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MULTIPURPOSE SPACE COMPLETE

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Community members of all ages, particularly the youth, have been thoroughly enjoying the facility and all the benefits it brings as a multipurpose space equipped for a variety of different sports, an event and performance venue and more.

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The most exciting news is that current basketball competitions can continue



The young people in Gunbalanya trying out the new basketball court.

and there are also opportunities to play the popular 3x3 basketball within the community as well.

Situated behind the Gunbalanya Youth Centre, the half sized basketball court features a hard shade cover and new lighting allowing it to be utilised both day

and night.

West Arnhem Regional Council Manager Community Services Adrian McCann said the facility will not only benefit the young people, but also their families and all community members who can be a part of the audience.

"It's been a great journey in terms of getting the half court built, with lots of thought going into it; it's a relief to have this great venue accessible to young people and the wider community," he said.

The final touches including fencing will be completed shortly, and the community can look forward to the official launch of the basketball courts coming soon. More details to be released.

This project was made possible through the Aboriginal Benefit Account and West Arnhem Regional Council is thankful for this support.

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LOCAL FIRE SAFETY WARNING

Residents and visitors to the region are reminded of the seriousness of fire safety in the current conditions at this time of year.

The strong gusty winds of Kurrung (hot weather time) have the potential to carry embers for several kilometres.

One spark is enough to cause a devastating hot fire that may burn for days, destroying important woodlands habitats and

may put people's lives at risk.

Help us stop wildfires which destroy important habitat and wildlife:

- Bin your butts! Don't throw out burning cigarettes.
- Be mindful when using power tools or welding equipment
- When going camping, keep an eye on your campfire and refrain from lighting large 'bonfires'.
- Extinguish your fire

and douse the coals before going to sleep or breaking camp.

- If you witness fires being lit in the park, please report it to Jabiru Police on (08) 8979 2122 or the Bowali Visitor Centre on (08) 8938 1120.

For further information regarding fire bans and other fire restrictions contact Bushfires NT on (08) 8922 0844 or visit www.securent.nt.gov.au or www.pfes.nt.gov.au



JABIRU PARTICIPATES IN GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE

Along with 4 million others around the globe on September 20, the very quaint town of Jabiru participated in the Global Climate Strike.

Witnessing the planet's emergency face to face with rising sea waters, saltwater intrusion and increasing natural disasters in the Top End is something everyone should all be striving to unite for action on.

Due to our location, attending strikes in Darwin or other capital cities is always difficult so this time we thought, why not do it in Jabiru?

This event brought the attention to the broader community to realise that children's lives do matter and it's imperative we strive to take the footsteps of Canberra and reach 100 percent renewable energy in NT! #Don'tfrackouroutback!



Jabiru residents and visitors taking part in the Global Climate Strike on Friday, September 20.



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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SALT MARSH MOSQUITO SEASON

The Top End Health Service is urging people to protect themselves from salt marsh mosquitoes, as numbers are expected to increase in NT coastal areas due to the high tides last week. Elevated numbers are expected from 8 October, lasting 7 to 10 days.

Salt marsh mosquitoes can carry the Ross River virus which can be contracted all year around.

To avoid being bitten Top Enders are advised to:

- avoid locations near coastal swamps and mangrove areas
- use mosquito-proof accommodation
- wear light-coloured clothing with long sleeves, long trousers and socks
- use a protective repellent, coils etc
- ensure children and animals are adequately protected against bites

A salt marsh mosquito pest calendar is available on the Medical Entomology website: <https://nt.gov.au>

MURALS BRING MINJILANG REC HALL TO LIFE

The walls within the Minjilang Sport and Recreation Hall have come to life with colourful murals inspired and painted by the youth in the community.

Through a collaboration between the Proper Creative team Kaff-eine and Jordon, West Arnhem Regional Council and teachers and students of Mamaruni School, the recreation hall now proudly features incredible paintings which reflect the Minjilang community itself.

Experienced artists Kaff-eine and Jordon were both energetic and eager to work with the young people on the island, and to get the project under way, they ran workshops for the youth to share their ideas of what was to be painted. With their artistic flare, Proper Creative were able to make these ideas into a reality.

West Arnhem Regional Council Acting Council Services Manager Jesse Evans wished to thank those involved in the project, particularly everyone at Mamaruni School who assisted in the coordination.

