



West Arnhem residents have been enjoying many community celebrations in the lead up to Christmas and the festive season. Read more about these celebrations in Jabiru, Maningrida and more on pages 2 - 9.

STAY SAFE THIS FESTIVE SEASON

With the festive season well and truly upon us, police are wishing to send a few safety reminders to West Arnhem residents.

Wanting everyone to have a safe, happy and joyful Christmas period, Officer in Charge of Jabiru Police Station Wayne O'Neill wishes to remind everyone to take the best possible safety measures to keep yourself, family and friends safe.

There will be police presence during the holiday period, and officer urge people to do the right thing and not drink and drive, ensure seatbelts are worn, infants and children secured in appropriate restraints and ensure timely rest breaks if driving long distances.

With the imminent wet season, local police also encourage everyone to take care during your travels.

"If you plan to drive out for Christmas please be mindful to drive safe, slow down and be mindful of unexpected water on parts of the Arnhem and Kakadu highways," Wayne said.

"Police also remind residents to prepare your house and yard before you leave.."

The wet season can also bring general flooding and potential cyclones across the top end and it is important for everyone to prepare across the region and ensure you have a cyclone kits ready, clean around the house and

yard and have an emergency plan and a wet season plan in place.

Preparedness information available on secure.nt.gov.au includes: tips on flood safety, links to flood guides, what to put in an emergency kit and how to create a household emergency plan.

If you are going away over the Christmas period, Police also remind residents to prepare your house and yard before you leave:

- Local your doors, windows and gates
- Don't leave valuables in plain sight/in front of windows
- Arrange for someone who will be in the community to check on your home at different times each day/night
- Record descriptions

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WEST ARNHAM'S CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS STILL OPEN

Nominations for the 2019 Australia Day Citizen of the Year Awards for West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) are open and we need your help to give our community members the recognition they deserve.

WARC is looking for someone who makes a difference in our communities including Jabiru, Gunbalanya, Maningrida, Waruwi and Minjilang.

The Citizen of the Year Awards are a great opportunity to recognise those who go above and beyond for their community - someone who contributes to our community and inspires those around them.

They could be quiet achievers, community members or unknown heroes. The community event of the year award recognises and encourages the significant contribution local organisations/groups make to community life and

promotes national pride and community responsibility.

The awards rely on members of the public to nominate and your nominee could be recognised in one of our three categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year (16 to 30 years)
- Community Event of the Year

Nominating someone and highlighting the work they do can mean the world to a person and it is easy to do. Just tell us who they are, what they've achieved and why you'd like to see them recognised. Nomination forms are available at any WARC Council office or please call 8979 9465 or email info@westarnhem.nt.gov.au.

Nominations close Friday, 4 January 2020. The award winners will be announced during the Australia Day celebrations in each respective community.

CAROLS BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER



The Jabiru community came together to celebrate the festive season at the Carols by Candlelight on Thursday, December 12.

The cheerful event was held at the Jabiru Area School and incorporated performances by the students, Darwin's VoxCrox Community Choir and well-known Darwin pianist Nora Lewis. *Photo credit: Peter Keepence Photography.*

INTERIOR UPGRADES TO WARRUWI WORKSHOP

West Arnhem Regional Council recently carried out upgrades to the Waruwi workshop's ablution facilities and office space.

This included a full paint, new wall and ceiling linings, new shower facility, hand basin mirror and toilet.

New lighting, a fan and air-conditioning was also installed in the office space.



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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MESSAGE FROM JABIRU POLICE

If you wish to drive your golf cart to and from the golf course then it must be registered and third party insured via the MVR.

If it is not, then you are committing an offence and Police will be targeting this offence in the future.

If you choose to also drive that cart on the road (which includes driving in public places) whilst intoxicated, you can also find yourself facing a drink driving charge, low, medium and high range, which carry licence disqualification periods.

We (Police) have been reasonably lenient and given cautions in the past, but it appears that the message is not getting through, so charges will start to stem from such behaviour in the future.

AWARD WINNING WEBSITE SHOWCASES ARTWORKS

A website showcasing the work of Maningrida artist John Mawurndjul AM has just received an award for film and media excellence at the annual ATOM (Australian Teachers of Media) Awards which recognise film and media excellence:

<http://atomawards.org/2019-tertiary-industry-category/best-indigenous-video-or-website/>

The website johnmawurndjul.com is a collaboration led by the Museum of Contemporary Art in Sydney, the Art Gallery of South Australia, Maningrida Arts and Culture and the Bininj Kunwok Regional Language Centre. The website was developed to accompany the exhibition John Mawurndjul exhibition – I am the old and the new. It has just been awarded 'Best Indigenous Website 2019'.

The website is a digital hub for visual, audio and film resources about the

artwork of John Mawurndjul, now recognised as one of Australia's most important contemporary artists. The Kuninjku language features extensively throughout the website. Films available on the site are subtitled in both English and Kuninjku. There is a great deal of information about the Kuninjku language accompanied by audio recorded by Mawurndjul and his family.

