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SPONSORSHIP GRANTS AWARDED

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The new sponsorship program provides funding to community groups, individuals and organisations across the West Arnhem region to support local projects, events and activities that help build stronger, more connected communities.

"Local initiatives that encourage participation, celebrate culture, promote wellbeing and create opportunities for people of all ages.."

The initiative aligns with Council's Strategic Plan under the pillar Partnerships, Relationships and Belong, recognising that investing in relationships and partnerships at all levels strengthens community connections and a sense of belonging.

Mayor James Woods said the sponsorship fund reflects Council's commitment to supporting community-led initiatives that

make a positive difference across the region.

"These sponsorships are an investment in our communities and the people who work hard to make them stronger. Council is pleased to support local initiatives that encourage participation, celebrate culture, promote wellbeing and create opportunities for people of all ages," Mayor Woods said.

The successful recipients represent a diverse range of projects that will benefit communities across the West Arnhem region, including initiatives focused on sport and recreation, youth engagement, arts and culture, community wellbeing, and local events.

The successful applicants and their projects are as follows:

- Jabiru Bombers Football Club: 2026-27 NTFL season - \$6,000
- Maningrida College: Support student to attend Under 12 AFL Championships in Canberra - \$2,500
- Marrawuddi Arts and Culture Centre: 25th Anniversary event - \$2,000
- Caulfield Grammar School: Purchase photobooth equipment - \$750

Council congratulates all successful applicants and looks forward to seeing these projects come to life and the positive impact they will have across the region.

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WARD VOICES REMOTE NEEDS

West Arnhem Regional Council Mayor James Woods, Maningrida Councillor Jermaine Namanurki and CEO Katharine Murray had a busy week in Canberra, advocating for our remote communities at the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly.

The Assembly provides an opportunity for all levels of government to work together and strengthen collaboration on shared priorities.

During the week, they took part in a regional councils roundtable with Senator Malarndirri McCarthy and Member for Lingjari, Marion Scrymgour MP.

It was a valuable opportunity to discuss key issues, including increased funding for roads, additional support for disaster response, and recognition of remote councils as Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations (ACCOs).

They also met separately with the office of Minister Kirsty McBain, Ms Scrymgour MP and Senator McCarthy. These face-to-face meetings are crucial for advocating on matters affecting our council and other NT regional councils at the national level.

Key priorities for West Arnhem included the urgent need for cyclone shelters in Minjilang, Waruwi and Maningrida, as well as a new youth centre in Gunbalanya, a previous election commitment.



The delegation also raised ongoing concerns about fuel prices and fuel security in remote communities, highlighting the significant impact these issues continue to have on our communities.

NEW PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE

West Arnhem Regional Council Mayor James Woods, Chief Executive Officer Katharine Murray and members of the Executive Team were proud to attend the official opening of Mala'la Health Service's new Public Health Centre in Maningrida recently.

The event was a wonderful community celebration, bringing together local residents, staff, board members, partners, and representatives from government and

health organisations.

Council was honoured to be part of this significant milestone, which marks an important step forward in delivering meaningful, community-controlled healthcare for residents of West Arnhem's largest community.

Congratulations to the Mala'la Health Service team and everyone involved in bringing this important community facility to life!



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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Waruwi Radio	106.1 FM
Jabiru Radio	98.9 FM



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BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION

NEW BUSES BOOST PARTICIPATION IN SPORT

Residents in Maningrida and Gunbalanya now have greater access to sport, recreation and community activities, with two new community buses improving transport options across West Arnhem.

"Attend activities, connect with others, and enjoy the many benefits that sport and recreation bring to our communities."

The first bus arrived in Maningrida, West Arnhem's largest community, with a second bus delivered to Gunbalanya late last week. The buses have been supported by the Member for Lingiari, the Honourable Marion Scrymgour MP.



Member for Lingiari, the Honourable Marion Scrymgour MP with West Arnhem Regional Council Mayor James Woods with the new bus in Maningrida.

The additional transport services will help residents access organised sport and recreation programs, youth activities and community events, particularly those living in homelands who may

face challenges travelling to activities due to limited transport options.

By improving access to reliable transport, the new buses will help remove barriers to participation,

enabling more people to stay active, build social connections and engage in community life.

West Arnhem Regional Council Mayor James Woods welcomed the arrival of the buses and highlighted the important role transport plays in supporting healthy and connected communities.

"Sport and recreation are vital parts of everyday life in remote communities. It's important that everyone has the opportunity to participate, regardless of where they live," Mayor Woods said.

"These new buses will make it easier for people to attend activities, connect with others, and enjoy the many benefits that sport and recreation bring to our communities."

Council acknowledges the support of Member for Lingiari Marion Scrymgour MP in helping secure the buses, with the investment expected to deliver lasting benefits for residents in both Maningrida and Gunbalanya.