"We would love to thank all who were involved and hope to see more projects like these in the future," he said.

"From all of the community we would like to thank again Kaff-eine and Jordon."

Kaff-eine hopes the community enjoys the murals as much as they enjoyed making them.

"We had a blast with the kids, preparing island characters and painting them together around the rec hall! I love the variety and quality of the finished works, and I love how the students all contributed so much to the murals; the variety of techniques, colours and textures makes this one of my favourite collaborations to date!"

"I feel lucky to be part of such special projects."

West Arnhem Regional Council wishes to thank Prime Minister and Cabinet for the support of the project.



Young people in Minjilang taking part in the mural painting at the recreation hall.

WORKSHOPS STRENGTHEN REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE



Kerry Copley CQI coordinator from AMSANT along with William Costigan Public Health West Arnhem, Vicki Chamberlain CQI and Linda Bunn Aboriginal Health workforce coordinator from the NT Department of Health, Primary Health care branch facilitated a

one day workshop for Aboriginal staff from Waruwi, Minjilang, Gunbalanya, Jabiru and the Red Lily public health team (pictured above).

Aboriginal health practitioners, AOD workers, community workers and other local workforce participated in training

and discussions around a public health approach to mental health and well-being within a CQI framework. These workshops have been an annual event for the past 4 years and feedback from participants shows how valuable and appreciated they have been.

The aim of the workshops has been to build confidence and skills around planning, effective community engagement, identifying and addressing gaps to service delivery and to strengthen the regional public health workforce.

It was exciting to have so many young and upcoming members of the local public health workforce so engaged and willing to share local success stories and future initiatives. Having the experience of the more mature workforce present, added invaluable depth to the discussions.

This couldn't have happened without continued commitment from the local workforce and the support from the health centre managers and district managers over the past four years.

A great day was enjoyed by all.

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.



To celebrate Halloween in 2019, there will be an exciting Halloween Disco in Jabiru on Thursday, 31 October from 6pm at the Jabiru Community Hall.

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
Jackpot Joker Draw, Jabiru Golf Club 7.30pm

Fridays

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

Sundays

Jabiru Firey's Fitness Training 5.30pm

OCTOBER

Wed 9 WARC Ordinary Council Meeting, Jabiru

Wed 23 WARC Finance & Policy Meeting and Audit Committee Meeting, Jabiru

Sat 26 Oktoberfest, Jabiru Golf Club

Thur 31 Halloween Disco - Jabiru Community Hall

STAFF TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) has carried out further upgrades to the Maningrida Landfill site recently.

This project involved adding a two coat spray seal road pavement to the site, reshaping the vehicle access area to the sorting bins and line marking.

Carried out by WARC staff in Maningrida, this project provided extensive training opportunities from beginning to finish.

While learning how to operate a variety of different plant and equipment including the recently purchased bitumen spray unit, staff were also hands-on in the process of compacting gravel pavements and mixing road base and water to make up pavement layer material.

They also learnt skills in basic site set out, level survey and line marking.

These upgrades will not only help with dust suppression, they will also greatly assist the general public utilising the landfill as well as the day-to-day operations of the site.

West Arnhem Regional Council's works crew staff in Maningrida carrying out the upgrades to the Maningrida Landfill recently.



MILLION DOLLAR FISH COMPETITION SEASON 5 NOW OPEN

The biggest BetEasy Million Dollar Fish competition to date opens today, giving anglers more chances than ever before of taking home the elusive \$1 million catch.

The fifth season will see a record number of 126 Barramundi tagged with a cash prize, including six fish carrying the red \$1 million jackpot tag.

The new season also includes 100 red-tagged Barramundi worth \$10,000 each, as well as 20 purple-tagged 'charity' fish worth \$5,000.

The tagged fish have been

released into waterways across Katherine, Kakadu, Arnhem Land, Darwin and the Tiwi Islands, encouraging people to visit and explore the Territory's world-renowned fishing spots.

As Australia's richest fishing competition, Million Dollar Fish brings thousands of fishing fanatics to the Territory each year and provides a significant boost to the local tourism industry.

Season 5 of the Million Dollar Fish competition will run from Tuesday, 1 October 2019 through to

Tuesday, 31 March 2020.

Once the \$1 million fish is caught and verified, the remaining five Barramundi with \$1 million tags will then become \$10,000 fish.

