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The highly-anticipated Mahbilil Festival will return to Jabiru on Saturday, 1 September to celebrate Kakadu culture, both traditional and contemporary. The huge event will take place at Jabiru's Alberto Luglietti Memorial Pool grassed area and will run in conjunction with the Kurrung Sports Carnival. See more Page 7.

Registrations are to close for the 9th annual Kurrung Sports Carnival and already the event is shaping up to be enormous in 2018.

Sports teams will congregate in Jabiru, situated in the World Heritage-Listed Kakadu National Park, for the two-day event which will take place on Friday, 31 August and Saturday, 1 September.

Proudly hosted by West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC), the carnival attracts teams from around Minjilang, Maningrida, Gunbalanya, Jabiru, Kakadu, Darwin and surrounding regions and includes a men's and women's basketball competition and men's AFL competition.

The carnival, which is just shy of its 10th anniversary, continues to be an important uniting different event. communities while emphasising fair play,

comradery and team spirit. The word 'Kurrung' is also a local Aboriginal word for the season when 'mahbilil', the afternoon breeze, rises and the magpie geese fly in huge numbers across the wetlands and lay their eggs.

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WARC **Programs** Coordinator - Youth and Community Development Erin Riddell said there is a whole lot of great energy building around the event.

"Teams across the region already training in preparation for the upcoming

carnival - the biggest of its kind in West Arnhem/ Kakadu," Erin said.

"The message of 'No More Violence' will be an underpinning theme the event, and reflects the positivity and vitality of West Arnhem communities and team members."

carnival The officially begins on Friday, 31 August with the men's basketball competition getting under way at the Jabiru Courts, and on Saturday, 1 September the women's basketball will be held at Jabiru Area School and the men's AFL will kick off at Brockman Oval.

"With as many as 400 people expected to attend, Kurrung 2018 is set to be a fabulous family event and the result of incredible teamwork by a number of community stakeholders and generous sponsors," Erin said.

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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 annual Mahbilil Festival which celebrates Kakadu culture including music, dance, bushfoods, art and workshops will take place in Jabiru on Saturday, 1 September. The event will run in conjuction with West Arnhem Regional Council's Kurrung Sports Carnival.

WEEKLY

Monday

NT Fire & Emergency Training, Jabiru Fire Station

Kakadu Deadly Runners Training, 6pm

Tuesdays

Jabiru Art & Craft, Town Hall 7.30pm Playgroup, Jabiru Courthouse 9.30-11am Aqua Fitness, Alberto Luglietti Memorial Pool 6.15pm Jabiru Firey's Fitness Training 5.30pm Jabiru Underwater Hockey, Jabiru Pool 5pm

Wednesdays

Kakadu Deadly Runners Training, 6pm Social Soccer, Magela Oval 6pm Xango Capoeira, Jabiru Community Hall 5pm

Thursdays

Aqua Fitness, Alberto Luglietti Memorial Pool 6.15pm Story Time, Jabiru Library 10.30am Pick the Joker Jabiru Golf Club 6.30pm Membership Draw, JSSC 7.30pm Jabiru Firey's Fitness Training 5.30pm

Fridays

Badge draw, raffles, meat trays Jabiru Golf Club Futsal, new MPA building 7.00am

Sundays

Jabiru Firey's Fitness Training 5.30pm Pool comp, Jabiru Sports and Social Club

August

Tues 14 West Arnhem Regional Council Local Authority Meeting, Minjilang

Thur 16 Jabiru Area School, Colour Fun Run **Thur 16** West Arnhem Regional Council Local Authority Meeting, Maningrida

Fri 31 & Sat 1 2018 Kurrung Sports Carnival, Jabiru

September

Sat 1 Mahbilil Festival, Jabiru

NOMINATE A YOUNG ACHIEVER

The Northern Territory Young Achiever Awards will launch on Thursday 30th August 2018, and the territory-wide search for our amazing young people who make real differences in your region will begin.

