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



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West Arnhem Communities will commemorate Anzac Day on Thursday, 25 April. Read all 2024 service details on Page 5. Pictured is the 2023 dawn service in Warruwi.

MAYOR CEMENTS ROLE OF ABORIGINAL CONTROLLED REGIONAL COUNCILS

West Arnhem Regional Council Mayor James Woods says strengthening Regional Councils is the only way forward for effective local decision making and improving outcomes for Aboriginal Communities in the Northern Territory.

The topic of local decision making for Aboriginal Communities was discussed at a Q&A panel session with the Chief Minister Eva Lawler and Leader of the Opposition Lia Finocchiaro at the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) April Conference.

Mayor Woods has spoken publically with local media on the success of the current structure of local decision making which is already in place through the role of Aboriginal Controlled Regional Councils.

"Council and Local Authorities already serve as the voice for our Communities and we are doing what needs to be done every day to deliver better outcomes at the



West Arnhem Regional Council Mayor James Woods speaking with media at the LGANT Conference.

local level," he said. While emphasising the successful role local government plays in not just local decision making, but also representation and empowerment of Aboriginal Communities, Mayor Woods says the government needs to implement a common sense approach which embraces strengthens existing Councils.

"Our Council, which is Aboriginal Controlled already, is proud of our structure, our role and our service to Community. What is lacking is sufficient funding for regional and remote Councils for better service delivery," he said.

"This is a funding challenge, not a structure challenge."

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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WEST ARNHEM COMMUNITIES

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. Here are this month's highlighted grants:

Aboriginal Tourism Grant Program (closing date 12pm, 31/5/2024)

The Aboriginal Tourism Grant Program (Grant Program) helps Aboriginal owned

and majority owned businesses and organisations to develop and activate bookable Aboriginal cultural tourism experiences and tourism product; and to continue to build stronger tourism experiences that encourage visitors to travel to the NT and stay longer.

Aboriginal Tourism Grant Program Round 7: https://www.tourismnt.com.au/industry-toolkit/grants-funding/aboriginal-tourism-grant-program

Qantas Regional Grants (Closing date 10 May 2024)

The Qantas Regional Grants program offers \$2 million in support to Australian-based communities and projects that are looking to benefit our country's regional areas.

Examples include a teacher funding a playground, a team flying to an interstate event and an event collaborating their marketing with Qantas:

https://www.qantas.com/au/en/about-us/our-company/in-the-community/qantas-regional-grants.htmlantas

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SPECIAL STORY TIME AT JABIRU LIBRARY



The Jabiru Library hosted an extra special story time to end the Jabiru School Holiday program on 15 April 2024.

Amongst those who attended were the Jabiru Childcare, Caulfield and staff from West Arnhem Regional Council including the Community Engagement Officer and NDIS Remote Connector.

Everybody sat attentively to listen to some story books before breaking up and finding their own books to read and listen too. The story books read were Spot Loves Mum, We're Going on a Bear Hunt, and Shapes of Australia.

This was a fun activity which brought the community together and to promote the excellence of reading.

"We're going on a bear hunt. We're going to catch a big one. What a beautiful day! We're not scared."

TUNE INTO TEABBA RADIO

Maningrida Radio

Gunbalanya Radio

106.1 FM

Minjilang Radio

106.1 FM

Warruwi Radio

106.1 FM 106.1 FM

Jabiru Radio

98.9 FM





TOP END ABORIGINAL BUSH BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION

JABIRU HEALTH CENTRE WELL PAST HALFWAY MARK

The Territory Labor Government is close to delivering the new \$20 million Jabiru Health Centre, with construction 75% complete.

The new facility, co-located adjacent to the proposed Bininj Resource Centre and lakeside precincts, will greatly improve access to medical services in the region, as well as expand the provision of local renal dialysis services for patients in the West Arnhem region.

"Will support communities and homelands in West Arnhem to receive care closer to home.."

Territory company C and R Constructions Pty Ltd is delivering the works with over 100 workers on site, including contractors, Aboriginal workers and apprentices.

The facility includes eight consulting suites with dedicated male, female and paediatric rooms, four multi-purpose allied health examination rooms, a four-



Aerial of the Jabiru Health Centre progress.

chair renal room and a dental surgery, including sterilisation and work rooms.

It also includes specialised facilities such as an audiology consulting room with a hearing booth, an X-ray room, a medication store and private pharmacy, a four-berth morgue with a viewing area and an external, culturally appropriate ceremony area adjacent to the morgue.

There will also be emergency capabilities at the facility with a drive through ambulance bay and an emergency department with resuscitation bays.

The new health centre will service communities within a 100km radius and become the primary health service available in Kakadu National Park.