If the \$1 million fish is not caught within the competition time frame, all six fish will remain active post-competition between Tuesday, 31 March 2020 to Wednesday, 30 September 2020, with the first to be caught awarding the participant \$1 million.

To find out more information or to register for Season 5, visit www.milliondollarfish.com.au.

UPGRADES TO MANINGRIDA COUNCIL CARPARK

West Arnhem Regional Council recently carried out upgrades to the existing Council carpark in Maningrida.

The works, which involved a two coat spray seal, now provide a more suitable pavement for vehicle parking, while making the road surface much safer for pedestrians, general public use and increasing disability access to the local shops, post office etc.

"Making the road surface much safer for pedestrians, general public and increasing disability access.."

As well as all of these benefits, the road sealing reduces dust on a great scale and provides all-year-round surface protection from rain.

With West Arnhem Regional Council's works crew in Maningrida carrying out the works, the project also provided opportunities for staff training in road sealing, applying emulsion out of a



(Above) West Arnhem Regional Council's works crew in Maningrida carrying out the works.

high pressure unit and spreading and compacting layers of road aggregate.

In order to carry out the project, WARC purchased the bitumen spray unit which



was used for the car park and landfill site sealing. The emulsion tack coat use is environmentally-friendly which will also benefit the community.

PRE-CYCLONE CLEAN UP

JABIRU KERBSIDE PICKUP DATES:

Monday, 4 November to Wednesday, 6 November



To help clear your house/yard prior to cyclone season, residents are asked to place unwanted hard waste at the front of their property between **Saturday, 2 November to Sunday, 3 November** for collection and disposal by Council.

No waste will be collected from commercial properties.

ITEMS THAT WILL BE COLLECTED

Household items: Furniture, white goods, household appliances, toys, books, cardboard, old carpet, timber, mattresses, pallets
E-Waste: TVs, computers, tablets, monitors
Scrap metals: Bedframes, trampolines, steel/aluminium, BBQs, bikes, mowers

SEPARATE YOUR ITEMS

- To make collection easier, we ask that items are separated into groups with alike items
- Leave a space between groups rather than bundling everything together. Health and safety of Council staff is priority
- Dangerous goods, oversized items or waste deposited in an irresponsible manner will not be collected

ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE COLLECTED

Garden refuse, general household waste, commercial waste, glass or mirrors, gas bottles, car parts, vehicle bodies, tyres, batteries, paints, oils, chemicals, asbestos or other hazardous waste

TIPS ON SAFETY WHEN PLACING YOUR ITEMS

- Ensure you place items in a responsible way and be aware of potential danger of items placed at the front of other people's property
- Be mindful about the safety of roadusers and pedestrians

*Do you require assistance?
Residents with mobility limitations can request assistance to remove items from their property.
Please contact Council no later than Friday, 1 November.*

For any queries or requests for assistance, please call Council on 8979 9444



LIVE & WORK ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU



- **Works Assistant – Jabiru**
Fixed term 6 months - Full Time -
No accommodation.
Applications close 8 am, Monday 28 October 2019.
- **Plumber / Relief Essential Services Officer – Maningrida**
Fixed term 3 years - Full Time -
Accommodation available.
Applications close 8 am, Monday 21 October 2019.
- **Housing Officer – Jabiru**
Fixed term until 31 August 2020 - Full Time -
Accommodation is subject to availability.
Applications close 8 am, Monday 21 October 2019.
- **Customer Service Officer – Jabiru**
Permanent - Full Time – No accommodation.
Applications close 8 am, Monday 21 October 2019.
- **Pool Officer – Jabiru**
Casual – No accommodation -
Applications close 8 am, Monday 21 October 2019.

To apply:

Please visit our website to download position description. All applications must be submitted via our website: <https://www.westarnhem.nt.gov.au/employment>
Please phone 08 8982 9522 or email vacancy@westarnhem.nt.gov.au.

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply



BININJ KUNWOK CROSSWORD PUZZLE

The Bininj Kunwok Regional Language Centre have produced this crossword with common words

you might know in Kunwinjku and Kundjeyhmi. Some of them Jill Nganjmirra explained about in the

last Wire. Even if you've only lived locally a short time you will have heard many of these words.