Hearing from everyone helps plan resources for communities

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WHAT'S ON

NAIDOC WEEK 50 YEARS DEADLY 5-12 JULY 2026

NAIDOC Week celebrations will be held between 5-12 July 2026. Keep an eye on your local noticeboards for event information in your community.

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

JULY

5-12 2026 NAIDOC Week Celebrations

9-10 West Arnhem Vet Visit, Minjilang

Thu 9 Maningrida NAIDOC Week - Pool Barbecue

Sat 11 2026 Maningrida AFL Grand Final Game

Tue 14 WARC Local Authority Meeting, Maningrida

Fri 15 WARC Local Authority Meeting, Waruwi

Thu 16 WARC Local Authority Meeting, Gunbalanya

Thu 16 Jabiru NAIDOC Week community celebration

17 & 18 West Arnhem Under 15s AFL Carnival

SHOWCASING TALENT AT UNDER 15s CARNIVAL

Get ready for two exciting days of football as the AFL Carnival showcases the talent of West Arnhem's girls and boys aged 15 years and under. The carnival will be held from 17-18 July 2026 at Gunbalanya Oval. Students will travel from communities across the West Arnhem Region, including Gunbalanya, Jabiru, Maningrida, Minjilang and Waruwi, as well as surrounding outstations. More than 40 young people are

expected to take part this year, with both boys and girls competing. Games will be played in an AFL 9s format on a smaller field, giving players plenty of opportunity to showcase their skills, teamwork and sportsmanship. A representative from the NT Talent Team will also be in attendance, scouting players for possible selection in the Michael Long Cup. Come along and support our young athletes!



The West Arnhem Under 16s Footy Carnival held in Gunbalanya in July 2025.



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!



WEST ARNHAM VET VISITS

The 2026 West Arnhem Vet Program is off to a strong start, with successful visits already completed in Maningrida and Jabiru, and the next round of veterinary visits now coming up across the region.

Throughout the year, veterinarians and veterinary students from the University of Melbourne will continue travelling to West Arnhem communities to provide essential animal health services.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the upcoming visits when the veterinary team arrives in their community.

The veterinary team will visit communities on the following dates:

Gunbalanya
21 September – 25 September

Maningrida
6 July – 10 July
10 August – 21 August



14 September – 18 September

Warruwi
14 September – 16 September
Third visit date to be confirmed

Minjilang
9 July – 10 July

Please help spread the word to your family and friends about the upcoming vet visits in your community.

WARRUWI- WARD BY-ELECTION

The Northern Territory Electoral Commission (NTEC) is conducting a by-election to fill a casual vacancy (1 position) in the Warruwi Ward of the West Arnhem Regional Council. These elections will be held in July 2026.

Nominations

Have you considered standing as a Councillor to represent your community on the West Arnhem Regional Council?

Community members who are interested in representing the Warruwi Ward are encouraged to nominate as candidates.

Nomination period:

Open: Thursday 9 July 2026

Closes: 12 noon, Wednesday 15 July 2026

Where to get forms: Warruwi Council Office or the Northern Territory Electoral Commission website.

Eligibility:

- Be 18+
- Be enrolled in the local government area you're nominating for
- Meet all requirements detailed on the nomination form

Electoral Roll:

Voting is compulsory in all Northern Territory elections.

Eligible electors must ensure they are correctly enrolled by the close of roll:

- Close of roll: 5:00pm, Monday 13 July 2026

The electoral roll is maintained by the Australian Electoral Commission. Residents can enrol or update their details via the AEC website.

Voting Options:

Voting in Warruwi: Tuesday, 28 July from 9.30am - 1.30pm at the Council Office

For further information, contact NTEC on 1800 698 683 or email ntec@nt.gov.au or visit their website.

APPLICATIONS FOR NT HEALTH ABORIGINAL CADETSHIPS OPEN

Applications are now open for the 2026 mid-year intake of the NT Health Aboriginal Cadetship Program.

The NT Health Aboriginal Cadetship Program aims to support Aboriginal people to complete higher education health studies.

Since the program commenced in 2020, 38 Aboriginal Territorians have been awarded a cadetship.

To date, 19 Aboriginal Territorians have graduated from the NT Health Aboriginal Cadetship Program and are now working in a range of health professions including nursing, midwifery, speech pathology, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, radiography and medicine.

The program is designed to assist eligible Aboriginal students undertaking the Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled Nurse), or their first undergraduate degree or postgraduate studies to gain professional health qualifications and experience that will lead to entry to

practice upon completion of their studies, including by providing work placement within NT Health.

The program is a key initiative to support and develop future Aboriginal clinical practitioners and health practitioners for the Northern Territory.

