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Ms Eather designed pamphlets outlining information on mining and has promoted the Protect Arnhem Land campaign through a variety of social media outlets with the hope to encourage others to join the fight.

Major Prize Patron, TIO, presented Ms Eather with $2000 prize money and the Environmental Award trophy.

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Thursday nights at the Jabiru Sports & Social Club: Membership Draw and Turkey Bingo. With each Turkey Bingo receive a free entry in a weekend for a couple and four friends at Goat Island Lodge. Plus Chicken Schnitzel specials.

WHAT’S ON
If you have an upcoming event you want listed in this space please contact Mark Coddington on 0459 060 370 or wire@westarnhem.nt.gov.au

Turkey BINGO

APRIL
Mon 28 Applications open, Round 2 ERA Community Partnerships Fund, see www.energyns.com.au
Mondays Morning Fitness Class, Jabiru School MPA, 5.45–6.30am 0413 856 320
Mondays Swimming pool opens early, Alberto Luglietti Memorial Pool, Civic Drive Jabiru, 6am–11am
Mondays Aoife’s Swim School, infants, toddlers, school age, bookings 0450 495 687
Mondays Women’s Self-Defence Classes, Jabiru Community Hall, 5.30–7pm
Tuesdays Jabiru Art & Craft Group, Kakadu Youth Centre, cnr Gregory Place & Leichhardt Street 7.30–9.30pm
Tuesdays Jabiru Playgroup, Jabiru Courthouse 9.30–11am
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MAY
Sat 3 Mini Garage Sale, 2/4 Dianella Place, Jabiru, 9am–12 noon only
Sat 3-Sun 4 14th Annual Jabiru Biathlon, Jabiru Golf Club
Sat 3-Sun 4 Alligator Fishing Club Annual Fishing Competition
Sat 3-Sun 4 Big Horse Creek Barra Challenge, Katherine Game Fishing Club, Victoria River
Sat 3-Sat 10 Barra Nationals, Palmerston Game Fishing Club, Daly River
Mon 5 May Day public holiday
Sat 12 Gunbalanya Football League Grand final
Sat 14 Trivia Night, 55 per player, teams of 6, join the fun, Jabiru Golf Club 8pm
Mon 19 Kakadu Triathlon registrations close, see Kakadu Triathlon facebook page for details
Sat 31 Kakadu Triathlon

JULY
Sat 19 Kakadu Groove music festival, Luke Jabiru

AWARD FOR CAMPAIGNER IN FRACKING FIGHT

Speaking after her award Ms Eather said the Protect Arnhem Land group had come a long way.

“We started to protect Arnhem Land two years ago, myself and other traditional owners, to create awareness of the dangers of offshore fracking in Arnhem Land waters,” she said.

“We’ve had successes including a trip to Canberra, Parliament House. We made a message stick and a bark petition.

“We went for a trip to Sydney to meet with the oil company and we had a protest with The Wilderness Society.”

She said there was a lot of support for the campaign within the community at Maningrida.

“We’ve had so much support from all the elders and the TOs that are there, to share their stories about the dreaming sites, the sacred sites, the songlines that are thousands of years old.”

The prize money would go back into the Protect Arnhem Land campaign, she said.

“We have a small little ratty tatty group in Maningrida, the Protect Arnhem Land group, that donate their time and money and heart and passion,” Ms Eather said.

“We all work full-time, but we get together to fight this.”

Alice works with both indigenous and non-indigenous communities in the region, translating scientific information into the Indigenous language, and interpreting laws around oil and gas exploration to ensure all is understood within the community.

“I am going to continue to educate my community, Australia and the rest of the world to stand up and say ‘no’, no to unwanted mining companies coming in to traditional land,” she said.

Ms Eather said she was initially unaware that she had been nominated for the award.

“I actually found out on Facebook!” she said.

