



The 2026 Kakadu Triathlon was held at the Jabiru Swimming Pool on Saturday, 2 May, hosted by West Arnhem Regional Council. Photo credit: Peter Keepence Photography.

BRINGING COMMUNITY TOGETHER

West Arnhem Regional Council proudly hosted the 2026 Kakadu Triathlon on Saturday, 2 May, delivering another outstanding event that brought together competitors, volunteers, sponsors and supporters from across the Top End for a day of fitness, fun and community spirit.

Held at the Jabiru Pool, the Kakadu Triathlon featured short-course races for adults, along with a junior category designed to encourage young people to get active and involved in the sport. The family-friendly format continues to make the event accessible for people of all ages and abilities, whether they are experienced triathletes or first-time competitors.

Now in its 14th year, the Kakadu Triathlon has firmly established itself as a highlight on the Top End sporting calendar. Known for its welcoming atmosphere

and strong community focus, the event continues to attract participants from across the Northern Territory and beyond.

"Kakadu Triathlon continues to showcase the strength of collaboration within the region.."

This year's event saw around 150 competitors take part, with participants embracing the opportunity to challenge themselves while supporting an important cause. The 2026 event raised almost \$20,000 for CareFlight Top End, the event's long-standing beneficiary.

The success of the triathlon is built on strong partnerships between West Arnhem Regional Council, CareFlight, Darwin Triathlon Club,

Triathlon NT and a wide range of local businesses and sponsors who work together each year to bring the event to life.

Behind the scenes, countless hours of planning and preparation went into ensuring the event ran smoothly and safely. From volunteers assisting on the course, to emergency services, event organisers, sponsors and community supporters, the Kakadu Triathlon continues to showcase the strength of collaboration within the region.

West Arnhem Regional Council Mayor James Woods said the event reflects the strong sense of community that exists across West Arnhem.

"The Kakadu Triathlon is a fantastic example of how sport can bring people together while supporting an important cause," Mayor Woods said.

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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.

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.



INFLUENZA Vaccination

FLU VACCINE IS FREE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE

Ask your local health clinic about getting the flu vaccine

The flu vaccine is free for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and over.

You should get the flu vaccine every year to protect yourself, your family and your community.

Speak to your local health clinic to get your free flu vaccine today!

For more information visit nt.gov.au/flu

phn Workforce NORTHERN TERRITORY

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.

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](#)



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!



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, Warruwi, Minjilang, Maningrida and Gunbalanya.

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



TEABBA

TOP END ABORIGINAL BUSH
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WEST ARNHAM ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

West Arnhem Regional Council is pleased to announce the commencement of the 2026 West Arnhem Animal Management Program, an initiative that continues to support healthy animals and strong communities across the region.

Throughout the year, veterinarians and veterinary students from the University of Melbourne will travel to communities across West Arnhem to provide essential veterinary services. These visits play an important role in improving animal health and welfare.

The program is strongly supported by Local Authorities across the West Arnhem region, who recognise the importance of maintaining healthy dog populations and supporting residents to care for their animals.

As part of the program, surgical desexing and parasite control are funded, and



additional treatments and vaccinations will also be available at standard professional rates.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the program when the veterinary team visits their community. By working together, the program helps ensure animals across West Arnhem

remain healthy, cared for, and an important part of community life.

The veterinary team will visit communities on the following dates:

Jabiru

- Thursday 16 April – Friday 17 April
- Further visit dates to be confirmed

Gunbalanya

- 29 June – 3 July
- 21 September – 25 September

Maningrida

- 29 April – 8 May
- 6 July – 10 July
- 10 August – 21 August
- 14 September – 18 September

Waruwi

- 6 July – 8 July
- 14 September – 16 September
- Third visit date to be confirmed

Minjilang

- 9 July – 10 July

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS TO BE HELD ACROSS WEST ARNHAM NEXT WEEK



West Arnhem Regional Council will hold the second round of Local Authority meetings for 2026 next week in Maningrida, Minjilang, Waruwi and Gunbalanya.

Local Authorities play a vital role in supporting Council decision-making at a local level.

They provide advice and recommendations to Council on a range of important matters including community services, infrastructure projects, local activities and the allocation of Local Authority funding.

The meetings allow community members to raise issues that matter most to them and help guide how Council delivers services and invests in each community.

Community members and stakeholders are warmly encouraged to attend and be part of the conversation.

Meeting agendas are available on Council's website prior to each meeting.

'ALL IN' THIS NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2026 is All In, a call for all Australians to commit wholeheartedly to reconciliation every single day.