NT Health is committed to increasing the employment of Aboriginal people as health professionals in the Northern Territory.

An Aboriginal health workforce ensures policies and practices are delivered in a way that is culturally responsive, accessible, and equitable for all Territorians.

Increasing Aboriginal representation within the NT Health professional and clinical health workforce will contribute to providing culturally safe care and services.

Applications close on 26 July 2026.

For more information about the cadetship, visit: <https://healthjobs.nt.gov.au/explore-health-sectors/aboriginal-health-workforce>

WEST ARNHAM Regional Council 2026 By Election

Warruwi Ward

Ready to represent your community?

NOMINATE

Nominations open

Thursday 9 July

and close 12:00pm

Wednesday 15 July

Need help nominating?

Contact the NTEC.

We are here to help.

1800 698 683

ntec@nt.gov.au

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EVERY VOTE COUNTS

HUGE CROWD AT MANINGRIDA TERRITORY DAY



Between 400 and 500 community members gathered at the Maningrida Oval to enjoy the official Territory Day fireworks display.

The event was hosted by the Northern Territory Government with support from West Arnhem Regional Council, bringing the community together for an evening of celebration.

Territory Day commemorates 48 years since the Northern Territory achieved self-government in 1978.



Conducted by University of Melbourne

MANINGRIDA VET VISIT

6 & 10 JULY 2026

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

HOW DO I SEE THE VET?

See the Council Office or phone 8979 6600 to leave your name, phone number, lot number, pet description, procedure needed.

Location: The Vets will be located at Lot 430A.

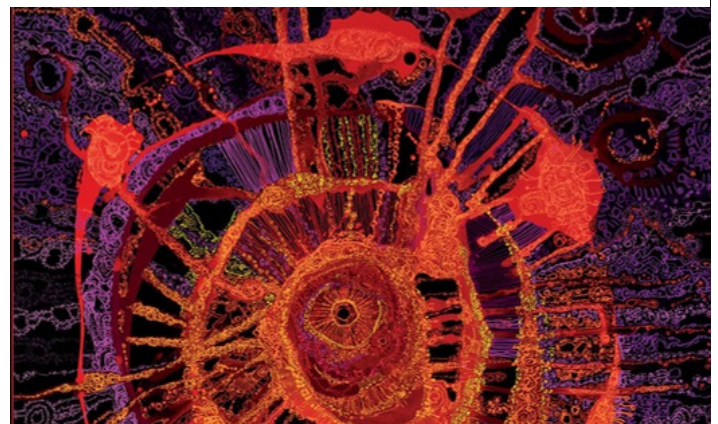
Treatments/procedures covered by the program:

Surgical desexing and parasite control are funded by the program

Other treatments and vaccinations are at standard professional rates

Next Vet Visit: 10-21 August 2026

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



JABIRU NAIDOC WEEK

Thursday, 16 July 2026 | Jabiru Town Plaza

10.30am Barbecue Begins
11.00am Welcome to Country
11.15am Smoking Ceremony
TEABBA Radio
Face Painting and Lawn Games
2.00pm Thank you and Event Concludes

Yummy Treats:
Kangaroo Tails
NAIDOC Cupcakes
Icely Poles
Sausage Sizzle

This National NAIDOC Week Activity is funded by the National Indigenous Australians Agency.



NAIDOC WEEK
50 YEARS DEADLY
5-12 JULY 2026

Paralpi by Zaachariaha Fielding

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**SAVE
THE
DATE**



**28 & 29 AUGUST 2026
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
MEN'S AFL
WOMEN'S AFL**

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'50 YEARS OF DEADLY'

National NAIDOC Week is being celebrated across Australia from 5-12 July 2026.

As our communities come together to celebrate, West Arnhem Regional Council Mayor James Woods has shared the following message:

"The 2026 NAIDOC theme, '50 Years of Deadly,' marks a significant milestone in the history of this national celebration. Within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, the word deadly signifies excellence, strength and deep pride—values that are reflected throughout five decades of NAIDOC.

For 50 years, NAIDOC has provided a platform for truth-telling, cultural celebration and self-determination, led by First Nations communities. It honours the leadership of Elders and changemakers, and recognises the resilience and determination that have sustained cultures and communities across generations.

This theme acknowledges both the history that has shaped the present and the strength and leadership that continue to guide the path forward."

West Arnhem Regional Council encourages community members to take part in NAIDOC celebrations across the region, with a range of events being held throughout July:

- Maningrida Pool NAIDOC Celebrations
Thursday, 9 July
Maningrida Pool
- Kakadu National Park NAIDOC Event
Friday, 10 July
Bowali Visitor Centre
- Jabiru NAIDOC Week Celebration
Thursday, 16 July
Jabiru Town Plaza

LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

West Arnhem Regional Council will hold the next round of 2026 Local Authority meetings next week.

