



AFL players in Maningrida have been putting in the hard yards training ahead of the Kurrung Sports Carnival which will be held on 5 & 6 September 2025 in Jabiru. They are pictured with Craig from AFL NT.

COUNT DOWN TO KURRUNG

Final training sessions are under way in West Arnhem as communities count down the days to the 2025 Kurrung Sports Carnival which kicks off on Friday, 5 September 2025 in Jabiru.

Proudly hosted by West Arnhem Regional Council, the Kurrung Sports Carnival is Council's and the region's biggest event of the year - fostering stronger community bonds and sense of belonging. Over the weekend, Jabiru will welcome 200 sportspeople forming AFL and basketball teams from Maningrida, Gunbalanya, Waruwi and Kakadu, so there is sure to be a great display of talent as well as community spirit.

The competition officially begins on Friday, 5 September at the Jabiru courts with the start of the men's basketball competition.

Meanwhile, the women's basketball competition will

continue on Saturday, 6 September at the Jabiru Area School courts, and the men's AFL contest will kick off at the same time at Brockman Oval.

"Fostering stronger community bonds and sense of belonging.."

Long time and valuable partner, the NO MORE Campaign will once have a presence at the carnival. To promote and celebrate positive fair play, respect and camaraderie on and off the field, the NO MORE team will award the 'Spirit of Kurrung' cup to the Community which shows these key values.

West Arnhem Regional Council wishes to thank all supporters and sponsors of this year's carnival:

Ranger Rehabilitation Project, Jabiru Property Services, PTM

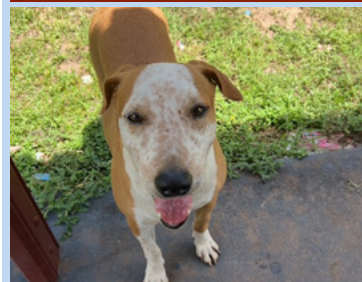
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And, if Jabiru locals are interested in volunteering at the two day event supporting the catering or sports events, please contact Gemma Loyer at the Council Office.

The West Arnhem Regional Council remains committed to supporting initiatives which foster Community pride and unity to achieve our vision of building stronger Communities.

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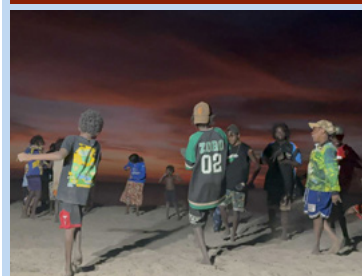
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West Arnhem Regional Council, in partnership with The University of Melbourne, is proud to continue delivering the animal management program across the region.

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:** 18 September TBC
- **Gunbalanya:** 15-19 September
- **Waruwi:** 2 - 5 September
- **Minjilang:** 1 September
- **Maningrida:** 8-12 September

Community members are encouraged to take advantage of these visits.



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.

Our electronic edition goes out to more than 500 individual email addresses across West Arnhem Land and the Top End.

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LÚRRA FESTIVAL

2025 SPORT PROGRAM



MONDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER

5.00pm - 7.00pm U 15s Women's Basketball
5.30pm - 7.30pm U15s Men's AFL

TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER

5.00pm - 7.00pm - U 15s Mens' Basketball
5.30pm - 7.30pm - U15s Women's AFL

WEDNESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER

5.00pm - 7.00pm Women's Basketball
5.30pm - 7.30pm Men's AFL

THURSDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER

15.00pm - 7.00pm - U 15s Mens' Basketball
5.30pm - 7.30pm - U15s Women's AFL
3.00pm - 7.00pm - Pool Party Disco

SATURDAY

4.00pm - AFL Grand Finals

SUNDAY

3.00pm - 5.00pm -
Basketball Grand Finals
4.30pm - Awards Ceremony



Lurra Festival registrations for sport are open and we are taking registrations from Maningrida teams and visitors.

Please register here: <https://form.jotform.com/251988355020863> or at Youth Centre.

