WEST ARNHEM SWAMPED BY BIG WET

Wet season rains are having an impact on communities across West Arnhem, cutting roads and supplies of essential items.

The road bridge across the Adelaide River on the Arnhem Highway has been out for a couple of weeks, with The Department of Infrastructure setting up “road closed” signs. Drivers taking to closed roads risk are risking an on-the-spot fine of $432.

The closure at Adelaide River forces road trains and travellers on the Darwin – Jabiru route to go the long way around via Pine Creek and the Kakadu Highway.

Gunbalanya is in turn cut off from Jabiru, with swollen creeks and rivers closing roads at Cahill Crossing and Magela Creek.

The closures have affected many business and postal services, with freight costs to Jabiru increasing a whopping 30 per cent.

West Arnhem Regional Council Mayor Lothar Siebert said the Arnhem Highway had been cut by floodwaters at the Adelaide River floodplain for as long as it had ever been cut.

“The Northern Territory government should start looking at plans to minimise the impact of floodwaters,” Mayor Siebert said.

“People in West Arnhem are having to go double the distance just to get to Darwin.

“The cost of travel goes up, the cost of freight goes up – everything goes up. We have to fly everything in to Gunbalanya, Warruwi, Maningrida and Minjilang.

“We may have to consider seeking Federal Government assistance.”

It’s not all bad news, though.

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Clean Up Australia Day gets underway with a breakfast barbecue at Lake Jabiru at 7.30am on March 2. Teams will grab bags and gloves and head out to different areas around town. To register your team and your area call Mark on 8979 9465.

FEBRUARY

Fridays
Clontarf Community Circuit Training, Jabiru Area School MPA, 7am
Fri 14
Valentines Day
Fri 14
V-day: End violence against women and girls
Sat 15
Jabiru Bombers v Gunbalanya All Stars, Bombers Sponsors' Day, Brockman Park, Jabiru, 2pm
Sundays
Jabiru Sports & Social Club Sunday lunch, 2pm
Mondays
Clontarf Community Circuit Training, Jabiru Area School MPA, 3.30pm
Tuesdays
Jabiru Art & Craft Group, Kakadu Youth Centre, cnr Gregory Place & Leichhardt Street 7.30-9.30pm
Wednesdays
Clontarf Community Circuit Training, Jabiru Area School MPA, 3.30pm
Thu 20
World Harmony Day

MARCH

Sun 2
Clean Up Australia Day Barbecue, volunteers meet at Jabiru Lake from 7.30am
Sat 8
International Women's Day Luncheon, Jabiru Sports & Social Club, 11.30am
Mon 10
Women's Self-Defence Classes start, Jabiru Community Hall, 5.30-7pm
Wednesdays
Women's Self-Defence Classes, Jabiru Community Hall, 5.30-7pm
Thu 13
World’s Greatest Shave: Leukaemia Foundation
Mondays
Women’s Self-Defence Classes, Jabiru Community Hall, 5.30-7pm

TWO graduates from West Arnhem College Gunbalanya School will be honoured in a special ceremony at Parliament House in Darwin this Friday, after taking out top training awards in the Northern Territory.

Kirsty Garnardj and Arijay Camp will travel to the Northern Territory Board of Studies Awards evening in Parliament House on Friday 14 February, with assistance from the West Arnhem Regional Council, who will fly the students from Gunbalanya to Jabiru.

Arijay Camp won the NT School Based Apprentice of the Year Award. Arijay completed his school based apprenticeship at Gunbalanya Meat Works under the guidance of Training Supervisor Shane Townsend. Arijay was diligent in his school studies and training towards becoming a qualified butcher in the community.

Kirsty Garnardj won the inaugural Karmi Sceney Indigenous Excellence and Leadership Award. Kirsty has worked hard in all areas of leadership within the school and with her peers. Kirsty aspires to do the best she can in all areas of her senior years at school. She is a good role model for young women in the community.

Kirsty’s father Andy Garnardj, a Cultural Liaison Officer with the West Arnhem Regional Council, said he was proud of both the students.

“Both former students have been recognised through the Department of Education for their excellence at Year 12 level for 2013,” Mr Garnardj said.

“IT is the first time Gunbalanya School had been represented at the awards and we are very proud of our students.”

Gunbalanya School Principals Esther Djayghurrnga and Sue Trimble said Gunbalanya School, parents and students were very proud of the outstanding achievements of Kirsty and Arijay.

