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**INDIGENOUS JOBS FIGHT CONTINUES**

**THE DAY THE CIRCUS CAME TO TOWN**

**NO OBSTACLE TO WOMEN’S LUNCH**

**SCAMMERS TARGET ARNHEM LAND**

**PARKS** is urging drivers to keep an eye out for wildlife, after three small crocodiles were killed by vehicles in less than a fortnight.

Kakadu National Park’s Steve Winderlich said while it was highly unusual to see crocodiles killed in this way, it was fairly common to encounter wildlife on Kakadu’s roads.

“With the water around at this time of year, we’re seeing lots of turtles, snakes and even crocodiles crossing our highways,” Steve said.

“When you’re driving in the park, please look out for our native wildlife and keep a safe distance.”

Native species are protected in Kakadu under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.

Please report any injured wildlife to park staff at the Bowali Visitor Centre on 8938 1120.

**RESIDENTS** of Indigenous communities in West Arnhem are being warned not to give out personal or bank details over the phone, after scammers stole thousands of dollars from communities in East Arnhem.

Mardbalk Arts Centre Manager Brenda Westley passed on details of the scam story to The Wire after spotting it on ABC News.

“As many people as possible should be aware they are being targeted for scams,” Mrs Westley wrote from Warruwi.

It is estimated tens of thousands of dollars have been stolen in the phone scam, aimed squarely at Indigenous people in Arnhem Land.

Some of the victims have begun speaking out to warn others.

Djarrayung Wununmurra from the Wandawuy homeland has made a video with Laynhapuy Money Management, speaking about how he was targeted.

“If someone calls you on the phone, asking you personal details about yourself, these people are scamming you,” he said.

Mr Wununmurra wants people to know that if it could happen to him it could happen to them.

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WHAT’S ON

OUT AND ABOUT

CANNIBUS SEIZED AT MANINGRIDA AIRPORT

AN 18-year-old man has been charged with drug offences following a cannabis seizure at the Maningrida Airport.

Superintendent Craig Barrett from the Arafura Division said Police attended the airport on Thursday 6 March to conduct luggage searches on passengers travelling into the community.

“Police located 56 grams of cannabis and 600 deal bags on an 18-year-old who had flown in from Darwin,” Superintendent Barrett said.

“If sold in the community, the conservative street value for these drugs would be around $5600."

He was charged with supply a dangerous drug and possess a dangerous drug and was bailed to appear in the Maningrida Court on 1 April 2014.

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Author and long-time Arnhem Land resident Richard Trudgen, who has been investigating the scam, told ABC his suspicions were raised when a friend asked him to help transfer thousands of dollars.

Upon investigation, he discovered a scammer was using detailed knowledge of Indigenous families to convince them they were owed large sums of money.

“They have done a lot of social profiling,” Mr Trudgen said. “[They have] history that not a lot of other non-aboriginal, non-Yolngu people would know about.”

The scammer tells his victims that if they transfer money to him, he will give them $1 million in return.

The money is then wired off-shore to India.

Northern Territory Police investigating the scam say once money is transferred to another country it is out of their jurisdiction.

Mr Trudgen said he believed call centre workers were now being used to target other people in the region to hand over money.

“This scam could be going on right across all Aboriginal communities across the north of Australia, and I believe it is,” he said.

Many of the victims were robbed after handing over bank details and passwords, he said. Mr Trudgen says he knows of at least a dozen people who have been conned, with at least $50,000 stolen.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) said there were rising numbers of phone scams targeting Aboriginal communities.

ACCC spokesman Derek Farrell said the ACCC would work hard to warn people and to stop conduct that breaks the law.

“It is terrible when some of the poorest people in the country are targeted in this way,” Mr Farrell said.

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Jabiru Bombers Presentation Night is on at the Jabiru Sports & Social Club from 7pm Saturday 22 March.
LOCAL AUTHORITIES: YOUR LOCAL VOICE

LOCAL people in West Arnhem will soon have a more direct voice in local government with the establishment of Local Authorities.