“I would like to thank the Young Achiever Awards for this honour and for giving me the opportunity to represent all the young environmentalists who are helping to sustain and create a better environment for the Northern Territory.”
SERVICES HONOUR THE ANZAC SPIRIT

The atmosphere at an Anzac Day Dawn Service is always something special. But atmosphere alone does not explain why numbers at Anzac services around Australia have been steadily increasing in recent years. Perhaps a new generation of youngsters is re-discovering Australia’s unique military history and the extraordinary acts of selfless courage at Gallipoli. Perhaps it is about wanting to follow the tradition of looking after your mates, and honouring their sacrifices. Whatever the reason, in Jabiru it was as in many towns and cities across Australia as crowds gathered quietly, seemingly appearing from nowhere, in the stillness before dawn.

The Dawn Service has always been well attended in Jabiru, reflecting the deep respect West Arnhem community members have for the occasion. As the flying foxes circled overhead, and with sunrise over the Escarpment still an hour away, members of 812 Battalion, 102 Coral Battery gathered at Tasman Court before marching in tight formation up to the Cenotaph at Jabiru Town Plaza.

Members of Jabiru Police, Jabiru Fire Station and Emergency Services formed a guard of honour. Councillor Ralph Blyth of West Arnhem Regional Council gave the welcoming address. “99 years ago, on the 15th of April, 1915, Australian and New Zealand troops landed under fire on Gallipoli,” Mr Blyth said. “It was then and in the battles which followed that the Anzac tradition was formed. But Anzac Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli. On this day, above all days, we remember and honour all Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.

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In Maningrida, West Arnhem Regional Council held a Dawn Service at the Barge Landing. On Thursday, 24 April, Jabiru Area School held an emotional service with a moving address by Christian Diddams, whose brother Sergeant Blaine Diddams was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2012 while serving with the elite Special Air Services regiment.

Commander Northern Command, Commodore Brenton Smyth, said Anzac Day had special significance for Top End Defence personnel and their families. “As we honour our serving personnel returning from Afghanistan, we link their contribution with that of the first Anzacs,” Commodore Smyth said. “These young men and women live the legacy of the Anzacs every day of the year with dedication to duty and their professional, committed and compassionate conduct,” Commodore Smyth said.

Eliza Thomson with Christina Lopes, who performed the National Anthem.
THE annual Jabiru Area School Easter Hat parade was a success yet again.

All students from Preschool to Year 7, staff and parents participated in this annual event.

There was also an Easter raffle, which raised money for the Transition, Year 1 and Year 2 classes to purchase iPads to support student learning.

Students and teachers did a terrific job, with a wide range of colourful and unique designs that caught the judges’ eyes.

In fact the three judges – School Captain Aziah Haenan, Miss Danielle and Miss Tenayha – had a difficult task in choosing two winners from each class.

We would like to thank ERA for their donation of fluffy rabbits and iTunes vouchers which were given to students judged to have done the best job.

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Senior Teacher Felicity Thompson said the students and teachers had thoroughly enjoyed the experience. She thanked parents and commented on the extraordinary good luck she had in winning the raffle on multiple occasions.

“The students in my class really enjoyed the making of the hats and the event itself,” Miss Thompson said.

“It’s great when we see so many more parents at assembly. Thanks to Simone for organising the prizes, Stu for the music and Danielle, Tenayha and Aziah as judges. We raised just over $700 as the T/1 and 2 contribution to the purchase of iPads. Thanks for your support there.

“By the way my prizes were delicious, I shared of course.”

This parade was held at the school’s impressive MPA, which is where school assemblies take place every second Friday.

We hope you all enjoyed a safe and relaxing Easter break.

Mts Melanie Madden with prize winners Liam Newry and Taznie Mitchell.
SERVICE MOVES MANY AT JABIRU SCHOOL

ON Thursday 24 April the whole of Jabiru Area School and many community members gathered at the school’s MPA area to commemorate ANZAC Day.

