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## COUNCIL ELECTS NEW MAYOR

The West Arnhem Regional Council duly elected Councillor James Woods as the new Mayor at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday, 20 March.

Mayor Woods has assumed the role from former Mayor Matthew Ryan who resigned from Council following his successful appointment as Chair of the Northern Land Council.

Mayor Woods has served the Maningrida community for over eight years as the longest serving chairperson for the Maningrida Local Authority.

*"To create a brighter future for the constituents of West Arnhem Land..."*

He was elected as Councillor of the Maningrida Ward at



West Arnhem Regional Council Mayor James Woods.

the 2021 Local Government Election and has been a strong advocate for improved services in remote communities.

Mayor Woods represents his community and the wider region on a number of different boards and committees. He is a current board member of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT), a member of the Defence Force, the Deputy Unit Officer for Emergency

Services in Maningrida and the chairperson for the Maningrida AFL Committee.

Mayor Woods said he looks forward to working with his fellow Elected Members to create a brighter future for the constituents of West Arnhem Land.

Elected Members and Chief Executive Officer Andrew Walsh congratulated Mayor Woods on his appointment and look forward to working with him in the position for the remainder of the Council term.

At the Council meeting, Elected Members also extended their gratitude to the former Mayor, presenting Matthew with a special gift to recognise his dedication and service to the constituents of the West Arnhem Communities.

As he accepted the gift, Matthew reflected on Council's journey and the achievements along the way..

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# TUNE IN TO TEABBA RADIO

TEABBA is back on the air in Warruwi!

Kyle from TEABBA and West Arnhem Regional Council Broadcasting Officer Peter Gwadbu worked together to get the equipment back up and running after a power outage.

You can tune into TEABBA Radio on the below stations in West Arnhem Communities:

- 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

TEABBA stands for Top End Aboriginal Bush Broadcasting Association. Read more: <https://www.teabba.com.au/radio>



# RECENT FLOODING IN GUNBALANYA

Gunbalanya Community was recently woken up to serious flooding in lower Banyan Camp and some areas around Community.

Everyone worked together and put in a huge effort to keep the Community safe. Everyone pitched in where necessary. Unfortunately, due to flood damage, Toad Hall is closed and hopefully will re-open up shortly.



# 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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# MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID AND SUICIDE PREVENTION



The Mental Health First Aid and Suicide Prevention course was delivered in Gunbalanya recently.

This 2-day workshop in mental health, has been culturally adapted for Indigenous Communities. Participants from Gunbalanya learnt how to help others that might be experiencing a mental health crisis, mental health problems or the early stages of a mental illness. This course covers different mental health issues people go through and how we can help families, friends and teammates.

West Arnhem Regional Council Services Manager Vicki McCoy said the course has been a great activity to realise how important it is to talk about mental health.

"This course created a space to talk about the different mental health issues people go through and how we all can help their families around when these situations".



## WORK IN & EXPERIENCE ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU



**Early Childhood Educational Leader** – Jabiru, Level 6/7 \$79k - \$92k – Permanent - Full Time, Subsidised Accommodation provided - Applications close Wednesday 10 April 2024

**Early Childhood Educator Assistant x 2** – Jabiru, Level 2/3 \$56k - \$68k – Permanent - Part Time, No Accommodation provided – Applications close Wednesday 17 April 2024

**Team Leader – Parks** – Maningrida, Level 5, \$74k - \$77k – Permanent - Full Time - No accommodation – open until filled

**Senior Works Officer** – Gunbalanya, Level 6, \$79k - \$85k – Permanent - Full Time, Subsidised Accommodation provided - Applications close Wednesday 17 April 2024

**Community Care Cook** – Gunbalanya, Casual – 20 hours per week – No Accommodation provided - Opened until filled

**Broadcasting Officer** – Gunbalanya, Level 4, \$68k – Part Time – 20 hours per week – No Accommodation - Opened until filled

**Council Services Manager** – Waruwi, Contract, \$112,200 – Permanent - Full Time - Subsidised accommodation provided – Applications close Wednesday 24 April 2024