The West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) is now calling for leaders and community-minded people to nominate for Local Authority Members in Gunbalanya, Minjilang, Warruwi and Maningrida.

The council is currently rolling out its strategy to implement Local Authorities under changes to Northern Territory legislation.

Local Boards are being dissolved, with the new Local Authorities having a more direct say in how council funds are spent in communities.

Officer Phillip Saunders said there is a growing surge of grassroots interest from community members.

“The council is looking for people who want to be leaders in their communities, people who have a strong voice, people who are community-minded, and people who want to see change,” Mr Saunders said.

“The council needs your community to tell us what you need. A Local Authority basically informs the local council of service delivery needs and aspirations, and this has to be listened to by the local council and reflected in the minutes.

“A council report then goes back to the Local Authority about community issues and priorities, and these priorities have to be reflected in the Regional Council Plan and in the budget.”

Anyone interested in nominating for their Local Authority can contact the WARC Council Service Manager in their community. Nomination forms and an information booklet are also available for download at www.westarnhem.nt.gov.au/public notices.

SEIZED CANNABIS WAS HEADED FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

ONE and a half kilograms of cannabis has been seized from NT streets, as part of a Police operation to stop drugs being distributed into areas including in Arnhem Land.

Detective Senior Sergeant Chris Board from the Drug and Organised Crime Squad said the four-month ‘Operation Elva’ had shut down a drug trafficking ring distributing cannabis to remote communities.

“Seventeen people in total have now been arrested and charged with multiple offences in relation to these activities,” he said.

“One-and-a-half kilograms of cannabis has been seized and removed from the streets.”

Det. Snr Sgt Board said the actions of police had closed off a supply chain that was extensive and had willing contributors across Top End communities.

“It is important we send a message to these people that it is not worth it and you will be caught.

“We understand these drugs were being sold for maximum profit and now these 17 offenders are before the courts explaining their actions to a Magistrate.”

Anyone with info on the supply of drugs into remote communities has been urged to call Police (8987 1333) or Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000).
STUDENTS and local employers met up at West Arnhem College recently to sign apprenticeships in a partnership that is paving the way to future jobs and training.

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People began by discussing who they were and what they did.

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EMPLY LOCAL WORKERS, SAY COUNCILLORS

COUNCILLORS from the West Arnhem Regional Council have hit out at the loss of Indigenous jobs in their communities after the NT Government pulled housing contracts for tenancy management, repairs and maintenance.

Following the government decision in late February to award the tender to outside contractors, council was unable to offer renewed contracts to 16 Indigenous staff.

Deputy Mayor James Marrawal said there had been no consultation from the NT Government in his community of Warruwi.

“They don’t tell us what’s happening, we don’t get enough feedback from the government mob on where we’re standing,” Cr Marrawal said.

He said it made sense to employ the people living in the community.

“Local people already have accommodation in their own communities and can actually do the work – but we don’t get a chance to do that,” he said.

Speaking on ABC Radio on Wednesday 5 March, NT Chief Minister Adam Giles claimed the job losses in local communities were “not happening”.

“There will be more jobs in remote areas than there were under the other model,” Mr Giles said.

“Other people have got it [the NT Housing contract] and there will be more jobs on the ground.”

Councillor Matthew Ryan said there was concern within his community of Maningrida that any new jobs “on the ground” would not go to local Indigenous people.

External companies simply viewed Indigenous communities as “cash cows”, Cr Ryan said.

“They tend to employ people from outside, not the locals,” he said.

“We have trained up people in the communities and we can employ more people on-ground, and yet you get companies insulting bringing in workers from outside.”

Mayor Lothar Siebert said the NT Government’s decision had made people redundant in West Arnhem communities.

“They’re not even throwing us a bone,” Mayor Siebert said.

“They’ve given the outsiders a bone with a bit of meat on it – they’re not even giving us the bone to chew on.”

MULTICULTURAL GRANTS TO BUILD NT DIVERSITY

SPONSORSHIP grants are now available for Northern Territory organisations to promote multicultural diversity in the NT.

The NT Government is calling for applications for this year’s Multicultural Affairs Sponsorship Program, which offers financial assistance to community organisations for events and activities that promote multicultural diversity in the Territory.

