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STRONG NAIDOC WEEK SUPPORT

Gunbalanya celebrated what was an incredible whole-of-community opening ceremony to kick off NAIDOC Week.

The opening ceremony was held at Gunbalanya school and involved special speeches in Kunwinjku and English from Lois Nadjamerrekk and Lachlan Mckenzie who spoke about what NAIDOC represents to indigenous people.

Gunbalanya was treated to some cultural dancing performed by bininj people and non-indigenous men were invited up to dance, and Jack Brown played the didgeridoo in the opening ceremony.

Jack, Lachy and TK had a dance with the men it was great to see the community come together to celebrate indigenous culture.

This was followed by a barbecue lunch and movie screening at the hall.



The opening ceremony for NAIDOC Week in Gunbalanya included a flag raising ceremony.

The week also involved a great variety of activities, events and celebrations around Gunbalanya and it has been great to see the community get involved with a collaborative effort from stakeholders.

There was also a big

celebration at Injalak Art Centre to conclude NAIDOC Week, featuring bush tucker, bininj kunborrk and weaving.

West Arnhem Regional Council wish to give a big shout out to SCFC, AFLNT, ALPA, Gunbalanya School, Gunbalanya Meats, Nanjma Rangers, Injalak, Team Health and CatholicCare.

NAIDOC 2021 invites the nation to embrace First Nations' cultural knowledge and understanding of Country as part of Australia's national heritage and equally respect the culture and values of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders as they do the cultures and values of all Australians.

NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee.

Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920's which sought to

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EMERGING LEADER REPRESENTS NT AND WEST ARNHEM REGION



West Arnhem Regional Council's (WARC) very own Kailah Williams (pictured) from Jabiru has been selected as the 2021 Local Government Emerging Leader in the Northern Territory!

WARC are very excited and proud of Kailah who is currently the Wellbeing Coordinator in Jabiru overseeing Community Care, Childcare, Library, Pool and Youth, Sport and Recreation services in Jabiru.

Following the nomination process, the Local Government Professional Association Northern Territory (LGPANT) committee agreed that Kailah, 28, is an inspiring leader to her colleagues and the wider community, who has demonstrated motivation and drive amongst difficult circumstances in role her with West Arnhem Regional Council.

Kailah will now progress onto the national finals at the Local Government Professionals Australia National Congress and Business Expo 2021 being held 23rd – 25th August in Canberra.

OENPELLI HISTORY WINS NT HISTORY BOOK AWARD



CEO of Injalak Arts Gunbalanya Mike Stiifold, author Laura Rademaker, author and Injalak Arts board member Donna Nadjamerrek, author Sally K May and co-manager of Injalak Arts and cover artist of 'The bible in buffalo country' Oenpelli mission 1925-1931, Gabriel Maralngurr. Photo contributed.

'The Bible in Buffalo Country', Oenpelli Mission, 1925-1931 written by Sally K May, Laura Rademaker, Donna Nadjamerrek and Julie Narndal Gumurdul is the winner of the 2021 Chief Minister's Northern Territory (NT) History Book Award.

The Bible in Buffalo Country, Oenpelli Mission, 1925-1931 was selected as the winner from four finalists out of a field of nine entries.

The winning book highlights six difficult years in the lives of missionaries Alf and Mary Dyer, in their quest to bring Christianity to a former buffalo shooting camp in Oenpelli.

Drawing on documentary and photographic resources, combined with stories from the local Aboriginal community, the research tells the story of

the difficulties in establishing the mission due to location, sickness, and in brokering relationships with the local community.

The panel of independent judges highly commended Maisie Austin, Matthew Stephen and the Cummings Family for Family, Belonging and Connection to Country. Darwin: NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation, 2020.

2021 marks the 16th year of the Chief Minister's NT History Book Award. Sally K May, Laura Rademaker, Donna Nadjamerrek and Julie Narndal Gumurdul will now join a host of exceptional writers as a recipient of the Award.

Administered by NT Library, the award recognises the most significant book about NT history published in the previous calendar year.

WIRE

The West Arnhem Wire acknowledges the traditional owners of country and their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and to elders, past, present and future.

The Wire is the only regular source of news and information in the Kakadu and West Arnhem Land region. More than 700 copies are distributed fortnightly to Jabiru, Waruwi, Minjilang, Maningrida and Gunbalanya.