**Senior Administration Officer** – Waruwi, Level 5, \$74k - \$77k – Permanent - Full Time, Subsidised Accommodation provided - Applications close Wednesday 17 April 2024

### For more information:

Please phone 08 8979 9404 or email [vacancy@westarnhem.nt.gov.au](mailto:vacancy@westarnhem.nt.gov.au)

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply



## COUNCIL NOTICE

Nominations are invited for the following position:

# MANINGRIDA WARD ONE VACANCY

### WHEN CAN I NOMINATE?

**Nominations open:** Tuesday 2 April 2024

**Nominations close:** 12.00 noon on Friday 19 April 2024

### HOW DO I NOMINATE?

**Nominations Forms:** Available at the Maningrida Council Office and at [www.westarnhem.nt.gov.au/corporate-documents](http://www.westarnhem.nt.gov.au/corporate-documents)

**Lodge your Nomination:** At the Maningrida Council Office or email [governance@westarnhem.nt.gov.au](mailto:governance@westarnhem.nt.gov.au), including a written statement or a 3 minute video submission outlining why you are nominating

#### Please note:

- You must be eligible to nominate under section 46 of the Local Government Act
- You must be enrolled in the Maningrida Ward
- Your nomination submission may be made public

Represent your community as an Elected Member on the West Arnhem Regional Council

### For further information:

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## WHAT'S ON



ANZAC Day commemorations will be held throughout West Arnhem Communities on Thursday, 25 April 2024. Please see your Community notice board for further details.

### 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

### APRIL

**Sun 7** World Health Day

**6-16** NT Youth Week

**22-23** WARC Ordinary Council Meeting

**Thu 25** ANZAC Day

### MAY

**Fri 10** Colour Fun Run

**Sat 11** 2024 Kakadu Triathlon

## KINGAS MOVING AROUND



A burst of wild weather which included a cyclone late in the wet season has brought heavy rain and flooding across much of the Territory.

The Top End was drenched by monsoonal rains, storms left a trail of damage in coastal communities, and floods forced the evacuation of hundreds of residents from Borroloola to Darwin.

*"Floodwaters made conditions on the ground very dangerous, one of the dangers being saltwater crocodiles are on the move.."*

The weather eventually settled down, but the floodwaters made conditions on the ground very dangerous, one of the dangers being saltwater crocodiles are on the move.

Flooded creeks and rivers allow crocodiles to become more active with

high water levels make it easier for crocodiles to move about through inland water channels and move close to where people are living.

This may include a favourite fishing or camping spot.

When the crocodiles are moving about, they are also looking for food, a mate, and even a new territory to move into.

They prefer to swim, but can also walk on land for long distances to get somewhere if they want to.

Always remember that crocodiles are highly skilled and sneaky predators, who like to ambush their prey when they least expect it.

They can hide in very shallow water and lie under the surface for long periods of time.

They are camouflaged against the mud and will wait for an animal or a person to come close to the water's edge, where they are capable of bursting out of their hiding spot with great power and speed.

Stay safe after a cyclone.

Never swim in flooded rivers, creeks or drains, and always stand well back from the water's edge.

Help keep everyone safe by reminding them not to swim in flooding rivers and creeks and keep an eye on the kids at all times when they are near water or on the beach.

## COUNCIL ELECTS NEW MAYOR

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..particularly the successes in empowerment and advocacy for remote communities.

He also acknowledged the promising future ahead for the West Arnhem region.

Matthew served as a Councillor for

the Maningrida Ward since 2008 and as Mayor since 2017.

During his tenure as Mayor, he served with a fierce passion and strong voice in the fight for positive change for Aboriginal people.

His tireless efforts have helped shape a better future for all.



# Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Grant Program.



The NT Government is offering grants to support truth-telling activities and initiatives.

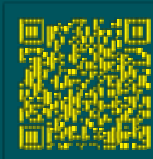
Applicants can apply for a maximum of \$20,000 in each grant round.

There will be two grant rounds, each totalling \$300,000.