All In makes clear that reconciliation is not a spectator sport and that all of us must step away from the sidelines and take action to make change.

The theme also reminds us that reconciliation and advancing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights isn't a passive activity, and it is not solely the responsibility of First Nations people, who have carried the weight of championing, explaining and acting for far too long.

Reconciliation will not happen by itself,

and it will not happen without all of us.

The #NRW2026 campaign was created in collaboration with Carbon Creative, a First Nations-owned and operated marketing and creative agency.

"Call for all Australians to commit wholeheartedly to reconciliation every single day.."

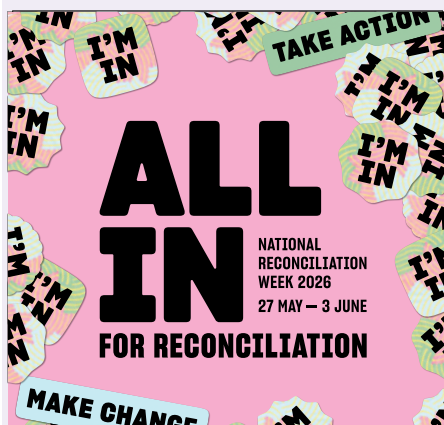
The artwork for this campaign is by renowned Gumbaynggirr/Bundjalung artist Otis Hope Carey, who applied his

distinctive style to create a colourful and optimistic visual representation of people from all walks of life being 'all in' to make change.

The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

WHAT'S ON



National Reconciliation Week will take place from 27 May - 3 June 2026. See your local community noticeboards for events.

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

MAY

Mon 11 WARC Maningrida Local Authority Meeting

Tue 12 WARC Gunbalanya Local Authority Meeting

Wed 13 WARC Warruwi Local Authority Meeting

Thu 14 WARC Minjilang Local Authority Meeting

Fri 15 WARC Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee Meeting

Tue 26 National Sorry Day

Wed 27 National Simultaneous Storytime, Jabiru Library

27-3 June National Reconciliation Week

WELCOMING NEW AUSTRALIANS

It was a truly special day in Jabiru on Wednesday, 29 April, as three local residents proudly became Australian citizens.

"Wishes them all the very best as they begin their journey as Australian citizens.."

Mayor James Woods officiated the ceremony, where Myra Finau, Lajane

Nicholls and Onsiripim Rattanameechai made their Australian Citizenship Pledges surrounded by family and friends.

The ceremony was a joyful and memorable occasion, marking an important milestone and the beginning of an exciting new chapter for each of them.

West Arnhem Regional Council warmly congratulates Myra, Lajane and Onsiripim and wishes them all the very best as they begin their journey as Australian citizens.



West Arnhem Regional Council Mayor James Woods with new Australian Citizens Onsiripim Rattanameechai, Myra Finau and Lajane Nicholls. Congratulations!



PUBLIC NOTICE

Upcoming Local Authority meeting dates:

MON, 11 MAY	Maningrida Local Authority
TUE, 12 MAY	Gunbalanya Local Authority
WED, 13 MAY	Warruwi Local Authority
THU, 14 MAY	Minjilang Local Authority

Meetings are open to the public!

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MINJILANG ANZAC DAY SERVICE



On ANZAC Day, members of the community came together for a small and respectful ceremony to acknowledge and remember those who have served, suffered and sacrificed in war, conflict, and peacekeeping operations.

The ceremony was attended by representatives from Red Lily Health Clinic, Mamaruni School, ALPA Store, RAES, and West Arnhem Regional Council. Wreaths were laid by Red Lily Health Clinic, Mamaruni School, and West Arnhem Regional Council as part of the service.

The ceremony was a solemn and

respectful occasion, with a calm and relaxed atmosphere that allowed everyone to pause, reflect and pay their respects.

Following the ceremony, a community BBQ was held from 9am to 11am, with around 60 local community members attending to share food and spend time together. The BBQ provided a positive opportunity for the community to come together after the service.

West Arnhem Regional Council would like to thank everyone who attended and contributed to the day. Lest we forget.



MANINGRIDA ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Photos credit: Kristie Lee



ANZAC DAY SERVICES IN WEST ARNHEM

Photo credit: Peter Keepence Photography



JABIRU ANZAC DAY SERVICE

A beautiful and respectful Dawn Service was held at the Jabiru Cenotaph this ANZAC Day, with CEO Katharine Murray stepping in as MC for the event.

NORFORCE personnel formed the Catafalque Party, while Police and Fire and Emergency Services supported the service and led the community march to Jabiru Lake for the community breakfast.

