



The 10 year anniversary event of the Kurrung Sports Carnival was held on August 30 and 31 with 14 teams competing. Pictured is the beginning on the AFL grand final game between the Jabiru Bombers and Gunbalanya at Brockman Oval. Full story and pictures on Pages 8-10.

## VIBRANT FESTIVAL OF CULTURE

The 2019 Mahbilil Festival has once again shone a light on the amazing culture and creativity of Kakadu and West Arnhem communities.

The festival held 3 events this year, as well as running alongside the Kurrung Sports Carnival.

*"The crowd got right into the festive spirit and made the day a huge success.."*

Friday night saw the launch of a new mural on the old Bakery building in collaboration with Marrawuddi Gallery.

Visiting artist Ellie Hannon worked with Bininj artists Graham Rostron, Abel



Jabiru Area School performing at the 2019 Mahbilil Festival.

Naborlhborlh, Ray Mudjandi, Ayesha Alderson, Nonica Hardy and others to create a massive painting on 2 walls.

The process took 2 weeks of constant work and resulted in a vibrant mix of contemporary and traditional styles.

This continues on from the mural painted for Mahbilil 2018 at the pool.

Mahbilil is branching out

from the standard festival model and bringing some well-needed colour and life to some tired buildings in an effort to renew the Jabiru streetscape.

Watch this space for further developments in future years.

The main festival day brought music, arts, bushfoods, workshops and performance together in a celebration of Kakadu culture.

The park looked incredible with the sculptural creations of artist Techy Masero who continues to add more creatures to the collection each year.

The Djurrubu Rangers served up bushfoods all afternoon from the gungarre ground ovens and also from the coals, including crocodile, buffalo, barra and of course the Mahbilil signature dish – magpie goose.

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## VITAL ROAD SAFETY MESSAGING

Road Safety NT attended one of West Arnhem Regional Council's Youth, Sport and Recreation in monthly Teacher vs Young People Basketball events in Maningrida on Tuesday, August 20.

Caleb from Road Safety NT (pictured below) opened up the event with a conversation with Maningrida young

people around road safety and taught them 4 very important actions – click, clack front & back.

Caleb taught everyone the hand signals of reaching for your seatbelt, clicking it in and then pointing front and back as a fun way to encourage the kids to remember to put on their seat belt when they get in the car and to check

front and back.

The games started rolling and the young people had lots of support from, not only teachers, but other community members joining in to play including the Road Safety mob.

The MVPs of the night got to take home a Road Safety back pack with a football inside and a water bottle.



## NEW MACHINERY SET FOR GUNBALANYA

West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) was fortunate to receive a Special Purpose Grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development to purchase a new tilt tray truck (pictured below) for the Gunbalanya community.

The new machinery features a 9 metre tray, container locks, a 20 tonne winch and the ability to shift up to 12 tonnes of equipment in a single load.

While replacing the crane truck which had been out of service for more than a year, the tilt tray truck also brings great benefits to core service delivery in the

community.

This includes significant savings in mobilisation costs during project work, while improving efficient and effective day-to-day core service delivery.

It will also greatly assist with carrying out disaster mitigation strategies including community clean ups.

The grant for the Hino Tilt Tray was a total of \$100,000 and Council contributed the remaining amount.

WARC wishes to thank the Department of Housing and Community Development for the support.



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.

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## 2019 KAKADU BIRD WEEK

Kakadu is a bird lover's paradise – home to more than a third of Australia's bird species.

Join traditional owners, Parks Australia, scientists, local experts and BirdLife Australia to celebrate the Top End's diverse birdlife during Kakadu Bird Week from 28 September to 5 October 2019.

Enjoy free birdwatching activities, learn from leading researchers and traditional owners, and experience wetlands cruises, Aboriginal bird experiences and more.

The full program for Bird Week 2019 is coming soon. Sign up to the mailing list below to be the first to hear about this year's events.

For more information, visit <https://parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/do/events/birdweek/>

# WARC CEO STEPS DOWN FROM ROLE

Councillors and staff of West Arnhem Regional Council wish Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Brian Hylands all the best with his future endeavours following his resignation as CEO at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday, September 11.