Minister for Multicultural Affairs Peter Styles said the Multicultural Affairs Sponsorship Program aimed to support multicultural communities by providing funds towards innovative projects that promote multicultural diversity in the Northern Territory.

“Our multicultural diversity is the envy of the nation,” Mr Styles said.

“These grants offer the opportunity for groups to share how our rich history of cultural and linguistic diversity has enriched our society.”

The variety of programs would assist migrant and multicultural communities as well as promote cultural diversity in our society, he said.

“We believe in a strong society where all Territorians have equal opportunities to contribute to Territory life.

“Some events which have benefited from these grants in the past include the 2014 Greek Glenti Festival, the Happy Migrant Learning Centre and the 2013 NT Latino Gala Ball.”

Applications for grants will be accepted at the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

For more information please visit www.multicultural.nt.gov.au or call 8999 5192.

Applications close on 31 March 2014.
JABIRU: A BIRD’S-EYE VIEW

This view of Jabiru, taken in 1981 from the top of the water tower, was published in the Jabiru Town Development Authority Monthly Report, 11 September 1981.

IT WAS 30 YEARS AGO TODAY...
FROM THE PAGES OF THE JABIRU RAG

JABIRU SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB
Jabiru Rag, 29th March 1984
We have received a petition requesting a Special General Meeting.

The reason for this petition began after an unfortunate incident in the dining room of the Club, when Mrs C. Verstappen upended a pot plant on Mr. D. Urquhart’s head. Mrs. C. Verstappen claims she was provoked. Whether or not this was the case, she had damaged Club Property. Mr H. Verstappen and Mr. G. Bennett also became involved. As a result the Disciplinary Committee made a decision to suspend them for three months, this they felt was a fairly lenient decision as according to By-law No. 13 – “Any member wilfully damaging Club Property shall risk immediate suspension and subsequent expulsion from Membership and shall be liable for any damage caused to Club Property.”

The people concerned were not happy with this decision and arranged the petition.

JABIRU FOLK CLUB

PARKS WEEK A WALK IN THE PARK FOR RANGERS

PARKS Rangers held a bushwalk on Thursday 6 March on the Bowali track as part of Parks Week celebrations.

Students from Jabiru Area School joined Park Rangers and community members in the morning work from the Crocodile Hotel to the Bowali Visitor Centre.

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

A range of formal and informal events take place across Australia and New Zealand during Parks Week, encouraging greater use of parks and promoting park management agencies and the work they do.
BUSH FRUIT MAY COMBAT ALZHEIMER’S

THE Aboriginal inhabitants of Kakadu, the Bininj, have long known of the health benefits of the native Kakadu Plum.

Jenny Hunter from Kakadu Culture Camp says the bush plum, or An-morluk, is “number one bush tucker”.

It has long been used as a traditional food and bush medicine and for skin sores, Ms Hunter said.

And now researchers in Western Australia have found the native fruit could provide the most powerful antioxidant treatment yet in the fight against Alzheimer’s disease.

“Along with the Andutmi (Green Plum), it’s number one bush tucker.”

Ms Hunter said the Kakadu Plum is best eaten after it falls to the ground, not off the tree.

“We eat An-morluk when it’s ripe in Banggereng season, straight after the ‘wet’ (Gedjewg),” Ms Hunter said.

“But if you pick it from the tree when it’s green and hard it’s no good, you have to wait until it goes pale and falls on the ground, that’s when it’s best.

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“Health-market demand for natural vitamin C and antioxidants is creating a market for Kakadu plum fruit that is a challenge to support reliably from wild harvest,” Dr Barbour said.

JABIRU MUMS AND BUBS JOIN IN STRETCH CLASSES

The Jabiru Community Primary Health Care Centre are pleased to offer a class designed to give you an opportunity to prepare for birth or regain your core-strength and overall emotional and physical fitness after birth.

The classes will be run by Healthy Lifestyle Educator Brendan O’Brien with Midwife Symone Lindsey.