The project is part of the Northern Territory Government's \$135 million Jabiru Futures Package to repurpose the Jabiru Township within Kakadu National Park from mining to tourism, with a focus on its World Heritage Area (WHA) status.

Minister for Health Selena Uibo

said, "The new health centre will support communities and homelands in west Arnhem to receive care closer to home, and enhance tourism in Kakadu through improved access to emergency medical care for visitors.

"Our Territory Labor Government continues to deliver work for Territorians, and upskilling locals to create a resilient Territory-wide workforce.

"Locals are excited to see the new health centre nearing completion, with facilities that will be able to provide culturally appropriate care." Member for Arafura Manuel Brown said, "My electoral constituents in west Arnhem are eager for the opening of the

new Jabiru Health Centre.
"The Territory Labor
Government is supporting the
transformation of Jabiru into a
nationally and internationally
recognised tourism destination
by supporting the development
of Jabiru for west Arnhem
communities.

"The renal and morgue facilities will be valuable to the community to facilitate sorry business and offer better access to renal services, with both self-dialysis and assisted dialysis."

ROLLING OUT HEALTH CHECK UPS FOR WEST ARNHEM WOMEN



Minjilang women attended a women's health check-up in Warruwi on 11 of April.

This was a huge milestone for the Breastscreening NT team who brought the breastscreening bus to Warruwi via barge.

Through the initiative, which was supported by Red Lily Health, 12 ladies

from Minjilang flew to Warruwi to attend the BreastScreen NT bus 'Milly'.

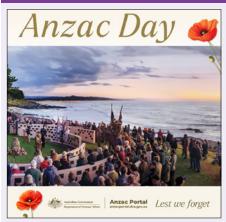
The day started with a morning tea supplied by the Warruwi Red Lily staff. After each individual visit to the bus, it was followed up by health checks for everyone. A barbecue lunch was also provided and there was a presentation of goody bags for everyone who attended before the flight back to Minjilang. This was a great way to make sure that the ladies of Minjilang are up-to-date with mammograms and their health.

"This was a great way to make sure that the ladies of Minjilang are up-to-date with their health.."

Due to the cost of flying to Darwin this sort of health issue is sometimes forgotten. West Arnhem Regional Council staff members Cathy Makings and Lee Kirschner were also invited along, making them feel a part of the Community.

Council Services Manager Cathy said, "We were thrilled to be invited to take part in this day. Both Lee and I have let this important part of looking after ourselves get away as it has been some years since either of us have had our check-ups due to living remote."

WHAT'S ON



ANZAC Day commemorations will be held throughout West Arnhem Communities on Thursday, 25 April 2024. Please see page 5 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

22-23 WARC Ordinary Council Meeting **Thu 25** ANZAC Day

MAY

Fri 10 Colour Fun Run

Sat 11 2024 Kakadu Triathlon

Sun 26 National Sorry Day

CAULFIELD GRAMMAR SUPPORTS JABIRU TOWN PLAZA REVITALISATION

Local Jabiru Stakeholders, led by Jabiru Property Services, have come together with the vision of revitalising the Jabiru Town Plaza, including buildings and garden beds, prior to the tourist season.

"Making connections through service learning opportunities is a large focus.."

This includes 16 Caulfield Grammar (CGS) students and teachers and West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) Works Officers Paul Stevens and Luke Thurston and Council Services Manager Dana Hewett.

One part of the initiative is for WARC to

do extra cleaning, weeding and removing cobwebs under their license to maintain, and Caulfield Grammar School have kindly offered assistance with their students.

The first clean up session with CGS occurred on 16 April.

CSM Dana Hewett said, "It was a pleasure to have the Caulfield Grammar students and teachers assist with improving the appearance of our town plaza. The students are a pleasant and lively group of young people and I enjoyed the energy they brought to the work."

CSG Community Partnerships Manager (Kakadu) Cecily Gregory said, "Making connections through service learning opportunities is a large focus of Caulfield Grammar School's Kakadu Program. We look forward to more opportunities to assist with the town revitalisation process as the year progresses".









LOCAL REPRESENTATION IN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM





West Arnhem Regional Council's Wellbeing Coordinator Geraldine Narul is a proud member of the 2024 First Circles Leadership Program. This Program supports emerging Aboriginal leaders from across remote communities. Geri said the first workshop in Alice Springs earlier this month was a fantastic learning experience for her.

"It made me
feel proud to be
able to represent
not just my
Community of
Warruwi but the
West Arnhem
Region.."

"I got to meet new people, catch up with people whom

I haven't seen in so long, network, and it has also given me the opportunity to identify and speak on issues/gaps in communities across the Northern Territory," Geri said.

"My highlight during the workshop was attending the Leadership and Governance Forum & Treaty Symposium over two days.