Mr Hylands took on the role as CEO in 2012 and over the last seven years has worked alongside WARC Elected Members to lead the Council into a strong and viable position, while strongly advocating for the people of the West Arnhem region. He has worked alongside former Mayors Lothar Siebert, James Marrawal and present Mayor Matthew Ryan.

While maintaining strong governance and leadership with Elected Members and West Arnhem's Local Authorities, he has been instrumental in the significant advancements of the delivery of core, commercial and community services within the Jabiru, Gunbalanya, Maningrida, Waruwi and Minjilang communities.

WARC Mayor Matthew Ryan said he is



West Arnhem Regional Council Mayor Matthew Ryan pictured with Chief Executive Officer Brian Hylands.

proud of the achievements of the Council over the last seven years, with all of these largely owing to Mr Hylands' leadership and dedication to the organisation.

"I want to thank Brian for his tireless work in bringing the opportunities and the achievements which have been accomplished within our communities

over the years," Mayor Ryan said.

"Every day, he has stood alongside us Councillors to address the hard issues, fight for positive progress and advocate for our people. We are a stronger Council because of the dedication of our CEO, and we are grateful for all of the work he has done. We wish Brian and his family all of the best in the future."

Mr Hylands wished to thank the Council and staff and the people of West Arnhem for their continued passion and commitment to the West Arnhem region.

"The opportunity to serve the people of West Arnhem is something which I will always cherish and be thankful for," he said.

"I firmly believe the Council will continue to strengthen and strive forward to bring a very bright future for the West Arnhem region, and I thank the Elected Members and all WARC staff for all the work they do."

At the meeting, the Council passed a resolution to accept Mr Hylands' formal resignation.

## JABIRU LAKE SIGNAGE

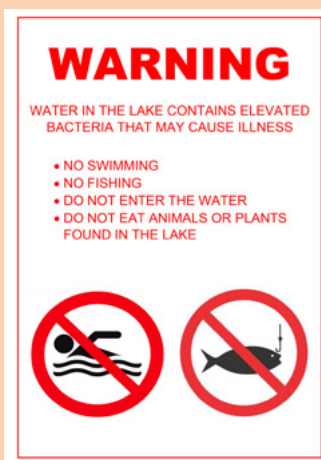
West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) wishes to advise Jabiru residents and visitors there will be some activity around the Lake by WARC employees over the next week.

Swimming and fishing in the lake has been prohibited for some time because of bacteria and crocodile risks.

Recent testing of the water has confirmed that these risks remain present.

Following advice from the NT Environmental Health Department, the existing signage at the Lake is being swapped out for new signs to remain in line with Australian Standards.

Please observe these signs, avoid contact with the lake



The new signage to appear at the Lake.

and enjoy its views from a distance.

## Upcoming Remediation Assessments Throughout Town

Over the next few months you will notice contractors around town. They are here to carry out remediation assessments on all infrastructure in Jabiru.

These assessments are required to inform the planning works for the future of Jabiru.

All residents and businesses will be notified in due course. If you have any questions or want to find out more, please visit the Jabiru Kabolkmakmen office at Shop 3 Town Plaza or call 08 8979 3203.

We appreciate your support and patience whilst these assessments are taking place.

**Marinella Faggion, Project Manager, Jabiru Kabolkmakmen.**

## LIVE & WORK

### ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU



- **Council Services Manager - Minjilang**  
Fixed term 3 years - Full Time - Accommodation available.  
Applications close 8 am, Monday 23 Sept. 2019.
- **Programs Coordinator, Youth and Community Development - Maningrida**  
Fixed term until 30 June 2021 - Full Time - Accommodation available.  
Applications close 8 am, Monday 23 Sept. 2019.
- **Housing Officer - Jabiru**  
Fixed term until 31 August 2020 - Full Time - Accommodation is subject to availability.  
Applications close 8 am, Monday 23 Sept. 2019.
- **Executive Assistant to the CEO and Mayor - Jabiru**  
Permanent - Full Time - No accommodation.  
Applications close 8 am, Monday 23 Sept. 2019.
- **Pool Officer - Jabiru**  
Casual - No accommodation -  
Applications close 8 am, Monday 23 Sept. 2019.
- **Services Manager - Jabiru**  
Fixed term 3 years - Full Time - Accommodation available.  
Applications close 8 am, Monday 16 Sept. 2019.