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Waruwi Radio 106.1FM



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BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION

SPECIAL LAUNCH AT NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

NAIDOC Week celebrations in Minjilang were a great success with a fantastic event on the Friday to conclude the week. About 100 community members celebrated the very special occasion at West Arnhem Regional Council Office (WARC) gathering place. Special thanks was given in language and everyone took the time to think about the NAIDOC theme 'Heal Country'.

Everyone enjoyed the barbecue, salads and fruits provided, however the most delicious meal was the kangaroo stew cooked by the famous WARC Senior Works Officer Dave who can, not only drive machinery and flick

lures, he can make a mean kangaroo stew.

The evening was made even more special with the launch of the Minjilang music video made with Wayne Glenn from SoundEd. While in Minjilang, Wayne worked with the local children to create this wonderful video which will be cherished by all community member today and into the future. All the children gathered around to see themselves on the video and joined in the countdown for the launch on YouTube at 7pm.

It is a great video and you can view it on <https://youtu.be/rEqDs3Rp5GU>



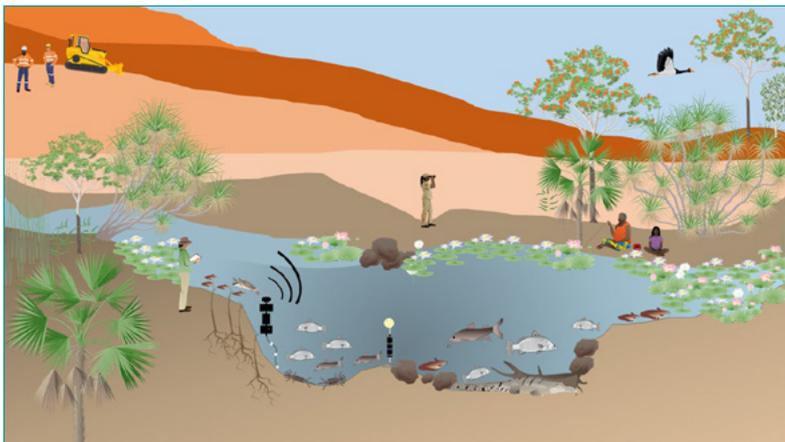
Water Quality Report

Protecting creeks in the Alligator Rivers Region

Supervising Scientist

The Supervising Scientist conducts water quality monitoring in Magela and Gulungul Creeks to ensure the environment and the people of the Alligator Rivers Region are protected from the potential impacts of uranium mining.

✓ *Electrical conductivity has remained below the limit, showing the environment has remained protected from mining activities at Ranger mine for January – July 2021.*

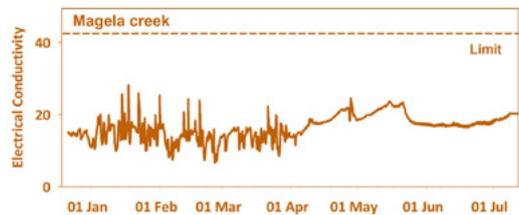


Northern Australia Environmental Research Portal "Symbols courtesy of the NESP Northern Australia Hub, nesppnorthern.edu.au"



Jan – Jul
2021

✓ Water quality objectives achieved in Magela Creek



✓ Water quality objectives achieved in Gulungul Creek



Water quality limits

Water quality limits for electrical conductivity are set that the mine must comply with. If it is below the limit, then the environment is protected, bush food is safe to eat, and water is safe to drink.

Electrical conductivity

Electrical conductivity is measured to detect any contamination in the creeks from the mine.

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WHAT'S ON

If you have an upcoming event you would like to see listed in this space please phone the Wire on 8979 9465 or email wire@westarnhem.nt.gov.au.



The Local Government Election will be held in August, and early voting in all West Arnhem communities will be from 16 to 27 August 2021. See more at www.ntec.nt.gov.au.

Elected Member nominations are now open. Nomination Packs are available at all VVARC offices.

WEEKLY

Monday

Xango Capoeira: Jabiru Pool Gym, 5pm
Fire Station Training: Jabiru Fire Station, 6pm

Tuesdays

Jabiru Playgroup: Jabiru Court House or Lake, 9:30am
Jabiru Bombers football training: Brockman Oval, 5pm
Jabiru Fire'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
Underwater Hockey: Jabiru Pool, 5pm
Social Soccer: Magela Oval, 6pm

Thursdays

Story Time: Jabiru Library, 10.30am
Jabiru Bombers Football training: Brockman Oval, 5pm
Jabiru Fire'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 Fire's Fitness Training 5.30pm

AUGUST

Thur 5 WARC Local Authority Meeting, Maningrida
Thur 5 Local Government Nominations close
Tue 10 2021 Census Night
Wed 11 WARC Ordinary Council Meeting, Jabiru
Mon 16 - 27 Local Government Election voting

ADVERTISING COMMUNITY CARE

Gunbalanya Community Care have made great use of a window space at the centre by re-purposing it as an advertisement board!