Ms Lindsey said the classes would concentrate on gentle preparative and restorative stretching exercises focusing on the pelvic girdle and core abdomen muscles to increase tone, followed by a relaxation and meditation component.

“Participants will have the opportunity to bond with their baby during the class which will enhance emotional connection,” Ms Lindsey said.

Antenatal women must see a general practitioner and midwife throughout their pregnancy for clearance to participate.

“The classes are also suitable for women after birthing, however all women are required to attend their six-week GP check for clearance prior to participating,” she said.

“We envisage that the classes will enable you to establish a new foundation for better fitness, leaving you feeling energised from within.

“We look forward to seeing you there.”

Contact Symone Lindsey (Registered Midwife) at the Jabiru Primary Health Care Centre 8979 2018 during opening hours with any queries or questions.

Please wear comfortable clothing, bring a towel, exercise mat (optional) and water.

What: Stretching, strengthening and soothing exercises for antenatal and postnatal mothers and babies.

When: Thursday 20 March from 11am — 12pm for 6 weeks

Where: Jabiru Community Town Hall
ON Saturday 8 March, local women joined together in celebration of International Women’s Day, with a luncheon at the Jabiru Sports and Social Club.

Organised by Jabiru United in Community Events (JUiCE) with sponsors JSSC and ERA, the platter lunch also raised money for the West Arnhem Girls Academy.

JUiCE spokesperson Ashley De Sair said the Girls Academy had in turn put the money towards the 2014 JUiCE Community Project to replace a pool obstacle course at the Alberto Luglietti Memorial Pool in Jabiru.

“In 2014, together with the Jabiru community, JUiCE aims to replace the sorely missed ‘Otto’ for the children of Jabiru and surrounding communities,” Ms De Sair said.

“The replacement model and accompanying items, plus postage, comes in just shy of $14,000.

“All monies raised at International Women’s Day have been donated back to JUiCE by the West Arnhem Girls Academy to be put towards this purchase.”

Organisers gave special thanks to Westpac Jabiru who will be donating all monies raised from Piggy Bank sales for the next few months toward the purchase of the Jabiru Town Pool obstacle course.

“This is a very welcome gesture and we look forward to hearing from other businesses around town with offers of support or fund raising ideas,” Ms De Sair said.

Guest speaker Michelle McColm gave an inspiring talk on her time at Groote Eylandt, and the strength of local women there.

ERA General Manager Operations Tim Eckersley spoke of the importance of women in the mine’s management and operations, while the West Arnhem Girls Academy also gave a presentation.

Juice gave special thanks to:
JSSC – Melissa Looker, Manager
ERA – Marc Smith, Manager People and Communities
Parks Australia – Tracey Diddams, Manager Tourism and Visitor Services
Girls Academy – Melinda Phillips, Development Officer
Aurora Kakadu Lodge – Peter Wilson, General Manager
Aioife’s Swim School – Aioife Harrison
Lakeview Park Kakadu – Katrina Litherland, General Manager
Kakadu Balance Massage – Bronwyn Fisher
Aioife Richardson – Arbonne Independent Consultant

Sarah Harvey wins a term of swimming lessons from Aioife’s Swim School.
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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY LUNCH

Guest speaker Michelle McColm and Gabby Shannon.

Nicole Sleiman with one of the raffle prizes on the day.

Saima Kadhiha, Leona Katzer and Patricia Vidal.

Jenny Rim, Natasha Kalu and Christine Pena.

Robina choosing one of the raffle prizes.

Samantha Orum, Melinda Phillips, Shireese Cunningham and Rebecca Haala from West Arnhem Girls Academy.

Princess Sorell Diddams, Tracey Diddams and Fyona Storer.

Kate McMahon and Karen Beare.

Nicole Sleiman with one of the raffle prizes on the day.

Louise Stone and Mel McTavish.

