



The Maningrida Girls Dance Troupe performed at the International Women's Day Luncheon hosted by Malala at Dhukurrdji Lodge. They performed in front of around 50 women from the community, including family members and stakeholders. Read more, Page 3.

ADVOCATING FOR BETTER SERVICES

West Arnhem Regional Council Mayor Matthew Ryan is calling for better telecommunication network services within remote Indigenous communities throughout the Top End.

Continuous Telstra outages and intermittent mobile phone coverage within Arnhem Land communities have left residents, local service providers and businesses frustrated and unable to carry out important day-to-day functions.

Recent outages in Arnhem Land communities, including Galiwin'ku on Elcho Island and Minjilang on Croker Island, have taken up to 10 days to be restored, and currently, one of the Top End's biggest Indigenous communities, Maningrida, has also been left with minimal Telstra coverage

over a period of time.

These extended outages are consistently caused by failing infrastructure in communities and delays in getting a technician on the ground to fix the issues.

"This serious problem is too common in our remote communities and something drastic needs to be done.."

Mayor Ryan said without mobile phone service, residents in these remote communities cannot access money to buy food or fuel and most importantly,

cannot contact emergency services.

"Telstra doesn't realise that services and businesses within these communities are unable to function without network coverage – this is a serious, continual issue."

He also said the delays between restoring the faults after they have been reported is too long and the response from Telstra is minimal.

"These network outages are too frequent and take too long to be repaired – if this happened in a suburban region, a technician would be sent out that day," Mayor Ryan said.

"This serious problem is too common in our remote communities and something drastic needs to be done by Telstra, the Northern Territory Government and the Australian Government."

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REGISTRATIONS FOR 2020 KAKADU TRIATHLON OPEN

Entries are now open for the 2020 Kakadu Triathlon which will be held in Jabiru on Saturday, 9 May by West Arnhem Regional Council.

This exciting, colourful and entertaining triathlon attracts participants from around Jabiru and Kakadu as well as those from Darwin and Katherine.

The 2020 event will feature the open triathlon and duathlon and the junior racing skills with the event circuit incorporating the town pool, streets of Jabiru.

The triathlon and duathlon includes those over 14 years of age and the junior skills events are for those under 14 (ages as at 31 December 2019.)

As well as bringing the community together



Registrations are now open for the 2020 Kakadu Triathlon.

and enticing visitors to Kakadu, the event has raised in excess of \$70,000 for CareFlight helicopter rescue service over the past seven years.

To register, visit: <https://kakadutriathlon2020.gofundraise.com.au/>

For more information, visit the 'Kakadu Triathlon' Facebook page.

NOMINATE FOR THE 2020 NT TRAINING AWARDS

Nominations for the 65th Northern Territory Vocational Education and Training (VET) awards are now open.

The Northern Territory Training Awards are the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation's annual premier event recognising training excellence and achievements by Territory businesses, training organisations, trainers, apprentices, trainees and students.

Senior Executive Director for Business and Workforce Cathy White said the awards demonstrate the diversity of training in the Territory, with nominations received from a variety of sectors including electro technology, carpentry, mechanical technology, digital media, health, fitness, management, retail, agriculture, hospitality, childcare and construction.

"Last year, one quarter of nominees came from remote areas across the Northern Territory including Jabiru, Nhulunbuy, Alyangula and Lajamanu.

"The awards offer finalists the chance to gain personal success and to be recognised as part of an elite group of ambassadors who represent the Territory's best. Winners and runners-up of each category receive a share in cash prizes, and have the opportunity to represent the Northern Territory at the Australia Training Awards.

"Darwin tradesman Rory Milner, a former engineer who undertook a construction apprenticeship, took home the top individual honour, the 2019

Austin Asche Apprentice of the Year and went on to win the Australian Apprentice of the Year in Brisbane.

"Alice Springs student and trainee technician Jack Short won the 2019 Northern Territory Trainee of the Year and was also named Runner-Up Trainee of the Year at the Australian Training Awards.