Thank you to everyone involved in the morning, including guest speaker Lieutenant Andy Ralph - Unit 72 Australian Army Cadets, West Arnhem Regional Council staff, New Zealand Army veteran Lajane Nicholls who delivered the welcome prayer and Gwynn, Jayden and Tyson as flag orderlies, and Cr Micketja Onus who laid the Council wreath.

We also acknowledge the many staff working behind the scenes to bring the event together.

At 8:20am, the community experienced a special ANZAC Day flyover by the Royal Australian Air Force. Lest we forget.



COUNCIL NOTICE

Council is seeking nominations for community members to join the:

LOCAL AUTHORITY

In Maningrida and Minjilang (1 position in each)

Local Authorities bring community ideas to Council to help guide local projects.

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 local Council Office or email it to governance@westarnhem.nt.gov.au

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

For further information:

 Governance Advisor: 0478 436 222  westarnhem.nt.gov.au/our-council



COUNCIL LEADERS MEET AT LGANT SYMPOSIUM

West Arnhem Regional Council Mayor James Woods, Councillor Jermaine Namanurki and CEO Katharine Murray recently attended the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Symposium in Darwin.

"Representing and advocating for our region at a Territory level.."

The symposium brought together leaders from across the Territory to connect, share ideas and have honest conversations to strengthen the future of local government. Mayor Woods also serves as a current LGANT Board Member, representing and advocating for our region at a Territory level.



ABORIGINAL AND 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.

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LUNA ROO the KANGAROO BALLER

ADAM JACKSON
ADRIAN LLOYD
JAKE A MINTON

WORLD CUP

Wednesday 27 May 2026 12pm (AEST)

www.alia.org.au/nss
#LibraryStorytime

Jabiru Public Library
Wed, 27 May 2026 at 11.30am | Followed by light refreshments

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

COMMUNITY SPIRIT SHINES AT KAKADU TRIATHLON

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"It's not just about racing – it's about community, participation and getting behind CareFlight, whose work is so vital for people living across the Top End.

"Every year we see incredible support from volunteers, local businesses, partner

organisations and competitors who all contribute to making this event such a success."

The 2026 Kakadu Triathlon was proudly supported by West Arnhem Regional Council, Stedman's Construction and Engineering, PTM Group, Ranger Rehabilitation Project, JN Mousellis Civil

Contractors, Get Set Safety and Emergency Training, Marrawuddi Arts & Culture, Jabiru Service Station, Kakadu Tourism, Kaddum Industries, NT Triathlon, Darwin Triathlon Club, Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel, Coinda Lodge, Intensity NT, Caulfield Grammar and Sodexo.

Photos credit: Peter Keepence Photography



Women's Triathlon winner Bronwyn Humphrys Grant McKenzie from WARC.



Civic 4 Lyfe took out second place in the Team event, pictured with Lilly from Get Set Training.



The Tripods 2.0 won both the Triathlon Team event and the highest fundraising team.



Men's Triathlon winner Tim Ellison with Grant McKenzie from West Arnhem Regional Council.



Sam Waldron won the women's 5km Kakadu Challenge Run with Gillian Macmillan Ranger Rehabilitation Project.



The Jabiru Fire Station hosing everyone down at the finish line.



Congratulations to the Coinda Lodge team for being one of the highest fundraising teams for CareFlight.



The busy start line of the open 5km Kakadu Challenge Race.



There were around 40 junior participants joining in the fun on the morning. Well done to all of our juniors!



Eva Pettersson was one of the highest fundraisers for CareFlight!



Congratulations to Tripods 2.0 for taking the win of the Team event once again!

TERRITORIANS URGED TO FLU VACCINATION SHOT

Territorians are being urged to roll up their sleeves and get the flu shot to stay healthy.

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.

"Flu strains change every year—getting your annual vaccine is the best way to stay protected.

"Getting the flu shot protects you—and helps stop the spread to others.

No one wants to get sick at any time, but as the dry season and tourist season approaches in both the Top End and Central Australia, we want Territorians out and about enjoying our unique lifestyle, so I encourage everyone to get their flu shot," Mr Edgington said.

Influenza is already circulating in the NT.

Since the beginning of 2026, there have been more than 531 cases confirmed, mostly in the Top End, Katherine and East Arnhem regions.

Reported in 2026, there have been 166 reported hospitalisations in the NT due to influenza.

There were 5,487 cases of influenza recorded in the NT in 2025, and 1,367 reported hospitalisations. There were 3,302 cases in 2024, and 2,869 in 2023.