Tammy Lukritz, Caroline Nesbitt, Susan Cooper, Rebecca Montague-Drake, Philippa Adams and Claire Tierney.
LIVE & WORK
ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU

• Senior Mechanical Workshop Officer – Full Time – Maningrida – Accommodation available – Closes Friday 21 March 2014

• Early Childhood Educator – Group Leader – Full Time – Jabiru – Accommodation available – Closes Friday 21 March 2014

• Food Preparation Officer/Cook – Part Time – Jabiru – No Accommodation available – Closes Friday 21 March 2014

• Building Works Supervisor/Trainer – Full Time – Gunbalanya – Accommodation available – Closes Friday 14 March 2014

• Council Services Manager – Full Time – Maningrida – Accommodation available – Closes Friday 14 March 2014

• Trainee Youth Development Officer – Part Time – Gunbalanya – No Accommodation available – Applications now accepted!

• Broadcasting Officer – Part Time – Gunbalanya – No Accommodation available – Applications now accepted!

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To apply: Visit the website below or 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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IS your business or organisation desperately need of more on-site space?

The West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) is calling for reasonable offers for the removal of two demountable buildings located behind the council depot on Lakeside Drive, Jabiru.

The council is looking for a tenderer keen to take both buildings.

There is no reserve price.

For more information on the demountables contact Gordon Smith on (08) 8982 8006.

The tender documents are available online at www.westarnhem.nt.gov.au/tenders.

WANTED: SOMEONE TO STUMP UP FOR THESE DEMOUNTABLES

The West Arnhem Regional Council has these two demountables up for tender.

Interested in music?

If you like to play an instrument or sing, and want to link with others with the same interest, call Steve on 0427 381 172 or contact The Wire on wire@westarnhem.nt.gov.au

The aim is to enjoy yourself no matter your level of expertise. All welcome

Interested in: Music? Radio? DJ-ing?

We are looking for anyone interested in becoming a DJ, radio broadcaster or announcer to come along and learn more about it.

You could be trained within 3 sessions, which would cover use of the equipment in a radio studio, and could potentially lead to employment as a Radio Broadcaster!

Expressions of interest for this training should be directed to Tricia Maling ASAP.

For more information, contact:

Tricia Maling
Mob: 0438 266 111

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Do you have a money question?

Did you know that HK Money Management Workers successfully returned a client’s rental goods back to Rent 4 keeps without the client having to pay any fees and helped another client access their super early? If you have signed a contract that you’re not happy with or it’s costing you too much money then come and see one of our Money Management workers the next time we’re in your community and we might be able to help you.

We can also help you with fines, debts, lost super, budgets and banking.

The next time we’re in your community is

- **Ashlee** will be in Jabiru 17th – 21st March in the Centrelink office and can be contacted on 0447 563 130
- **Manuel** will be in Gunbalanya 17th – 21st March in the DEMED office and can be contacted on 0487 855 830
- **Manuel** will be in Minjilang 24th – 28th March, at the WARC conference room and can be contacted on 0487 855 830
- **Ashlee** will be in Warruwi 31st of March – 4th April, at the WARC conference room and can be contacted on 0447 563 130

If you need to talk to a Money Management Worker when we’re not in your community you can contact us on 8927 2499.

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**FEBRUARY RAINFALL**

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**KAKADU TRIATHLON**

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

If you’re interested in volunteering please come along to an information session on Wednesday, 26 March at 7.30pm in Council Chambers.

For further information contact Pat Carrick on 0437 426 451 or pat.carrick@era.riotinto.com

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The billabong at Oenpelli (Gunbalanya) 19 February 2014.

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Ashlee and Tiahnee giving away prizes at a Community Festival.
Hey tumbled, they juggled, they sang, they flew – they were magic. The audience at the Jabiru Community Hall was left agog when a group of local youngsters put on a performance after training in a circus workshops, through the educational group Children’s Ground.

The performance group Djaargarni Circus put on the show after spending just over two weeks with three trainers, going through warm-ups (stretches), tumbling, juggling, diabolo, hula hoops and skipping. The kids were from Jabiru and surrounding communities including Mudjinbaridi and Manabudarma (town camp).

