



Maningrida residents embraced the spirit of the day, everyone got involved in creating the 'Maningrida Day' banner on Saturday, 27 January 2024. Read more below.

CELEBRATIONS ACROSS WEST ARNHEM

West Arnhem's vibrant communities celebrated Australia Day their own way on Friday, 26 January and Saturday, 27 January 2024.

GUNBALANYA
Gunbalanya Day was celebrated with one of the most popular activities - a fishing competition!

It seems the fish took the day off biting too with only two caught in the competition.

For the categories which weren't won, a new plan will be announced.

However, we are pleased to announce Traditional Owner Yvonne Gumurdul won biggest fish with a 40cm catfish. In footy you might say home ground advantage. Yvonne will take home a \$100 store voucher.

Thanks to all who joined us for fishing and barbecue breakfast.

However you spent the day, we hope it made you happy!

Special thanks to TeamHealth, Gunbalanya Meats, ALPA, Gilly and the WARC crew.

WARRUWI

Waruwi Mardbalk Day kicked off with a wonderful smoking ceremony, singing and dancing performed by numerous staff and community members. Andie, Matt and our little community helper Fantasia cooked up a lovely pancake breakfast with Geri and her daughter Anna serving. Face painting seemed to be a highlight with the younger community members, along with a painting a banner to be used for future Mardbalk Day celebrations. Tea, coffee and cakes were served to our senior community members who were brought up by Ida and Jamie from Aged Care.

Unfortunately the bad weather put an end to any outside activities but despite this fun was had by all.

The day ended with a barbecue cooked by Jamie (YSR) and helpers along with salads donated by Ajurumu Store.

A big thanks and shout out to Geri Narul for putting the event together and coming back from Jabiru to assist, Jenny I (TO and Night Patrol), Aged Care Team, Jamie (YSR), our Media guy and CSM Matt and for everyone who stayed behind to help clean up.

MANINGRIDA

Maningrida Day on Saturday, 27 January brought lots of families together at the pool, enjoying the barbecue, scavenger hunt, turtle races, kicking the football and an art competition.

Embracing the spirit of the day, everyone got involved in creating the 'Maningrida Day' banner with the kids decorated using their hand prints.

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GUNBALANYA COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM BONDING


West Arnhem Regional Council's Community Safety team in Gunbalanya met up for a toolbox talk which Ralph (A/ Wellbeing Service Coordinator) conducted.

Staff are really happy to be using compound again, and with all the wet weather we have been having, this gives them a chance to dry off and warm up.

It's great to see full crew back in swing at the toolbox talk where there was discussion around ensuring the safety of everyone, bike patrol and encouraging staff about the importance of wearing uniforms. By looking the part, you play the part. Be proud and have pride in representing your community. Staff came up with some brilliant ideas on engaging with community more, by liaising directly with community in having monthly barbecues. This gives them an opportunity to speak freely if there are any problems out in community and appreciate any feedback.







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MANINGRIDA: 12-15 FEBRUARY 2024

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WORK IN & EXPERIENCE ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU



Child Care Centre Manager – Jabiru, Level 7 \$87k - \$92k – Full Time, Subsidised Accommodation provided - 14 February 2024

Early Childhood Educational Leader – Jabiru, Level 6/7 \$79 - \$92k – Full Time, Subsidised Accommodation provided - Applications close 14 February 2024

Early Childhood Cook and Educator – Jabiru, Level 2/3 \$56k - \$68k – Part Time, No Accommodation provided - Applications open until filled

Senior Council Services Manager – Jabiru, Contract – Full Time, Subsidised Accommodation provided - Applications close 14 February 2024

Plumber – Maningrida, Level 8 \$95k - \$101k – Full Time, Subsidised 1 bedroom Accommodation provided - Applications close 14 February 2024

Customer Services Officer – Maningrida, Level 3 - \$59k – Full Time – No Accommodation provided - Applications opened until filled

Wellbeing Services Coordinator (Covering Gunbalanya and Maningrida) – Gunbalanya, Level 8 \$95k - \$101k – Full Time, Subsidised Accommodation provided - Applications close 21 February 2024

Administration Officer – Gunbalanya, Level 4 - \$68,631 – Full Time - Subsidised Accommodation may be available - Applications close 7 February 2024

For more information:

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

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply



COUNCIL APPOINTS COMMUNITY FOCUSED CEO

West Arnhem Regional Council is pleased to announce Andrew Walsh as their incoming Chief Executive Officer. With a notable career across multiple levels and sectors, Andrew joins the Council with a wealth of experience and a profound dedication to enhancing community well-being. His appointment marks a promising new chapter in West Arnhem Regional Council's mission to foster regional prosperity and development.