TUNE INTO TEABBA RADIO

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

YOUTH VOICES SHINE AT WARRUWI CULTURE CAMP

The second Warruwi Culture Camp, held from 21–23 August, left a lasting impression on everyone who attended.

Born from the voices of young people themselves, the idea for the camp first emerged at the 2023 West Arnhem Youth Leadership Summit, where 50 youth from Gunbalanya, Maningrida, Minjilang, Warruwi and Jabiru came together to share their vision for the future.

One strong message came through clearly: a desire for more On-Country learning and deeper connections with culture, family and community.

"A powerful tool for building connections between young people, schools, families and community leaders .."

This year's camp was the result of that vision. Over three days, 221 participants, including youth, families,



Cultural dancing at the Warruwi Culture Camp.

Elders and stakeholders, came together to learn, share and celebrate culture.

The camp proved to be more than just a gathering - it became a powerful tool for building connections between young people, schools, families and community leaders, paving the way for stronger and more vibrant communities across West Arnhem.

The success of the camp was made possible through the incredible support and collaboration of many partners.

Kia from Red Lily Health worked with young people

on health, wellbeing and the impacts of smoking.

Bruce Reid, Red Lily Clinic Manager, and his team conducted vital health checks with children, including immunisations, iron levels, eyesight, height and weight.

Warruwi School, Michael Stedman and his team, and Gunbalanya Meats provided shirts, mugs and caps to recognise the young participants who showed leadership and commitment.

PowerWater supported On-Country learning, working alongside the Mardbalk Rangers to deliver valuable

two-way knowledge sharing between Balanda and Arrakpi/Bininj.

Yagbani Aboriginal Corporation, Arujurumu Store Committee, and Andy Ralph from NLC all played an important role in making the camp possible.

Elders and Leaders in Warruwi gave their time generously, guiding young people through cultural activities and Dreamtime storytelling.

The Warruwi Local Authority contributed \$5,000 towards the camp, ensuring its success.

And behind the scenes, Misman and the West Arnhem Regional Council team worked tirelessly to set up a safe and welcoming camp environment for everyone.

The impact of this collaboration was clear: young people left the camp not only with new knowledge and cultural pride, but also with excitement for the future. Many shared that they "cannot wait until next year."

The Warruwi Culture Camp stands as a testament to what can be achieved when youth voices are heard and whole communities come together to support them.



Young people in Warruwi receiving health checks from Red Lily.



Young people and Elders at the culture camp.



Elders teaching songlines.



Group photo.



The girls at the Warruwi Culture Camp.



Garrard playing didgeridoo.