“Arijay achieved his award through the partnership with the ILC – Meatworks at Gunbalanya. He has been a diligent worker and all are very impressed with his skills. Industry partners are highly valued in developing student pathways and this is the result is what can be achieved.

“Kirsty has one of the first ladies to graduate from Gunbalanya. She has outstanding leadership qualities and will shortly commence a traineeship with ERA.

“If students come to school at Gunbalanya we can achieve outstanding results.”
A SLIPPERY serpent gave teachers and students a scaly surprise last week when it slithered its way into Gunbalanya School.

Just minutes before students were due to be dismissed from class, preschool teacher and former snake catcher Gordon Canning found himself on the tail end of the second most deadly snake in the world.

Mr Canning said the highly venomous, six-foot Coastal Taipan was first spotted by students.

“The kids said it was bailed up by Phteven, a teacher’s dog, before it slid under the toilet block,” he said.

Another staff member spotted the slippery customer crossing the school’s basketball court and immediately called for the former snake wrangler.

“It turned and lunged the full length of its body back at me.”

Mr. Canning asked for the school to be put into lockdown before beginning the dangerous task capturing the snake.

“I’ve never had a Brown or a Mulga (King Brown) come back like that.”

Mr Canning said he attempted to coax the snake into a bin, but it disappeared into a thick garden.

With the threat minimised, the students left for home, and Mr Canning launched a full-scale search with the help of two other staff members.

More than an hour later, after the garden had been pulled apart, Mr Canning said the snake “flashed” into his hands.

The snake-catching teacher quickly placed it in a wheelie bin for relocation.

The potentially deadly snake was photographed and released that afternoon, but not before it had slithered its way into the underbody of Mr Canning’s vehicle.

He said the troublesome reptile was left overnight to allow it to leave in its own time.

Coastal Taipans are uncommon in the Northern Territory.

The Gunbalanya specimen is the first official record of a live Taipan caught in the Top End in at least the last decade.

Mr Canning warned the major cause of snake bite was attempting to capture or kill a snake.

“All snakes should be treated as dangerous and should not be interfered with by anyone other than experienced relocators,” he said.
BEAUTIFICATION IN FULL SWING ON WARRUWI

It's not an easy job to beautify one of the more beautiful places on the Top End coast. But this is the unenviable task that West Arnhem Regional Council workers face in the community of Warruwi on South Goulburn Island.

Council Services Manager Nathan Dyer contacted The Wire a couple of days ago, sending through some photos of Civil guys installing park benches and tables around the community.

"I'll send some of them actually doing some work later on – LOL," Nathan writes.

"This is part of the beautification project. Road signs have been installed around community (last week) and the benches and tables this week. It's already lifted the community up a bit and people have stated they are a good idea.

"The next phase is to complete painting the rocks as you enter the community. This will be done in the dry season."

WEST ARNHEM SWAMPED BY BIG WET

The seasonal rains have revived the recreational pursuit of culvert fishing, with fishos hitting the waterways along the highway armed with lures and high hopes.

Bridges and floodways between Jabiru and Cooinda have proved especially popular, with plenty of catches of barramundi and tarpon.

However fishing and fast cars can be a dangerous mix.

Jabiru Police Constable Stephen Sergeant said fishos should take a commonsense approach to culvert fishing.

"People fishing have to be aware that we have vehicles including road trains travelling at over 100kmh on the highway," Const. Sergeant said.

"At that speed vehicles can take more than 40 metres to stop.

"People need to wear bright clothing and be conscious of traffic on the roads."

Rainfall - January (mm)

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LUNCHEON LOOKS AT INSPIRING CHANGE

WOMEN are invited to join in the celebrations as Jabiru United in Community Events (JUCE) host a purple-themed luncheon on Saturday, March 8 to celebrate International Women’s Day 2014.

Get together a table of six and join the celebrations at the Jabiru Sports and Social Club, with guest speakers, door prizes and raffles.

Wear a splash of purple to receive your welcome drink on arrival!

The International Women’s Day theme for 2014 - Inspiring Change - encourages advocacy for women’s advancement everywhere in every way.

It calls for challenging the status quo for women’s equality and vigilance inspiring positive change.

This year’s Women’s Day event in Jabiru will raise funds to support the Girl’s Academy at West Arnhem College.

Raffles and door prizes include massages from Kakadu Balance Massage, a Paul Arnold photography book, Lakeview accommodation and Arbonne products.

