Fortnightly news in brief from Jabiru, Warruwi, Minjilang, Maningrida and Gunbalanya



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The 2023 Kurrung Sports Carnival united sports teams from Maningrida, Warruwi, Minjilang, Jabiru, Gunbalanya and Katherine in Jabiru on September 1 and 2. Pictured are the 2023 men's basketball winners Maningrida.

KURRUNG RETURNS TO JABIRU

The 2023 Kurrung Sports Carnival took over Jabiru on 1 and 2 September in what was a spectacular display of football and basketball.

West Arnhem Regional Council is the proud host of the regional sports carnival which brings men's and women's sports teams from Jabiru, Minjilang, Maningrida, Warruwi, Gunbalanya and as far as Katherine together.

Through Kurrung, Council is able to continue to contribute to building stronger communities in the West Arnhem region.

The event program was huge this year, incorporating men's women's basketball. men's AFL and there was an opportunity for women to 'come and try' AFL 9s. The carnival also welcomed ABC Territory Grand Stand radio and Charlie King who broadcasted live from the event. It was great to have the team there broadcasting and interviewing people involved in the carnival. Hockey NT also attended the carnival

and facilitated some hockey activities for the younger kids. The carnival also featured the second ever 'Spirit of Kurrung' cup, supported by the No More campaign, which was awarded to the community which displayed the values of the carnival including; sportsmanship, respect,inclusion and fair play. The proud community which received this award was Warruwi.

For the first time, there was also manyardi/kunborrk traditional dancing to end the carnival and this was wonderful to watch. Thank you to those who took part.

In the results, there was a lot of close competition which demonstrates the level of talent in the region.

The men's basketball saw Maningrida and Warruwi fight it out under the JSSC basketball lights with their supporters cheering them on court side. In the women's basketball, it was a battle of the islands with Warruwi and Minjilang vying

for the top place. And in the men's AFL, it was a repeat of the 2022 carnival with Jabiru and Gunbalanya both reaching the grand finals again.

West Arnhem Regional Council wishes to thank everyone involved in the event including participants, Council staff and the volunteers. Thank you also to the sponsors:

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GUNBALANYA YOUTH

Young people in Gunbalanya have launched an incredible music video, written and sung by them!

Indigenous Outreach Projects visited Gunbalanya during the last school holidays, giving the youth the opportunity to participate in hip hop workshops together. The result is an incredible music

video called 'Talk it out' which appears on YouTube.

The music video was brought by Scfc Adjumarllarl Aboriginal Corporation and West Arnhem Regional Council. Thanks also to TeamHealth for your contribution! Here is the link: https://www.youtube. com/watch?v=qxr1aIUCtzA



KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL TIDY TOWNS

Recently, West Arnhem Regional Council played host to Heimo Schrober CEO of Keep Australia Beautiful NT across the region. As part of our Council's commitment to Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns program Heimo was able to visit all of our communities for assessment and to assist making community litter plans to enable future improvements.

Overall, Heimo was blown away by the work put in by Council staff to ensure all of our public spaces are maintained and kept as clean as possible. He noted huge improvements in Gunbalanya and is working to assist Jabiru, Minjilang and Warruwi to a 4 star litter rating. Positive relationships were established with all the stakeholders with a commitment to improving litter across the region and continuing to make West Arnhem communities healthy and clean places to











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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GUNBALANYA TAKES ON NINJA WARRIOR COURSE

There was a lot of anticipation and excitement surrounding the ninja warrior event in Gunbalanya and it certainly didn't disappoint.

The big day finally arrived on Thursday, 31 August and it kicked off at 1pm with kids, youth and community gathering excitedly for it to start.

We welcomed everyone, explained rules and promoted the day as a healthy fun family event free from AOD (alcohol and other drugs).

After a ninja warmup video on the big screen to get everyone in the mood, it started.

The setup was bigger than ben hur with inflatable water slip and slide, 35 metre inflatable obstacle course, homemade section, playground section, water squirters, swinging gym balls and of course lots of inflatable battle sticks - all this while the big screen pumped out Indigenous hip hop project community clips promoting healthy messages. Hoops 4 Health set up on the basketball court for the kids who were not on the obstacle

course and the school set up a market day.

Around 75 school kids got through the course in different age groups, and then the adults had a crack. The kids had nearly as much fun squirting, bopping with inflatables and swinging balls at the adults, as they did competing themselves. Participants enjoyed a healthy afternoon tea with sandwiches and fruit platters.