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*Indigenous people are encouraged to apply*





## 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](mailto:wire@westarnhem.nt.gov.au).



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### WEEKLY

#### Monday

Capoeira Mums and Bubs Class, Community Hall 11am  
Capoeira Children and Adults, Community Hall 5.30pm  
NT Fire & Emergency Training, Fire Station 6pm  
Kakadu Deadly Runners Training, 6pm

#### Tuesdays

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

#### Wednesdays

Skins Golf: Jabiru Golf Club, 4.30pm  
Underwater Hockey: Jabiru Pool, 5pm  
Kakadu Deadly Runners Training, 6pm  
Social Soccer, Magela Oval 6pm

#### Thursdays

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

#### Fridays

Jabiru Golf Club raffles & Members Draw, Jabiru Golf Club, 7pm  
Pool comp \$10 entry, winner takes all Jabiru Golf Club, 7pm  
Pool comp \$10 entry winner takes all, JSSC

#### Sundays

Jabiru Firey's Fitness Training 5.30pm

### SEPTEMBER

**Sat 21 & 22** Jabiru Golf Club Biathlon, Jabiru

**Mon 23 - 27** Mental Health Week, Jabiru

**Sat 28 - Oct 5** Kakadu Bird Week, Kakadu

## MANINGRIDA ENJOYS FILM EVENING UNDER THE STARS



The Maningrida community were treated to a lovely evening under the stars during the recent visit from the NT Travelling Film Festival.

Maningrida were treated to an exciting visit from the NT Travelling Film Festival recently which saw around 150 community members come together for the night.

To celebrate the occasion, the Maningrida kids spent time creating tea candles in jars prior to their visit, and also decorated some banners to welcome Maningrida and the Maningrida films, which were tied up on the fence.

Six young people in the community also spoke on the night to welcome the community and introduce the event, which included three Maningrida films being screened in front of the great audience.

Babbarra Women's Centre's film Jarracharra was played and this was about their exhibition in France as well as one which was about the winds that

travel across this land to indicate it's dry season and time to move across this country.

Another film shown involved the 2018 Maningrida College graduates on their schooling journey and the dedication and hard work it took them to graduate year 12. And, finally one featured Maningrida's young people explaining why they love Maningrida which was certainly a hit to watch.

Short films from all over the NT were also shown throughout the evening.

Northern Territory Travelling Film Festival showcases the outstanding short film, television and video productions from the NT, capturing the stories, culture and landscape of our iconic region and the people that call it home.

It is always a popular event when they visit West Arnhem communities.

## GUNBALANYA LADIES SHOW CREATIVE FLAIR

The ladies in Gunbalanya have been extremely busy these past few weeks hand-making shoulder bags and zip bags for their first order, as part of a project supported by Dreamtime Solutions.

The order has been completed with an incredible 40 bags in total - well done ladies.

Toddler quilts, skirts, candles and soaps are also being produced with the soaps benefiting the community to help with skin conditions.

The garden is also thriving and produce from it is being used to cook up in lunches. Keep up the great work everyone.





# MAHBILIL MAGIC SWEEPS OVER JABIRU

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The weaving workshops, courtesy of Kakadu Tourism, attracted big crowds all afternoon and the traditional language Bininj Kunwok stall educated the crowds. The Magpie Goose cooking competition attracted 12 entries of impressive quality and was judged by Member for Arnhem Selena Uibo and TV Presenter Allan Clarke.

First prize was taken out by visiting cook Julie Fearnley and People's Choice by long-time entrant Jackie Christopherson.

The stage program saw a beautiful mix of local and interstate musical acts including The Jabirumours, Ripple Effect, Shellie Morris, Phoebe Jacobs, Minjilang Konnection, Shane Howard Trio and of course local legends – Black Rock Band! MC Shaun Choolburra had everyone in stitches with his banter and story telling.

One of the highlights this year was the Jabiru Area School (JAS) dance performance.

Mahbilil and JAS have been working on this project each year for many years and this year Corrugated Youth Arts

developed the work with the students. Performance mentors Jinu Mathew and Amy Simpson brought the best out in the students and the show was incredible.

The crowd was estimated at around 2500 over the day, from Jabiru locals to West Arnhem communities to Darwin visitors and international tourists, the crowd got right into the festive spirit and made the day a huge success.