Guests receive a three-course, shared platter lunch featuring cheese and antipasto, gourmet wraps and rolls and a selection of pastries and cakes.

Women’s Day celebrates the social, political and economic achievements of women while focusing world attention on areas requiring further action.

Each year International Women’s Day (IWD) is celebrated on March 8.

The first International Women’s Day was held in 1911.

Thousands of events occur across Australia and around the world to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women.

Organisations, governments, charities, educational institutions, women’s groups, corporations and the media celebrate the day.

Tickets can be purchased from Liz in Water Management, Leona Community Relations or Ashley at West Arnhem Regional Council Jabiru office.

NO FRILLS BUT PLENTY OF SKILLS AT JABIRU ART CRAFTS GROUP

TUESDAY nights getting you down? Tired of the tube? Want to put a bit of colour into your life?

Well it’s time to toss the Tuesday tedium and get your creative arms along to the Jabiru Art Crafts Group.

The group meets every Tuesday night, except during school holidays, at the Kakadu Community Centre, and are keen to welcome new members who enjoy practising their art skills and sharing them with others.

The group is for Jabiru residents who want to get together and share skills and enjoy doing art and craft together.

All are welcome, and no skills are required.

Art Crafts Group member Anne O’Dea says it’s all about making time in your week to do something for yourself – taking the time to simply enjoy creating something.

“In the past we have done all kinds of things, including drawing and painting, jewellery, sewing, printing, leatherwork, mosaic, photoshop, clay, papier mache and community projects,” Anne says.

“Each week I send out an email telling members what we are up to and what to bring, but we always have spare gear if anyone just turns up, or doesn’t have the materials.”

There is no cost except the occasional contribution to materials if needed.

You can check out the facebook site to see more photos of the many projects this creative collaborative has done.

“People can contact me for further info at windydea3@bigpond.com – or just turn up,” Anne says.

WHAT: JABIRU ART CRAFTS GROUP
WHEN: TUESDAY NIGHTS 7.30-9pm
WHERE: KAKADU COMMUNITY CENTRE (Next to the BP servo)
WORLD WETLANDS DAY

Kakadu National park Research and Survey Project Officer Anne O’Dea conducts a quiz with the children.

Families enjoying everything from scientific displays to colouring in activities.

Going nuts for bush tucker.

Visitors check out woven baskets.

Kate McMahon from Visitor Services with a preserved water beetle.

How many beans make 261? Andy Ralph and Tracey Diddams running the competition to guess the number of Kakadu Plum seeds in the jar.

Liam Contarino collects a Yellow Water Cruise prize for his friend Mac Peart, whose guess of 267 was the closest to the number of seeds in the jar.

Alyssa West (4) receives a lucky door prize – a DVD of the ABC documentary series, Kakadu – from Tracey and Andy.

Gail Hunter.

Andy interviews Michael the Supervising Scientist.

Craig ‘Crackers’ Hand meets with Kakadu Rangers (from left) David Brown, Kalvin Marakami, Timothy Henda and Joe May.

Families enjoying everything from scientific displays to colouring in activities.
AT BOWALI VISITOR CENTRE

Kakadu Park Ranger Fred Hunter cranks up the big-block Chevy for the kids at the air boat display.

Adults and kids enjoying the free bush breakfast on Sunday, February 2.

A visitor takes a keen interest in the view through the Leica microscope.

For whatever reason, boys will always be interested in water from a swamp.

NERP researcher David Crook with a device used to track tagged fish.

A crowd turned out for the rangers’ talk about their work in Kakadu National Park.

Informative displays on wetlands science and research were popular with adults and kids alike.

Gail Hunter from Kakadu Culture Camp.

ABOVE: Andy interviews ERA’s Nicole Jacobsen.

LEFT: A visitor at the ERA information display.

Kakadu’s Anne O’Dea lends a hand with hand painting – always a big hit with the kids.
IT was a cultural gathering with a gourmet twist on the 1 February weekend when a few community members in Gunbalanya got together to celebrate Chinese New Year. West Arnhem Regional Council Tenancy Management Officer Donna Summerell hosted the celebrations at her home, with Home and Community Care staff member Ivy Lim preparing the wonderful courses of Asian-style cuisine.

The food, company and the picturesque view of the billabong in the background set the theme for what is expected to be a great year – The Year of the Horse.