Local Authorities play an important role in supporting strong community connections and ensuring local priorities are considered in Council decision-making.

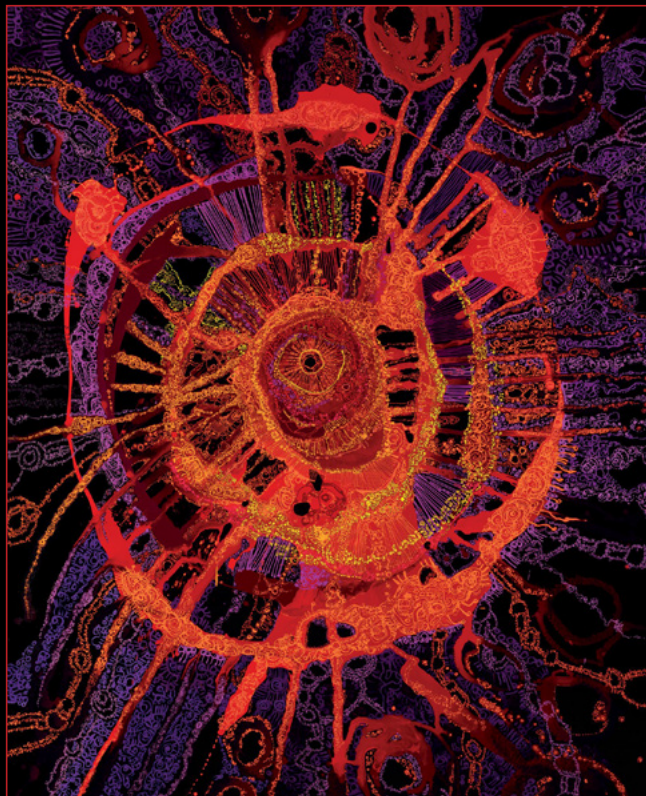
Local Authority members from Maningrida, Minjilang, Waruwi and Gunbalanya will meet to discuss local matters,

provide advice to Council and make recommendations on how Local Authority funding can be used to support projects and initiatives that benefit their communities. Community members and stakeholders are welcome to attend the meetings.

Meetings will be held in the Council Chambers from 10.00am. Meeting agendas are available on Council's website.



(Above) The Minjilang Local Authority pictured with West Arnhem Regional Council Elected Members and staff.



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WARC U15S CARNIVAL

WHETHER YOU'RE A SEASONED PLAYER OR TRYING IT FOR THE FIRST TIME, NOW'S THE PERFECT TIME TO GET INVOLVED! HAVE FUN, CHALLENGE YOURSELF, AND ENJOY THE THRILL OF THE GAME.

FOR BOTH GIRLS AND BOYS.

STANDOUT PARTICIPANTS WILL BE FLOWN TO DARWIN TO COMPETE IN THE PRESTIGIOUS MICHAEL LONG CUP.

JULY 17 - 18, GUNBALANYA OVAL

TAG FOOTBALL AND DODGEBALL HIT JABIRU



Young people in Jabiru have been learning new sports through recent visits from tag football and dodgeball facilitators, as part of a region-wide activity program supported by West Arnhem Regional Council.

These activities encourage children to get involved in learning new skills, enjoying sport and the outdoors, and socialising with their peers.

Both tag football and dodgeball sessions were held at Magela Oval and were well attended.

Participants had a great time taking part and getting active.



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:
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 - 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

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✓
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✓
KEEP WOUNDS CLEAN AND COVERED



✓
CLEAN HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND SURFACES

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NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

BOXING AND BEATS INSPIRE GUNBALANYA YOUTH

West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) recently partnered with Dream Impact Inspire to deliver an engaging program of activities for young people in Gunbalanya from 16–18 June.

The team facilitated Boxing and DJ workshops at both Gunbalanya School and the Gunbalanya Youth Centre, giving participants the opportunity to learn new skills, build confidence, stay active, and explore their creativity through sport and music.

The program created a positive and

supportive environment where young people could connect with each other, develop new interests, and have fun while participating in meaningful activities.

Designed to support health and wellbeing, encourage positive youth engagement, and provide opportunities for skill development, the sessions combined physical fitness, teamwork, creativity, and self-expression.

By delivering activities across both the school and Youth Centre, the program provided access for a wide range of young

people in the community to participate and benefit from the experience.

WARC Youth, Sport and Recreation Team Leader in Gunbalanya, Harry Tidmarsh, said programs like these play an important role in supporting young people to try new things and build positive connections. "Programs like these give young people the chance to step outside their comfort zones, discover new interests, and connect with others in a supportive and enjoyable environment," Harry said.



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