"I got to see one of West Arnhem's Elected Members, Mr Julius Kernan in action during a Q&A. Cr Kernan also sat on a panel towards the end of the forum, he is very well spoken and conducts himself very professionally which I find inspiring.

"He is very passionate and it made me feel proud to be able to represent not just my Community of Warruwi but the West Arnhem Region. I look forward to the next workshop - I'm excited share more but also gain from the other members in the group."

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICES ACROSS THE REGION

West Arnhem Communities will commemorate Anzac Day on Thursday, 25 April with services at the following locations.

MINJILANG

- Ceremony to begin at 10:00am
- Special guests: NORFORCE, school children to perform flag raising
- After ceremony, WARC will hold bacon & egg rolls, tea, coffee
- End with a game of football for the kids

MANINGRIDA

- Service at 5.45am at Council Office
- Speeches, flagraising wreath laying, commemorative address
- Follow by barbecue breakfast, tea/coffee and

biscuits

WARRUWI

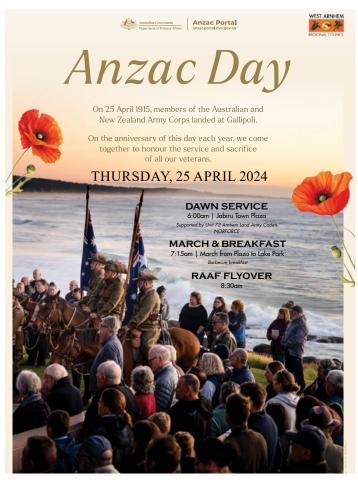
- 5am start of service
- Hymns, ANZAC Day poem, commemorative address, wreath laying
- Special guests; Veterans and service personnel, senior official guests, NORFORCE

GUNBALANYA

- Dawn Service at 6:00am
- Flag raising Adjumarllarl Store
- followed by barbecue breakfast in the park

JABIRU

- 6am Dawn Service
- Supported by Unit 72 Arnhem Land Army Cadets and NORFORCE
- Followed by march and breakfast
- RAAF Flyover 8.30am



NEW AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS IN WEST ARNHEM





Alex Prinsloo (right) receiving his certificate from Mayor James Woods.

West Arnhem Regional Council has welcomed five new Australian citizens in the region – Nong Kitikorn, Savry Chey, Samip Koirala, Upasana Regmee and Alex Prinsloo, who made the official pledge of commitment today, Thursday, 11 April.

In was a very special Australian citizenship ceremony, the constituents came together from different Communities around the region, including Maningrida, Gunbalanya and Jabiru, to make the pledge and receive their certificates in front of Mayor James Woods, Deputy Mayor Elizabeth Williams and families and friends.

Council wishes to congratulate all of the new Australian citizens and hopes their futures in Australia are bright and prosperous.



Savry Chey, Samip Koirala, Upasana Regmee and Nong Kitikorn with their certificates. (top left) Savry with Deputy Mayor Liz Williams.

ABORIGINAL TOURISM GRANT OPEN WITH \$1M IN FUNDING

The Territory Labor Government is boosting the Northern Territory's rich and unique Aboriginal tourism experiences with Round 7 of the Aboriginal Tourism Grant Program Have opened with a \$1 million funding pool.

Aboriginal businesses and organisations can apply for grants between \$30,000 and \$100,000 to upgrade or build new infrastructure or develop new tourism product including on country accommodation, cultural tours and bush tucker experiences.

Aboriginal tourism is a significant drawcard for visitors to the Northern Territory with 80 per cent of visitors to the Territory seeking an Aboriginal tourism experience as part of their itinerary.

To date, the grant program has supported 52 Aboriginal tourism businesses with grants worth over \$2.3 million.

The last round supported Rulku Enterprises in Milingimbi with an infrastructure upgrade that delivered new ensuites to five rooms at Rulku Lodge to enhance the visitor experience and encourage visitors to stay longer.

To find out more and apply "Upgrade or build new infrastructure or develop new tourism product including on country accommodation, cultural tours.."

head to <u>grantsnt.nt.gov.au</u> or to learn more about the Northern Territory Aboriginal Tourism Strategy 2020-2030 and Tourism NT's Aboriginal grant programs visit <u>tourismnt.com.au</u>

This program is an initiative under the Northern Territory and Australian governments' \$6 million Strategic Indigenous Tourism Projects, announced last week.



YOUNG PEOPLE EMBRACE LEARNING AND FUN





This year has seen an increase in under school age children participating in the Jabiru school holiday program which is great to see. The number of school age attendees was also very positive.

West Arnhem Regional Council's NDIS Remote Connector Jackson Hodge recently assisted with the holiday program at the Jabiru Library while the Librarian was away on a Symposium.