FEDERAL Opposition Leader Bill Shorten popped in to the East Arnhem community of Nhulunbuy (Gove) last week to see how the town is bearing up as Rio Tinto’s alumina refinery closes down. Local families have begun a mass exodus after 1100 workers were given their marching orders as a direct result of the shutdown.

Mr Shorten is taking the Abbott government to task for doing nothing to lessen the impact on the 4000-strong community. He told reporters it was clear the government knew nothing about regional and remote communities “and they care even less.” Meanwhile a group of local businesses and property owners has branded Rio’s three-year transition package – assistance which cuts power and general rates for Nhulunbuy businesses – as “woefully inadequate”.

OPPOSITION’S GOVE VISIT IS SHORTEN SWEET

Bill Shorten and ALP Senator Nova Peris during their recent visit to Nhulunbuy. PHOTO: MATT GARRICK.
CORROBOREE CAR PARK TURNS HELIPAD FOR MERCY MISSION

The rescue helicopter lands in the Corroboree Creek Hotel car park to transfer the ill man to Darwin Hospital.

A FLOOD-ISOLATED hotel car park became a helipad to bring medical treatment to an ill man on the Adelaide River floodplain last week.

The community at Corroboree Creek had been cut off for a week by deep water across the Arnhem Highway, east of Darwin.

On Friday 7 February the CareFlight TIO Rescue Helicopter landed at the Corroboree Creek Hotel car park, in heavy rain, shortly before 7 am so the crew doctor and flight nurse could treat the man.

The medical team stabilised the man, who was suffering breathing difficulties, before making the mercy dash by chopper to Royal Darwin Hospital.

The man remained in a stable condition on arrival at the hospital.

The CareFlight doctor said the 68-year-old had been able to make the three-kilometre trek from his home to the hotel, but had been unable to get to Darwin for treatment.

Floods have left the hotel unable to receive beer supplies this week.

On Australia Day this year, the hotel staged a fundraiser spit roast – with proceeds donated to CareFlight.

And although this mercy mission was made before opening time, the flight still served as a reminder of CareFlight’s operation of the Top End Medical Retrieval Service on behalf of the Northern Territory Government.

FISHOS RESCUED IN TINNY OFF VERNON ISLANDS

THREE fishos have been found and towed back to Darwin after running into trouble on an overnight fishing trip to Buffalo Creek.

A rescue helicopter crew found the 5.3 metre boat off the Vernon Islands, 45km north-east of Darwin.

After the CareFlight TIO crew lowered a radio to the boat, the occupants reported they were safe and well but had suffered engine failure.

The helicopter crew gave the boat’s position to police who dispatched a boat to tow the fishos back to Darwin.

In a statement, CareFlight praised the occupants of the vessel for their decision to call for assistance before dark while weather remained calm.

The boat occupants set off an EPIRB on the old 121.5 MHz band which sets out a signal which can be detected by Careflight’s operation of the Top End Medical Retrieval Service on behalf of the Northern Territory Government.

The new generation EPIRB can cut the time which emergency services by air, ground or water can effect a rescue.

CROCWISE CD SPREADS SAFETY MESSAGE IN SONG

A SCHOOL-BASED song recording competition has come up with a unique message about being safe around Top End waterways.

Minister for Parks and Wildlife Bess Price officially launched the Be Crocwise CD on 4 February as part of the Be Crocwise campaign.

Twelve schools from across the Territory submitted their original songs into the competition last year with Ludmilla Primary School being announced the winner, with Nakara Primary and Pularumpi School coming second and third respectively.

Mrs Price said the winning song was fun and catchy and a great way to spread the Be Crocwise message.

“The process of the song competition is exciting and engaging and gives kids ownership of key crocodile safety messages,” she said.

The CDs will be distributed to all schools across the Top End with each school determining the best way to use the CD to promote the Be Crocwise message.

Schools can explore how crocodile safety can be promoted in their own communities using the powerful medium of music.

Mrs Price said the extra rain of the wet season meant increased risk of crocodiles on the move.

“Crocodiles can move about, and you must always assume that any body of water in the Top End and coastal areas could contain a crocodile,” she said.

“There is no room for complacency when it comes to crocodiles in our waterways.

“These songs are a fun yet serious reminder of the dangers that can lurk below the surface of any waterhole in the Top End.”