Many students across the school had been learning more about the meaning of ANZAC Day in classes, and gained deeper understandings through being involved in the ceremony and listening to some outstanding speeches.

The assembly started with School Principal Mr Phil Maunder giving the Principal’s address.

School Captain Samantha Orum then gave the Student’s Address where she spoke of the historical and contemporary significance of the day.

Education Support Officer Christian Diddams gave a very moving speech about his father and brother’s involvement in the Army and Special Air Services (SAS).

Year 7 students Grace Mccolm-Monaghan and Malachi Allen attended to the traditional reading of Flanders Field and The Ode.

Christina Lopes sung the Australian National Anthem, and for the National Anthem of New Zealand she was joined by Caramon Khasir. They did a wonderful job.

Jabiru Area School teacher Matt Woodward spoke of the significance of the day. Mr Woodward made special mention of the high quality of the speeches we were fortunate enough to listen to. “Sam Orum gave a wonderful speech that provided a young person’s perspective on the importance of ANZAC Day and the significance of the sacrifice made by many,” he said.

“After the ceremony many people spoke of Christian’s extraordinary speech which was perhaps one of the most moving speeches I have heard.”

The Year 7/8 class organised this ceremony and would like to thank all community members who attended.
COUNCIL PAVING THE WAY IN GUNBALANYA

If you think something is afoot in Gunbalanya, you would be right. A network of new footpaths is under construction, with West Arnhem Regional Council bringing in the heavy equipment in preparation for laying the concrete. The council's new concrete batch plant, installed in January this year, will help pave the way.

THUMBS UP

- Thumbs Up to volunteers in the upcoming Kakadu Triathlon.
- Thumbs Up to Kakadu Lodge for putting on the Easter Egg Hunt every year for the kids.

THUMBS DOWN

- Thumbs Down to the Jabiru local who swore at a visiting tourist.
- Thumbs Up to people who leave their contact details when they have a bingle with a parked car.

Send your ‘thumbs’ to: wire@westarnhem.nt.gov.au

GUNLOM FALLS IS WORTH THE WAIT

The road to the spectacular Gunlom Falls in Kakadu National Park is still closed to traffic, with the wet season seemingly intent on sticking around a while longer.

Kakadu National Park Tourism and Visitor Services Manager Tracey Diddams said unfortunately, due to recent rainfall and rising water, rangers were unable to open Gunlom in time for the Easter long weekend.

"With flooded tracks, current road condition and the inability to finalise crocodile surveys, we will need to wait until water levels subside," Ms Diddams wrote in a road report email.

"Rangers have been busily preparing the area and will commence crocodile surveys as soon as water levels have receded and it is safe to do so."

With its rock pools and spectacular falls at this time of year, Gunlom is definitely worth the wait.

Meanwhile the road to the Ubirr Rock art site is also problematic, with the water level at the Magela Creek crossing hovering around to half-a-metre to one-metre mark over the past fortnight.

For road updates subscribe to kakaduroadreport.wordpress.com or you can contact staff at Bowali Visitor Centre on 8938 1120.
PERSONALISED number plates can be funny, smart – or sometimes just a downright puzzle.

Have you ever found yourself behind a vehicle trying to figure out just what that plate means?

Jabiru-based tour guide Steve Toms has not one, but three personalised NT plates, all for the vehicles he uses in his business, Top End Explorer Tours.

Two of them – XPLORE and KAKADO – present no real mystery.

“Kakadu is a passion for me,” Steve explains. “I’ve been coming here since I was a kid, since 1975, and have been guiding for around 20 years.

“One thing led to another, and I bought the tour business in 2006.”

While Steve used to show large groups around the wonderful wilderness that is Kakadu, he now mainly takes smaller groups in his four-wheel-drives.

So this explains the plates on two of his tour vehicles, what about the third? BARRK?

“It’s a black walleroo, a species endemic to Kakadu,” Steve explains.

“The word comes from the Kunwinjku language group, who are the traditional owners of the area.”