"I am honoured to step into the role of Chief Executive Officer for West Arnhem Regional Council. Having served in East Arnhem for the past decade, I am truly humbled by the opportunity to now serve the people of West Arnhem. I am confident that my bold passion for Local Government, Community,

and Operational Excellence succinctly aligns with Council's vision for Stronger Communities," said Andrew.

In his most recent role as Director of Community Development for the East Arnhem Regional Council, Andrew held a pivotal role in achieving outstanding regional outcomes through staff and program development. Andrew is an authentic leader and has a strong history of fostering a workplace culture where staff feel valued and engaged, prioritising delivery across the region, and ensuring the vibrant Communities continue to thrive. Andrew's commitment to service delivery is further highlighted by his Masters-level tertiary qualifications, blending academic principles with practical experience to lead the Council towards a future



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of sustainability, innovation, and enhanced Community leadership.

Mayor Matthew Ryan and the Councillors of West Arnhem Regional Council have extended a warm

welcome to Andrew as the new Chief Executive. "Andrew's appointment marks an exciting time for West Arnhem Regional Council. His dedication to the well-being of the Communities, strategic management skills, and innovative leadership make him the ideal choice to guide the Council forward," said Mayor Ryan.

Andrew will commence in this role on the 4th of March. Andrew a firm believer in visible and transparent leadership will be actively visiting the Communities in the coming weeks to meet with staff, residents and stakeholders and commence work towards Council's strategic priorities.

Please join us in welcoming Andrew as he embarks on this exciting journey with West Arnhem Regional Council.



BOKNO BUS TIMETABLE - Patonga/ Whistleduck

MORNING		AFTERNOON	
Patonga Homestead	7.00am	ALPA	2.45pm
Patonga Airstrip	7.20am	Jabiru Plaza	3.00pm
Jim Jim Rangers	7.35am	Bowali Ranger	3.20pm
Cooinda Lodge	8.00am	Whistleduck	3.40pm
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Bowali Ranger	8.45am	Jim Jim Rangers	4.30pm
Jabiru Plaza	8.55am	Patonga Airstrip	4.40pm
ALPA	9.00am	Patonga Homestead	4.50pm

Town Camp/ Mudginberri/ Kapalga/ Mamukala

AMPA	7.15am	ALPA Office	2.55pm
Town Camp	7.30am	Jabiru Plaza	3.00pm
Plaza Bus stop	7.45am	Mudginberri	3.15pm
ALPA Office	7.55am	ALPA Office	3.30pm
Mudginberri	8.15am	Jabiru Plaza	3.35pm
Jabiru Plaza	8.40am	Mamukala	3.50pm
ALPA Office	8.45am	Sth Alligator	4.10pm
Kapalga	9.30am	Kapalga	4.25pm
Mamukala	10.00am	ALPA Office	5.10pm
Jabiru Plaza	10.30am	Town Camp	5.15pm
ALPA Office	10.35am		



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, Waruwi, Minjilang, Maningrida and Gunbalanya.

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WHAT'S ON



DriveSafe NT will be visiting all West Arnhem communities in coming months. See your local noticeboards, the Wire or their website for all dates: drivesafe.nt.gov.au/session-timetable

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

FEBRUARY

Jan 28-Feb 3 Children's Week

Thu 8 WARC Warruwi Local Authority Meeting

1-28 Dental Health Month

12-16 DriveSafe visit to Maningrida

Tue 13 Anniversary of National Apology 2008

5-11 Healthy Lunchbox Week

Wed 14 National Condom Day

Wed 21 International Mother Language Day

Wed 21 WARC Ordinary Council Meeting

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

Mardbalk Day



COMMUNITY EVENTS THROUGHOUT WEST ARNHEM

Maningrida Day



COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS ACROSS WEST ARNHEM

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We also had WARC staff and local volunteers help out with barbecue.