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

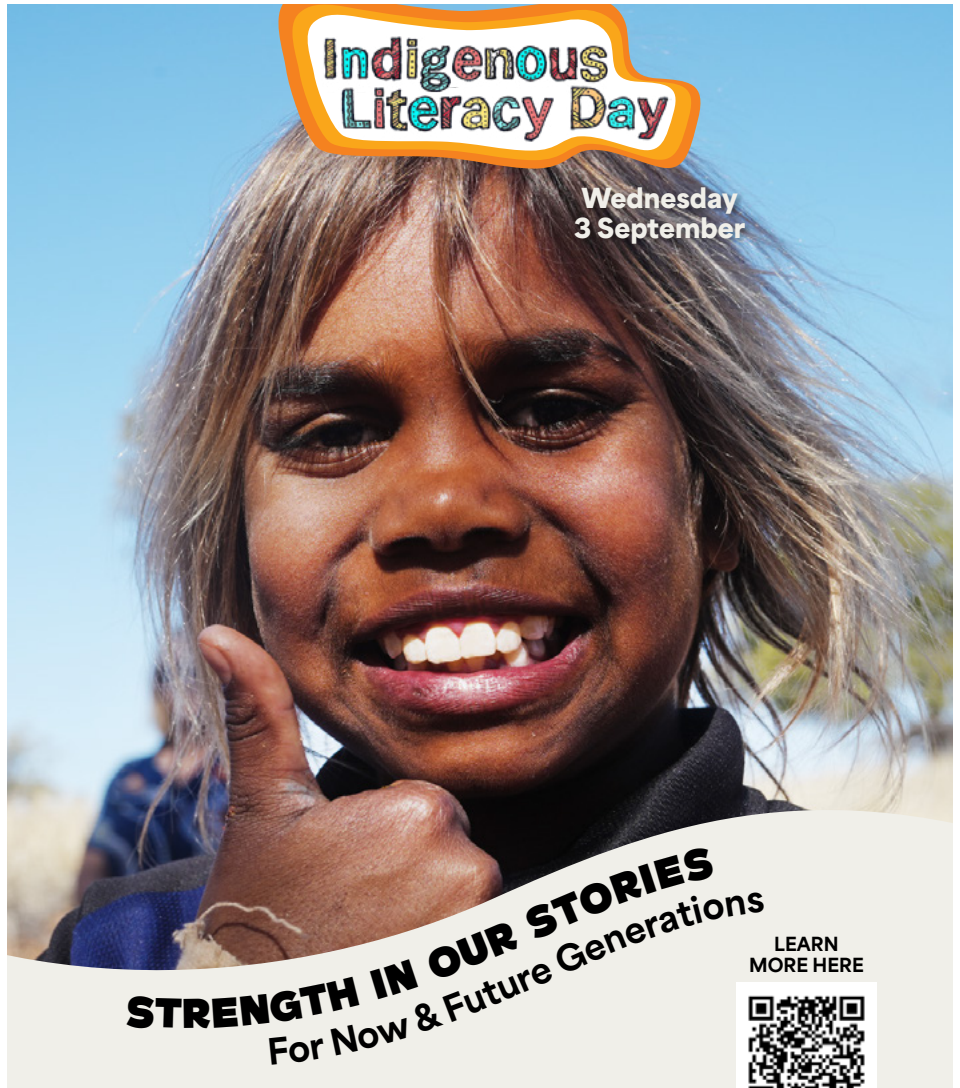
28-29 Jabiru Vet Visit
30 Town Camp (Manaburduma) Vet Visit
30 - 31 Stone Country Festival, Gunbalanya

SEPTEMBER

1 Minjilang Vet Visit
3 Indigenous Literacy Day
2-5 Warruwi Vet Visit
5-6 Kurrung Sports Carnival

Indigenous Literacy Day

Wednesday
3 September



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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!



NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS IN WARRUWI

Warruwi came together on Thursday, 21 August for one huge day of NAIDOC Week celebrations, with 107 people – including students, Elders and local stakeholders – taking part.

The day began with a NAIDOC march through the community, joined by a convoy of stakeholder vehicles, before an Acknowledgement of Country set the tone for the celebrations.

From there, the fun kicked off with a wide range of activities

including basketball, painting, tug-o-war, weaving, egg and spoon races, a didgeridoo competition and sack races.

West Arnhem Regional Council thanks Warruwi School for hosting and sharing their facilities, as well as all Warruwi stakeholders, Elders and Gunbalanya Meats for their valued contributions.

These NAIDOC Week celebrations were proudly funded by the National Indigenous Australians Agency.



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

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - LOCAL AUTHORITIES

The West Arnhem Regional Council is inviting community members to nominate for the Local Authority in Maningrida, Waruwi, 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



ABORIGINAL OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER 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.



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



WORK IN & EXPERIENCE ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU



Gunbalanya

Community Care Team Leader - \$79k - Permanent - Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available - Closes Wednesday 10 Sept

Youth, Sport, and Recreation Assistant - \$26.53 per hour - Permanent - Part time 25 hours - No Accommodation provided - Open until filled

Works Assistant - \$26.53 per hour - Permanent - Full Time - No Accommodation provided - Open until filled

Community Safety Senior Officer - \$37.39 per hour - Permanent - Part time 25 Hours, No Accommodation provided - Open until filled

Community Safety Officer - \$31.35 per hour - Permanent - Part time 27.5 hours, No Accommodation provided - Open until filled

Community Care Officer - \$31.35 per hour - Permanent - Part time 20 hours, No Accommodation provided - Open until filled

Community Care Cook - \$34.59 per hour - Permanent - 20 hours per week, No Accommodation provided - Open until filled