**ROUND 1** applications close 7 April 2024.



Find out more at:  
[grantsnt.nt.gov.au/GrantsNT](https://grantsnt.nt.gov.au/GrantsNT)



## MINJILANG CRECHE BUILDING REPAIRS UNDERWAY



Work has commenced on repairing the Minjilang Crèche which is being completed by Stedman's Constructions.

The Minjilang crèche is a very important facility to all community members, which supports very young children and their families and carers.

The roof has been experiencing terrible water leaks over the past four years which resulted in the crèche temporarily closing in December 2022.

The crèche relocated to the school for a small period of time and then shifted to the community building. Unfortunately, this building was not viable so the crèche had to close.

West Arnhem Regional Council will begin to advertise for staff in the near future, so the crèche will be set to open with new staff onboard when work is completed.

This is expected to be done by 30 June 2024.



## Deadly Women

Indigenous Women's Development and Leadership Program 2024

This opportunity is for any Deadly First Nations Women over 18 years of age to learn and grow new skills, meet other Deadly Sisters, and achieve a nationally recognised qualification with a:

- Certificate I in Workplace Skills
- Certificate I in Tourism (Australian Indigenous Culture)

### ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Get qualifications for learning how to effectively plan and prepare for work
- Use business resources
- Time management
- Operate digital devices
- Keep a workplace safe and develop a community tourism project
- Listen to inspirational First Nations speakers who will share their paths to success

\*Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided\*

Samantha Walker  
First Nations Operation Manager  
Ph: 0474 640 183  
E: [samantha.walker@inlogroup.com](mailto:samantha.walker@inlogroup.com)

### Where:

Bowali Training Room  
National Parks

### Dates:

8th - 19th April 2024

### Times:

8.30am - 3.30pm

### REGISTER @

[deadlywomen.org.au/apply-now](https://deadlywomen.org.au/apply-now)  
or scan QR code



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# JOINING IN WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY



On Tuesday 2 April, Catholic Care, Remote Connector NDIS and the Jabiru Public Library hosted a Special Storytime for World Autism Awareness Day.

*"A wonderful collaboration of services working together to celebrate diversity.."*

The event aimed at promoting awareness and inclusion to children from Jabiru. Jabiru Librarian Jillian May read 'The Abilities in Me – Autism' and 'It's Ok to

be Different' to a large group of children at the library.

Pokémon stickers were shared with the children and information about the creator of Pokémon Satoshi Tajiri' who has autism.

A lovely lunch was shared with all at the library.

Cassie and Jackson also went to the Jabiru Area School to share information with children and give out Pokémon stickers to create awareness and celebrate World Autism Awareness Day.

It was a wonderful collaboration of services working together to celebrate diversity.



## SUPPORTING EMERGENCY RESPONSE


Shout out to the amazing Red Lily Health clinic staff in Minjilang!

Red Lily Health want to extend gratitude for your efforts in assisting with ambulance cleaning and taking the initiative to learn more about the equipment in the Emergency Packs.


Thank you for going above and beyond to ensure the safety and well-being of our community.

Keep up the fantastic work!





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## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WEST ARNHEM RESIDENTS

West Arnhem Regional Council's Business Development Team can access a lot of information about grants.

Each month, we highlight two grants that West Arnhem residents may be interested in.

Check the grant guidelines to make sure you qualify to apply and the grant does what you want it to, then give it a crack. There are literally hundreds of grants happening at any one time.

If you have a project or a passion, you are welcome to contact us to see if we can find a grant that might help you grow your idea.

If you are interested in health, agriculture, education, sustainability, technology, music, conservation, art, sport and so much more, the opportunities are there.