"To follow these accolades, Territory Vocational Education and Training teacher, Judith McKay received the National Achievement Award in 2019 for her outstanding contribution to the National VET Sector."

Individual Categories

- Trainee of the Year
- Austin Asche Apprentice of the Year
- Vocational Student of the Year
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year
- School-based Apprentice of the year
- VET in School Student of the Year
- VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year
- Organisational Categories
- Small Training Provider of the Year
- Large Training provider of the Year
- Industry Collaboration Award
- Small Employer of the Year
- Medium Employer of the Year
- Large Employer of the Year

If you know an individual, business or organisation making a difference in the vocational education and training sector who deserves to be recognised, nominate them today at trainingawards.nt.gov.au



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NEW EQUIPMENT FOR JABIRU



West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) recently purchased a new Kubota ride-on mower through its Capital Reserve funding.

The new equipment was delivered to the Jabiru community and will greatly assist with the delivery of core services in parks and gardens for many years to come.

CELEBRATING TOGETHER AS STRONG WOMEN

On Friday, March 6, West Arnhem Regional Council's Youth, Sport and Recreation team in Maningrida joined with Remote School Attendance Scheme (RSAS) and the Aged Care team at Malala to celebrate International Women's Day.

"Maningrida Girls Dance Troupe also performed at the International Women's Day Luncheon.."

This event highlighted the efforts of women in the community and was held after school at Aged Care which is a beautiful location that overlooks the main beach in Maningrida.

All those who attended had the opportunity to sit under the verandah together and had their face painted, nails manicured, made jewellery, flower crowns and painted t-shirts.

While there was a lot of mess, there was also a lot of laughter

and happy faces.

While everyone was occupied by all of the activities, the Aged Care Staff were busy in the kitchen and at the fire pit cooking up buffalo, fish, salad and potatoes. Once the food was ready, everyone sat down together and enjoyed a big healthy meal sourced locally by BAC staff.

The Maningrida Girls Dance Troupe also performed at the International Women's Day Luncheon that was ran by Malala at Dhukurrnji Lodge. They performed in front of about 50 women from the community including family members and professionals.

Everyone had a fantastic afternoon pampering themselves and celebrating together as strong, successful women!



SATURDAY, 9 MAY 2020



TRIATHLON

Enter as an individual or team of 2 or 3

OPEN

250m swim / 7.5km ride / 2.5km run

JUNIOR (13 years & under)

Suitable distances per age group

DUATHLON

Enter as an individual or team of 2 or 3

OPEN ONLY

2.5km run / 7.5km ride / 2.5km run

Register Online - www.kakadutriathlon2020.gofundraise.com.au

CareFlight

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.



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WEEKLY

Monday

Jabiru Bushratz Training: Magela Oval, 4.45pm
Xango Capoeira: Jabiru Pool Gym, 5pm NT Fire & Emergency Services Training: Jabiru Fire Station, 6pm
Kakadu Deadly Runners Training: Magela Oval, 6pm
Zumba with Maria: Jim Jim Room, 6pm

Tuesdays

Jabiru Playgroup: Jabiru Court House or Lake, 9:30am
Jabiru Bombers football training: Brockman Oval, 5pm
Jabiru Firey's Fitness Training: Magela Oval, 5:30pm
Aqua Fitness: Jabiru Swimming Pool, 6.15pm
Jabiru Art & Craft Group: Town Hall, 7.30pm

Wednesdays

Skins Golf: Jabiru Golf Club, 4.45pm
Jabiru Bushratz Training: Magela Oval, 4.45pm
Underwater Hockey: Jabiru Pool, 5pm
Social Soccer: Magela Oval, 6pm
Kakadu Deadly Runners Training: Brockman Oval, 6pm