Sylvia Badari recently painted it as a blackboard and made a border and Karyn, the Gunbalanya NDIS officer, has helped turn it into a multipurpose board

including menu and noticeboard!

This is a great way the centre can advertise the menu for each day to clients and also what events and activities are coming up in the community.

Pictured are Sylvia and Karyn advertising it, and the centre is very happy with the outcome.



SERVING UP AT COMMUNITY CARE

West Arnhem Regional Council's (WARC) new Community Care cook in Gunbalanya started in the kitchen this week, so the team thought it is a great opportunity to change the meals up a bit.

Much to the delight of Community Care clients, the breakfast meals are now served outside as a buffet style.

This allows clients to help themselves and they are loving the change and love serving themselves.

This also provides a lovely change of scenery and a great opportunity to enjoy the dry season weather.

The team would like to welcome Tekaharau Hack (aka TK) to the WARC family in Gunbalanya. TK comes to us with 10 years' experience working in kitchens.

WARC would like to welcome TK's happy can-do, go with the flow attitude to Gunbalanya.



Clients Len Naborhborhl, Darryl Namundja and Colin Naborhborhl enjoying their breakfast outdoors at Gunbalanya Community Care.



TK relocated with his mother Jo (also with WARC) and father from Ipswich, QLD.



DOG REGISTRATIONS DUE FOR 2021-22

West Arnhem Regional Council wishes to remind Jabiru residents that dog registrations are now due for the 2021-22 financial year.

In accordance with the Jabiru Town Development (Control of Dogs) By-Laws, Council encourages all Jabiru residents to do the right thing by registering your pet.

Pet owners also have the responsibility to ensure your fencing is suitable for your pet and they are secured in your yard.

To find out more information or to register your dog for the 2021-22 period, please visit the Jabiru Council office, call 8979 9444 or email info@westarnhem.nt.gov.au



Registration forms and associated charges are also available on our website.

DISPLAYING VACCINATION MESSAGES IN MANINGRIDA



Maningrida is expecting the second round of COVID-19 vaccinations from 3 - 6 August.

West Arnhem Regional Council have been providing the LED screen trailer to support the promotion of COVID-19 vaccinations in Maningrida.

The team at Malala have been working hard to provide informative videos in different languages and the screen was the perfect tool to share these videos.

For more information or resources regarding the vaccination or COVID-19, please visit <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/>

Tell your friends and family and come along to the Town Hall to get the jab.

Kunwinjku match-em-up puzzle!

Draw a line from each picture to the right word



kabbala



kunmadj



kunmimken



mako



manwelyi



badjdjinkurl

Puzzle made by Jeanette Burrunali, BKRLC.

ELECTED MEMBER

NOMINATIONS OPEN!

From Friday, 16 July 2021, you can nominate to become an Elected Member on West Arnhem Regional Council.

Pick up a Nomination Pack at your local Council Office.

For further information or if you need help completing the form, please contact Anna Egerton on 0439 735 633 or anna.egerton35@gmail.com

Nominations close 12 noon on Thursday 5 August



EXPERIENCING SKATEBOARDING FOR FIRST TIME

'Build up Skateboards' visited Warruwi in the last week of June to show the young people how to put together ramps and make up skateboards. They also brought with them some boards, ramps and safety gear, which they have left for the community to use. While in the community, the Build Up Skateboards crew showed the young people how to skate and be safe, and as a group of accomplished skateboarders they put on a great show demonstrating their skills.

Leah, Blaze and Emma from West Arnhem Regional Council's Youth Sport and Recreation team in Warruwi facilitated the workshop over the three days which ended with a barbecue.

Leah said, "they showed us their stunts, it was so exciting to see - I could see the eyes in the children light up so much as we have not seen skaters before. The kids picked up really quick and had so much fun."



MURAL BRINGS JABIRU WATER TOWER TO LIFE

The mural on the 34 metre high water tower in Jabiru is now complete with artists putting the final touches this week.