Sunday night saw a new event for the Mahbilil weekend – an outdoor movie screening of 'Bran Nue Dae' at the Croc Event Lawns which was a fun and chilled way to round out the events.

The event is produced by Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation on behalf of the community. Many thanks to the funding partners KWAAT, ERA, NT Government (through the Community Benefit Fund), WARC, Kakadu National Park and Veolia. It is also supported by Jabiru Foodland, Mercure Crocodile Hotel, Kakadu Lodge, Kakadu Tourism, Djurrubu Rangers, Marrawuddi Gallery, Jabiru Area School.

See you at Mahbilil 2020!



The traditional dancers Gunborrk at the Mahbilil Festival wowed the huge crowd which was estimated to be around 2500 people throughout the day.



Jabiru Area School, supported by Corrugated Youth Arts and performance mentors Jinu Mathew and Amy Simpson, put on a magical show at Mahbilil.



The Black Rock Band were featured in the music line up and certainly didn't disappoint the crowd at the 2019 Mahbilil Festival.



West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) Mayor Matthew Ryan chatting with festival-goers at the WARC stall.

## THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORTERS OF KURRUNG SPORTS CARNIVAL

### Sponsors:

Northern Territory Government, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Kakadu Lodge, ERA, Crocodile Hotel, No More Violence Campaign, Jabiru Area School, Boots For All, Puma Jabiru, Gunbalanya Meats, TEABBA Radio, Intersport, Jabiru Foodland, Jabiru Sports and Social Club, TEAM Health, Gunbalanya Sports and Social Club, Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation, MPA, ALPA, Arujumu, Adjumarllar Store, AFL NT, GREATS Youth Service



### Volunteers and Supporters:

Mayor Matthew Ryan, Deputy Mayor Anna Egerton, WARC Elected Members and staff, Jabiru Bombers, Night Patrol, CSM's Shane Slavin, David Hurst and Jesse Evans, Kakadu Deadly Runners, St Johns Ambulance, Page McMillan, Damian Tuck, Juan Darwin, Jonelle Heacock, Anthony Vandermolen, Sarah Nathan-Truesdale, Luke Steer, Lloyd Griffin, James Wood, Daryll Kinnane, Maningrida College

### Umpires:

AFL - Ben Heaslip, Darryl Ryder, Ben Griffith, Jamie Jones, Duncan Lindsay, Braydon Culhane  
Basketball – Deola D'Brown, Ben Griffith, Charles Opio, Jesse Evans, Page McMillan, Melisango Dube

See you all next year at the 2020 Kurrung Sports Carnival!





# SIAM WEED DETECTED IN NORTHERN TERRITORY

Native to the Americas, Siam weed has become a major land management issue across tropical areas of Asia and Africa. In 1994 it was detected in the Tully area of Far North Queensland and until recently was confined to that region.

An incursion of Siam weed has recently been detected on two properties in the greater Darwin region.

Siam weed has high nitrate levels and in some countries has led to cattle deaths and abortions when stock have been accidentally fed contaminated fodder. Its rapid rate of growth means that it has the potential to outcompete crops, pastures and native vegetation. In addition to this, Siam weed may cause skin complaints and asthma in allergy prone people.

These potential environmental, economic and health impacts, when combined with the costs associated with its control mean that it is considered one of the world's worst weeds.

The Weed Management Branch has notified the National



*Siam weed has recently been detected in the Northern Territory.*

Biosecurity Management Consultative Committee of this most recent incursion of Siam weed. We are working closely with the landholders and other government departments to contain and control the current known infestation and conducting surveys to determine how far it may have spread.

As with any weed management, the early reporting of a suspected Siam weed infestation is essential to successful control and eradication efforts.

Siam weed can look similar to other weed species but there are a few outstanding features that help in identification.

The pungent smelling leaves of this scrambling climber are soft, green, hairy and roughly triangular in shape.

They also have a very distinctive three-vein 'pitchfork' pattern running the length of each leaf. Pale pink-mauve tubular flowers are held in clusters at the end of the branches. The flowers can appear white if seen from a distance but will usually turn

darker lilac when mature.