Centrelink Assistant - \$26.53 per hour - Permanent - Part time 30 hours - No Accommodation provided - Open until filled

Jabiru

Mechanic - \$101k - Permanent - Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available - Closes Wednesday 17 September 2025

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

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

Works Assistant - \$26.53 per hour - Permanent - Full Time - No Accommodation provided - Open until filled

Early Childhood Educator Assistant - \$61k - \$73k pa (depending on qualifications) - Permanent - Full Time - No Accommodation provided

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

Maningrida

Team Leader Works - \$79k - \$82k pa - Permanent - Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available - Closes Friday 5 September

Casual Cleaner - \$31.35 per hour - Casual - No Accommodation provided - Open until filled

Customer Services Officer - \$34.59 per hour - Permanent - Full time - No Accommodation provided - Open until filled

Youth, Sport, and Recreation Assistant - \$26.53 per hour - Permanent - Part time 25 hours - No Accommodation provided - Open until filled

Minjilang

Senior Works Officer - \$85k - \$82k pa (depending on qualifications) - Permanent - Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available - Closes 17 September 2025

Child Care Senior Officer - \$73k - \$82k pa (depending on qualifications) - Permanent - Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available

Waruwi

Council Services Manager - \$116 pa - Permanent - Full time - Subsidised Accommodation available - Closes Wednesday 17 Sept

Youth, Sport, and Recreation Assistant - \$26.53 per hour - Permanent - Part time 25 hours - No Accommodation provided - Open until filled

Broadcasting Officer - \$37.39 per hour - Permanent - Part time 12.5 hours - No Accommodation provided - Open until filled

Centrelink Officer - \$34.59 per hour - Permanent - Part time 7.6 hours - 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



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 AFL PROGRAM WRAPS UP



The four-week Jabiru AFL Program has now wrapped up, and what a great month it's been for our kids. Whether 10 or 100 turned up, the energy on the Magela oval was always strong, and it was awesome to see our young people building their skills, confidence, and love for the game.

Big thanks to AFL NT, especially Kieran Mullholland, for running the program and sharing knowledge on umpiring and rules. West Arnhem Regional Council's

Youth, Sport and Recreation team was proud to play a small part by keeping the water icy cold and the snacks snacking each week.

AFL means a lot to our community, and it's so important we keep the momentum going for our youth. This program has shown just how much talent and passion we have right here in Jabiru.

The ball's still rolling and the future of footy here is looking strong.



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WARRUWI VET VISIT

2 - 5 SEPTEMBER 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

This is the last vet visit for 2025.



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

NEW SPORTS COMING TO MANINGRIDA

West Arnhem Regional Council is excited that talks with Touch NT are underway to bring Touch Football and Tag Rugby to Maningrida. This process includes working on a delivery program that could soon see these new sports take off in our communities.

By partnering with the right people, we can create more opportunities for our youth, families, and elders to get active, learn new skills, and connect in positive ways.

Touch NT have already offered to provide equipment packs, rule books, and coaching drills, which will make it easier for us to get started and keep the program sustainable long-term.

It's early days, but the sports and rec team in Maningrida are proud to see these conversations happening. The potential for touch footy and tag rugby in Maningrida is huge, and it's another step towards creating more choices, more pathways, and more fun for our community.

Stay tuned this could be something really special.

2025 NAB COMMUNITY GRANTS OPEN

The second round of NAB Foundation's Community Grants program is now open and will remain open until 30 September 2025.

Our Community Grants program focuses on local projects that help communities withstand and recover from bushfires, floods, cyclones and storms.

Grants are up to \$25,000 and

can be used for the following initiatives:

- Training and planning
- Community recovery
- Environment and wildlife
- Equipment and infrastructure

To apply, or find out more information, please visit www.nab.com.au/communitygrants



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MINJILANG VET VISIT

MONDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2025

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5 & 6 SEPTEMBER 2025

HOSTED BY:

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MEN'S BASKETBALL
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
MEN'S AFL
WOMEN'S AFL



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**Kakadu
Contracting NT**

**Team
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