"Now recognised as one of Australia's most important contemporary artists.."

The exhibition John Mawurndjul: I am the Old and the New is still touring around regional centres in Australia throughout 2020.



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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.



West Arnhem communities will celebrate Australia Day on January 26. Pictured is the 2019 festivities in Gunbalanya which included AFL clinics and a community barbecue.

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 Fire'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 Fire'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 Fire's Fitness Training 5.30pm

DECEMBER

Wed 25 Christmas Day

JANUARY

Sat 18 Jabiru Bombers Sponsors Day, Brockman Oval

Tue 21 Jabiru Sport & Recreation Yellow Waters Excursion

Sun 26 Australia Day

JABIRU CHILDCARE CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's Jabiru Childcare Christmas Party recently at the Crocodile Hotel.

While the Childcare Centre staff and community members celebrated Christmas together, they also congratulated the

graduating class of 2019. Well done to the following children who, after so many years with the centre, will now move on to fulltime school. Congratulations to Lachlan, Mahalia, Teyah, Kimsarni, Reuben, Jed and Francheska.



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Mulberry, Cashews, Pineapples to name a few.)

- Bird aviary or dog kennel
- Fully reticulated and automatic watering system
- With a very good fully equipped bore.
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- Furnished with exceptional furniture some antique, W.I.W.O. (a full list will be provided following a private viewing)

KAKADU COMMUNITY CARE ENJOYS FESTIVE LUNCHEON

Kakadu Community Care celebrated Christmas with a fantastically festive luncheon on December 13.

Thanks to the enormous effort put in by Community Care Staff, a merry time was had by all.

The festive lunch included a delicious

meal which was shared at a beautifully decorated table while joyful Christmas tunes played. There was even a visit from Santa himself!

Community Care wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas, and look forward to celebrating again next year.



West Arnhem Regional Council Staff and clients at Kakadu Community Care celebrating the festive season together on December 13.

TAKE CARE ON ROADS THIS FESTIVE SEASON

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models and serial numbers and take photos of all your valuables to assist in easy identification should they be reported lost or stolen

- Photograph jewellery and other collectables for easy identification

- Garden tools, equipment, hand tools and ladders should be locked away when not in use to prevent them being used to gain access to your home

- Don't leave volatile substances in plain sight. Lock them away. This includes glue, paint, spray cans, mineral turps etc.

- Drain fuel from lawn mowers and other tools and lock them away

- If you see something or someone suspicious, please report it to the Police. If we aren't working, you will be transferred to Darwin who in turn should advise us. If we don't know about it, we can't do anything about it. (13 14 44 police assistance line)

If you are going away, please complete the 'Absentee Owner Advice Form' and return it to the Police Station.

This will enable us to more efficiently target unoccupied homes and buildings and hopefully deter any would-be offenders.

More information is available by contacting the Northern Territory Emergency Services.

MANINGRIDA YOUTH ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY COLLABORATION

Decorations were hung and Christmas carols were blasting at the Maningrida pool for the Maningrida Kids Christmas party on Thursday, December 19.

Throughout the event, there were many Christmas crafts made including some fabulous Christmas cards, ornaments to hang on the tree and cardboard reindeer. It was definitely a lot of fun and there was plenty of glitter which covered the craft station and the kids.

Of course, there was lots

of swimming to cool off and the crocodile slide was set up to slip and slide the afternoon away. To wrap up the afternoon, there was a fish barbecue and presents for all of the kids thanks to RSAS.

It was a great way to celebrate with all of the kids before they spend Christmas Day with their families. Thanks to RSAS who collaborated with West Arnhem Regional Council Youth, Sport and Recreation to make the Christmas party happen.



PUBLIC NOTICE

CHRISTMAS TRADING HOURS

JABIRU COUNCIL OFFICE

The Council office will be closed on the following Public Holidays only: 25 & 26 December and 1 January

JABIRU PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Library will close Saturday, 21 December and will reopen Thursday, 2 January 2020

CENTRELINK

Centrelink will be closed on the following Public Holidays only: 25 & 26 December and 1 January

COMMUNITY SPIRIT SHINES AT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Jabiru community came together once again to celebrate the festive season at the Jabiru Community Christmas Party on Saturday, December 7.

There was plenty of entertainment on the day for the kids with the inflatable pool toy, the performing artist and of course the children of Jabiru lined up in droves to receive their gift delivered from Santa.

This special event is only made possible by the generosity of community members, local organisations and businesses.

Special thanks to the sponsors Cooinda Lodge, ERA, KWAST, Blueridge Engineering,

Sodexo, Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel, Foodland, PUMA Jabiru, Warnbi and West Arnhem Regional Council.

Also a huge thanks to our volunteers that helped put the whole event together, especially to Andy Ralph, Jabiru Fire Station, Santa, Andrew Lehmann, Bryn Templeman and Clontarf Academy, Noelle Mitchell and family and all the volunteers for the inflatable.

Also, thanks to the Pool staff for keeping everyone safe during the day and a big thank you to everyone that attended the event and made the day so special!