Siam weed flowering is triggered in mid-year by shorter day lengths and they produce enormous numbers of seeds within 8-10 weeks after flowering. Each seed has a tuft of white or brown hairs that act as a little parachute, allowing it to be easily transported by wind or water.

Preventing weed spread through biosecurity measures is as important to Siam weed management as early detection. The hairs on the seed help it attach to vehicles, clothing, footwear and animal fur. It is very important that travel through known areas of infestation is controlled and that vehicles, machinery and any personal gear used in an infested area be cleaned thoroughly before leaving an infested area.

Let's work together to stop the spread of Siam weed. If you have seen Siam weed, or think you may have it on your property please contact the Weed Management Branch on (08) 89 99 45 67 or at weedinfo@nt.gov.au.



## MENTAL HEALTH WEEK ACTIVITIES IN JABIRU

23 – 27 September 2019

	Monday 23 September Jabiru	Tuesday 24 September Jabiru	Wednesday 25 September Jabiru	Thursday 26 September Jabiru	Friday 27 September Cooinda
AM			<b>Kakadu Community BBQ and Mercure Coffee Cart</b>  <b>FREE BBQ</b>  Join some of our visiting and local organisations for a social mingle, and bring the kids and your best arts and craft skills with you! Proudly supported by Red Lily, Jabiru Area Health centre, and Mercure Crocodile Hotel.  The Coffee cart will be on site, all proceeds going to ACCOR charities.  <b>Location:</b> Grass area between Foodland and the Health Centre <b>Time:</b> 10.00am – 1.00pm	<b>SafeTALK</b>  <b>FREE WORKSHOP</b>  SafeTALK is accredited training in suicide alertness. It helps participants recognize a person with thoughts of suicide and connect them with resources who can help them in choosing to live.  Materials and morning tea provided.  Please register with Louise 0474 229 659, max 15 participants  <b>Location:</b> CatholicCare NT Office (Shop 5 Jabiru Plaza) <b>Time:</b> 10.00am – 12.30pm	<b>STAFF ONLY ACTIVITIES</b>  Please contact CatholicCare NT for more information on 0474 229 659
PM	<b>Vision Board Session with Denise House</b>  <b>FREE SESSION</b>  Organise your thoughts and goals by creating a vision board. Join our local expert Denise House, and visualise the life you want!  All materials and expertise are included.  Light refreshments available  <b>Location:</b> CatholicCare NT Office (Shop 5 Jabiru Plaza) <b>Time:</b> 1.00pm – 2.00pm	<b>Aqua Aerobics</b>  <b>FREE SESSION</b>  Want to cool off and exercise at the same time? Then head to the pool for Aqua Aerobics!  <b>Location:</b> Jabiru Pool <b>Time:</b> 6.15pm – 7.00pm (45 minutes)	<b>World Mental Health Day Lake Walk with Lyndon!</b> (ERA-Sodexo HLC)  Join Lyndon for an evening walk around Jabiru Lake. Bring the family! Dogs on leads welcome.  <b>Location:</b> Meet Jabiru Lake, Playground <b>Time:</b> 5.00pm – 5.40pm  <b>Golf Game (Skins)</b>  Men supporting Men. Short round of golf with mates, head down to the Jabiru Golf Club! Ladies Welcome!  <b>Location:</b> Jabiru Golf Club (regular event) <b>Time:</b> Starts 4.45pm Sharp		

All public events are free of charge, family friendly, fun and alcohol free.

Due to circumstances outside our control, events may be subject to change. Please check Jabiru Noticeboard for any updates



## NT YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS OPEN

Nominations for the Northern Territory Young Achiever Awards are now open and the search has begun for incredible young people under 29 from across the Territory.

Everybody knows an inspiring young individual;

- Who we all wonder where they find the time to help others

- Who is paving the way for our future through innovative thinking

- Who is a leader and role model for their peers We need to give thanks, and now you can by nominating them into one of these categories;

- Charles Darwin University Innovation Award

- Colemans Contracting & Earthmoving Agriculture Award

- ConocoPhillips Environment Award • Genesee & Wyoming Australia Indigenous Achievement Award

- Glencore McArthur River Mining Regional and Rural Initiative Award

- McDonalds NT Career Achievement Award

- NT Government Excellence in Youth Leadership Award

- NT Government Small

Business Achievement Award

- NT Government Young Aboriginal Educator Award

- NT Government Young Carers Award

- Somerville Community Service Award

- Zip Print Sport Award One of the twelve category winners will be named the 2020 Northern Territory Young Achiever of the Year.