Thursdays

Story Time: Jabiru Library, 10.30am
Jabiru Bombers Football training: Brockman Oval, 5pm
Jabiru Firey's Fitness Training: Magela Oval, 5.30pm
Aqua Fitness: Jabiru Swimming Pool, 6.15pm
Jackpot Joker Draw, Jabiru Golf Club 7.30pm

Fridays

Kakadu Deadly Runners Training: Magela Oval, 6p
Jabiru Golf Club raffles & Members Draw, Jabiru Golf Club, 7pm
Pool competition: Jabiru Golf Club, 7pm

Sundays

Jabiru Firey's Fitness Training 5.30pm

MARCH

Mon 16 WARC Clean Up Australia Day, Jabiru

Sat 21 St Patrick's Day event, Jabiru Golf Club

APRIL

Thu 2 - 4 Kakadu Klash, Jabiru

Sat 4 Easter Market, Jabiru Golf Club

GENEROSITY EXTENDS TO SCHOOL IN THE PHILIPPINES



Jabiru's Connie Norrie raised enough money to provide a grand lunch meal for 150 elementary school students in the Province of Bulacan through her own charity known as 'gift giving'.

Jabiru's Connie Norris has recently returned back to the community following a trip to her hometown in the Philippines where she has continued her extraordinary charity efforts in the Province of Bulacan.

Connie is behind a valuable fundraising initiative called 'gift giving' which involves raising money through recycling efforts in Jabiru to purchase food or equipment for specific groups of people overseas.

This recent trip follows on from her donation last year which included nearly 100 school bags, notebook, paper, crayons, pencils and umbrellas to a similar school in the Philippines.

Over the last 12 months, Connie has been recycling a huge amount of cans and bottles, with help from the Jabiru community, to raise enough money to provide a grand lunch meal for

150 elementary school students in the Province of Bulacan.

Connie assisted teachers to prepare this free meal consisting of Chinese noodles, spaghetti and juice, which she said, "really brightened up their day".

"I explained the food is from money from recycling in the community," Connie said, "The children were happy and thankful for the visit".

As a result of this fantastic initiative, Connie has already begun recycling to raise money for her next trip in 2021 where she will be supporting a group of elderly recipients.

"I am very proud to make the children happy and bring happiness. I thank everyone in the community for their help - it is appreciated," Connie said.

"Thank you for supporting my charity in the Philippines."



Connie Norrie (pictured above) has returned back to the community following a trip to Philippines earlier this year where she has continued her extraordinary charity efforts in the Province of Bulacan.

PRACTICAL SUPPORT FOR MANINGRIDA RESIDENTS



Orange Sky has been providing free mobile laundry facilities in partnership with Mala'la Health Service since the end of January this year (pictured above).

This partnership is valuable for supporting the Maningrida community in a really practical way.

A team of local community workers from Mala'la have received training in operating the service and van.

The workers are providing shifts at different locations in the five suburbs in Maningrida. In six weeks, they have provided around 40 separate shifts at different locations and supported people in the community to complete over 380 loads of washing. This is around a huge 5700 kilograms of washing.

They look forward to continuing this partnership



and practical support in Maningrida.

Orange Sky's mission is to positively connect communities through free mobile laundry and shower services for people doing it tough.

Over the last five years, Orange Sky Australia have washed over 1.3 million kilograms of laundry, provided more than 13,000 showers and, most

importantly, have been part of 233,000 hours of genuine and non-judgemental conversation.

This positive action comes about following the study by Menzies School of Health Research which revealed children in the West Arnhem Land community of Maningrida and its homelands suffer some of the highest known rates of rheumatic heart disease in the world.



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NLC SUSPENDS PERMITS FOR NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL

Following the statement earlier this week by the Northern Land Council in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that all non-essential travel to Aboriginal communities should be avoided, at its meeting on Saturday 14 March 2020 the NLC Executive Council determined that all existing non-essential permits will be suspended and no new non-essential travel permits will be granted until further notice.