Here is a sneak peek of some of the categories that will be open for nominations;

- Minister for Territory Families Excellence in Youth Leadership Award
- NT Government Small Business Achievement Award
- Somerville Community Service Award
- NT Government Young Aboriginal **Educator Award**
- Zip Print Sport Award Glencore McArthur River Mining Regional and Rural Initiative Award
- NT Government Young Carers Award

- •ConocoPhillips Environment Award
- Charles Darwin University Arts Award
- Genesee & Wyoming Australia Indigenous Achievement Award

"It was an honour to win the Minister for Territory Families Excellence in Youth Leadership Award at the NT Young Achiever Awards. I am more inspired to help make a positive contribution to our community," said Christopher Teng, 2018 Minister for Territory Families Excellence in Youth Leadership Award Winner.

For further insight on determining which category to nominate into or to read about the other categories available visit www. awardsaustralia.com/ntyaa

Great prizes are up for grabs, plus every person nominated receives a certificate of achievement.

MINJILANG RECREATION HALL

Pictured are the children finishing off a mural inside the sports and recreation hall in Minjilang recently.

The young people in the community also enjoyed a disco from the same night with more than 40 youth in attendance who all had a great time.





The young people in Minjilang recently finished a mural inside the sports and recreation hall. They were very happy to be able to use their artistic skills on the mural.

NEW MOON BRINGS HIGHER NUMBER OF MIDGES TO TOP END

This is the time of the year when biting midges are out in force. High numbers are expected from 8 to 14 August coinciding with the new moon, with a further increase around the full moon from 23 to 29 August.

Director Medical of Entomology Nina Kurucz advised Top End residents and visitors to avoid midge bites by covering up, using insect repellents and avoiding mangrove areas where biting midges are present, especially late in the afternoon and early in the morning.

"Cover up with a longsleeved shirt, long trousers, socks and shoes and apply DEET or picaridin-based insect repellents to exposed skin," Ms Kurucz said.

"Mosquito lanterns insecticide barrier applications in backyards help reduce also to numbers."

Highest biting midge numbers will occur within 1.5 km of extensive areas of NT coastal mangroves.

"Due to increasing tides, peak biting midge activity will occur from now until the first heavy monsoonal rains occur. Numbers are highest three days before and after full moons, and to a lesser extent around new

moons," Ms Kurucz said.
"The pain, swelling and itchiness biting midge bites can cause is due to the chemicals contained in the saliva injected into the human hosts.

"Although biting midges do not transmit disease, should people avoid scratching the bites because this can easily break the skin, introducing bacterial infections that can lead to unsightly sores and infections."

While soothing lotions and ice packs may provide relief from itchy bites, severe reactions may require medical attention.

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL PRESENTS

9th Annual

KURRUNG SPORTS CARNIVAL

JABIRU | 31 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER 2018

EVENTS

FRIDAY: MEN'S BASKETBALL, JABIRU COURTS
SATURDAY: MEN'S AFL, BROCKMAN OVAL &
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, JABIRU AREA SCHOOL

TEAM REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON MONDAY, 13 AUGUST 2018.

CONTACT: info@westarnhem.nt.gov.au or check out the West Arnhem Regional Council Facebook Page!



"Sports in the heart of Kakadu.."

























SKILLING UP IN MANINGRIDA



Maningrida community members, pool lifeguards and West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) staff from core services participated in an intensive four day Aquatic Technical Operator Training.

ISLAND ACTIVITIES PROMOTE HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Maningrida community members, pool lifeguards and West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) staff from core services participated in an intensive four day Aquatic Technical Operator Training at Maningrida Pool recently.

This was facilitated by Mark from the Royal Life Saving Society of Australia (RLSSA), NT branch with support from the Youth, Sport and Recreation/Pool Team.

Participants learned all about chemical

and water safety, the technicalities of pool maintenance, operation and filtration and how to navigate risk to ensure that swimmers in Maningrida always enjoy safe, comfortable and fun times in the pool.

