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



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SIGNIFICANT ROAD PROJECT COMPLETE

The second stage of the \$4.3 million development of Malala Road in Maningrida was completed in September, drawing the major project to a close.

This has been a significant project for West Arnhem Regional Council with City Earth Moving carrying out the redevelopment in two stages, commencing in July 2022.

Stage 1 took place between July 2022 - October 2022, followed by stage 2 from June 2023 - September 2023.

Malala Road is the main arterial road made up of a series of side or collector roads and drainage networks that connect from the Barge Landing to the top of Airport Road, and links the residential township, community and medical centres, shops, schools and other organisations.

The road is used by the local community, tour operators, visitors and recently an influx of contractors undertaking major projects throughout Maningrida, which has seen an increase in heavy machinery and equipment being operated along the road and transported to the barge landing.

The upgrades consisted of road construction to establish a new raised up pavement subgrade, and the width and alignment altered to provide adequate levels to rectify the current drainage problem areas and improve the stormwater flow. The installation of new concrete box culverts with headwalls and rock protection



dramatically minimised scouring and erosion to the road pavement and provides constant flow of water.

The road is constructed at 8 metres wide and a 2 coat bitumen prime and seal overlay with kerb and channel on the road, this will also help protect and reduce the road edges and pavement from possible deterioration. Line marking and road furniture is incorporated into the finished road project.

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LET'S PREPARE OUR REGION FOR CYCLONE SEASON

As we move into cyclone season there are things we can all do to prepare and keep yourself, your family and your home safe. A few helpful tips from NT Police, Fire & Emergency Services https://securent.nt.gov.au/

Trim tree tops and branches well clear of your home

- Clear your property of loose material that could blow about and possibly cause injury or damage during extreme winds
- In case of a storm surge/tidal warning, or other flooding, know your nearest safe high ground and the safest access route to it
- Prepare an emergency kit that can sustain every member of the household for at least 72 hours.

Council will be undertaking pre-cyclone clean-ups across all of our communities so community members can dispose of any hard rubbish that may become a risk in the cyclone season.

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As Council staff members please spread the word around our communities and help your colleagues, family and neighbours stay safe this cyclone season. Keep an eye out on the WARC Facebook and the Wire for you communities dates.

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.

The Wire is the only regular source of news and information in the Kakadu and West Arnhem Land region. More than 500 copies are distributed fortnightly to Jabiru, Warruwi, Minjilang, Maningrida and Gunbalanya.

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SLIP AND SLIDE FUN AT STONE COUNTRY FESTIVAL





West Arnhem Regional Council's Youth, Sport and Recreation team helped with the fun slip and slide at the kids space at the Stone Country Festival held in Gunbalanya. Despite windy conditions, the team managed to set up activity for the kids to cool down and enjoy at the Stone Country Festival.

\$4.3M UPGRADES TO MALALA ROAD

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The construction of the new road and drainage system will dramatically improve the road safety condition of all users in the community, withstand the high level of vehicle road users, provide all weather protection and improve the longevity of the road pavement.

Previously, the road alignment was around 1.4 kilometres long, varying in width to around 6 metres wide, constructed of asphalt overlay with no kerb and channel either side.

In the last several years, the combination of these major projects and with no major funding to improve the road and infrastructure, has seen the road deteriorate considerably as it struggles to sustain such an increase in heavy mass vehicle loads and traffic users.

The road drainage system along Malala Road consists of table drains and swales connected through a series of pipes and culverts.

Most of the existing drains were silted up through poor maintenance and were never constructed to an appropriate industry standard for the remote conditions.

The existing concrete culverts had major cracks in the headwalls and missing concrete floor aprons attributed through poor pavement compaction and preparation which indicates that the road surface is starting to displace and move. West Arnhem Regional Council wishes to thank those involved and the community for their patience during the road works. Council also wishes to acknowledge the support of the following funding bodies: Black Spot, R2R, LRCI and DIPL.

TUNE INTO TEABBA RADIO

Maningrida Radio

106.1 FM

Minjilang Radio

106.1 FM

Gunbalanya Radio

106.1 FM

Warruwi Radio

106.1 FM

Jabiru Radio

98.9 FM





TOP END ABORIGINAL BUSH BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION

WARRUWI RED DUST HEALING WORKSHOP





Red Dust Healing visited Warruwi community this week to deliver a workshop, facilitated Barry Fernando.

This workshop uses ancient Aboriginal perspective to support individuals to explore and heal unresolved hurt, grief, loss and issues in their lives.

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

In Warruwi, the workshop was delivered to local men in community with visual tools to use after the course to implement in their daily lives. The Warruwi men really enjoyed the course with Barry and one participant

commented, "us men need to do this more in our communities".

Another local man commented, "we know this stuff, we just need to remember it and share it with our children".

After the course, participants were treated to some very special sea turtles on the beach which was absolutely amazing and a once in a lifetime experience!

Marnie, Kellum and Barry were so grateful to be there and to learn, sit and listen and share the experience. Thank you to Geri and the Warruwi community.

