



Gunbalanya celebrated NAIDOC Week with an exciting whole-of-community event on Friday, 14 July. The event centred around the 2023 NAIDOC theme 'For Our Elders'. Read more, Page 3.

## CREATING A SAFE SPACE FOR MEN

West Arnhem Regional Council officially launched the Men's Yarning Space program on Thursday, 6 July. The impact this program has already had on the community is incredible!

Wellbeing Services Coordinator Geri Narul said the program is about building relationships with our young people.

"There is a disconnect between us and our Elders. It is very important that I have had the opportunity to implement a program for our men in general to create a safe space for them."

"Each week we will choose a topic and start conversations around them, we are not experts but we are here to listen to everyone. The Elders and I have decided to start the conversation around creating something similar for our women."

One of the male participants said, "I can't wait for next Thursday, I am really happy

for all the men in Warruwi." The Men's Yarning Space was launched with YSR, BRACS with a blessing by the Warruwi Church as the community welcomes something new for the men in Warruwi.

*"We are glad we have identified the challenges we face daily in Warruwi with our young fellas and I think this program will bring us together.."*

Senior Traditional Owner Jenny Inmulugulu opened the launch with a prayer before the actual opening took place, and a very big

thank you to Community Safety Officer Rupert Manmarulu for the cultural entertainment and for his great speech about the program and how it will benefit the community.

Jenny Inmulugulu said, "It has been a long time coming and we are glad we have identified the challenges we face daily in Warruwi with our young fellas and I think this program will bring us together."

Thanks to Damien Narul (YSR Officer) and Peter Nangartpu Gwadbun (BRACS) for assisting and also a very BIG thank you to @13YARN for the merchandise.

13YARN (13 92 76) is a crisis support line for Indigenous people who are in crisis. If you have any questions, please chat to Geri Narul at West Arnhem Regional Council. See you all next Thursday at 5.30pm.

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## HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT MANINGRIDA RSAS

Thank you to Maningrida RSAS, Nursery team (Leslie you are amazing) Maxine and Noeletta for helping with the recent activities! Also to Terrence and Cynthia at West Arnhem Regional Council for your help.



# WIRE

West Arnhem Regional Council acknowledges the First Nations Custodians; and the many Language and Family groups who are Managers and Care-takers to each of their Traditional homelands and Waters across the West Arnhem Regions Wards. West Arnhem Regional Council pay their respects and acknowledge Elders, past present and rising.

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## SPORTS CARNIVAL

### SAVE THE DATE

### 1 - 3 SEPTEMBER 2023

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Men's Basketball | Women's Basketball | Men's AFL



# WHOLE-OF-COMMUNITY NAIDOC CELEBRATION

Gunbalanya celebrated NAIDOC Week with an exciting whole-of-community event on Friday, 14 July.

The day started with a dance performance at the art centre, which was followed by the NAIDOC march to the oval carrying the banner kids had made in the youth program.

The community then kicked off the activities, water slide, running races,

egg throw, longest kick, turtle hunting, kangaroo spearing, musical hoops and warrior dance freeze. To add to the fun, there was also music and videos pumping out of the trailer speaker. To end the day, there was a big feed and lots of prizes.

West Arnhem Regional Council wishes to CDP, Art Centre, SCFC and NAIDOC for their support and assistance.



## UPCOMING COMMUNITY INFO SESSIONS

West Arnhem Regional Council will be holding a series of community info sessions across the region in the next few weeks! All West Arnhem residents and community stakeholders are invited to attend these sessions and take the opportunity to ask questions about your community!

Council staff, Elected Members and Local Authority members will be present to answer your questions – they want to hear from you!

Member for Arafura Manuel Brown MLA will also be in attendance as well as a representative from the 'Yes' Campaign for the Voice to Parliament. This is a great chance to find out what all this means to you.

**The community info sessions will be held on the following dates:**

- Waruwi: Wednesday 19 July, 10am to 1pm
- Maningrida: Wednesday, 2 August
- Gunbalanya: Thursday, 10 August
- Minjilang: Wednesday 23 August

## WARRUWI COMMUNITY INFO SESSION

Warruwi Community Hall

10:00am – 1:00pm

Wednesday, 19 July 2023

*Come along for some manne!*



### WHO WILL BE THERE?

- A representative from the 'Yes' Campaign
- Member for Arafura Manuel Brown MLA
- West Arnhem Regional Council staff, Elected Members and Local Authority members

Ask questions about 'The Voice' and what it means to you

Ask Council staff questions about your community!