NLC CEO Marion Scrymgour said that, "The NLC has received many calls from community members asking that we do all we can to ensure the safety and protection of Aboriginal people in their communities who are very concerned

about the spread of COVID-19."

"To be clear, this decision will not affect the permits issued to those people - the doctors, nurses, teachers, police officers, council workers and others - that provide essential services for Aboriginal people out bush," said Ms Scrymgour.

The NLC Executive Council has further directed the NLC CEO to raise with the Commonwealth the concerns held by the traditional Aboriginal owners of the Kakadu National Park about continuing park access arrangements.

Any queries as to whether particular work or travel is non-essential should be directed to the NLC on (08) 8920 5100.

BE CROCWISE

Jabiru Bushfire Appeal



Thankyou Jabiru ... we raised **\$11,323.95**



Jabiru turned out on Sunday 1st March to help raise money for **The Australian Lions Foundation** and **Rural Aid Australia**. There are so many people to thank - where to start?!

- Firstly a big pat on the back to you and those that dug deep to buy (and sell) raffle tickets.
- Thanks to individuals and organisations who donated something towards the raffle.
- Thanks to those people who donated their prize back to be raffled to raise even more money!
- Thank you to PK and the Golf Club staff for putting on a great venue, and thanks to President Bryce (our MC who kept us entertained).
- Thank you Terry Grant for his auctioneer expertise and for donating the AFLW Guernsey.
- Thank you to the Jabiru Firies for your brilliant culinary skills and selling burgers and snags.
- Thank you Sodexo for supplying the meat & salad, and thanks to Treen for the bread & rolls.
- Thank you to Adrian for organising the strong team of 22 mad-keen golfers.
- Thanks to Think Water for refreshing bottled water for the players.
- Huge thanks to Playgroup for baking yummy goods for sale and donating all proceeds to the cause.
- Thanks to Kakadu National Park for rounding off the afternoon!!

Prize

Esky
\$250 Voucher
1 night Crocodile Hotel with b/fast
National Geographic Telescope
Christmas decorations pack
Tradie Ladies Gift Pack
Meter+ Shirt pack
Globe skateboard, hat & socks
1 night Accommodation w breakfast
Territory Wall Art – Crocodile
\$50 Casuarina Voucher
1 hour Remediation Massage
\$50 Meal voucher
Pandanus Basket
\$100 Ultimate Gift Voucher for 'Her'
Lures and Tacklebox
KNP merchandise pack
32" Akai LED Television
\$250 Voucher

Donated By

Poly Fabrications
Think Water
Crocodile Hotel
Marinella
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Alligator Fishing Club
Karen Ferguson
Anbinik
Davo
Anna Egerton
Inner Balance Remediation
Aurora Kakadu Lodge
Marrawuddi Gallery
Best Contracting
Sean Fagan
Kakadu National Park
Jabiru Foodland
Think Water

Winner

Jess Scheibe
Mark Mobers
Gayle Francis
Anna Egerton
Andy Lonergan
Treen Bangay
Joel Kalpram
Stefan
Max
Lachy Martin
Jackie & Davo
Alex
PK
Max
Spencer
Anthony Cullen
Susan O'Sullivan
Champo
Lisa P