If Kunwinjku or

Kundjeyhmi is your language, why not have a go and see if you can recognise these words when they are written

down on paper? The answers are jumbled up at the bottom for you to find where they fit – good luck!



Across:

- 1 you
- 3 woman
- 5 rock / money
- 6 clan group traditional owners of Gunbalanya
- 7 saltwater crocodile
- 8 breeze that comes with the tide
- 11 man / person / Aboriginal person or people
- 12 Goulburn Island
- 16 nothing
- 18 me / I
- 19 river
- 20 yes
- 21 tobacco

Down:

- 1 Are you well?
- 2 water
- 3 fish
- 4 No
- 9 clan group traditional owners of Jabiru area
- 10 come here
- 13 See you later
- 14 food
- 15 call someone sister
- 17 good
- 20 You go
- 23 Goodbye
- 22 grog
- 24 Right then / Ok then.
- 25 Finish / that's it.

NGUDDA KAMAK / NGUDDA / DJENJ / DALUK / KUNWARDDE / MA / BOBO / NGAYE / KALUK NAN / YIRAY / YOH / BURRKYAK / MANDJURLNGUNJ / MIRARR / KINGA / MAHBILIL / BONJ / LARRK / KUNBANG / MANKABO / MARDBALK / KAMAK / BININJ / BAKKI / MANME / YIMRAY / KUKKU / YABOK

INTRODUCING NEW SPORTS TO YOUTH



The West Arnhem Regional Council Youth, Sport and Recreation program in Waruwi recently had a visit from Megan of Gymnastics NT who ran gymnastics workshops within the community.

The children were shown different styles of gymnastics with many of them already being experts themselves when it comes to somersaults, backflips and front flips.

Megan did an outstanding job of planning her lessons around the age groups as well

as creating other alternative circuits to cater for the youth at the hall and with the school.

Softball NT also arrived in community to run activities with the school and the Youth, Sport and Recreation team.

This is a reasonably new sport to the youth in Waruwi and the instructor Gemma did an amazing job of running skills and drills sessions and setting up games for the youth.

This continued for several weeks' and sparked and interest with the young participants.

Gunbalanya Health Centre Healthx Skin Healthx Community

Monday 4th Nov to Thurs 7th Nov

house to house healthy skin checks,
education and **FREE** bag of goodies



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everyone's
skin health*



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Notification of Remediation Assessments to be complete on all Residential lots in Jabiru

2 September 2019

Information regarding the future of Jabiru is now available through the Jabiru – Frequently Asked Questions. These can be found at the Jabiru Kabolkmakmen Ltd office or online at <https://dcm.nt.gov.au/supporting-government/strategies-and-plans/a-strong-future-for-jabiru/frequently-asked-questions>

We understand the urgency for details regarding future housing and sub-leasing arrangements for Jabiru and are working to finalise this information. As outlined in the FAQ's, assessments of all town infrastructure are required to inform decisions about the condition of existing infrastructure and any remediation works that must be completed prior to the expiry of current leasing arrangements on 30 June 2021.

The Commonwealth Director of National Parks, as the current lessor, and the JTDA as the current lessee under the town Headlease, have approved comprehensive assessments on all lots located on the Jabiru Headlease area. These assessments will include structural, electrical, hydraulic, ecological, hazardous building materials (including asbestos) and mould inspections. These assessments will determine whether all requirements under current lease arrangements have been duly performed and will provide a report about the condition of all buildings, structures, infrastructure or other improvement in, on or over each lot.

These assessments are anticipated to be undertaken between October and December 2019. Some priority assessments will commence mid-September 2019.

Jabiru Kabolkmakmen Limited (JKL) will liaise with the service provider(s), the housing managers, and where required, you as the resident to schedule assessments in the most efficient way possible. Upon scheduling of any required entry date(s) you will be provided with the appropriate notifications.

The service provider(s) will require unencumbered access to all internal and external areas of your residence for the purposes of these assessments.

Please complete the attached form to provide details of any access and entry considerations that may apply to your property by return correspondence to your landlord or the email address above.

Please do not hesitate to contact your housing manager or the Jabiru Kabolkmakmen staff with any questions or concerns regarding this process.

Sincerely,

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TAKE CARE OUTDOORS DURING THE BUILD-UP

The risk of heat exhaustion and dehydration increases considerably during the late dry season and the build-up. No matter how fit a person, hot weather can be draining and over exertion can quickly turn into a life-threatening situation.