Chat with your Local Member for Arafura Manuel Brown MLA





## 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).

### WARRUWI COMMUNITY INFO SESSION

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10:00am – 1:00pm  
Wednesday, 19 July 2023

*Come along for some manme!*



#### WHO WILL BE THERE?

- A representative from the 'Yes' Campaign
- Member for Arafura Manuel Brown MLA
- West Arnhem Regional Council staff, Elected Members and

West Arnhem Regional Council are hosting a community info session in Waruwi on Wednesday, 19 July. All welcome!

## WEEKLY

### Monday

Underwater Hockey: Jabiru Pool, 5pm

Fire Station Training: Jabiru Fire Station, 6pm

### Tuesdays

Jabiru Playgroup: see the Facebook page, 9:30am

Bombers football training: Brockman Oval, 5:30pm

Jabiru Fire's Fitness Training: Magela Oval, 5:30pm

Aqua Fitness: Jabiru Swimming Pool, 6.15pm

Jabiru Art & Craft Group: private residence (enquire directly) 7.30pm

### Wednesdays

Skins Golf: Jabiru Golf Club, 4.45pm

### Thursdays

Story Time: Jabiru Library, 11.00am

Jabiru Bombers Football training: Brockman Oval, 5pm

Jabiru Fire's Fitness Training: Magela Oval, 5.30pm

Aqua Fitness: Jabiru Swimming Pool, 6.15pm

Jackpot Joker Draw, Jabiru Golf Club 7.30pm

### Fridays

Jabiru Golf Club raffles & Members Draw, 7pm

Pool competition: Jabiru Golf Club, 7pm

### Sundays

Jabiru Fire's Fitness Training 5.30pm

## JULY

**Wed 19** Waruwi Community Info Session

**Thu 20** WARC Local Authority Meeting, Waruwi

## AUGUST

**Wed 2** Maningrida Community Info Session

**Thu 3** WARC Local Authority Meeting, Maningrida

**Fri 4** National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

**Wed 9** WARC Ordinary Council Meeting, Gunbalanya

## MANINGRIDA LOCAL AUTHORITY INVESTS IN COMMUNITY LIGHTING



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LOCAL AUTHORITY



West Arnhem's Local Authorities continue to raise and pursue matters of importance in their respective communities.

Maningrida Local Authority members have previously raised the subject of increasing overall safety in the community, and continued with the expansion with an effective solution to invest in additional solar street lighting at identified locations across the community.

West Arnhem Regional Council has been undertaking the work to install additional solar lights at the following locations:

- Takeaway stores adjacent to Council Office

- Ceremonial Grounds

Additional solar lights are scheduled to be installed at:

- School basketball courts
- Bottom Camp road
- Community town park

Solar LED lighting was identified as the most cost-effective solution to increase community safety at these locations with the lights featuring movement detection. Thank you to the Local Authority for funding this important community project.

## MEN'S YARNING SPACE LAUNCHED IN WARRUWI

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# SHINING A LIGHT ON MANINGRIDA OVAL

West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) is thrilled to announce the Maningrida oval lights project is now fully complete and commissioned.

After some initial teething problems, DEC Installation and WARC are happy to see the LED lights being used to their full potential by the community every week.

The lights have been welcomed by players and spectators, covering 100 per cent of the surface for everyone to show their unique and dazzling skills on the football field.

The AFL football finals are closing in and the Grand Final will be played Saturday, 12 August.

This project was funded by the Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities Places and Spaces Remote Community Infrastructure Grant.



**Ask your mob,  
your way,  
RU OK?**

“

Come from a place of love and care. It's not about judging them for the way they've been behaving.”

**Karen**

Meriam, Wagadagarn



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**RUOK?**

A conversation could change a life.





# CELEBRATING TERRITORY DAY IN WEST ARNHEM

The people make the place this Territory Day, and every day! West Arnhem communities celebrated Territory Day in style on Saturday, 1 July. Official Territory Day events were held in Maningrida and Jabiru with lots of community members and visitors enjoying the fireworks extravaganza. This year, the Territory Day theme was 'The People make the Place', which celebrates the Territorians who make the Territory such a great place to live. West Arnhem Regional Council supported these community events.



Territory Day 2023 in Jabiru, Photo credit: Peter Keepence Photography



## GUNBALANYA LOCAL AUTHORITY FUNDS STREET LIGHTING PROJECT

The community of Gunbalanya is shining brighter at night with 10 new LED solar lights installed recently.

Funded by the Gunbalanya Local Authority, community safety was at the heart of this project which has finally come to an end.

The new solar lights have been installed from the airport road turn off to the new subdivision.