This was proudly supported by the Northern Territory Government.



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.

This is your story; your journey and we will take the time to listen.

No shame, no judgement, safe place to yarn. We're here for you.

https://www.13yarn.org.au/
- 13YARN is run by

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

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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.

WARRUWI PRE-CYCLONE CLEAN UP DAYS

WED, 4 OCTOBER & MON, 6 NOVEMBER 2023

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West Arnhem Regional Council will be holding pre-cyclone clean up days in all communities. Keep an eye on your noticeboards.

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

OCTOBER

Wed 4 Warruwi Pre-cyclone Clean Up day

Thu 5 Jabiru Pre-cyclone Clean Up Day

Thu 5 Kakadu Ward Advisory Committee Meeting, Jabiru

Wed 11 Ordinary Council Meeting, Jabiru

9 - 17 World Mental Health Week

Wed 11 WARC Warruwi Local Authority Meeting

BININJ (MEN'S) HEALTH SERVICE

We are running a Bininj (mens) health service every Wednesday in a culturally safe space which is located in the demountable, behind the Gunbalanya Health Centre.

We have already told the community about the men's service on the community Facebook page.

Many men from Gunbalanya have already been to the men's health service with very good feedback.

We hope to continue to provide a safe space for men to come talk and about men's business, health concerns and to have regular health checks to improve men's health in Gunbalanya.



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.

DALUK X COUNTRY TO COUTURE

Babbarra Centre presented a collection, special designed and sewn by our Young Daluk designers and our supportive friends Raw Cloth Darwin and The Social Studio - DALUK x Country to Couture 2023.

'Daluk' is the Kuninjku word for women. This collection is a celebration of the between relationship older and younger generations of Bábbarra women. highlights the

on-going tradition of intergenerational mentoring from mothers to daughters and grandmothers to granddaughters.

This collection has come to life by the creative hands and minds of many women. A huge thank you to the entire team of designers who put in an enormous amount of work to make this happen. We are so proud and could not be happier with how the collection has come together. A massive thank you and congratulations to the Indigenous Fashion Projects & Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair team for



Photographs by Marley Morgan @marleymorganphotography.

delivering such an incredible showcase and celebration of First Nations fashion and textiles from across Australia.

We dedicate this collection to the founding and emerging women of Bábbarra Women's Centre.

We want to acknowledge the many hands that came together to make this collection possible including the auspice and support of Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation as well as the funding from Stronger Communities for Children and NT Government and Raw Cloth.

WEST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL KAKADU WARD BY-ELECTION RESULT

Electoral Commission has officially declared the result West Arnhem Regional the for Council, Kakadu Ward by-election. The final count after the deadline postal votes was receipt of ucted and ONUS Mickitja conducted⁻ received 100 first preference votes (61%) of the total 164 formal votes. The declaration of results for this byelection was held at the NTEC Darwin office at 1pm on Friday, September 22 where Mickitja Onus duly declared elected. For results and information go to www. ntec.nt.gov.au



West Arnhem Regional Council Kakadu Ward by-election

Declaration of result

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Tuesday Thursday

08 8999 7623 www.ntec.nt.gov.au ntec@nt.gov.au authorised by the Northern Territory Electoral Commission 80 Mitchell St Darwin NT 0800 **ORANGE SKY MANINGRIDA**

SUPPORTING LITERACY THROUGH STREET LIBRARIES



Jabiru's very own street library is officially registered and mapped with Street Library Australia! The Jabiru Public Library's beautiful Street library is situated at the Swimming Pool in Jabiru for all locals and visitors to Jabiru to enjoy reading a book. 'Swap a Book Donate a Book Enjoy a Book.' Jabiru Public Library has purchased five street libraries to be placed throughout the West Arnhem region. This region is home to many First Nations families who are cut off from access to townships because of seasonal rains, including wet and dry season.

The Jabiru Library can now

promote literacy by way of the Street Library initiative. Jabiru Public Library symbolises lifelong commitment to literacy among the communities the West Arnhem wards. Watch this

space for libraries popping up in Warruwi, Minilang, Gunbalanya and Maningrida, as we are rolling them out to communities. Exciting times for books!

What is a street library? Libraries Street are window into the mind of a community; books come and go; no-one needs to check them in or out.

"Jabiru Public Library symbolises a lifelong commitment to literacy among the communities in the West Arnhem wards."

People can simply reach in and take what interests them; when they are done, they can return them to the Street Library network, or pass them on to friends.

https://streetlibrary.org.au/ library/jabiru-street-library-thepool/



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Household items: furniture, white goods, timber F-waste: TVs. computers Scrap metals: Bedframes, toys

X WHAT WE CAN'T COLLECT:

Green waste, commercial waste, oils or chemicals



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Any enquiries, please see the Council Office



Any enquiries, please contact the Jabiru Office on 8979 9444.

FUNDRAISING FOR CHILDCARE EQUIPMENT

Jabiru Childcare held a fundraiser at the Eastern Arrernte concert selling sausages, drinks and glow sticks.