Heat exhaustion and dehydration can hit suddenly, and in remote locations, can lead to dire consequences.

This is an issue traditional owners and park staff are very concerned about.

It is recommended to avoid strenuous walks during the heat of the day.

Carry plenty of drinking

water and starting walks before 9am to return by 11am.

For people's safety, rangers may need to temporarily close walks on days that are forecast to be 36 degrees or above after 11am.

With temperatures regularly reaching 35 to 40 degrees, Kakadu's longer day walks, like the Barrk Marlam Walk (Jim Jim Region), close for the build-up.

The Barrk Sandstone Walk (Nourlangie region) re-opens in the wet season once conditions become overcast, temperatures decrease and water becomes more readily available along the walk.

JABIRU SWIMMING POOL EXTENDED HOURS

Jabiru's Alberto Luglietti Memorial Swimming Pool has commenced the extended wet season opening hours from October.

From now until May 30, the pool will open for morning sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6am to 8am and Saturdays from 9am to 6.30pm, as well as the usual hours which are 12 noon to 6.30pm (Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday) 12.30pm and 6pm (Tuesday and Thursday only).

West Arnhem Regional Council encourages community

members to take advantage of the extra opening hours.

Wet Season opening hours, commencing in October are:

- Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday: 12pm - 6.30pm
- Tuesday/ Thursday: 6:00am - 8:00am and 12.30pm - 6.00pm
- Saturday: 9:00am - 6.30pm
- Sunday: 12pm - 6.30pm
- Public Holidays: 12pm - 6.30pm

Community members are also reminded about the aqua fitness sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.15pm.

For more information, pop into the pool.



National Nutrition Week 15th - 21st October

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ALBERTO LUGLIETTI MEMORIAL POOL

OPENING HOURS

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

CLOSED Good Friday, Christmas Day, New Year's day

NO SCHOOL, NO POOL POLICY

8 lane 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
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Regular & casual pool passes available
Visitors welcome!



Healthy Skin Healthy Community

7th October – 1st Nov: Home and Garden Tidy

RUBBISH COLLECTION



Place all items on the roadside outside your fence for collection.

All rubbish and litter to be placed in bags, tied and put on the roadside.

What will be picked up during the clean up?

Here's an example of what will be collected and how to group your materials:

General Household	Other Household	E-Waste	Scrap Metals
furniture whitegoods kitchenware toys books cardboard	old carpet rolls timber mattresses pallets weeds	TVs computers tablets monitors phones	bedframes futon frame nuts and bolts trampolines steel/aluminium washing machines bbq's appliances bikes

*If you need help with your clean up,
please contact ALPA CDP or Intrack*

PROGRAM KEEPS YOUTH BUSY DURING HOLIDAYS



Junior golf was supported by Golf NT and will continue for youth during Term Four. Photo credit: Peter Keepence Photography.

Young people from Jabiru and surrounding areas have enjoyed the fun and games of the recent school holiday program.

"Something which community members and young people can enjoy all-year-round.."

Excitingly, the holiday program has seen additional participation from visiting family and friends, as well as community members from across the river in Gunbalanya.

Many mornings were spent under the tree out the front of the library with painting and tie-dye, mask and monster making and a number of

spooky craft activities in the lead up to the Halloween Disco on October 31.

One of the most popular activities was the eatable garden project at the Jabiru Golf Club and the permanent garden will be something which community members and young people can enjoy all-year-round.

Junior golf has also begun and the young people are enjoying learning the fundamental skills of the game. This activity, which is supported by Golf NT and facilitated by club captain Adrian, will continue throughout Term Four on Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm. For more information, please contact Ebz at WARC.

Thank you very much to everyone in the community who has supported this program as it would not be possible without this assistance.



Junior golf, facilitated at the Jabiru Golf club, has been a very popular activity during the current school holidays.

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS WITH GYMNASTICS NT

The young people in Minjilang had a special visit from Gymnastics NT who arrived in the community to run workshops recently.

The West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) Youth, Sports and Recreation team and the school worked closely with the crew from Gymnastics NT to cater the program to the appropriate age group to keep the youth engaged, as well as challenged.

The school would bring down different classes during the week which helped significantly.

The youth learned the importance of stretching before commencing into different circuits and

thoroughly enjoyed their one-hour period with the school, Gymnastics NT and WARC Youth, Sport and Recreation team.