To assist the category winners in achieving their goals, they will receive \$2,000 and a trophy, courtesy of founding partner TIO.

The 2020 Northern Territory Young Achiever of the Year will receive an additional \$2,000 and a Territory trophy.

To submit a nomination, simply go online to [www.youngachieverawards.com](http://www.youngachieverawards.com) select NT and then select 'Nominate Now'.

Alternatively, make the process that much easier by calling us on 1300 148 228 and passing on their details and we will take it from there. Nominations close Tuesday 3rd December 2019.

For assistance please feel free to call the Awards Office or email [ntyaa@awardsaustralia.com](mailto:ntyaa@awardsaustralia.com)

## RANGER EXCHANGER

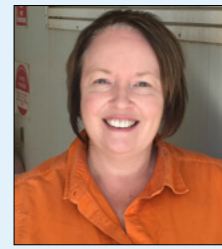
It's been a great dry season and even better to see people around town, both local and visitors participating in all the great local activities on offer.

It's been a busy dry season for both the town of Jabiru and out at Ranger.

We've supported a number of dry season events through our community partnerships fund such as the Kakadu Triathlon, ERA Golf Day and Sounds of the Dry.

We'd like to thank the volunteers within the community who contributed to the success of these.

We've successfully held a number of free mine tours over the dry to help people see behind the



with Lesley Bryce  
General Manager  
Operations, Ranger  
Mine

fence and see our activities.

In addition to this, we held a major shut down at Ranger for maintenance of our mine assets, you may have noticed an increase of our staff and contractors in and around the town.

I've thoroughly enjoyed seeing some familiar faces during our dry season community events and I am looking forward to Mahbilil Festival and putting on my cowboy boots for the free ERA sponsored Troy Cassar-Daley concert in September.

Lesley Bryce  
General Manager-  
Operations,  
Ranger Mine

## Asthma First Aid

### 1 Sit the person upright

- Be calm and reassuring
- Do not leave them alone



### 2 Give 4 puffs of blue reliever puffer medication

- Use a spacer if there is one
- Shake puffer
- Put 1 puff into spacer
- Take 4 breaths from spacer
- Repeat until 4 puffs have been taken
- Remember: Shake, 1 puff, 4 breaths



### 3 Wait 4 minutes

- If there is no improvement, give 4 more puffs as above



### 4 If there is still no improvement call emergency assistance (DIAL 000)\*

- Say 'ambulance' and that someone is having an asthma attack
- Keep giving 4 puffs every 4 minutes until emergency assistance arrives



\*If calling Triple Zero (000) does not work on your mobile phone, try 112

### Call emergency assistance immediately (DIAL 000)

- If the person is not breathing
- If the person's asthma suddenly becomes worse, or is not improving
- If the person is having an asthma attack and a puffer is not available
- If you are not sure if it's asthma

Blue reliever medication is unlikely to harm, even if the person does not have asthma



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## JABIRU POOL LEARN TO SWIM

Commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

### SWIM 'N' SURVIVE PROGRAM

Wonder: Water Familiarisation (with parent, max. 8)

Courage: Water Confidence (with parent, max. 8)

Active: Swimming and Water Safety Program (no parent, max. 8)

DETAILS: Classes run for half an hour & levels are graded on student ability

Wonder classes (baby): 2-3pm weekdays

Courage classes (toddler): 2-3pm on weekdays

Active classes (school age): 3.30pm on weekdays

Saturday morning classes (all levels): commencing October (wet season)

ENROL: Please contact Jabiru Pool asap with your preferred day and time

**COST: \$40 PER 5 LESSON BULK (1 OR 2 LESSONS PER WEEK)**

- Valid for 7 weeks from first booked lesson
- Payment in full prior to first booked lesson (EFTPOS available at pool)
- All enrolments receive 10% OFF currently priced goggles in the 0-6 and 6-14 age range (while stocks last)

For more information, please see Barbara at the Jabiru Pool

No classes during school holidays

These lessons do not replace afterschool Sport & Recreation activities



# KURRUNG SPIRIT SHINES AT 2019 CARNIVAL

## MAGICAL MARDALK SERPENTS

Defending champions, Mardalk Serpents reigned supreme with the seventh consecutive win in the women's basketball. The island team showed their curtsied prowess winning every game in the round robins and then grabbing a powerful win in the grand final against Maningrida. Maningrida who travelled for five hours on dirt roads to compete, provided some spectacular plays in the nail-biting game. In the end it was Waruwi's experience along with some thrilling offensive plays that saw the Serpents claim victory in the grand final match with a score Waruwi - 25 to Maningrida 6.