"Flu cases are on the rise in the Territory—getting vaccinated is your best protection against serious illness," Mr Edgington said.

"Territorians are being urged to roll up their sleeves and get the flu shot to stay healthy.."

The following people are more at risk of complications from influenza and are eligible to receive a free influenza vaccination under the National Immunisation Program (NIP):

- All children aged 6 months to under 5 years
- All adults aged 65 years and over
- Pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and over
- People aged 6 months and over with certain medical conditions that increase

their risk of severe influenza.

Territorians who are not eligible to receive a free influenza vaccination can access the influenza vaccine from their GP, health clinic (including remote health clinics) and participating pharmacies.

Many workplaces provide influenza vaccines to employees at no cost.

Influenza is a very contagious illness that can make people quite sick, and it can affect anyone. It spreads easily from person to person, usually when someone coughs or sneezes.

You can help stop it spreading by staying home when you're sick, washing your hands often, and keeping your distance from others where possible.

Flu usually comes on quickly, with symptoms like fever, tiredness, headache, chills, sore throat, loss of appetite, cough, runny nose and sneezing.

Most people can look after themselves at home by resting, drinking plenty of fluids, and taking paracetamol or ibuprofen for fever and pain.

If you've got the flu, stay home until you're feeling better, or at least 24 hours after your fever has gone.

People who are concerned about their influenza symptoms should contact their pharmacy, GP or call healthdirect on 1800 022 222.




Help at home for older people.

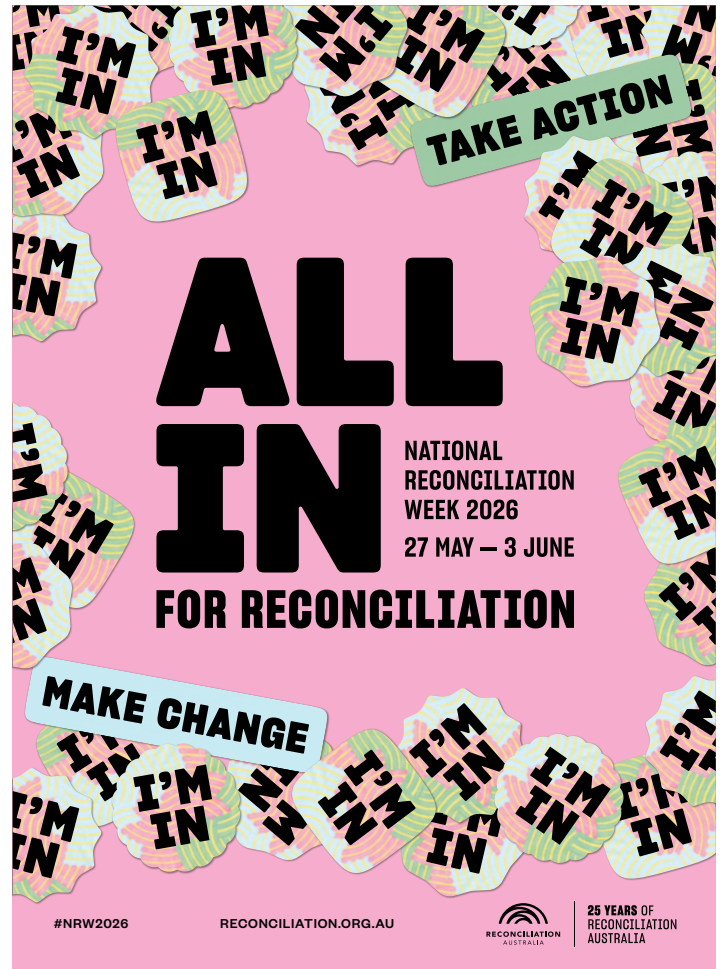
If you're finding it harder to do the things you used to, you might need a bit of help at home. You and your family can get help to:

<p>Access services to support you with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) 	<p>Find information in one spot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help and support for elders in your community • Who can get help • The cost • People and groups specially trained to help in your community
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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: Kathy on 0402 338 430



ALL IN FOR RECONCILIATION

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2026
27 MAY – 3 JUNE

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HANGING WITH ESSENDON AFLW PLAYERS

Rain didn't stop the Jabiru community from turning out for a fantastic meet and greet with players from Essendon Football Club during their recent visit to Jabiru!

Amy Gaylor and Mia Busch, alongside Jack Peris, had a great time connecting with locals and helping spark even more interest in footy among our young people.

A big thank you to AFL Northern Territory and everyone involved in making it happen!



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