This training follows on from previous trainings offered to the community, such as lifeguard training and certification and first aid/CPR. WARC looks forward to continuing to support skills development

in West Arnhem.

The West Arnhem Regional Council Sport and Recreation team have been very busy this week as 'Jump Rope for Heart' visited both Minjilang and Warruwi to run activities for the youth.

These activities, which were held from 7-9 August, were very engaging for the young people.

'Jump Rope for Heart' is a fun physical activity program for which schools keeps kids healthy while raising funds to fight heart disease.







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

The Wire is the only regular source of news and information in the Kakadu and West Arnhem Land region. More than 800 copies are distributed fortnightly to Jabiru, Warruwi, Minjilang, Maningrida and Gunbalanya.

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ENVIRONMENT GRANTS OPEN

Environment Minister Eva Lawler has launched this year's Environment Grants, calling for applications from organisations wanting to make a positive contribution to their communities.

This year's program is designed to engage the community to help mitigate environmental harm and raise awareness to safeguard the Territory's unique environment.

Applications are sought under the following three categories:

- Small Environmental Project Grants
- Environmental Project Grants
- Container Deposit Scheme Infrastructure Grants

Go to denr.nt.gov.au for more information about the 2018-19 Environment Grants Program.





















JABIRU STUDENTS STAR IN FESTIVAL

Contemporary dance trainers will be doing lessons with Jabiru Area School students to expand their performing arts education in a partnership between Jabiru Area School, West Arnhem Regional Council, Artback NT and Mahbilil Festival.

The trainers, through Artback NT's 'Artists on Tour' program will be at the school for two weeks in August, with a goal to present a performance at the annual Mahbilil Festival which will take place in Jabiru on Saturday, 1 September at the Jabiru Pool grassed area.

The festival has a long history of working with the school in promoting performing arts and building students knowledge and skills in dance, circus and theatre.

MULTIMEDIA UPGRADES AT LIBRARY

The Jabiru Public Library is proud of the four state-of-theart computers, two Samsung tablets and improved, secure internet access within the facility recently.

The four additional HP allin-one computers are the latest technology and feature headphones and a wireless keyboard and mouse making them a great addition to the multimedia aspects of the library.

"A great addition to the multimedia aspects of the library.."

With computer-use and access to the existing free WiFi becoming very popular at the facility particularly with the young people, the new computers and improvements to the internet will greatly benefit the community.

Not only this, the library has also received upgrades to shelving which will allow more



Jabiru Library coordinator Jillian May with the new computers

resources to be available to all library-users.

Jabiru Public Library Coordinator Jillian May encourages all community members to visit the library and take advantage of the new equipment and improved internet access.

The new equipment and upgrades were made possible through a \$10,000 Community Benefit Fund Grant and West Arnhem Regional Council wishes to thank the Northern

Territory Government.

Phone Jabiru Public Library on (08) 8979 9460 during opening hours for more information or email library@westarnhem.nt.gov.au.

Library Opening Hours:

Monday – CLOSED Tuesday 10.30am – 5.30pm Wednesday 10.30am – 4.30pm Thursday 10.30am – 4.30pm Friday 10.30am – 4.30pm Saturday 9.30am – 12.30pm



CARNIVAL UNITES COMMUNITIES



The 2017 women's grand final game saw the Jabiru and Warruwi teams linking arms in support of the 'No More 'Violence' campaign.

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West Arnhem Regional Council wishes to thank all supporters and sponsors of this year's carnival, including the Northern Territory Government, Australian Government Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Starwin Shopfront, Kakadu Lodge, Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel, Energy Resources of Australia, No More Violence Campaign, BP Jabiru and Jabiru Foodland.

This year's carnival will also run in conjunction with the Mahbilil Festival which will take place on Saturday,

EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, 31 August:

- Men's Basketball at Jabiru Courts

Saturday, 1 September:

- Women's Basketball at Jabiru Area School
- Men's AFL at Brockman Oval Followed by official presentations

September 1 at the Jabiru pool area.