He says Kakadu’s combination of world-renowned wetlands, wildlife, waterfalls and ancient rock art have lost none of their attraction for tourists from around the globe.

“I sold all the big buses last year, and I’m concentrating on small group touring now,” Steve says.

“This year the forward bookings have been coming in thick and fast, so there’s definitely an attraction there.”

Do you have a personalised plate with a story behind it? Contact The Wire at wire@westarnhem.nt.gov.au.
ROP in to the Mardbalk Arts Centre on any given day and you’ll discover a hive of activity. Kids and dogs are coming and going, and there is a constant stream of new artworks and sales.

You’ll find local Mawng artists preparing barks for painting, bending and binding bamboo into frames, weaving pandanus, carving and sculpting, carefully laying down the fine cross-hatching on paintings, or helping hang and catalogue artworks.

More recently we’ve seen an art competition, with new displays going up, and – most recently – a visit from a cruise ship which generated revenue and interest in arts centre.

On Monday, 7 April, a cruise ship weighed anchor off the island, ferrying in a group of tourists and art buyers from South Africa, the Americas, New Zealand, and of course the rest of Australia.

Mardbalk Arts Centre is a cultural hub in the small community of Warruwi on South Goulburn Island. And although small, it punches well above its weight when it comes to authentic Aboriginal art.

In January, the West Arnhem Regional Council took on new managers with Brenda Westley and her husband Steve arriving from Darwin.

Brenda manages the centre while her husband Steve takes on a variety of roles, likening what he does to a ‘field assistant’.

“In my eyes I work for the artists, whatever their needs – health, materials, promotion – they are the priority,” Steve says.

“We just look after the finer details of running the arts centre. But it’s for the local people to lead the way.”

“I can take artists out on bush trips, assist them with access to a motor car and tools, and help them understand what is wanted from the overseas market.

“It’s good to keep people enthused to ensure something is coming in daily. Ladies want pandanus and bush dyes, or we might go out with the men to cut and straighten a bark, or source some timber for carving – the local artists will carve these dugongs that are so beautiful they just want to swim out of your hands.

“All the materials are available from the bush – whether it’s bark, bush string, natural pigments or fibres. My real push is to support artists with natural materials and ochres, rather than use acrylic paints and canvas.”

With a long and distinguished careers in remote art centres, and with their son Brando enrolled at Warruwi School, the Westley family have taken to the island like turtles to water.

She says the next stage is to develop a database, enter every item, and build an online website and outlet.

Alongside the fresh works displayed on the walls of Mardbalk Arts are replicas of a rich and diverse collection of material held at the Berndt Museum.

From June to December last year, the museum exhibited “Big Stories: Gossip Songs of Western Arnhem Land”.

**MARDBALK CRUISING**

**FEATURE STORY**

Artist Jobie Managku telling the story behind his Creation Mother artwork to the tourists.

Lyn Narlibdgrra weaving a basket from natural fibres.
INTO ARTS TOURISM

The exhibition examines the relationships between people, country and stories through the ‘gossip songs’ of Mawng and Kumwinjku language groups.

There are historical photos, sound recordings, musical instruments and unique bark paintings. The items were acquired by Ronald and Catherine Berndt with the assistance of the Goulburn Islands community between 1946 and 1964.

Steve says having copies of these historical paintings helps provide inspiration to the current group of artists from the islands and adjacent mainland.

“Particularly working with the older people – they are the holders of the stories and knowledge,” he says.

“The Berndt Collection has seen a real focus on those stories and those barks, with the old people recreating them so the traditional storylines remain fresh.”

He said one South African safari park owner who came on the Coral Princess was amazed at the vibrancy of the Mardbalk Art Centre.

“We had our staffer James Gurrwiwi here explaining the works, and ladies weaving pandanus – it was a positive experience for the visitors,” Steve says.

The artists around on the day are the ones who sell the most work, he says. “So James Gurrwiwi was here, and most of the works we sold were his, because the buyers want to hear from the local Mawng artists.”