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Prize

Globe hat & socks
 Estee Lauder Beautiful Perfume
 \$100 Wish Voucher
 Esky
 Handcrafted Jewellery
 \$120 Fruit & Veg Box
 Westpac Gift Pack
 Adelaide River Queen Jumping Crocs
 Kids Fishing Pack
 Adult Fishing Pack
 LED Headlamp
 Electronic Welding Helmet
 Globe Hat & Socks
 \$100 SuperCheap Auto Voucher
 \$250 Voucher
 Framed Print of Gubara Pools
 \$100 Wish Voucher
 Accommodation in Eco Tent with b/f
 \$100 BCF Voucher
 Territory Wall Art – Jabiru
 Bundy Rum Pack
 \$50 Voucher
 \$250 Voucher
 Telescope
 Terracotta Buffalo
 \$50 Meal Voucher
 Water Fountain
 3 x \$50 Meal Voucher
 Set of 3 decorative Baskets
 \$200 BCF/Rebel/SuperCheap Voucher
 1 hour Scenic Flight
 Gift Basket
 Esky
 1 hour Scenic Flight
 Christmas Decorations Pack
 \$50 Voucher
 \$100 JB HiFi Voucher
 Argyle Champagne Diamond
 Globe duffle bag, hat & socks
 Bundy Rum Pack
 \$100 Ultimate Gift Voucher for 'Him'
 Wine Glasses
 Handcrafted Jewellery
 \$50 Meal Voucher
 Handcrafted Jewellery
 Territory Wall Art – Barra
 Multicooker
 Boho Wall Hanging
 Gift Basket

Donated By

Karen Ferguson
 anon
 Sue McWhirter
 Poly Fabrications
 Mina Lee
 Deadly Runners
 Westpac
 Adelaide River Queen
 Alligator Fishing Club
 Alligator Fishing Club
 Alligator Fishing Club
 Total Weld
 Karen Ferguson
 Manish
 Think Water
 Peter Keepence Photography
 Sue McWhirter
 Cooida Lodge
 Manish
 Davo
 Steve McIntosh & Jab Golf Club
 Bowali Café
 Think Water
 ERA
 Findlays Stone
 Aurora Kakadu Lodge
 Allora Gardens Nursery
 Jabiru Golf Club
 anon
 Kakadu Contracting
 Kakadu Air
 Viva La Body
 Poly Fabrications
 Kakadu Air
 anon
 Bowali Café
 Manish
 Adamas
 Karen Ferguson
 Steve McIntosh & Jab Golf Club
 Best Contracting
 Monica Power
 Mina Lee
 Aurora Kakadu Lodge
 Mina Lee
 Davo
 Sue McWhirter
 Vanessa Hayden
 Coolalinga Pharmacy

Winner

Christine Jones
 Ross NLC
 Tanya
 Teyah
 Michelle Franks
 Anthony Jones
 Fred Hunter
 Mahla Wright
 Terry Grant
 Grubby
 Chrisso
 Oki
 Megz
 Christine Jones
 Rob Weston
 Kaz & Mikey
 Steve McIntosh
 Lachie Douglass
 Mick Shannon
 B Blanchfield
 Sarah Vukich
 Jessica Simpson
 Anthony McDonnell
 Dave Ward
 Ailyla Pearce
 Taylor Smith
 Terry Wolloff
 Chantel Ilett, Kristy & M Gadd
 James Pearce (AUCTIONED)
 Vanessa Hayden
 Forrest
 Chloe Orum
 Wayno
 Natt Chapman
 Blue of Croc
 Annie Taylor
 Ae Payne
 Hugo Bowyer
 Vanessa Hayden
 Gwynn Murray
 Chloe Orum
 Samantha Orum
 Ian Hooper
 Savvy
 Jess Wright
 Patricia McDonald
 Sally & Charles (AUCTIONED)
 Vanessa Hayden (AUCTIONED)
 David Ward

TRIATHLON TRAINING UNDER WAY



The Kakadu Triathlon 8-week training has begun in Jabiru.

The 2020 Kakadu Triathlon training began this week with a number of local budding competitors taking the opportunity to improve their skills before the big event on Saturday, 9 May.

The 8-week training program incorporates squad drills in the Jabiru Pool, running coaching with the Kakadu Deadly Runners and endurance bike sessions on the event course itself.

All are welcome to attend the sessions or train individually:

Swimming: Mondays at 5pm, Jabiru Pool

Running: Wednesdays at 5.30pm, Brockman Oval

Bike: Fridays at 6.30pm, outside the Pool

NEW HOMES BUILT IN GUNBALANYA

The Territory Government has recently delivered on its key priorities of jobs and housing with the completion of five new homes at Gunbalanya.