The rescue helicopter lands in the Corroboree Creek Hotel car park to transfer the ill man to Darwin Hospital.
**Position Vacant**

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**Calling for nominations**

Nominate a nurse or midwife in one of the following categories:

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- Midwifery Education, Research & Innovation
- Leadership Hospital Care
- Graduate of the Year Primary Health Care
- Lifetime Achievement Remote Health
- Enrolled Nurse
- Mental Health

**Nominations close Friday 7 March 2014**

To obtain a nomination form or for more information visit: www.nursing.nt.gov.au, phone 1800 000 648 or email nursing.info@nt.gov.au

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**Funding for Equity Training now available**

Applications are invited for funding under the NT Equity Training Grants program to increase training and employment opportunities and outcomes for disadvantaged groups in the Northern Territory.

**Who can apply?**

Incorporated organisations, registered training organisations and schools.

For more information on the grants visit www.dob.nt.gov.au phone Dianne Fong on 8935 7752 or email dianne.fong@nt.gov.au

**Applications close 19 March 2014.**

www.dob.nt.gov.au

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**Will work for food, says croc**

Workers at a factory in Kalimantan now have an emergency phone number to call when crocs turn up uninvited.

Warning boards and phone numbers appeared in the Indonesian fertiliser plant after a large saltwater crocodile wandered in last month looking for a feed.

The factory sits in a mangrove forest, a stronghold for crocs whose habitat is under threat from land clearing.

Workers came across the unwelcome visitor on Sunday, January 5, when the three-metre saltie came a-knocking.

The hungry croc has since been released into a nearby lake.

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**Team Leader Works** - Full Time – Gunbalanya  
- Accommodation maybe available - Closes Friday 28 February 2014

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To apply:
Visit the website below of phone 08 8982 9522
www.westarnhem.nt.gov.au/employment

Email completed application to: vacancy@westarnhem.nt.gov.au

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply

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Your Licensed Community Club!

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3–9 March 2014, Australia and New Zealand

Parks Week is an annual celebration of the important role that our parks play in contributing to the health of our communities.

Parks week aims to:

- Highlight and celebrate the important role parks play – across people, communities, and the natural environment
- Encourage greater use of parks
- Promote park management agencies and the work they do.

Remember:

Healthy Parks, Healthy People

Why not get out and explore Kakadu during Parks Week celebrations!
Visit our friendly staff at Bowali or phone them on (08) 8938 1120

Start the morning with a hearty $10 breakfast at the Crocodile Hotel before joining us for a healthy walk to the Bowali Visitor Centre

Discover our healthy woodlands walk
Thursday 6 March
9:00–10:30 am
2 km walk (one way sealed track) – meet at the start of the Bowali walking track (opposite the Crocodile Hotel on Jabiru Drive)

Learn about nature’s many uses and how not only do we depend on nature, it also depends on us.

Bring: Water, hat, walking shoes, binoculars
NEW OPENING HOURS @ JABIRU POOL & GYM

For one month - from 17 Feb to 17 March - we are trialling new opening hours:

- Monday: 6–11am, 3–7pm
- Tues, Wed: 11am – 7pm
- Thursday: 6–11am, 3–7pm
- Friday: 11am – 6pm
- Saturday: 9am – 6pm
- Sun/Public Hols: 12pm – 6pm

Remember:
Kids 12 and under swim for FREE!
ROUND OUT YOUR DAY WITH CIRCUIT TRAINING

STUDENTS at Jabiru Area School are hitting the ground running in 2014 with early morning circuit training.

And residents of the Jabiru community and surrounding outstations are invited to show their support for the kids at a free barbecue breakfast this Friday 14 January.

The barbecue will follow the Clontarf Community Circuit Training session at the Jabiru Area School assembly area, which gets the blood pumping at 7am.

Clontarf Academy Director Brad Copeland said everyone was welcome to come down and take part or take a look at what circuit training involves.

“Please come down and show your support to students participating,” Mr Copeland said.

“Our first circuit training session for 2014 was last Friday 7 February, with a small but dedicated group of students participating.

“However this Friday 14 February we’ll officially kick off for 2014 with a training session followed by a barbecue breakfast.”

Circuit training continues every Friday from 7am and Mondays and Wednesdays from 3.30pm.

WHERE: JABIRU AREA SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AREA
WHEN: FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY
TRAINING TIME: 7–7.30AM
BARBECUE BREAKFAST: 7.45AM

BRAVE BOMBERS GO DOWN TO OLYMPIC

THE Jabiru Bombers were asked to overcome near-on 1000 km of travel, a 6am start on the road and an Olympic Spartans team with a five-man numerical advantage in the Division 2 NTFL round 17 clash at Nightcliff Oval on the weekend.