Thank you to the Gunbalanya Local Authority for supporting this project.



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LOCAL AUTHORITY

## ORANGE SKY MANINGRIDA

**FREE LARGE WASHING MACHINES AND DRYERS**

**COME FOR A YARN!**

**Where will you find us?**



**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Side Camp 1**

**Top Camp**

**Side Camp 2**

**Bottom Camp**

**New Sub**



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## JABIRU HEALTH CENTRE REVISED OPENING HOURS:

Mon – 9am – 4pm

Tues – 9am – 4pm

Wed – 9am -4pm

Thurs – 1pm -4pm

Fri – 9am - 4pm

We are on call for medical emergencies outside of these hours.  
Call the regular health centre number (8979 2018) to reach the on call nurse outside of opening hours.



# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM COLLABORATION

West Arnhem Regional Council received wonderful attendance at the Youth, Sport and Recreation school holiday program held over the past 3 weeks.

*"It was a great opportunity to collaborate with stakeholders from the community.."*

Children of all ages enjoyed a range of sports and craft activities. Highlights

included whole-of-community events such as a special AFL clinic with a group from Melbourne and a Family Fun Day consisting of sport and pool time plus a barbecue.

It was a great opportunity to collaborate with stakeholders from the community such as CatholicCare NT and Caulfield Grammar. A special thanks to Red Lily as well who offered lifts to children living out of town so that they could also partake in the school holiday programs.



## PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS

Japanese encephalitis (JE) is caused by the Japanese encephalitis virus. Encephalitis is inflammation of the brain tissue and is usually caused by an infection. The virus is spread through mosquito bites.

Infection in humans is most commonly asymptomatic.

On rare occasions, it can result in severe disease with brain damage and even death.

### How it is spread

JE is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. It cannot be spread from person to person.

In countries or regions where the virus is present, the transmission is more common in areas of increased mosquito activity.

Pigs and wild water birds help spread the virus. It multiplies in infected pigs, leading to very high levels in their blood.

Mosquitoes feeding on infected pigs and water birds pick up the virus and may spread it to humans.

### Symptoms

It usually takes 5 to 15 days between getting bitten by the infected mosquito and becoming unwell.

Symptoms include:

- headaches
- fever
- seizures or fits (especially in young children)
- neck stiffness
- drowsiness
- confusion, delirium and coma in severe cases.

### Treatment

There are no specific treatments for JE. In most cases, individuals are admitted to hospital where they are closely observed and given supportive care.

### How to protect yourself

There are 2 ways to prevent JE:

- avoid being bitten by mosquitoes
  - there is a vaccination.
- There is currently a limited supply of JE vaccines. If you're a Northern Territory (NT) resident you may be eligible to receive a free vaccine.



## WORK IN & EXPERIENCE ARNHAM LAND & KAKADU



**Community Care Senior Officer** – Waruwi, Level 4, \$65k - \$70k, Fixed Term - No Accommodation provided – Applications close 14 July 2023

**Customer Service Officer** – Maningrida, Level 3, \$59k - \$64k – Perm – Full time - No Accommodation provided – Shortlisting will commence upon receipt of application

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*Indigenous people are encouraged to apply*



# SHARING STORIES TO HONOUR OUR ELDERS

A very special session aimed at 'Honouring Our Elders' was held during NAIDOC Week 2023 at the Jabiru Library on Wednesday, 5 July 2023.

Hosted with the Bininj Kunwok Regional Language Centre, the event aimed to bring up conversations and to listen to stories in English and local languages about what people learned from their Elders, way back when they were young, and also any tips to share about how we can learn from our Elders today.

The Bininj Kunwok Centre has also been making videos in language and English, in conjunction with West Arnhem

Regional Council, featuring local people from Jabiru and Gunbalanya talking about what they learned from Elders when they were young. See the videos on the Bininj Kunwok Regional Language Centre Facebook page.

West Arnhem Regional Council wishes to acknowledge Bininj Kunwok Regional Language Centre and Kakadu Deadly Cleaners who made the cake.

Meanwhile, the library has been very busy during the school holidays and NAIDOC Week with locals and visitors to Kakadu participating in the school holiday and NAIDOC Week programs.



## JABIRU PUBLIC LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

**New opening hours commence Monday, 6 March 2023**

<b>Monday</b>	10.30am - 4.30pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	10.30am - 4.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.30am - 4.30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	10.30am - 4.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	10.30am - 4.30pm
<b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>	CLOSED
<b>Public Holidays</b>	CLOSED

### **LIBRARY FEATURES:**

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# HUGE TURNOUT AT SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

West Arnhem Regional Council has welcomed Youth, Sport and Recreation team members Edward and Cynthia in Maningrida and they have been doing an outstanding job delivering the school holiday program!

