing animal management program is a great example of collaboration in action.

The program offers a range of treatments and procedures, including: Health checks, De-sexing (spaying and castrating), Para-

site control (tick/mange injections, flea treatment, tick spraying), Minor surgeries as required

Please note: Vaccinations and immunisations are an additional cost

The 2025 dates are:

- **Jabiru/Manaburduma:** 28-30 August, 18 September TBC
- **Gunbalanya:** 15-19 September
- **Waruwi:** September TBC
- **Minjilang:** 1 September
- **Maningrida:** 10-23 August, 8-12 September

Community members are encouraged to take advantage of these visits.



JABIRU AFL PROGRAM

JOIN US FOR 4 WEEKS OF AFL FUN WITH IN JABIRU WITH AN ALL GIRLS SUPERKICK AND A BOYS JUNIOR COMPETITION.



DATE: TUESDAY ON 5TH AUG, 12TH AUG, 19TH AUG, 26TH AUG

TIME: 3:30PM- GIRLS ONLY AFL SUPERKICK (8-16 YO)

4:30PM- BOYS JUNIOR COMP (8-16 YO)

@MAGELA OVAL



WIRE

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, Waruwi, Minjilang, Maningrida and Gunbalanya.

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Maningrida Radio	106.1 FM
Minjilang Radio	106.1 FM
Gunbalanya Radio	106.1 FM
Waruwi Radio	106.1 FM
Jabiru Radio	98.9 FM



TEABBA

TOP END ABORIGINAL BUSH
BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - LOCAL AUTHORITIES

The West Arnhem Regional Council is inviting community members to nominate for the Local Authority in Maningrida, Warruwi, Minjilang and Gunbalanya.

To align with the NT Local Government 2025 General Election, all Local Authorities were dissolved in July 2025. The nomination process is now underway, and former Local Authority members are encouraged to apply.

When can I nominate?

- Opens: Tuesday, 12 August

2025

- Closes: Tuesday, 9 September 2025

How do I nominate?

Collect a nomination form from your local Council Office or download it from: westarnhem.nt.gov.au/corporate-documents

Submit your completed form to the Council Services Manager at your local Community Council Office.

For more details, please see the official Nomination Poster or contact your local Council Office.

Public Notice



Nominate for your
LOCAL AUTHORITY!

Nominations Forms:

Available at your local Council Office



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION UPDATE

Voters in Gunbalanya and Kakadu wards will not be required to vote in the upcoming election. An election will be held at a later date. Minjilang's sole nominee has been elected councillor.

Gunbalanya Candidates:

- Henry Yates
- Ralph McCoy

Kakadu Candidates:

- Ralph Francis Blyth
- Mickitja Onus

Minjilang Candidate:

- Steven Nabalmarda

For further information:

<https://ntec.nt.gov.au/elections/current-elections/2025-local-government-elections>

HEYWIRE COMPETITION CLOSES SOON

Aged between 16 – 22 and living in the country? The ABC Heywire competition wants to hear from you.

Heywire is a lived experience storytelling competition for young people living in regional, rural and remote Australia. We've seen the impact sharing stories has on communities and the country;

that's why we want to hear yours. So, tell us what life's like living in your part of the world; or tell us what you care about; or what you're frustrated by; or what you love.

Our competition closes on the 1st of September this year.

Enter - <https://www.abc.net.au/heywire/competition>

OUR WEST ARNHEM

YOUR VOTE

VOTE

IN THE 2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Voting is compulsory

MANINGRIDA VOTING TIMES:

WHEN?

Mon, 18 August - New Sub
Tue, 19 August - MPA
Wed, 20 August - MPA
Thu, 21 August - MPA



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MANINGRIDA VET VISIT

10 - 23 August 2025

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

HOW DO I SEE THE VET?

See Council staff to leave your name, phone number lot number, pet description, procedure needed.

Treatments/procedures covered by the program:

Health checks, surgical desexing, parasite and worming, minor surgeries

Please note: Vaccinations and immunisations are an extra cost.