To find out if there is a grant we know about that can help you, please contact [grants@westarnhem.nt.gov.au](mailto:grants@westarnhem.nt.gov.au)

Here are this month's highlighted grants: **Art Equipment Grants (available until 31/5/2024 or the budget is spent)**

Funding of up to \$10 000 is provided for arts organisations to purchase minor equipment that is used for the production, presentation, promotion and sale of artworks by NT artists at arts facilities in

the NT. [https://nt.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/1348719/art-equipment-grant-guidelines-2023-24.pdf](https://nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/1348719/art-equipment-grant-guidelines-2023-24.pdf)

**Visitor Experience Enhancement Program (VEEP) (closing date 7/5/2024)**

VEEP assists the tourism industry undertake projects that will improve the on-ground visitor experience in the NT. Grant funding up to \$100,000 (excluding GST) is available per successful business. [VEEP Round 8 is now open! | Tourism Northern Territory \(tourismnt.com.au\)](https://tourismnt.com.au)

## BREAKFAST AT GUNBALANYA COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE

West Arnhem Regional Council provides Community Care programs within the Kakadu, Gunbalanya, Waruwi and Minjilang Communities.

Pictured right are clients and staff at the Gunbalanya Community Care Centre.

The clients came into

the centre to enjoy a hot breakfast prepared by the new cook Andrew.

Our Community Care teams provide quality care and support to clients and their carers to meet their personal needs.

For further information, please contact 8979 9444 or email [info@westarnhem.nt.gov.au](mailto:info@westarnhem.nt.gov.au)



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This service has been developed in collaboration with Gaylea O'Brien

### Expressions of Interest for Indigenous Traineeships with ERA Ranger Rehabilitation Project

Energy Resources of Australia (ERA) is seeking expressions of interest from individuals who wish to be part of a world class rehabilitation project through a 24-month traineeship in 2024.

To be eligible for the traineeship candidates must have:

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Roles within ERA Ranger Rehabilitation Program outlined below are being considered: (The below information is not a role description)

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- To apply Search [https://aant.jobreadygateway.com.au/vacancies?object\\_id=1009](https://aant.jobreadygateway.com.au/vacancies?object_id=1009)

ERA is committed to improving employment opportunities and outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. As a measure to achieve equality, Section 51 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984 applies to this position. We strongly encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply.

Applications close 22 March 2024. Late applications will not be accepted.



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JABIRU, NT

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## REGISTER NOW

<https://give.careflight.org/event/kakadu-triathlon>

Registrations close: 12 noon, 5 May 2024

FIRST RACE COMMENCES: 7:00am  
EVENT LOCATION: Jabiru Swimming Pool  
Registration and Race briefing from 5:45am - 6:00am  
FREE Incident for participants  
Free event singlet for Open Participants  
Markets, refresh and more!

## COLOUR FUN RUN

4.30pm, Friday, 10 May | Jabiru Lake Park - 2.4km - All ages  
REGISTER: \$5pp on the Triathlon website or on the day  
Includes gloves and shirt (limited shirt sizes)



All funds raised goes to **CareFlight**



# KARRIMANJBEKKAN AN-ME KAKADU: TASTE OF KAKADU

Kakadu's annual signature cultural and food spectacular Karrimanjbekkkan An-me Kakadu: Taste of Kakadu is shaping up to be a feast for all senses. This year's three-day program runs from 24-26 May and promises delicious local cuisine featuring bush ingredients and exciting, unique cultural experiences and activities against the stunning backdrop of a UNESCO World Heritage-listed natural wonderland. The annual festival offers visitors the chance to learn about Bininj/Mungguy and their deep connection to Country, culture and community.

Highlights from this year's program include:

- Hands-on workshops including painting, women's cultural weaving and men's spear making
- Cooking demonstrations and classes using native ingredients
- Dinner under the stars with exquisite flavours inspired by local ingredients
- Morning tea cruises on lily-lined billabongs with Yellow Water Cruises
- Ranger-guided bush tucker walks through magnificent wetlands and woodlands
- Live music and performances



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# 13YARN CRISIS SUPPORTERS AVAILABLE FOR EVERYONE



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  
 - Free and confidential service available 24/7 from any mobile or pay phone  
 - Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporters to yarn to.

## 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.



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# Anzac Day

On 25 April 1915, members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed at Gallipoli.

On the anniversary of this day each year, we come together to honour the service and sacrifice of all our veterans.