After everyone got through the course successfully, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd ninja warriors received medals and first also got a sports ball to promote a healthy active lifestyle that's fun without the need for AOD. Kids were also rewarded with a sports ball if they could answer some AOD questions. After some free time, everyone went home tired but happy with stories to tell.

A fantastic collaboration and thank you to the School, Team Health, Hoops for Health, NT Government and West Arnhem Regional Council staff in Gunbalanya and Jabiru.





CRISIS SUPPORTERS AVAILABLE

Going through a tough time? If you, or someone you know, are feeling worried or no good, we encourage you to connect with 13YARN on 13 92 76 (24 hours/7 days) and talk with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporter.

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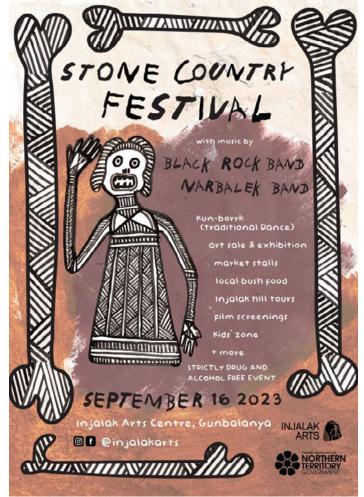
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WHAT'S ON

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.



The Stone Country Festival will return to Gunbalanya this Saturday, 15 September. Tickets are available for purchase.

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 Firey'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 Firey'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 Firey's Fitness Training 5.30pm

SEPTEMBER

Sat 16 Stone Country Festival, Gunbalanya Wed 20 Ordinary Council Meeting, Jabiru Tue 26 Red Dust Healing Workshop, Warruwi Thu 28 Red Dust Healing Workshop, Minjilang

OCTOBER

Thu 5 Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee Meeting, Jabiru

Wed 11 Ordinary Council Meeting, Jabiru

JABIRU LIBRARY CELEBRATES INDIGENOUS LITERACY DAY

Jabiru Public Library held a community event to celebrate Indigenous Literacy Day on Wednesday, 6 September.

It was lovely to have the Jabiru Childcare and FaFT attend and join in the special story time.

Thank you to regular guest reader Marcia Brennan – Aged Care Team Leader, who read Clever Crow/Lawrence, N & Bancroft, B in a lovely, engaging way. This was followed by the FaFT team singing children's songs in Kunwinjku with the interactions, and morning tea.





EMERGING ABORIGINAL LEADERS CALLED TO JOIN FIRST CIRCLES 2023 PROGRAM

The Territory Labor Government supports the ground-breaking First Circles Program, which cultivates the next generation of Aboriginal leaders.

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The program is now open to expressions of interest from Aboriginal Territorians who want to be part of next year's program. Supporting this unique program is one of

the ways the Territory Labor Government is enhancing strong Aboriginal leadership, governance and capacity, which is fundamental to Aboriginal Territorians driving local solutions and leading the way in local decision making.

First Circles Members will attend four workshops in 2024 and be mentored and supported by staff and previous members whilst in the program.

The year-long series of intensive

workshops culminate in the group addressing all Ministers in the Northern Territory Government Cabinet.

Successful applicants will be invited to attend the Aboriginal Leadership and Governance Forum to be held in Alice Springs in 2024.

The current 2023 program includes 27 members who have attended the First Circles workshops and are scheduled to complete the program in October 2023.

Managed through the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet's Aboriginal Affairs Strategic Partnerships Team, since it started in 2014 over 100 Aboriginal leaders have been part of the program.

Many members go on to represent their community on a national platform. Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Member for Arnhem Selena Uibo, is a First Circles graduate.

The program is a key element of the Territory Labor Government's commitment to the Aboriginal Affairs Strategy, including local decision making, closing the gap and ensuring Aboriginal Territorians' social and economic aspirations are being met. Expressions of interest applications for the 2024 program close on 30 November 2023.

LOCAL AUTHORITY SUPPORTS ROAD SAFETY

Road safety is incredibly important and with this in mind, the Maningrida Local Authority have supported the installation of additional road speed humps throughout their community to manage traffic speeds.

The Local Authority decided to install the speed humps because of concerns with

excessive vehicle speeds and the assessed high risk to people in community.

There are currently 14 speed humps installed in Maningrida and West Arnhem Regional Council are in the process of also installing safety signage and bollards to manage traffic compliance.

Thank you to the Maningrida Local

Authority for supporting this important community project.





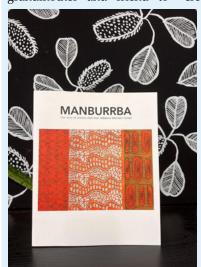




CELEBRATING THE CREATIVE JOURNEY UNDERTAKEN BY MANINGRIDA WOMEN

Manburrba: Our story of printed cloth from Bábbarra Women's centre - Catalogue available now via babbarra.