Next Vet Visit: 8 - 12 September 2025



For further info,
see the Council
Office or the Vet
Team

WHAT'S ON



The Stone Country Festival will be held in Gunbalanya on 31 & 31 August. It is a 2-day celebration of culture and connection. Find out more: <https://stonecountryfestival.com>

WEEKLY

Monday

Underwater Hockey: Jabiru Pool, 5pm
Kakadu Deadly Runners & Walkers, 5.30pm
Fire Station Training: Jabiru Fire Station, 6pm

Tuesdays

Bombers football training: Brockman Oval, 5:30pm
Jabiru Firey's Fitness Training: Magela Oval, 5:30pm
Aqua Fitness: Jabiru Swimming Pool, 6.15pm

Wednesdays

Skins Golf: Jabiru Golf Club, 4.45pm
Kakadu Deadly Runners & Walkers, 5.30pm
Jabiru Creative Group: Town Plaza, 6.00pm

Thursdays

Jabiru Bombers Football training: Brockman Oval, 5pm
Jabiru Firey's Fitness Training: Magela Oval, 5.30pm

Fridays

Jabiru Golf Club raffles & Members Draw, 7pm
Pool competition: Jabiru Golf Club, 7pm

Sundays

Jabiru Firey's Fitness Training 5.30pm

AUGUST

10-23 Maningrida Vet Visit

15 2025 Local Government Voting: Mala'la Aged Care and Gamardi

15 2025 Local Government Voting: Warruwi

18 2025 Local Government Voting: Maningrida New Sub

19-21 2025 Local Government Voting: Maningrida MPA

28-29 Jabiru Vet Visit

30 Town Camp (Manaburduma) Vet Visit

30 - 31 Stone Country Festival, Gunbalanya

NEW EQUIPMENT FOR MINJILANG CRÈCHE

The Minjilang Creche, operated by West Arnhem Regional Council, received a large order of new educational equipment, supplied by Modern Teaching Aids, to support early learning for children aged 0-4 years recently.

The new equipment will enhance the learning environment and provide more engaging activities for young children at the creche, supporting their development through play and structured learning.

The Creche team has been actively assembling the new items, with plans for the Works team to assist in putting together the larger equipment.

The arrival of this shipment has generated excitement and enthusiasm among staff and children alike.

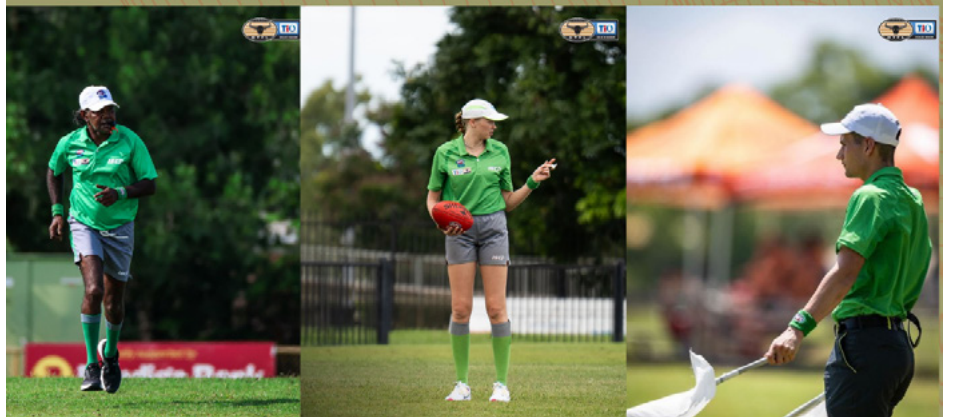
"It gives the children more activities," said a Creche staff member.



UMPIRING TRAINING

JOIN US AT JABIRU COUNCIL OFFICE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN UMPIRING TRAINING BEFORE KURRUNG FESTIVAL

HOSTED BY AFLNT



5.45PM - TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST AND 19TH AUGUST

📍 JABIRU COUNCIL OFFICE



FRESH COURT BOOSTS BASKETBALL IN MANINGRIDA

Maningrida's main basketball court has received a major upgrade with a brand-new surface, thanks to a joint investment by West Arnhem Regional Council and the Njamarléya Cultural Leaders and Justice Group under NIAA's Stronger Communities for Children grants.

This collaborative effort has delivered a durable, all-weather surface complete with fresh line marking – ready to support local games and community events for years to

come. With the upgrades now complete, the Maningrida Basketball Competition is set to return in full swing.

It also provides the perfect opportunity for players to start training ahead of the 2025 Kurrung Sports Carnival, taking place in Jabiru on 5–6 September.

This is a fantastic result for the community and a big step forward in supporting sport, recreation and healthy futures in Maningrida.

"Maningrida's main basketball court has received a major upgrade with a brand-new surface, thanks to a joint investment.."



OUR WEST ARNHEM YOUR VOTE

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An election will be held at a later date.

Minjilang's sole nominee has been elected councillor.



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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:

Monday to Friday 7.30am – 5.00pm

Contact Us:

0417 927 890 or

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>





COUNCIL NOTICE

Council is seeking nominations for community members to join the:

LOCAL AUTHORITY

in Maningrida, Waruwi, Minjilang and Gunbalanya

Previous Local Authority Members are encouraged to nominate!