They have been working alongside other community groups to facilitate a diverse program including basketball, dodgeball, AFL, soccer, pool parties as well as cultural activities like fishing.

Up to 50 people attended the activity sessions each day and everyone has been having a great time during the school break.



## NOMINATE FOR YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITY

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

### BECOME A LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY!

The Local Authorities central function is to support local decision-making. Each Board receives an annual allocation of funding to be used towards projects of local importance.

#### What does this mean for you and your community?

A strong Local Authority will make informed decisions on issues and get things done based on recommendations which come from within the local community.

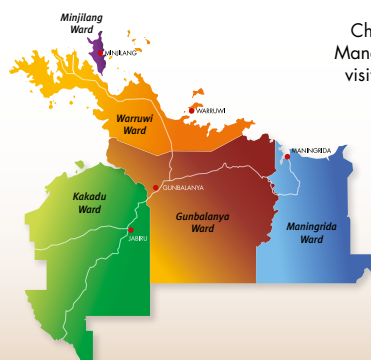
WARC has Local Authorities in Gunbalanya, Waruwi, Minjilang and Maningrida.

#### What is the commitment?

Local Authority members meet four times a year.

#### More information?

Chat to the Council Service Manager in your community, or visit the local Council Office.



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REGIONAL COUNCIL

Dated: October 2021

## COUNCIL REGIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET ADOPTED

West Arnhem Regional Council adopted the 2023 - 24 Regional Plan and Budget at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Friday, 23 June 2023.

This is a significant document for West Arnhem Regional Council and the communities it serves including Maningrida, Minjilang, Waruwi, Gunbalanya and Jabiru.

The Regional Plan sets out Council's organisational vision, purpose and values, our strategic priorities and budget over the next 12 months.

This includes: information about the Council and Elected Members, performance objectives, service delivery plans, cooperative arrangements, the budget, rates declaration and long term financial plan discussion and more.

## REGIONAL PLAN & BUDGET

2023 - 2024

**WEST ARNHEM**  
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# 2023 NAIDOC WEEK OPENING CEREMONY

West Arnhem Regional Council commenced NAIDOC Week 2023 with the official opening ceremony on Monday, 3 July.

The opening ceremony was a wonderful community celebration with West Arnhem Regional Deputy Mayor Liz Williams leading the ceremony and May Nango and Djaykuk delivering the Welcome to Country.

West Arnhem Regional Council staff members Kingsley, Karen, Marcia and Rosie raised the flags during the flagraising ceremony and 2023 Citizen of The Year winner Patrick May officially cut the cake.

Following the opening ceremony, the community supported the first ever NAIDOC expo, consisting of information stalls from local stakeholders including ALPA, CatholicCare, WARC, Supervising Scientist, and 13 Yarn. The school holiday program also ran NAIDOC

Week activities for the young people.

Thank you to Sodexo for assisting with the catering and thank you to everyone who participated in the expo. Council hope to make it bigger next year.



**WEST ARNHEM**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

ALBERTO LUGLIETTI MEMORIAL POOL

## OPENING HOURS

**New opening hours commence Monday, 1 May 2023**

<b>Monday</b>	1.30pm - 6.30pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	1.30pm - 6.00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	1.30pm - 6.30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	1.30pm - 6.00pm
<b>Friday</b>	1.30pm - 6.00pm
<b>Saturday</b>	1.30pm - 6.30pm
<b>Sunday</b>	1.30pm - 6.30pm
<b>Public Holidays</b>	1.30pm - 6.30pm

*Regular & casual pool passes available*

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**1 October - 30 April**

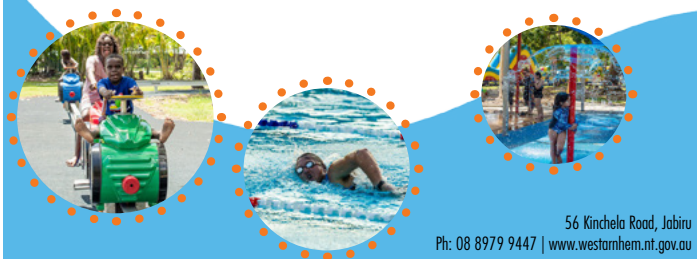
<b>Tuesday</b>	6.00am - 8.00am
<b>Thursday</b>	6.00am - 8.00am

**Saturday morning sessions available**

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