All teams provided terrific plays on the day, with Jabiru, Minjilang, Maningrida and Waruwi competing throughout the hot day in round robin competitions at the Jabiru school courts preceded by a friendly tournament on the Friday night. A special appearance by Healthy Harold all the way from Katherine provided some exciting match entertainment as well.

## WARUWI WINNERS

It was a tense evening of basketball at the Jabiru

Courts on the Friday as five teams battled it out in the men's basketball tournament which was the official opener event of the Kurrung Sports Carnival. A new arrival to the competition, Norforce made their debut with two early wins in the competition, narrowly missing out as the finals drew closer after losing to Waruwi and Minjilang in their last two games.

It was down to the two islands for the grand final and the two teams of Minjilang and Waruwi did not disappoint with a thrilling finale that had the crowds roaring.

Match referee Deola D'Brown from Darwin, officiated the competition as Waruwi dominated their way through the nerve-wracking 10 minute halves under lights.

For the second consecutive year, Waruwi were undefeated, with a fantastic victory against Minjilang. The final score: Minjilang 10, Waruwi 26.

Speaking to the crowd, Waruwi captain expressed gratitude to all involved in making the competition.

## GUNBALANYA GLORY

The AFL competition was full of action and surprises this year. In the end it came down

to a goal difference which saw Gunbalanya and Jabiru face off in the grand final match.

This year also saw the new entry of Beswick into the competition. While the team didn't make the finals rounds, they showed fantastic enthusiasm.

This was the first time in the last six years of Kurrung competition that Minjilang was not in a final, narrowly missing out with Maningrida claiming third place in the ladder.

This year Gunbalanya was hard to beat. Match after match, the Gunbalanya boys displayed an unbeatable spirit, team work and strategic plays as they surged upwards on the competition ladder.

Event organisers said, "It's hard to believe that two years ago, Gunbalanya was at the bottom of the ladder. Then last year, they rose to the top two on the ladder and ended the tournament as runners up to Minjilang. This year, they put in every effort down to the final whistle to claim victory against Jabiru and take home the championship trophy. This shows true determination. They played their heart out all day and in a twist of irony, the only match they lost during the round robins competition was

## 2019 CARNIVAL RESULTS

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Winner: Waruwi  
Runner Up: Maningrida  
Most Valuable Player: Punpun Wees  
Final Score: 25 - 6

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Winner: Waruwi  
Runner up: Minjilang  
Most Valuable Player: Levi Fleming  
Final Score: 26 - 10

### MEN'S AFL

Winner: Gunbalanya  
Runner Up: Jabiru Bombers  
Most Valuable Player: Peter Wees  
Final Score: 15 - 8

to the Jabiru Bombers!"

Jabiru showed their strong experience as finalists on home turf and displayed solid techniques and all-round sportsmanship throughout the day. In the end Gunbalanya were just too tough to beat with a spectacular 2.3 (15) to 1.2 (8) win.

Gunbalanya team and supporters were ecstatic with the victory with cheers, backflips and dancing all through the presentation. By all accounts, celebrations continued well into the night in Gunbalanya with families and friends.



WARC Elected Members Cr Otto Dann, Cr Davo Nawirridj, Cr David Jones, Mayor Matthew Ryan, Cr James Marrawal, Deputy Mayor Anna Egerton and Cr Julius Don Kernan at the Kurrung Sports Carnival.

The Waruwi Storm men's AFL teams playing hard against the Gunbalanya team at the Kurrung Sports Carnival.



The runners up in the men's basketball competition Minjilang, pictured with TEABBA radio's Bala B and WARC Deputy Mayor Anna Egerton.