WHEN CAN I NOMINATE?

Nominations open: Tuesday, 12 August 2025

Nominations close: Tuesday, 9 September 2025

Be a voice for your
community and
help shape its
future!

HOW DO I NOMINATE?

Nominations Forms: Available at your local Council Office or online
at: westarnhem.nt.gov.au/corporate-documents

*Please return your nomination form to the Council Services Manager at your
Community Council Office.*

For further information:



Governance Advisor: 0478 436 222



westarnhem.nt.gov.au/our-council

YOUTH SUMMIT – OUR VOICE. OUR STORY. OUR FUTURE

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and their directors, who did an amazing job hosting the Summit and guiding the program.

Their dedication ensured the event ran smoothly and created a welcoming space for young people to learn, share, and be inspired.

Wellbeing Services Coordinator – Maningrida and Jabiru, Hans Wesche said, "This was my first Youth Summit, and although we played a supporting role, I was so inspired by the energy and creativity of the young people.

"Watching them connect with the elders and share their dreams was a real highlight. I also had so many ideas running through my mind about how WARC could lead future Summits if given the opportunity, it's exciting to think about the possibilities for our youth and community."





VOLUNTEERS
ORDINARY PEOPLE DOING
EXTRAORDINARY THINGS

The Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service (NTFRS) volunteers provide a fire and disaster response within the major towns and communities, and road crash rescue response along much of the Territories major road network.

Volunteer members respond in the first instance to emergency calls within their district. They may also attend emergencies in other volunteer fire brigade areas when requested to assist at major incidents.

NTFRS currently have approx 250 volunteers within 8 Volunteer Fire Brigades and 7 Fire and Emergency Response Groups.

JOIN US!

NT Fire and Rescue
VOLUNTEERS

Are you over 16 years old,
reasonably fit and healthy?



For more Info email: volunteercoordination@pfes.nt.gov.au or visit www.fire.nt.gov.au

5 & 6
September
2025



**KURRUNG
SPORTS CARNIVAL**

UNITING SPORTS TEAMS FROM WEST ARNHEM LAND

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Be involved in the Kurrung Sports Carnival!

We are seeking:

- **Basketball Timekeeper/Scorers:** Friday evening & Saturday
- **AFL Timekeeper/Scorers:** Friday evening & Saturday
- **AFL goal umpires:** Saturday
- **AFL water runners:** Saturday
- **Friday Meal:** 5pm - 7.30pm
- **Saturday Meals:** 6.30am - 8am / 11am - 1.30pm / 5pm - 7.30pm

IF YOU CAN SPARE TIME:

Contact Gemma on 0424 669 956 or
gemma.loyer@westarnhem.nt.gov.au
to add your name to the roster



ABORIGINAL CRISIS SUPPORTERS AVAILABLE



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.

NT ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH WORKER AND PRACTITIONER EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Nominations are open for the 2025 Northern Territory Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker and Practitioner Excellence Awards.

The awards acknowledge the significant contribution Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers and practitioners make to their families, communities and the healthcare system across the Northern Territory.

"Central to delivering culturally responsive and safe care across the Northern Territory.."

The opening of the nomination period coincides with the National Day of Recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workers and Health Practitioners held on 7 August annually.

Rus Nasir, Acting Executive Director Aboriginal Health, Engagement and Workforce said Aboriginal health workers and practitioners are central to delivering culturally responsive and safe care across the Northern Territory.

"Their deep connections to community and culture make them trusted leaders and essential partners in improving health

outcomes with and for our people," Mr Masit.

"The awards recognise the achievements and dedication within these professional groups and highlight those who have made outstanding professional impact to their communities and workplaces.

"Their dedication supports a more inclusive healthcare system – one that respects and responds to the needs of Aboriginal communities across the NT," said Mr Masit.

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers and practitioners employed across the NT are eligible for nomination. The 10 award categories include:

- Remote Aboriginal Health Worker
- Urban Aboriginal Health Worker
- Remote Aboriginal Health Practitioner
- Urban Aboriginal Health Practitioner
- Specialist Aboriginal Health Practitioner
- New Aboriginal Health Practitioner
- Advanced Studies (Student Award)
- Emerging Aboriginal Health Practitioner (Student Award)
- Emerging Aboriginal Health Worker (Student Award)
- Dr John Hargrave Honour Roll (Lifetime Achievement)

Nominations can be made at: <https://health.nt.gov.au/careers/aboriginal-careers2/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-health-worker-and-practitioner-excellence-awards>



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



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JABIRU VET VISIT

28 - 29 AUGUST 2025

Town Camp Vet Visit: 30 August 2025

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

HOW DO I SEE THE VET?