The cruise ship visits represents a small step into tourism for the local people.

“It’s the impact of having visitors in the community – it brings sales, but more importantly it gives tourists a really positive day.

“So when they get back to the southern states or the country they are from, they go back with news of a really positive experience in an Aboriginal community.

“To us, over and above everything, that’s what we’re about.”

Mardbalk artists now look forward to welcoming the next cruise ship on the horizon in June.
EASTER EGG HUNT AT KAKADU LODGE

ABOVE: Enjoying the Easter Egg Hunt are Denise Messiter, twins Lukka and Bella McCulloch (both 4), and Justine Perawiti.

LEFT: Costi Markez, Larn Norris and Valentin Markez with Sara (2) and Amelia Markez (5) at the Easter family fun day by the pool at Aurora Kakadu Lodge.

RIGHT: Malena Markez (3) sharing an Easter bunny with Diana Quinones, Enes Stanic, Julie Stewart and Jan Monar. Peter, Julie and Holly Wilson on Sunday 20 April.
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- Payroll Officer – Full Time – Darwin – No Accommodation available – Closed Monday 12 May 2014
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WEST ARNHEM UP FOR THE CHALLENGE

By Troy Lovett

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Week 5 & 6 (This is the most intense phase, use these 2 weeks to see where you are at with correct distances and know what to improve on. Aim to complete these as fast as possible for best effect)

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Games commenced on Friday at 3pm after an opening ceremony at the stadium and over the weekend our teams played a total of 22 games (5-6 each), some as early as 8am and some as late as 8pm.

Around 45 teams entered the tournament covering almost the whole of the Northern Territory.

Finals were played on Sunday afternoon in front of a big crowd at the stadium. West Arnhem’s Under 18 girls won their pool and booked a place in the Grand Final.

It was a fantastic weekend with a terrific group of kids and a great team of supervisors.

Of course with any event there are people to thank and in no particular order I’d like to thank the following on behalf of the teams for their contribution: Helen McMillan, Ian Douglass and family, West Arnhem Regional Council HACC team, Matthew McCourt and Kormilda College, Ken and Cater Care, Judy Smith and Andrew Farley from BNT, Amart Allsports, Kakadu Air, The Cricket and Football Shop, parents, friends, family and supporters of the teams, Team managers and Coaches – largely to the volunteers for giving up their long weekend – and lastly all the kids who came along.

Hopefully an event like this can grow interest, not only in the tournament for next year, but basketball in general in West Arnhem and beyond.

Warruwi participants in the NT Basketball Challenge ready to fly to Darwin.

Kirsty Garnarradj shooting free throws.

Under 18 Girls line up for the Grand Final in Darwin.

West Arnhem boys with their new best friend, Nigel the slam-dunk maestro from Alice Springs.

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MAY MADNESS

THE MANAGER HAS GONE MAD
WITH THESE MEMBER BENEFITS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

ONE RANDOM GIVEAWAY EVERY WEEK TILL THE END OF MAY
FOR CURRENT MEMBERS MUST BE PRESENT AT TIME OF DRAW
TUES-SAT DURING DINNER

Kids bring one adult on Saturday
For dinner and not only do you
Get a fantastic 3 course meal
Deal but your adult receives
25% discount off their meal

CHECK OUT THE WHAT’S NEW BOX ON THE BAR FOR AN EXCITING NEW DRINK EVERY WEEK

****WIN A WEEKEND FOR A COUPLE AND FOUR FRIENDS AT GOAT ISLAND LODGE ENTRIES VIA THURSDAY TURKEY BINGO SATURDAY DINNER OR SUNDAY MEMBERS WHEEL DRAWN JUNE 29

ENTERTAINMENT
THURSDAY MAY 22ND: KARTOON SATURDAY MAY 31: THE BEACH BOYS & SUMMER HITS SHOW

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