"Is one of the major parts of the Jabiru Beautification Project.."

Proper Creative artists Jesse Bell and David Collins who carried out the painting of the mural itself, worked alongside artists from Marrawuddi Gallery who shared ideas and gathered images for the mural.

Proper Creative, are also responsible for all of the large scale murals in the Darwin CBD.

The mural on the water tower has taken approximately three weeks to complete, including painting two undercoats and lots of crane usage.

This larger-than-life project is one of the



major parts of the Jabiru Beautification Project, and it is hoped the mural will be a tourist drawcard to Jabiru and Kakadu.

Make sure to drive past and have a look!

All Jabiru Beautification Projects are funded by the Northern Territory Government and Director of National Parks.



NEW SPACE FOR COMMUNITY CARE



West Arnhem Regional Council's Community Care Services in Minjilang now have a fantastic space, including a kitchen, garden and activity space, to provide additional services to their clients.

The Community Care staff are looking forward to providing centre-based services utilising the community hall and outside area.

FEATURES:

- The kitchen is equipped to cook the favourite nutritional meals for the 'meals on wheels' program and great feasts for community barbecue events
- This will also help to support and teach local staff in cooking sessions and the importance of nutritional meals. They may then implement these skills at home with their families
- The new fridge and freezer to provide food storage space and to teach importance of stock control and rotation of goods
- New commercial washing machine and dryer to assist with laundry for the clients and to support a 'health homes' program
- The incredible garden now provides an inviting space to come and relax



Margaret Allgood (left & below) and Sophia Lee (above) at the centre.

In a few months, there will be fruit from the trees and vegetables from the garden beds and cook them in the wonderful kitchen.

West Arnhem Regional Council is proud to provide many services from the new refurbished kitchen through the Community Care Services, Youth, Sport & Recreation and community events.

All members of the community will benefit from this new gathering place and the kitchen.



RECORD NUMBER OF ELECTORS ON ROLL

There are more than 5,000 electors who are eligible to vote in the upcoming 2021 Local Government Elections following the close of roll this week.

For the 2017 elections, there were 133,927 electors enrolled to vote. At the close of roll for the 2021 elections there were 139,105 Territorians enrolled.

Northern Territory Electoral Commissioner Iain Loganathan said the increase in the number of people on the roll was pleasing when considering the Territory's population has remained virtually the same since the 2017 elections. "Having more people on the electoral roll is a good sign for democracy in the Territory," Mr Loganathan said.

"However, it will mean little if those people don't turn out to vote. So I encourage Territorians to go to our website and find out where and when they will be able to cast their vote from 16 August." Mr Loganathan also reminded eligible Territorians who are still not on the electoral roll that it is possible for them to vote in the 2021 elections. A new savings provision in the Local Government Act means that eligible Territorians who are not on the electoral roll can still cast a declaration vote. "I encourage all unenrolled Territorians who believe they are eligible to vote to attend a voting centre and cast a declaration vote," Mr Loganathan said. The same provision was in place for the 2020 Legislative Assembly Election and 1,741 electors who were not on the electoral roll were able to successfully cast a declaration vote that was included in the count. Below is a breakdown of enrolment numbers for each council and ward for the 2021 Local Government Elections. For more information about the 2021 Local Government Elections go to www.ntec.nt.gov.au

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION 2021

Voting in Jabiru, Gunbalanya, Maningrida, Waruwi & Minjilang will be held:

16 - 26 August 2021

Dates for all other West Arnhem communities & polling stations will be released shortly

More information: www.ntec.nt.gov.au

ABORIGINAL RANGER GRANTS OPEN

The next round of the Territory Labor Government's highly-successful Aboriginal Ranger Grants have opened.

The grants program continues to support jobs on country for around 1,000 Rangers from 47 Ranger groups to deliver land and sea management and conservation outcomes.

The program also ensures ongoing access to resources to protect our pristine environments and wildlife.

Under the program, two types of grants are available through a competitive, merit-based system. These include:

- Capital funding – which has helped Rangers purchase vehicles and trailers, boats, fire and weed spray units, heavy equipment, information technology and communication systems and infrastructure.

- Conservation Land Management funding – which has provided Rangers with assistance for activities including feral animal management, fire and weed management, protection

of threatened and 'iconic' species, cultural management, and training and skills development.

"Ranger groups to deliver land and sea management and conservation outcomes.."