NEW online booking system: <https://waldhep.setmore.com/>
All bookings must be made online.

Treatments/procedures covered by the program:

Health checks, surgical desexing, parasite and worming, minor surgeries

Please note: Vaccinations and immunisations are an extra cost

Next Vet Visit: 18 September 2025



For further info, see the Council Office or the Vet Team

REGISTRATIONS OPEN!

5 & 6 SEPTEMBER 2025

**Get your AFL & basketball
team together now!**

*Registration Packs available from
your YSR Teams!*

Registrations Close: 21 August 2025

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Darwin or Jabiru

Director Technical Services - Package starting from \$190K - Permanent – Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available in Jabiru only – Closes Wednesday 27 August 2025

Human Resources Manager - \$133K - Permanent – Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available in Jabiru only – Closes Wednesday 27 August 2025

Gunbalanya

Community Safety Senior Officer - \$73k - Permanent – Part time 25 Hours, No Accommodation– Open until filled

Community Safety Officer - \$61k - Permanent – Part time 27.5 hours, No Accommodation– Open until filled

Community Care Officer - \$61k - Permanent – Part time 20 hours, No Accommodation– Open until filled

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

Centrelink Assistant – \$61k - Permanent – Part time 30 hours - No Accommodation– Open until filled

Jabiru

Tenancy Coordinator - \$85k - Permanent – Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available – Closes Wednesday 3 Sept 2025

Childcare Centre Manager - \$101k - Permanent – Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available – Closes Wednesday 20 August 2025

Youth, Sport and Recreation Officer - \$68k - Permanent – Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available – Open until filled

Works Assistant – \$52k– Permanent – Full Time – No Accommodation provided – Open until filled

Early Childhood Educator Assistant – \$61– Permanent – Full Time – No Accommodation provided – Open until filled

Pool Officer - \$61k – Permanent - Part time 25 hours - Subsidised Accommodation available – Open until filled

Maningrida

Customer Services Officer - \$68k - Permanent – Full time - No Accommodation provided – Open until filled

Youth, Sport, and Recreation Assistant - \$52k - Permanent – Part time 25 hours - No Accommodation provided – Open until filled

Warruwi

Broadcasting Officer - \$73k - Permanent – Part time 12.5 hours - No Accommodation provided – Open until filled

Centrelink Officer – \$68k - Permanent – Part time 7.6 hours - 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



JABIRU AFL PROGRAM BUILDING UP SKILLS



Following the AFL talent carnival in Gunbalanya, where teams from Maningrida, Jabiru, Minjilang, and Warruwi competed in a fast-paced AFL 9s format, AFL NT has launched a four-week AFL program in Jabiru to build on the skills and enthusiasm shown by local youth.

The program runs on 5, 12, 19, and 26 August at Magela Oval, with an All Girls AFL Superkick session at 3:30pm and a Boys Junior Competition at 4:30pm. West Arnhem Regional Council's Youth, Sports and Recreation team is supporting by providing icy cold water and light refreshments.

AFL NT's Kieran Mullholland is also delivering training for those interested in learning the rules or umpiring from 5:30pm - 6:30pm.

The program was created to keep the momentum going after the excitement of the recent AFL talent carnival in Gunbalanya and to give Jabiru youth more opportunities to develop their skills, fitness, and confidence in the game.

It also aims to strengthen interest in AFL among young people, provide pathways for future talent identification, and encourage community participation through playing, learning the rules, or training as umpires.

By combining sport with mentorship and skill-building, the program helps foster teamwork, discipline, and a healthy, active lifestyle.

West Arnhem Regional Council's Youth, Sport and Recreation team has been proud to stand alongside AFL NT in delivering the program, ensuring

each session is welcoming and well-supported.

Our team has provided cold water and light refreshments to keep players and spectators hydrated, while also assisting with logistics on the day.

A special thanks goes to Kieran for running the umpiring and rules training, giving participants a deeper understanding of the game and opening pathways for those interested in officiating.

The ongoing partnership between WARC and AFL NT continues to strengthen opportunities for youth across West Arnhem, both on and off the field.

"It's so important to keep the momentum going. Whether 10 kids or 100 kids turn up, we need to stay invested in developing our young people's skills and talent, especially with how much AFL means to our community. These programs give our youth the chance to learn, grow, and be part of something they love, and that's worth showing up for every single time."