This publication is dedicated to the memory of J. Kamanj Wurrkidj (1973 - 2023), an accomplished artist and member of Bàbbarra Women's Centre. She was a much-loved daughter, mother, sister, wife, grandmother and friend to



many.

Curated by Joanna Barrkman / Textiles on loan from Bábbarra Women's Centre.

Publication Contributors: Joanna Barrkman, Scott Bowman, Ziian Carey, Ingrid Johanson, Janet Kalidjan Marawarr, Lucy Bulandjan Yarawanga, Janita Wamutjan Yikara

'The exhibition celebrates the creative journey undertaken

by Maningrida women over the past 37 years, featuring more than 85 striking and colourful hand-printed textiles made by 24 artists, as well as limited edition printson-paper, sculptures and basketry.' - Charles Darwin University Art Gallery

Special thank you to the staff of Bábbarra Women's Centre and CDU gallery for making this happen.

Credit: Bábbarra women's Centre, Bawinanga Aboriginal corporation and Charles Darwin University.







RED DUST HEALING WORKSHOP

DELIVERED BY BARRY FERNANDO

"When the dust has settled on our lives, all we get to keep and take with us is our dignity, our integrity and the love and respect we shared with people" Tom Powell (Founder)

Warruwi

Tuesday, 26 September 9.30am - 3.00pm

All community members welcome

Red Dust healing uses an ancient Aboriginal perspective to support individuals to explore and heal unresolved hurt, grief, loss and issues in their lives.

This full day workshop uses holistic tools in a way to empower individuals toward making better choices in their lives.

If you would like to attend, please see Geri at Council to put your name down



ALPA TEAM WORKING ON TRADITIONAL CANOE

The Jabiru ALPA team have set their sights on a huge project which will go down in local history.

Activity Coordinator Patrick 'Budda' May and the team of supervisors' latest project is building a traditional canoe.

After the recent chainsaw training, the team got to put their skills to use by cutting down a large cork tree to use. The team are looking forward to this project taking shape!



WORK IN & EXPERIENCE ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU

Community Wellbeing Senior Project Officer - Jabiru, Level 8 \$95k \$101k - Full Time - Subsidised Accommodation provided - Applications close Wednesday 20 September 2023

Community Care Officer - Jabiru, Level 2/3 \$28 -\$34 per hour - Casual - No Accommodation provided – All applications will be considered

Customer Service Officer - Maningrida, Level 3 \$59k -\$64k - Full Time - No Accommodation provided All applications will be considered

Utilities Support Contract Operator – Minjilang, Fixed term - Full Time - Subsidised Accommodation provided - Applications close Wednesday 20 September 2023

Relief Utilities Support Contract Operator – 6 months Fixed term - Full Time - Free Accommodation provided - Applications close Wednesday 29 September 2023

For more information:

Please phone 08 8979 9404 or email vacancy@westarnhen.nt.gov.au



Indigenous people are encouraged to apply





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27th September

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5 DIMENSIONS OF RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation Australia's vision of reconciliation is based and measured on five dimensions: historical acceptance: race relations: equality and equity; institutional integrity and unity.

These five dimensions do not exist in isolation, but are interrelated. Reconciliation cannot be seen as a single issue or agenda; the contemporary definition of reconciliation must weave all of these threads together. For example, greater historical acceptance of the wrongs done to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples can lead to improved race relations, which in turn leads to greater equality and equity.

An Australian society

Race Relations

All Australians understand All Australians understand and value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous cultures, rights and experiences, which results in stronger relationships based on trust and respect and that are free of racism.

that values and recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and heritage as a proud part of a sha national identity. Institutional

Integrity The active support of reconciliation by the nation's political, business and community structures.

Equality And Equity

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples participate equally in a range of life s and the unique rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are recognised and upheld. Unity

Historical Acceptance

All Australians understa and accept the wrongs of the past and the impact of these wrongs. Australia makes amends for the wrongs of the past and ensures these wrongs are never representation. All Australians understand



PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST JAPANESE ENCEPHALITIS

encephalitis Japanese (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 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 individuals cases. 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.













BE CROCWISE TEAM VISIT MINJILANG AND WARRUWI



Northern Territory Parks and Wildlife Ranger Stacey Kessner and Mardbalk Ranger Nick Hunter in front of the welcome to Warruwi sign.

Maningrida Local Radio

Tune in to 106.1

Ask your mob, your way,

RUOK?