As part of Budget 2021, the Territory Labor Government delivered on its election commitment of investing almost \$12 million in the program over the next four years.

In addition, the program has also received \$24 million from the INPEX-operated Ichthys LNG, as part of its Coastal Offsets Strategy to distribute to Ranger Groups through the grants program.

Applications close on 20 August with more information available at <https://depws.nt.gov.au/programs-and-strategies/aboriginal-ranger-grants-program>.

COVID-19 VACCINATION ROLL OUT IN WARRUWI



Congratulations to West Arnhem Regional Council's Community Care team in Warruwi who have had their second dose of the COVID 19 vaccine.

The team are almost up to 100 per cent of staff having the second vaccination, with two staff remaining.

Well done team in protecting yourselves, our the special vulnerable clients and other people in your community.



Becoming an elected member of a Local Government council is a great way to influence the direction of your community.

Are you:

- Passionate about your community?
- Someone who likes to get things done?
- A good listener?
- Eager to learn and participate?
- Wanting a rewarding challenge?

If yes, why not nominate for council?

The first step to getting elected to your Local Council is nominating for a position.

Visit: <https://bit.ly/3eHWRBw> to learn more about who is eligible to nominate and who is not.

To nominate for Council, you need to provide:

- A completed nomination form;
- A photo that meets the guidelines; and
- The names of three local people (nominators) who support your nomination.

The details of the nomination process are available here: <https://bit.ly/3sZDRDB>

People from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to nominate. Councils are most effective when they reflect the diversity of their communities.

Nominations for Council elections open Friday 16 July 2021 and close 12 noon (CST) Thursday 5 August 2021



Why Local Government elections matter.



There are three layers of Government in Australia: the Federal or Commonwealth Government, the State or Territory Government; and Local Government. Local Government is the one closest to the people.



Local Government Councils have a far greater impact on communities than most people appreciate.



Local Councils collect rates from local property owners and receive grants from the federal and territory government. They spend these funds on services, programs and infrastructure that address local community priorities and essential needs. This includes services such as maintaining local roads; rubbish collection and recycling; parks, sports fields and swimming pools; libraries, public cemeteries; pet control; and parking.



Decisions on Council services, policies and projects are made by the elected council. The council consists of a group of councillors headed by a President or Mayor. Councillors are people just like you, who have been elected by local residents to represent their views for a four-year term.



The Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) is the peak body for the Local Government sector.



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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS
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ENROL
by Tuesday 27 July 2021
NOMINATE
by Thursday 5 August 2021

VOTE
Early and mobile voting commences
Monday 16 August 2021

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ELECTION DAY
Saturday 28 August



NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS IN GUNBALANYA

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increase awareness in the wider community of the status

and treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. Well done



BOTH-WAYS LEARNING

Both Ways Learning is back in action with Ida and Leah from West Arnhem Regional Council and the Warruwi School. Both Ways Learning includes engagement with students through learning on country which supports school attendance.



Election Notice



Northern Territory Electoral Commission
EVERY vote counts!

2021 Local Government Elections

Timetable

Date	Time	Action
Friday 16 July		Nominations open
Tuesday 27 July	5:00 pm	Electoral roll closes
Thursday 5 August	12:00 noon	Nominations close
Monday 9 August		Postal vote mail-out commences
Monday 16 August	8:00 am	Early voting commences
		Mobile voting commences
Friday 27 August	6:00 pm	Early voting ceases

Saturday 28 August Election day



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WORK IN & EXPERIENCE ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU



Electrician – Jabiru - Permanent - Full Time – Accommodation available - Applications close 8am, 4 August

Administration Officer – Jabiru - Permanent - Full Time – Accommodation available - Applications close 8am, 4 August

Food and Prep Officer – Jabiru – Permanent - Part Time – No Accommodation- All applications considered

Pool Officer – Maningrida – Permanent - Part Time – No Accommodation provided - All applications considered

Pool Officer – Jabiru – Permanent - Part Time – Accommodation - All applications considered

Works Officers – Jabiru - Permanent - Full Time – No Accommodation provided - All applications considered

Trades Officers – Jabiru – Fixed Term - Full Time – No Accommodation provided - All applications considered

Cleaner – Jabiru - Permanent - Part Time – No Accommodation provided – All applications considered

Administration Trainee – Gunbalanya - Permanent - Part Time – No Accommodation - All applications considered

For more information:

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

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply



TUESDAYS 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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