Children’s Ground Chief Executive Officer Jane Vadiveloo said they had around 120 people at the show on Thursday 27 February. “The little kids performed first and they were a hit, Ms Vadiveloo said. “The bigger kids and young adult then performed a mix of hoola hooping, acrobatics and magic. They flew through the air, high into the sky, doing twists and somersaults and flying over each other. The performance opened with two elders who played didge and song. This was a fantastic platform to mix culture with circus.”

Three trainers from Kindred Circus – Michelle, Marcella and Phil – helped with the program, which ran from 10 to 27 February with both early childhood and adult classes. “The workshops ran for 45 minutes each day, with eight children up to six years of age, and eight adults,” she said. In-school classes for Years 1 to 7 ran for an hour and a half at Jabiru Area School. “We worked with 150 to 200 students over the three weeks,” Ms Vadiveloo said.

There were also after-school classes for two hours per day for 8 to 18-year-olds. Monday was an open session for any kids, and Tuesday to Friday was for the 12 people in the performance group. “We chose a select number of students from the after-school session to put together the performance group. We rehearsed the group each afternoon and we also did an in-school session, taking the kids out of school for our technical rehearsal, which worked very well as the kids concentrated more earlier in the day.”

Ms Vadiveloo said Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation (GAC), the greatest funder of Children’s Ground, opened the evening. “This initiative is part of what GAC is investing in the community to celebrate the strength and ability of children and young people and to build opportunity and experiences. The Mirarr people, through GAC are putting their resources and energy into the future of Jabiru and West Arnhem.”

**FLU SEASON: TIME TO GRAB A JAB IN JABIRU**

Jabiru Health Clinic is calling on those predisposed to severe influenza to attend the clinic for their annual flu vaccine.

Groups eligible to receive their vaccine free are:

- All people 65 years and older
- All Indigenous people 15 years and older
- All pregnant women (any trimester)
- All people aged 6 months to 64 years with medical conditions predisposing them to severe influenza.

Jabiru Clinic has this season’s flu vaccines available now, and is also encouraging and supporting organisations and their staff to attend the clinic.

Some employers cover the costs of their staff’s influenza vaccine. For details please speak to your employer. If not, the bulk discounted cost is $16.70 with the actual visit with the clinic staff being covered under Medicare.

Anyone interested in a vaccination can call 8979 2018 or visit the clinic during office hours for enquiries.

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LOCAL PEOPLE  
LOCAL VOICE

Nominate for your LOCAL AUTHORITY
GUNBALANYA • MANINGRIDA • MINJILANG • WARRUWI

What is a Local Authority?
A Local Authority is a group of people from your community who will make sure that people have a strong voice in their community. This group of people will make decisions on behalf of the community and talk to the Regional Council about these issues.

What does this mean for you and your community?
A strong Local Authority will make informed decisions on issues and get things done based on suggestions that come from within the local community.

When will Local Authorities be introduced in to your community?
Local Authorities will need to be introduced by 1st July 2014. People should start thinking about nominating; they can speak to their Council Services Manager if they have any questions or need more information.

How do you nominate?
For information about the nomination process you will need to speak to your Regional Services manager in your community. All community members are encouraged to nominate. Nominations are open from 2nd April 2014 and close 29th April 2014.

For more information, contact the Council Service Manager in your community.
JABIRU BOMBERS PRESENTATION NIGHT 2014
22nd MARCH
7PM AT THE JSSC
TICKETS AT THE DOOR
DINNER AND DRINKS INCLUDED
GUYS DUST OFF THOSE SHIRTS
GALS DIG OUT THOSE HEELS
RAFFLES AND PRIZES THROUGH THE NIGHT
NEW OPENING HOURS
@JABIRU POOL & GYM

Owing to the success of the new pool opening hours, Council will continue the trial into April.

Monday    6am – 11am :: 3pm – 7pm
Tuesday               11am – 7pm
Wednesday          11am – 7pm
Thursday    6am – 11am :: 3pm – 7pm
Friday          11am – 6pm
Saturday           9am – 6pm
Sunday            12pm – 6pm
Public Hols        12pm – 6pm

Remember: Kids 12 and under swim for FREE!
JABIRU BOMBS OUT TO DOGS IN FINALS

By Ian Douglass

THE Jabiru Bombers finals aspirations came to an abrupt end at the hands of arch rivals Banks Bulldogs on Saturday 8 March at TIO 2.