These works have supported Aboriginal jobs with locals making up more than half the GT Builders' team. Territory-based subcontractors also benefited from the project.

The Homebuild NT houses are part of the NT Government's \$1.1 billion job-creating remote housing investment package which aims to build, extend and improve homes across the NT.

Since coming to Government, 23 new homes have been built at Gunbalanya - with another seven planned - and 54 homes have been upgraded.

Additionally, two homes have been built for government employees and a further six homes upgraded.

Further, Gunbalanya is set to benefit from the Territory Labor Government's \$426 million investment in serviced lots

with plans to develop 38 lots in preparation for more houses.

Twelve have already been completed.

Member for Arafura Lawrence Costa said, "New homes have made a big difference at Gunbalanya and the community is happy with the results."

"It's always heartening to see locals working on construction jobs, helping to build homes for their family and friends because not only are they gaining important skills and experience, working to build a better community gives them a sense of pride."

"In more good housing news for Gunbalanya, the Territory Labor Government has plans to build 57 more houses."

"Both the CLP and Territory Alliance will put a stop to our remote housing program but Territory Labor cares about Aboriginal people and we will continue to invest in building better, safer, healthier homes across the NT."

LIVE & WORK ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU



- **Electrician - Gunbalanya**
Permanent - Full Time - Accommodation available.
Applications close 8am, Monday 30 March 2020.
- **Team Leader Works - Gunbalanya**
Permanent - Full Time - Accommodation available.
Applications close 8am, Monday 30 March 2020.
- **Senior Cleaner - Jabiru**
Fixed Term 12 months -
Full Time - No accommodation -
Applications close 8 am, Monday 30 March 2020.
- **Relief Administration Officer - Jabiru**
Permanent - Full Time - No accommodation -
Applications close 8 am, Monday 23 March 2020.
- **Programs Coordinator, Youth and Community Development - Maningrida**
Fixed Term until 30 June 2022 -
Full Time - Accommodation available -
Applications close 8 am, Monday 16 March 2020.
- **Pool Officer - Jabiru**
Casual - No accommodation -
All applications will be considered.

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



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INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLERS

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ISOLATE YOURSELF



CALL YOUR DOCTOR



LIST TRAVEL HISTORY



COVER YOUR COUGH



WASH HANDS OFTEN

[STOP THE SPREAD]



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PLAN TO STOP GAMBA GRASS IN ITS TRACKS

All land users, whether local residents or visitors, can play a vital and effective role in helping stop one of the Territory's most invasive weed, gamba grass, from spreading across West Arnhem Land and Kakadu National Park.

Gamba grass, which was introduced from Africa in the 1930s as a pasture species, is now a declared weed under the NT Weeds Management Act 2001 in two zones, Zone A – which is lightly infested and targeted for complete eradication, and Zone B – where growth and spread is controlled.

"We're working in the eradication zone with ranger groups, contractors and all kinds of people to stop the spread through that region because we know what it's like around Darwin and the fire and biodiversity issues it creates," Territory Natural Resource Management CEO Karen May says.

"We're fortunate that in the West Arnhem Land region, unlike in other heavily infested Top End areas, gamba grass is



Jethro Guymala of Demed/Adjumarllarl Rangers inspecting a gamba grass patch in Arnhem Land.

still only scattered and isolated and actually eradicable. That's why there's a concerted effort in place to locate and destroy all plants to stop them from spreading further. And we encourage everyone to play their part."

Gamba grass grows taller and more densely than native grasses and its fuel loads cause uncontrollable, intense fires that destroy vegetation, large

trees, native animal habitat and decrease local biodiversity. In one season, a single plant can produce 250,000 seeds which are easily spread by wind, vehicles, machinery, animals and people.

Karen says gamba grass is actively growing at this time of the year, and rangers, contractors and land management organisations are now out surveying for, and treating, infestations before the plants flower in April and start dropping their seeds in May.