For more information about the Kurrung Sports Carnival see the West Arnhem Regional Council Facebook page or the Mahbilil Festival visit http:// mahbililfestival.com/

FESTIVAL RETURNS TO CELEBRATE LOCAL CULTURE

It's that time of It's year again. Kurrung season in Kakadu; the days are warm, but the nights are cool, the Magpie Geese are on the move and the late afternoon breeze brings with it music, arts and the smell of bushfoods cooking on the coals. It's time for Mahbilil Festival in Jabiru.

Held on Saturday 1st September, the annual festival returns to celebrate Kakadu culture, both traditional and contemporary.

Running from midday to midnight, Mahbilil

is a family-friendly event crammed with activities, workshops for kids, displays, Indigenous art exhibitions and demonstrations of weaving, painting and other crafts.

Local showcasing includes the art from across Arnhem Land, and performances from local traditional dance groups. Bushfood features



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prominently with large earth ovens cooking buffalo, barramundi and the speciality of the region, magpie goose.

Join in the fun with competitions that include spear throwing and magpie goose cooking. Workshops will include traditional arts and craft such as spear-making, grass weaving and local storytelling.

With lots of activities and entertainment aimed at young kids, youth and the older folks, there really is something for everyone. And there is plenty more on offer to make this a Mahbilous day out!

Jabiru is the gateway to Kakadu, and also to Arnhem Land.

It's a unique cross-cultural crossroads and a great location

EVENT DETAILS

When: Saturday 1st September (with Kurrung Sports Carnival on 31st

& 1st)

Where: Jabiru (Pool Parklands)
Info: mahbililfestival.com
Cost: FREE ENTRY

Contact: info@mahbililfestival.com or Scott - 0414606710

for a festival.

Kakadu is one of the few places in the world that has World Heritage status for both cultural and natural values.

Why not come out for a few days and include Mahbilil in your trip to this beautiful part of the world?

There will be an incredible selection of bands from across the Top End with hand-picked acts from Darwin and around the country.

Expect anything from folk through to roots and blues and even some rocking reggae and hip hop.

More details on the program to come soon, but bands announced so far:

- Black Rock band
- Bobby Alu
- Stevie Jean
- Phoebe Jacobs

120 NEW BIN STANDS INSTALLED AROUND WARRUWI COMMUNITY

More than 120 wheelie bin stands have been distributed throughout Warruwi recently, with the new structures being installed at every residence and business throughout the community.

"The bin stands are already proving to be extremely beneficial.."

The Warruwi Local Authority funded the project and the work was carried out by the West Arnhem Regional Council works crew.

The bin stands are already proving to be extremely beneficial and addresses the problem of bins being knocked over by animals in



Pictured is the very first bin stand which was installed in the community.

the community.

The welded bin stands are stable and secure resulting in less rubbish ending up on the ground and will ultimately help litter control in the community and protect the local environment.

LIVE & WORK ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU



- Senior Cleaner Gunbalanya
 Permanent Full Time Accommodation available
 Applications close 8 am on Monday 27 August 2018
- Senior Project Manager Darwin
 Fixed Term 12 months Full Time No accommodation available
 Applications close 8 am on Monday 20 August 2018

To apply:

Visit website below or phone 08 8982 9522 www.westarnhem.nt.gov.au/employment



Email completed application to vacancy@westarnhem.nt.gov.au Indigenous people are encouraged to apply



PLENTY OF ACTIVITIES AT MANINGRIDA POOL

Maningrida Pool has welcomes new lifeguards Gordon and Leroy to the team who are already bringing new energy and more capacity to the facility.

There is also plenty of activities coming up with swimming training recommencing this week which aims to support Maningrida's young people as they learn new techniques to perfect their stroke.

The inflatable pool toy has been up

"Aims to support Maningrida's young people as they learn new techniques.."

quite regularly and is always a hit among the pool-users.

Keep an eye out for the next 'school attendance party' coming up on August 24.