Pictured are some of the children enjoying a movie and popcorn at the library. The older children utilised the technology at the library to play games with their friends.

Participants also had fun accessing technology, watching movies from the Library's collection and craft activities such as sand art and making



ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE



The Gunbalanya Community recently had a 2 week school holiday break so West Arnhem Regional Council's Youth Sport and Recreation team facilitated lots of sport activities, a swim at the pool, youth centre activities, tie-dye, slime making, a disco and a swim at the waterfall.

A highlight was working with Injalak Arts so young people got to experience being a professional artist.

Youth and kids got paid a \$20 voucher for the shop for their artwork. It is for a special screen print project.

The next step will be for artists to screen print all their works together on fabric.

Overall, it was a great holiday program which engaged school aged children and encouraged the next generation of artists. Thanks to Adjumarllarl for helping with swimming.



Friday, 10 May - Run starts at 5pm **Jabiru Lake Playground**

Registration from 4pm

Early Registration:

- Register early at the Jabiru Library 2.4km run/walk around the lake from 1pm, Tuesday 7 May
- Register on the Kakadu Triathlon

give.careflight.org/event/kakadu-

- Participants receive a shirt & glasses (limited quantities)
- Sausage Sizzle gold coin



Adults/Child - \$5 5 and under free

PLUS ALPA's Foam Machine!



All funds raised go to **CareFlight**

DRY SEASON OPENING HOURS AT JABIRU POOL



With the cooler weather here, West Arnhem Regional Council wishes to remind pool users that as of 1 May, the Jabiru Pool will resume 'dry season' opening hours.

This means that the last early morning session will be on Tuesday, 30 April 2024.

The 'dry season' opening hours are:

Monday: 1.30pm – 6.30pm Tuesday: 1.30pm – 6.00pm Wednesday: 1.30pm – 6.30pm Thursday: 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

The dry season opening hours also apply to the Jabiru gym. Don't forget all of the wonderful features at the pool including the kid's splash pad, barbecues, monorail, jumping pillow and playground.

There is also an aqua fitness class at the pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6.15pm – 7.00pm.

Pool passes are available at the Pool canteen and Council office.

The pool also sells swimming merchandise including goggles and noodles.

The pool is located on the corner of Kichela Road and Civic Drive.

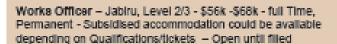
The Pool is also the location of underwater hockey.

See their Facebook page for further information.





WORK IN & EXPERIENCE ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU



Early Childhood Educator Assistant – Jabiru, Level 3 \$63k -\$68k - full Time, 13 months fixed term - Subsidised accommodation could be available – Open until filled

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

Post and Administration Officer – Gunbalanya, Level 4, \$68k -\$73k – Permanent - Full Time, Subsidised accommodation available - Applications close <u>Wednesday 8 May 2024</u>

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

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

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

Senior Administration Officer – Warruwi, Level 5, \$74k – \$77k – Permanent - Full Time, Subsidised accommodation available - Applications close <u>Wednesday 24 April 2024</u>

Employee Relations & Safety Advisor – Darwin, Level 9, \$108k -\$123k – Permanent - Full Time, No Accommodation provided - Applications close <u>Wednesday 24 April 2024</u>.

Broadcasting Officer – Minjilang, Level 4, \$68k – Permanent -Part Time – 20 hours per week – No accommodation provided -Opened until filled

For more information:

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



Indigenous people are encouraged to apply



JABIRU, NT

OPEN TRIATHLON

Individual or team (of 2 or 3) 12 yrs & above 250m swim / 7.5km ride / 2.5km run

KAKADU CHALLENGE

Open Individual - 5km RUN 12yrs & above

JUNIOR TRIATHLON

Distance based on ability and determined on the day

Tadpoles (6 years and under) Hatchlings (7-9 years) Frogs (10-12 years) Junior Triathlete (12-13 years)

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 - 6:40am

FREE breakfast for participants

Free event singlet for Open Participants

Markets, raffles and more!

COLOUR FUN RUN

5pm, Friday, 10 May | Jabiru Lake Park - 2.4km - All ages REGISTER: \$5pp on the day from 4pm or on the Triathlon website Includes glasses and shirt (limited shirt sizes)

























All funds raised goes to **CareFlight**

SPORT AND RECREATION CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Arnhem Regional Council's Youth, Sport and Recreation (YSR) program in Jabiru celebrated birthday a big group on Thursday, 18 April. Carter, who comes the **YSR** program regularly turned 7, so the group had a birthday cake to share and celebrate.





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- 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.

Race Relations

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.

Unity n Australian socie

An Australian society that values and recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and heritage as a proud part of a shared 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 opportunities and the unique rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are recognised and upheld.

> 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 are never repeated.