Jabiru Area School joined with a visiting school to form the Jabiru Sacred Hearts team in the women's basketball competition.



# KURRUNG SPIRIT SHINES AT 2019 CARNIVAL



The Jabiru Bombers exiting the field as the men's AFL Runners Up at the 2019 Kurrung Sports Carnival at Brockman Oval.



Men's basketball competition winners from Waruwi celebrating with trophy presenters, WARC Mayor Matthew Ryan and No More Campaign's Mark Motlop.



The NORFORCE team from Darwin taking part in the men's basketball competition for the first time.



No More's Mark Motlop presents the women's basketball 'most valuable player' to Pupun Wees.



The Maningrida All Stars women's basketball team coming together for a photo before the competition got under way.



Peter Wees was awarded the MVP trophy in AFL and is pictured with Lawrence Costa MLA.



Healthy Harold was a special visitor to the Kurrung Sports Carnival this year. He is pictured with the Waruwi women's basketball team.



Jabiru's You Got Schooled team taking part in the men's basketball competition at Kurrung.



Minjilang's women's basketball team taking the court in uniform at the 2019 Kurrung Sports Carnival.



The Maningrida and Minjilang women's basketball teams battle it out at the Jabiru courts in front of a great crowd at the 2019 Kurrung Sports Carnival.



## 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY EVENT OF KURRUNG

The 10 year anniversary event of the Kurrung Sports Carnival was everything it promised to be with cheers of joy, cries of triumph and an overwhelming sense of community spirit throughout the entire event on August 30 and 31.

Hosted by West Arnhem Regional Council, Kurrung is the largest regional sports event in the region, bringing communities together in a friendly competition.

14 teams competed across the men's AFL and men's and women's basketball over two huge days in Jabiru, with participants representing Jabiru, NORFORCE in Darwin, Gunbalanya, Minjilang, Waruwi, Maningrida and Beswick.

In the hotly-contested basketball competitions, it was the two Waruwi teams which dominated the courts to take out both the men's and women's tournaments, demonstrating there is plenty of talent hailing from the small island communities.

In an incredible reign, the women's Waruwi Mardbalk Serpents took out the grand final game against Maningrida to make it their seventh consecutive win, and when it came to the men's basketball, Waruwi Storm came out on top in a battle against their fellow island team, Minjilang.

In what was an emotional and inspiring tournament on the Saturday, the Gunbalanya team took out the men's AFL grand final match to the delight of players, their families and supporters who could not hide their excitement.

On their home turf, the Jabiru Bombers fought their way through each round to make it in the top two teams. Despite their best efforts, Gunbalanya were the team on the day winning their first grand final in a long time at Kurrung. The

celebrations continued well into the night as the team made their way back home with the winning trophy to be greeted by their proud families and friends across the river.

The Bombers can hold their heads high. They displayed true sportsmanship in congratulating the winners and can look forward to a positive season ahead.

This year's 10 year anniversary event was proudly partnered with the No More Campaign and TEABBA Radio, and for the first time the event opened with a 3x3 social basketball game run by Deola D'Brown which was a great hit. Also running alongside Kurrung was the Mahbilil Festival and the Kakadu Deadly Runners hosted the inaugural Warrior Run.

Organisers wish to thank all the official trophy presenters including Member for Arnhem Selenia Uibo MLA, Member for Arafura Lawrence Costa MLA, WARC Mayor Matthew Ryan, Deputy Mayor Anna Egerton and Elected Members.

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See you all next year at the 2020 Kurrung Sports Carnival!

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Gunbalanya's men's AFL team celebrating their success after winning the grand final game against the Jabiru Bombers.



Maningrida taking on the Beswick Wugularr Hawks at Brockman Oval in the hotly-contested men's AFL competition.



Minjilang Suns versing the Jabiru Bombers in the men's AFL at Brockman Oval.



Minjilang taking on the Jabiru Sacred Hearts in the women's basketball competition.



Levi Fleming accepting the MVP award for men's basketball from Deola D'Brown.



The Maningrida All Stars basketball team get together for a team photo while supporting the 'No More' campaign with Deola D'Brown (back).



Defending champions Waruwi's Mardbalk Serpents continued their winning streak to take out the grand final in the women's basketball competition.