There has been plenty of action at the Maningrida pool recently with Kurrung Sports Carnival training, the popular inflatable and swimming lessons will also commence this week.





PUBLIC NOTICE

ABANDONED VEHICLES

West Arnhem Regional Council is seeking the owners of the pictured vehicles to remove the vehicle from the public areas of Jabiru as soon as possible.

Owners have 30 days to remove them from the public area, or Council will transport the abandoned vehicles to the landfill and the owner will be sent the cost for the removal.



DATED: Friday, 10 August 2018

For further information, please contact the Council Service Manager on (08) 8979 9463

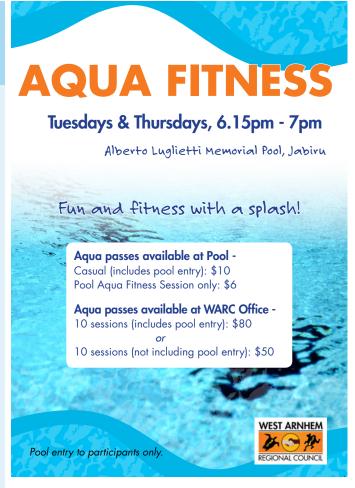
KURRUNG SPORTS CARNIVAL TRAINING

The island communities of Minjilang and Warruwi have been busy training in the lead up to the Kurrung Sports Carnival which will take place in Jabiru on Friday, 31 August and Saturday, 1 September.

The teams, which include the women's and men's basketball and men's AFL, will compete against teams from Jabiru, Maningrida and Gunbalanya in the hopes to take the winning trophies.











The sport for everyone Every Tuesday Spm to 6pm Speak to Denise on 0409 468 730 or just turn up at the pool







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ACTION-PACKED SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Over the past four weeks' the Gunbalanya Youth Centre filled the school holidays with plenty of fun things to do to pass the time.

The first week of the 2018 holidays seen volcano making, cooking days, Wii competitions and movie

afternoon. Week two was filled with photo booths, dance clinics and basketball. Week three was all about NAIDOC Week and the youth centre team made beautiful portraits of the women in their life that have taught them an important life lesson.

They also enjoyed cooking up some delish damper to share at the NAIDOC lunch and performed a dance for their family and friends.

Stay up-to-date with the activities by liking our "Gunbalanya Youth, Sport and Recreation" Facebook page.

"Week three was all about NAIDOC Week and the youth team made beautiful portraits.."









ALBERTO LUGLIETTI MEMORIAL POOL

SWIM LESSONS

Swimming lessons for 2018 will commence in September (weather permitting).

Half hour lessons are planned for the following:

Baby classes - Tuesday and Thursday 1.30pm *(wp)
Infant classes - Tuesday and Thursday 2pm *(wp)
Afterschool classes - Monday and Thursday
Baby and infant classes - Saturday 10am (commencing October)
Cost: \$10 per lesson or \$40 per 5 lessons

Private and adult classes - by prior arrangement

Any queries please contact Barbara at the pool *(WP) – With Parent

ALBERTO LUGLIETTI MEMORIAL POOL

OPENING HOURS

12.00pm - 6.30pm Monday 12.30pm - 6.00pm Tuesday Wednesday Tuesday 12.00pm - 6.30pm Thursday Thursday 12.30pm - 6.00pm Saturday Friday 12.00pm - 6.30pm 12.00pm - 6.30pm Saturday Sunday 12.00pm - 6.30pm Public Holidays 12.00pm - 6.30pm

Additional wet season hours 1 October - 30 May

 Tuesday
 6.00am - 8.00am

 Thursday
 6.00am - 8.00am

 Saturday
 9.00am - 6.30am

CLOSED Good Friday, Christmas Day, New Year's day **NO SCHOOL, NO POOL POLICY**

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8 Iane Olympic pool - children's pool - children's playground barbecue facilities - shower facilities - undercover gym kiosk with drinks and snacks - shaded picnic tables

A safe place to swim in the heart of Kakadu!

Regular & casual pool passes available Visitors welcome!