The Youth, Sport and Recreation team were also very thankful to receive equipment donated by Gymnastics NT which contributed to delivering a number of gym circuits for the youth in community.

Meagan also gave the staff a run-down on lesson programs which will greatly assist the team in the future.

Gymnastics NT also gave out certificates to the regulars who participated and engaged in the workshops during the fortnightly period.



Minjilang had a special visit from Gymnastics NT recently.

RANGER EXCHANGER

The end of the dry is here and the Build-Up is coming, it's a timely reminder that the temperatures are starting to rise with the humidity.

This means we need to be mindful of our health and safety both out at Ranger and in town when it comes to hydration and heat stress.

Just like our employees, visitors, residents and families across our region should also be mindful of this and ensure they're drinking enough fluids, getting enough rest and where possible working in the shade or during cooler morning and afternoon periods.

Combined with the rise in temperatures, we're starting



*with Lesley Bryce
General Manager
Operations, Ranger
Mine*

our early preparations for the upcoming cyclone season.

For us, our preparations include tidying up, reviewing our plans and processes and ensuring our employees begin their own cyclone preparations.

We encourage all residents of Jabiru to start their own preparations.

Together, by taking the early initiative to prepare we can make sure our community is prepared.

*Lesley Bryce
General Manager-Operations,
Ranger Mine*

UNDERWATER HOCKEY INVITATIONAL CUP

The Northern Territory's first underwater hockey invitational cup was held in Jabiru on September 28, with 30 players hailing from Cairns, Sydney, ACT, Wollongong, Margaret River and Darwin.

Underwater hockey (UWH) started in Jabiru in April 2018 when a family relocated from Margaret River, WA.

Mother of three, Denise quickly got into action after seeing the wonderful 50 metre Olympic size swimming pool and started promoting underwater hockey, a sport which she has represented at a national and international level.

The success of this new sport to the area, gained immediate media support and curiosity and, since the inception of UWH in Jabiru, there is now a NT UWH commission, 3 local players attending the 2020 Nationals, and a Darwin club



The first underwater hockey invitational cup was held in Jabiru on 28 September.

has formed.

Following the success of the first invitational cup for underwater hockey, the first national women's Territorian team has been formed (consisting of NT and ACT

players) and they are currently training for the 2020 Nationals being held in Sydney late January.

Also, there is interest in a second invitational cup in 2020 with the chance for Darwin

to hold its first National Championships in 2022.

Denise said, "Without the players, there would be no game or invitational cup, and I am so grateful for those that travelled the distance, and also had the opportunity to explore Kakadu and beyond."

Jabiru UWH would like to thank the sponsors for their support in fundraising to get the local players to the Nationals, and reducing the cost on players travelling interstate: Hall Contracting, Foodland, WARC, Kakadu National Park, ERA, Remedial Massage, Anbinik, Marrawuddi Gallery, Kakadu Lodge, Yellow Water Cruise, Mercure Crocodile Hotel, Haystack soaps and Prothink Solutions.

UWH is played every Wednesday from 5pm to 6pm, and T-shirts can be purchased from Foodland.



Around 30 players coming from Cairns, Sydney, ACT, Wollongong, Margaret River and Darwin in Jabiru for the invitational cup.

TOUCH 7s COMP WRAPS UP

The Jabiru Touch 7s competition concluded with the grand final game on September 27 in a clash between The Untouchables and the Cereal Killers.

The season began with 4 local teams coming together to try out a new, fast version of Touch that had teams of 7 compete with modified rules for more inclusive play.

Led as a school project by Jason Cunningham, it took the teams a few games to warm up but they found a rhythm.

It was encouraging to see the community involvement and we thank all of the volunteers for their help and support.

Keep a look out for registrations for the Jabiru 'Big Bash' Series to be held Tuesday nights in November.



PUBLIC NOTICE

JABIRU POOL OPENING HOURS

West Arnhem Regional Council wishes to remind Jabiru residents and visitors that the Jabiru Pool opening hours will also include the additional 'Wet Season' hours beginning from 1 October until 30 May.

These include:

Tuesdays: 6.00am – 8.00am

Thursdays: 6.00am – 8.00am

Saturdays: 9.00am – 6.30pm

We hope you enjoy these additional opening hours during the wet season.