Eastern Arrernte Band are a young desert reggae band emerging from the community of Ltyentye Apurte/Santa Teresa, 80 kilometres from Álice Springs.

They were joined by Wildfire Manwurrk for a gig at Marrawuddi Arts & Culture on the back of the Stone Country Festival held in Gunbalanya.

Staff from Jabiru Childcare Centre volunteers their time on Saturday night. Our service made approximately \$700 which will go towards much needed outdoor equipment for the children.









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 that values and recognises

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 respoct and that are free of racism.

Institutional Integrity

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

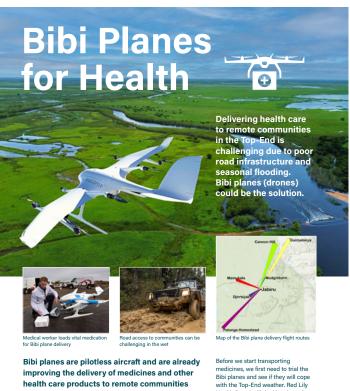
Equality **And Equity**

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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and heritage Historical Acceptance

All Australians understand 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









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CELEBRATING FATHERS/CARERS AT CHILDCARE





Jabiru Childcare hosted their annual father day event, the theme was footy and sporting. When all dads/carers entered, they received a free cold drink with a stubby cooler donated by Jabiru Post Office.

They were greeted by their child and welcome to enjoy food provided by Sodexo, activities set up by staff including a piñatas.

The day concluded with an individualised crafted take home gift that the children made for their dad.



WORK IN & EXPERIENCE ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU

Senior Council Services Manager – Jabiru, Contract - Full Time – Subsidised Accommodation provided – Close 25 October 2023

Administration Coordinator – Jabiru, Level 6 \$79K - \$85k – Full Time - Subsidised Accommodation provided – lose 18 October 2023

Early Childhood Educator Assistant x 2 - Jabiru, Level 2-3 \$56k - \$68 – Part Time – No Accommodation provided – All applications will be considered

Pool Officer – Jabiru, Level 2 \$56k - \$61k – Part Time – Subsidised Accommodation provided – All applications will be considered

Finance Support Officer (Rates & Revenue) – Jabiru, Level 4 \$68k - \$73k – Full Time – Subsidised Accommodation provided – lose 4 October 2023

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

Team Leader Works (Roads) – Maningrida, Level 5 - \$74k - \$77k – Full Time – Subsidised Accommodation provided – All applications will be considered

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

For more information:

Please phone 08 8979 9404 or email <u>vacancy@westarnhen.nt.gov.au</u>



Indigenous people are encouraged to apply



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

Karen





JABIRU POOL WET SEASON HOURS

Jabiru's Alberto Luglietti Memorial Swimming Pool will commence the extended 'wet season' opening hours from Tuesday, 3 October.

From October to 30 April 2024, the pool will open for morning sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6am to 8am.

West Arnhem Regional Council encourages community members to take advantage of the extra opening hours in the mornings.

Additional 'Wet Season' Opening Hours (1 October – 30 April):

Monday: 1.30pm - 6.30pm

Tuesday: 6.00am – 8.00am and 1.30pm – 6.00pm

Wednesday: 1.30pm – 6.30pm

Thursday: 6.00am - 8.00am and 1.30pm - 6.00pm

Friday: 1.30pm – 6.00pm Saturday: 1.30pm – 6.30pm Sunday: 1.30pm – 6.30pm Public Holidays 1.30pm - 6.30pm

Community members are also reminded about the aqua fitness sessions which take place at the pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, pop into the pool during opening hours.





ALBERTO LUGLIETTI MEMORIAL POOL

OPENING HOURS

New opening hours commence Monday, 1 May 2023

Monday 1.30pm - 6.30pm 1.30pm - 6.00pm Tuesday Wednesday 1.30pm - 6.30pm 1.30pm - 6.00pm Thursday Friday 1.30pm - 6.00pm 1.30pm - 6.30pm Saturday 1.30pm - 6.30pm Sunday **Public Holidays** 1.30pm - 6.30pm

Regular & casual pool passes available

Additional wet season hours 1 October - 30 April

 Tuesday
 6.00am - 8.00am

 Thursday
 6.00am - 8.00am

 Saturday morning sessions available

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

NO SCHOOL, NO POOL POLICY

Olympic-sized pool with shade - children's splashpad & pool - playground - barbecue facilities - gym & shower facilities - kiosk - aqua fitness -



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 E:

- 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.







JABIRU YOUTH PROGRESS BALL CAPABILITIES





The youth in Jabiru have been progressing their basketball and netball capabilities through after school sport activities.

They have also enjoyed expanding their skill set through trying new sports such as hockey and AFL.

The children have been demonstrating excellent teamwork skills and enjoying many health benefits from group exercise.











Jabiru

ROYAL LIFE SAVING

October 2023

28th October 2023

Resuscitation

2.30-4.30pm

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Bronze Medallion Update

28th October 2023 2.30-5.30pm \$100pp **Bronze Medallion**

29th October 8.30-4.00 \$180pp

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