Despite a brave effort the Bombers were unable to win against the odds, going down by six goals. As a result the Bombers will finish third at the end of the home and away season having drawn the bye in round 18 and are destined to face off against arch rival Banks in the qualifying final the following weekend.

The Bombers started the game with only one player on the interchange bench robbing them of much-needed rotations whilst the Spartans started with a full bench of six players allowing them to stay much fresher. Despite this the Spartans lead by only 16 points at quarter time.

Thanks to a strong Bombers backline lead by Daniel Hill and evergreen Cyril Rioli, the second quarter saw the Spartans kick 2 goals 4 behinds to the Bombers 2 behinds only to be down by 30 pints at the major break.

In an effort to give some of his players a much needed rest on the bench coach Matty Large pulled on the boots for the first time this year as the Bombers ended the third quarter 37 points adrift.

The last quarter saw the Bombers win their only quarter of the game, albeit by one point, as the teams kicked four goals apiece, the final score at full time seeing the Spartans 13.13-91 to the Bombers 8.7-55 to run out winners by 36 points and sew up top spot on the ladder.

Better players for the Bombers were tireless co captain and centreman Richard Lindner, ruckman Anthony Reid and on baller Dylan Cooper.

Olympic Spartans 13.13-91 defeated Jabiru Bombers 8.7-55

Bombers Goal kickers: Jake Bonner 3, Byron Cooper 2, Nicholas Bangarr 1, Dylan Cooper 1 and Rodney Moore 1.

Bombers Best Players: Richard Lindner, Anthony Reid, Dylan Cooper, Cyril Rioli, Mickitja Onus and Daniel Hill.

THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR WOMEN’S INDIGENOUS CRICKET: MATTHEWS

THE time is right to create a national Indigenous women’s team, according to a former Australian test player.

Speaking at the Imparja Cup in Alice Springs this week, former Australian all-rounder Greg Matthews said Cricket Australia needed to put a pathway in place for the girls.

He told ABC TV that while he applauded the entry of four women’s teams in the Imparja Cup, without a good foundation the talent would “dissipate”.

“At last the girls are starting to get a few crumbs, but it’s a beginning and while the girls need to be a little bit patient, there seems to be a career path there for them, so it seems to be a no-brainer to me,” Matthews said.

“We have to be sure that we’ve identified the talent, that it’s not tokenism and that there is that street-cred and self-respect.”

The all-rounder said women’s participation in cricket had jumped by 20 per cent in the last few years and now was the right time to advance the development of a national indigenous women’s side.
THE Alligator Fishing Club’s first Monthly Prize Day was held at the Jabiru Sports & Social Club on Sunday 2nd February. It was a great day.

The afternoon began with the kids casting competition followed by a dip in the lawn bowls swimming pool in which the kids had a lot of fun.

The winners for the Kids Casting Comp were Paul Boyd and Kylara Morris.

Congratulations to all the kids that participated.

The month of January only saw 12 fish on the board and unfortunately no snapper.

Remember to put your fish on the board to be in the running for a prize. February’s monthly fish are Barra & Saratoga and mystery fish is Archer Fish.

The afternoon was topped off by catching up and talk fishing tales with other club members.

The next Monthly Prize Day will be held at on the deck at the Jabiru Sports nd Social Club on Sunday 2nd March at 12.30pm. Come down and join in the fun.

Robert ‘Davo’ Davis won Biggest barra (male).

Having a flick with barbless lures in the Kids Casting Competition.

Jackie Davis won Biggest barra (female).

JANUARY 2014 WINNERS

BIGGEST BARRA MALE: Robert Davis  85cm
BIGGEST BARRA FEMALE: Jackie Davis  63cm
BIGGEST BARRA JUNIOR: Kylara Morris  48cm
MYSTERY CATCH PRIZES: Tamara Fern, Ryanna Morris
MEMBERS PRIZE: Robert Davis
Raffle was won by Jackie Davis
There was no Snapper on the board for January.

Cameron ‘Chicken’ Briscoe hands out prizes to winners in the Kids’ Casting Competition, Kylara Morris (above) and Paul Boyd (below). Kylara also won Biggest Barra in the Junior category.
Watch as the Bombers do battle against the rising stars of Gunbalanya!

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Saturday 15 February 2014
Brockman Oval Jabiru
kickoff 1pm

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