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





The Be Crocwise safety education campaign started in 2009 and is an important part of how we keep people safe around saltwater crocodiles in the Northern Territory.

"Being involved in two-way education in Warruwi and Mamaruni schools and working closely with the Mardbalk rangers.."

NT Parks and Wildlife delivers Be Crocwise messages to communities all across the Top End, visiting as many schools as we can along the way to make sure that kids and their families know how to stay safe in croc country.

Sometimes the Be Crocwise team is lucky enough to visit communities in the West Arnhem area and recently Ranger Michael and Ranger Stacey visited Minjilang and Warruwi on South Goulburn Island to deliver Be Crocwise presentations in collaboration

with members of the Mardbalk and Garngi ranger groups.

Having local people such as Nick Hunter in Warruwi talking about Be Crocwise during our visits allows the messages to be delivered in an engaging and respectful way to the whole community.

On this visit the Mardbalk rangers simultaneously translated presentations for students at Warruwi School, and told everyone of their concerns about a 'cheeky' crocodile that has been hanging around boat launching areas, lured perhaps by the amount of turtle shells left behind after picnics on the beach.

Visiting your beautiful homelands, being involved in two-way education in Warruwi and Mamaruni schools and working closely with the Mardbalk rangers and other community members in Minjilang and Warruwi is a privilege for our team.

Thank you to the Mardbalk and Garngi Rangers, Mamaruni and Warruwi Schools, and Minjilang and Warruwi Communities for being so helpful and welcoming so we can help everyone stay safe in croc country.



LEARN TO SWIM

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST JABIRU

WE ARE CURRENTLY ASKING FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR ANYONE WANTING SWIMMING LESSONS!

Pop into the Jabiru Pool during opening hours to register your interest.

Please, no over the phone bookings.

We hope to kick off lessons in the next few weeks.

KURRUNG SPORTS CARNIVAL RESULTS

Men's Basketball Winners: Maningrida (10)

Men's Basketball Runners Up: Warruwi (8)

Men's Basketball MVP: Brenton Gwadbu (Warruwi)

Women's Basketball Winners: Minjilang (28)

Women's Basketball Runners up:

Warruwi (12)

Women's Basketball MVP: Sophia Lee (Minjilang)

Men's AFL Winners: Jabiru Bombers (2.1.13)

Men's AFL Runners Up: Gunbalanya (1.28)

Men's AFL MVP: Tyrese Raymond (Garrack Bombers)

'Spirit of Kurrung' Cup: Warruwi



The men's AFL winners the Jabiru Bombers celebrating their win on home soil in the grand final against Gunbalanya.



The Jabiru Bombers and Gunbalanya fighting it out on Brockman Oval in the men's AFL grand final on Saturday afternoon.



The 'Spirit of Kurrung' Cup was awarded to Warruwi for displaying the values of the carnival and it was presented by WARC Chief Corporate Officer Deirdre O'Sullivan.



Gunbalanya were the men's AFL Runners Up at the 2023 Kurrung Sports Carnival at Brockman Oval. They were defeated by Jabiru in a close game.



It was great to have visiting team the Garrack Bombers from Katherine participate in the Kurrung Sports Carnival.



Warruwi and Minjilang women's basketball teams come together in unity after the grand final game. They both displayed great sportsmanship.



ABC Territory Grand Stand's Charlie King interviewing Tim from Maningrida during their live broadcast at the event.



Following the official Kurrung presentations, there was manyardi/kunborrk traditional dancing which was a great way to end the carnival.



. Thank you to Hockey NT for joining in the sports carnival and Sam from WARC for facilitating the kids activities.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the manyardi/kunborrk dancing after the event.

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KURRUNG CARNIVAL UNITES WEST ARNHEM TEAMS



Well done to the Minjilang women's basketball team who took the win at Kurrung 2023.



Men's basketball competition winners from Maningrida receiving their medallions straight after the grand final game on Friday.



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



WARC Councillor James Marrawal presents the women's basketball 'most valuable player to Sophie Lee (Minjilang).



Brenton Gwadbu (Warruwi) was awarded the MVP in basketball and is pictured with Cr James Marrawal.



The Maningrida women's basketball team on court playing Warruwi.



Gunbalanya had two women's basketball teams in the competition which was great to



The Warruwi and Minjilang women's basketball teams link arms to support the 'No More Violence' campaign before the grand final game.



Jabiru Bombers men's basketball team getting ready to take to the court on the Friday night.



The Warruwi men's basketball team on court ready to play on the Friday afternoon.



The Maningrida and Warruwi men's basketball teams linking arms in support of the 'No More' campaign before the grand final game.