The Bulldogs made wholesale changes to the team that lost to the Bombers by 17 points in the qualifying final two weeks ago, bringing in seven new faces.

At the risk of sounding cynical, those seven players either dropped back from Division One or were flown in to shore up their flagging Division Two team.

The first quarter started in a similar vein to the Qualifying Final with the Bombers making their intentions known by laying seven effective tackles in the first quarter to the Bulldogs one. Co-captain Richie Lindner himself put on three tackles resulting in free kicks and led from the front.

As a result of the intense pressure the Bombers were in front at the first change 3.0-18 to the Bulldogs 1.4-10.

The second stanza saw the Bulldogs gradually work their way into the game as the Bombers tackling pressure gradually subsided despite the best efforts of ruckman Anthony Reid, on-balls Brody Church and Mickitja Onus and defenders Daniel Hill and Kingston Naborlhboth.

At the half-time break the Bombers, by virtue of straight kicking, led by six points 5.0-30 to the Bulldogs 3.6-24.

They call the third quarter the premiership quarter and unfortunately for a tiring Bombers outfit, the Bulldogs had the better of the quarter - and the umpiring, as the Bombers gave away a number of questionable free kicks in the Bulldogs forward fifty resulting in easy goals.

The Bulldogs kicked 4.1 for the term to the Bombers 1.1 to lead by 12 points at the break.

The last quarter ended up being much of the same as the third term, with the Bulldogs holding sway and the Bombers unable to bother the scorers too much, the Bulldogs running out fairly comfortable winners by 26 points and a berth in the grand final against Olympic.

Final scores: Jabiru Bombers 7.2-44 defeated by Banks Bulldogs 10.10-70

Jabiru Bombers goalkickers: Brody Church 3, Shea Rotumah 2, Mickitja Onus 1, and Nathan Perrin 1.

Jabiru Bombers best players: Richard Lindner, Brody Church, Daniel Hill, Anthony Reid, Mickitja Onus and Dylan Cooper.
THINGS are looking cool at the Alberto Luglietti Memorial Pool in Jabiru after a new shadecloth was hoisted into position on Friday 7 March.

The new cloth gives shade to half of the 50-metre, Olympic-sized pool, helping keep the water temperature down to a comfortable level.

Jabiru Pool Coordinator Ian O’Leary said the new shadecloth, which replaces one blown away in November, was keeping the punters happy.

“Since the shade cloth has been put up it’s no longer like Mataranka Hot Springs out there, and pool numbers have been steadily increasing,” Mr O’Leary said.

“The early morning swim times have been moderately successful, and we are expecting to see an influx of people in hard training – emulating Alistair Brownlee or Emma Jackson – in the lead-up to the Kakadu Triathlon.”

The pool, run by the West Arnhem Regional Council, also features a basic gymnasium.

“Jabiru Pool isn’t only about hardcore training, it’s also about relaxing with family and friends.”

The council will continue to trial early morning opening hours on Mondays and Thursdays with the pool open from 6am.

BASKETBALL CLINICS ARE NOW ON

JUNIOR basketball clinics will soon get underway in Jabiru to gauge interest in a local competition.

West Arnhem Regional Council Sport and Recreation Officer Troy Lovett said to start off there would be skills clinics held on Wednesday afternoons.

“We are looking to start up some junior basketball in Jabiru, with the hopes to hold a structured competition in town within the next few months,” Mr Lovett said.

“Kids of all skill level, along with parents are welcome to come along and have a go.”

“The make-up of where this goes from here is up to the participants, so come and have your say.”

Anyone who is interested or would like to find out some more info should come along on the day or contact WARC Sport and Recreation Officer Troy Lovett on 0400 913 512 or email Troy.Lovett@westarnhem.nt.gov.au

Where: Jabiru School new MPA area
When: 4.30pm Wednesday 19 March
Who: All kids under 18 interested in basketball
What to bring: Runners, water bottle and a ball (optional)