"And that's where individuals in this area can help. We want to get the message out that everyone can play a role in

controlling this invasive plant pest."

Territory Natural Resource Management urges all Arnhem Land residents and visitors to:

- Wash down and clean vehicles and equipment before travelling through or visiting the Gamba Eradication Zone
- Clean vehicles thoroughly before leaving an infested area
- Remove all mud – because it may contact gamba grass seeds.

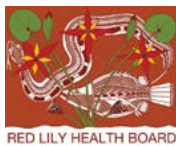
TNRM also asks residents

"Everyone can play a role in controlling this invasive plant pest.."

and visitors to the Gamba Eradication Zone to report infestations – by taking a photo, recording its location (by turning on your mobile phone's 'show location' information in your gallery settings) and emailing: info@territorynrm.org.au or texting the agency on 0438 756 481.

For further information on Gamba grass, what it looks like and a map of the eradication zones, please head to: <https://www.territorynrm.org.au/gambagrass>

ONE
DISEASE



Healthy Skin Week

2020

Red Lily Health in conjunction with Jabiru Primary Health Care Centre, One Disease and other major stakeholders in Jabiru will be delivering a Healthy Skin Week in May 2020.

When:

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May 2020

Where:

Buffalo Farm, Cannon Hill, Cooina, Djirrbiyuk, Kapalga, Mamakala, Manaburdurma, Mudginberri, Paradise Farm, Patonga Airstrip and Homestead, Spring Peak, Ranger Stations - Jim Jim, Bowali, South Alligator and East Alligator, Jabiru Area School and Jabiru Township.

"Together as one, we can get rid of scabies and have healthy skin in our community."

Go Kakadu!"





Hot Topic ... **JABIRU HOUSING**

Update: Current Housing Supply

Housing in Jabiru is in high demand and has been for some time. There are no “spare” houses in Jabiru. Those that appear vacant, are allocated and where possible, works are underway to get the house ready for occupation. A number of organisations in town require more houses than they currently have access to. Additionally, ERA continue to operate the Ranger plant at full capacity whilst also gearing up for rehabilitation activities.

This situation will begin to change towards the end of 2020 and into 2021.

Anyone interested in a house in Jabiru, who has not yet done so, should register their interest with Jabiru Kabolkmakmen so that all requests can be discussed and prioritised. We appreciate some organisations have been requesting access to houses on and off for a number of years. ***Please continue to talk with Jabiru Kabolkmakmen to ensure your request can be reviewed as part of the future plans for Jabiru.***

Mythbuster Series

MYTH #1: I can rent a house in Jabiru if I am made redundant

Jabiru will continue to be an industry town and housing will remain linked to employment. If you are made redundant from a position that comes with a house, you are no longer eligible to stay in that house. However, as the town transitions post-mining there are options that can be considered. If another occupant in that house is employed in a position that will continue, they can notify their employer of a change to your circumstances and their employer can discuss options for housing for that position with Jabiru Kabolkmakmen.

Housing in Jabiru will continue to be linked to employment.

Frequently Asked Questions

Are there any vacant houses in Jabiru?

No. There are currently no vacant houses in Jabiru. It is anticipated that some housing will become available in early 2021. The allocation of housing that becomes available will be guided by the Sub-lease Allocation Plan. If you would like to submit a request for housing, please contact Jabiru Kabolkmakmen to complete an Allocation Request Form.

What is the cost of leasing and housing under new arrangements?

Sub-Lease Costs

As a general principle, there will be a cost to acquire a new sub-lease and an annual sub-lease payment. This will be in addition to any rates or other outgoings that are currently paid by sub-lease holders.

Housing Costs

Jabiru Kabolkmakmen recognises that the availability of affordable and suitable accommodation for businesses in regional areas is critical to economic diversification and business viability. Information on the cost of housing under future lease arrangements is not yet available.

It is anticipated that all cost information for housing will be available by mid-2020.