Santa arrived in the fire truck to deliver lollies. Photo credit: Peter Keepence Photography.



Santa delivering lollies with his helpers to the community. Photo credit: Peter Keepence Photography.



2020 NAIDOC THEME ANNOUNCED

The NAIDOC 2020 theme - Always Was, Always Will Be - recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

NAIDOC Week 2020 will be held from Sunday 5 July to Sunday 12 July and is an opportunity for all Australians to come together to celebrate the rich history, diverse cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the oldest continuing cultures on the planet.

Always Was, Always Will Be acknowledges this nation's story began at the dawn of time and didn't begin with documented European contact.

NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace and acknowledge the true history of this country - a history which dates back thousands of generations.

The very first footprints on this continent were those

belonging to First Nations peoples and we have maintained ongoing spiritual and cultural connections to the land and sea.

All Australians should celebrate that we have the world's oldest oral stories and that our First Peoples engraved the world's first maps, made the earliest paintings of ceremonies, invented unique technologies and built and engineered structures that predate well-known ancient sites such as the Egyptian pyramids or Stonehenge.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australia's first explorers, our first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, astronomers and artists.

It's about seeing, hearing and learning the 65,000+ year history of this country - a country that was criss-crossed by generations of brilliant Nations.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

JABIRU POOL OPENING HOURS

West Arnhem Regional Council wishes to advise that Jabiru Swimming Pool opening times will change slightly between: 18 December 2019 until 26 January 2020.

OPENING HOURS DURING THIS PERIOD:

Mondays	2.00pm – 6.30pm
Tuesdays	6.00am – 8.00am & 2pm – 6:00pm
Wednesdays	2.00pm – 6.30pm
Thursdays	6.00am – 8.00am & 2pm – 6:00pm
Fridays	2.00pm – 6.30pm
Saturdays	2.00pm – 6.30pm
Sundays	2.00pm – 6.30pm

Aqua Fitness will run as usual (*subject to weather and minimum attendance numbers*). We apologise for this change to opening hours and appreciate your understanding.

LAST CHANCE TO NOMINATE A YOUNG ACHIEVER

Nominations for the Northern Territory Young Achiever Awards are now open and the search continues 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 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.



Jabiru Sport and Recreation

YELLOW WATERS EXCURSION COOINDA

TUESDAY, 21 JANUARY

TIME

Meet at 8.00am for 8.15am departure (return by 3.30pm)

WHERE

Meet at the Jabiru Bus Stop

INCLUDES

Visit to Cultural Centre and weaving activity
Yellow Water Boat Cruise
Swimming and Sports
Sausage sizzle lunch



IMPORTANT: You must register for this event. Forms available at the Council Office.
This event is for school-aged children of Jabiru Area School only.

Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied by an adult with own transport
Please bring a hat, swimmers, towel, water bottle and closed-in shoes

For more information or to register, call Ebz on 0455 479 915



This is a free excursion supported by Kakadu Tourism and WARC.



WHAT'S ON



Gunbalanya Sport and Recreation

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM WEEK 2

DECEMBER 23rd – 27th

MONDAY, 23 rd	TUESDAY, 24 th	WEDNESDAY, 25 th	THURSDAY, 26 th	FRIDAY, 27 th
'BASKETBALL DAY' Youth Centre Courts 12 noon to 5pm All welcome!	'POOL DAY' Gunbalanya Pool 12 noon to 5pm All welcome!	CHRISTMAS DAY Youth Centre closed 	BOXING DAY Youth Centre closed	'MINI BOOTCAMP' Youth Centre 12 noon to 2pm 'AFTERNOON MOVIE' Youth Centre All welcome

The Youth Centre is closed on Saturdays and Sundays.



AIRNORTH SANTA RUN VISITS MANINGRIDA

Santa and his helpers touched down in Maningrida on Wednesday, December 18 to deliver a little bit of Christmas cheer across West Arnhem.

"Santa was met with a great crowd of community members.."

Arriving by plane at the Maningrida Airport, Santa was met with a great crowd of community members who were all very excited to see

Santa and receive gifts of fresh fruit and candy canes.

The annual Santa Run also stopped at Milingimbi and Elcho Island to spread Christmas cheer; these are just some of the remote communities Airnorth serves.

Airnorth wishes to thank Coles Northlakes for donating delicious fresh fruit and tasty candy canes.

For almost two decades Airnorth have been spreading Christmas cheer to the remote communities they operate.



NOMINATE OUR NEXT *Young Achievers*

The Northern Territory Young Achiever Awards acknowledge, encourage and promote the positive achievements of all young people throughout the Northern Territory up to and including 29 years of age as of 31st December 2019.

We're looking for our next Young Achievers in these categories:



Glencore McArthur River Mining
Regional and Rural Initiative Award



Genesee & Wyoming Australia
Indigenous Achievement Award



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Excellence in Youth Leadership Award



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Australia Day Citizen of the year Awards

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-  Young Citizen of the Year
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