Team Leader – Youth, Sport and Recreation Edward Dudanga said, “Kids enjoyed playing sports and games with us”. Thank you to the community for supporting this event.

JABIRU

There was a great turn out at the Jabiru Splash celebration at the Jabiru Pool on Friday, 26 January. There were lots of inflatable pool toys, an Acknowledgement of Country by Denzel May, and the ‘Citizen of the Year’ award presentations.

Thanks to Parks Australia, there was also a Be Crocwise Information stall and everyone enjoyed contributing to the special painting activity themed ‘Life in Jabiru, Aussie Outback’.

Attendees lined up to tuck into the special lunch and beautifully decorated cake made by Sodexo. Congratulations to the following awards winners: Citizen of the Year – Rachel Hampton, Young Citizen of the Year – Bridgette Carrigan, Community Event of the Year – Kakadu Triathlon.

Thank you to the National Australia Day Council, Red Lily Health, ALPA, Sodexo and Parks Australia.

MINJILANG

Minjilang Day was postponed until Friday, 2 February. Photos to come soon.

WARC wishes to thank the Australia Day Council NT for supporting these events and the Australia Government through the National Australia Day Council.

Gunbalanya Day



COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS ACROSS WEST ARNHEM

Jabiru Splash



Young Citizen of the Year award winner Bridgette Carrigan and Jabiru Council Services Manager Dana Hewett.



Citizen of the Year award winner Rachel Hampton accepting the award from Jabiru Council Services Manager Dana Hewett.



Community Event of the Year award winner was the Kakadu Triathlon which was accepted by Deirdre O'Sullivan and presented by Jabiru Council Services Manager Dana Hewett.



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Waruwi: 13 - 15 March 2024

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Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) may also be coming, please contact them for further information.



SATURDAY, 11 MAY 2024

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5km Kakadu Challenge
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Friday 10 May, 5pm



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JABIRU, NT

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250m swim/ 7.5km ride/ 2.5km run



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS WRAP UP

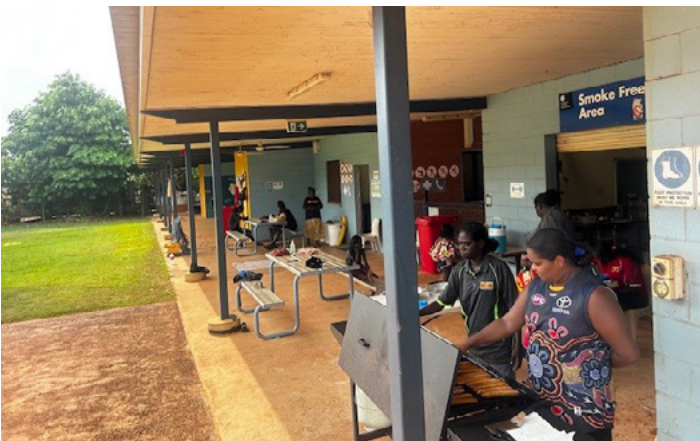


During the six-week school holidays period, kids in Maningrida enjoyed the activities we had for them. The program included fishing, basketball, football and also other sports.

In Week 5, they had to develop new skills, learning about skateboarding and a very exciting mural project.

Check out all of the photos below.

The program was supported by: West Arnhem Regional Council, Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation, Remote School Attendance Strategy, Strong Communities for Children, AGL Maningrida, Njamarleya Cultural Leaders and Justice Group, Northern Territory Government.



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Meriam, Wagadagam



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JABIRU YOUTH ART COMP AND EXHIBITION



Congratulations to the winners of the Jabiru Youth Art Competition held by West Arnhem Regional Council's Youth, Sport and Recreation team! The theme of the competition was 'Kakadu', and the talented young people were able to work on their masterpieces during the

school holiday program. As a result, there were so many brilliant art pieces created and it was fantastic to see all of the different interpretations of the theme across different mediums.

Thank you to everyone who came to the judging at the library! The competition was a great success.



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