Kakadu National Park has been recognised on the national stage after taking out silver at the 2016 Qantas Australia Tourism Awards for major tourist attraction on Friday, February 24.

Five senior Bininj/Mungguy traditional owners from Kakadu represented the park at the awards which recognise the importance of the tourism industry in Australia.

They said they were incredibly happy to see Kakadu being honoured on the national stage.

Director of National Parks Sally Barnes said the judges recognised World-Heritage listed Kakadu as an outstanding hallmark attraction, providing first-class tourism experiences through its natural and cultural heritage.

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“Every year more than 180,000 visitors from NT locals to interstate and overseas flock to our park. I’d encourage every Australian family to visit this wonderful part of the country, and take in its ancient rock-art galleries, fascinating wildlife, including its world-famous crocs, magnificent iconic birds like the jabiru and brolga, plus some of the best barramundi fishing spots in the NT. It truly has something for everyone.”

Sally said the recognition is largely due to the efforts of Kakadu traditional owners, park staff and tourism businesses who make World-Heritage listed Kakadu a destination worth spending time in.

“It’s also an exciting time for the park, as they look to further develop Jabiru as a tourism and services hub, as operations at the Ranger uranium mine adjacent to the park are coming to an end,” she said.

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## WHAT’S ON

If you have an upcoming event you would like to see listed in this space please phone the Wire on 8979 9445 or email wire@westarnhem.nt.gov.au.

### WEEKLY

**Monday**
- NT Fire & Emergency Training, Jabiru Fire Station 6pm
- Kakadu Deadly Runners Training, 6pm

**Tuesdays**
- Jabiru Art & Craft, Youth Centre 7.30pm
- Playgroup, Jabiru Courthouse 9.30-11am
- Aqua Fitness, Alberto Luglietti Memorial Pool 6.15pm
- Mixed Touch Football, Majela Oval 6.30pm
- Jabiru Bombers training, Brockman Oval 5.30pm

**Wednesdays**
- Story Time, Jabiru Library 10.30am
- Social Soccer, Magela Oval 6pm
- Kakadu Deadly Runners Training, 6pm

**Thursdays**
- Aqua Fitness, Alberto Luglietti Memorial Pool 6.15pm
- Pick the Joker Jabiru Golf Club 6.30pm
- Pool comp $100 Jabiru Golf Club 6.30pm
- Membership Draw, JSSC 7.30pm
- Jabiru Bombers training, Brockman Oval 5.30pm

**Fridays**
- Badge draw, raffles, meat trays Jabiru Golf Club
- Pool comp $10 entry winner takes all, JSSC
- Meat tray raffle, JSSC
- Children’s Dance Classes Jabiru Town Hall 8.30am

**Saturdays**
- Children’s Dance Classes. Jabiru Town Hall 8.30am
- 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month Lunch and Membership Wheel, win meat trays JSSC

### MARCH

- **Wed 15** Maningrida Local Authority Meeting
- **Thu 16** Toy Library Visit - Jabiru
- **Tue 21** Maningrida Local Authority Meeting

### APRIL

- **Tue 4** Warruwi Local Authority Meeting
- **Tue 25** ANZAC Day

**DATE SAVER: Kakadu Triathlon, May 13**

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**KAKADU WINS NATIONAL AWARD**

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The Australian and Northern Territory governments are fully committed to Jabiru’s future as a key tourism and services hub for the region.

“Together we want to realise the full economic, cultural and social potential of the area.

“This award recognises Kakadu’s important role in the future of this region – helping provide the services local people need, while showing off one of our most-loved national parks to the world,” Sally said.

Minister for Tourism and Culture Lauren Moss congratulated the winners on their achievements and reiterated the importance of the tourism industry to the Northern Territory.

“This award recognises Kakadu’s important role in the future of this region...”

“I’d like to congratulate all of the winners this evening, in particular the Northern Territory Award winners, to stand up in front of your peers on this night-of-nights is an amazing achievement.”

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**BE AWARE OF MELIOIDOSIS THIS WET SEASON**

Those in the Northern Territory, including West Arnhem, need to be aware and protect themselves from the potentially deadly disease, melioidosis.

The Centre for Disease Control is warning that contact with mud, puddles and aerosolised soil during heavy rain increases the likelihood of exposure to the melioidosis bacteria.

“During the dry season, melioidosis bacteria live deep in the soil, but during the wet season, larger amounts of the bacteria come to the surface and the potential for contact with people is increased,” Centre for Disease Control Director, Dr Vicki Krause said.

“‘The bacteria can invade the body through cuts and sores but it can also be breathed in if it’s stirred up by the wind.’

According to Dr Krause, an infection can sometimes lead to severe pneumonia and blood poisoning and unfortunately 10-15 per cent of people who are infected die, even if they receive the best medical care.

“We usually see symptoms of fever, coughing and breathing difficulties but the symptoms of melioidosis can vary greatly.”

People usually get sick one to 21 days after they become infected with the bacteria. In some cases the onset of symptoms is slow and may include signs like weight loss or sores that do not heal.

Staying indoors during heavy wind and rain, particularly if you have a weakened immune system.

People with weaker immune systems, such as those with diabetes, kidney disease, lung disease, cancer and treatment for cancer, and people on steroid therapy are at a greater risk of developing the disease if the bacteria enter their body,” Dr Krause said.

To avoid melioidosis, wear waterproof footwear around mud, soil and areas of pooled water and wear gloves when handling soil or muddy items.
STINGRAY SISTERS’ SHARE THEIR STORY

Maningrida’s very own Stingray Sisters are currently attending the 2017 Vancouver International Women’s Film Festival where their documentary series will be showcased to an international audience. Alice, Noni and Grace Eather - who are also daughters of West Arnhem Regional Council Councillor Helen Williams, are the Stingray Sisters, who together have starred in a three-part series filmed in Maningrida over a four year period.

The documentary is their story.

It follows the Kunibidji women, telling their view as young adults, their fight against mining in Arnhem Land and the impact it will have on their traditional lands.

It explains their perspective about living in a remote community and explores the potential future of their family and of Maningrida if mining was to go ahead.

Described as ‘entertaining, heart-wrenching and always surprising’, Stingray Sisters was directed by award-winning filmmaker Katrina Channells and is yet to be officially released.

However, anticipation is already building for the documentary, with Stingray Sisters being screened at the 2016 Woodford Folk Festival in Brisbane and the popular Darwin International Film Festival with the sisters attending as special guests.

Now the documentary has hit the international stage at the Vancouver International Women’s Film Festival, and their mother Helen says she is incredibly proud of her daughters and their achievements so far.

She also believes the international premiere of Stingray Sisters in Canada will assist their fight against fracking, which is now an issue in countries around the world.

The film festival is a five-day celebration organised by Women in Film and Television Vancouver.

For more information visit the website www.stingraysisters.com or their Facebook page.

CYCLONE BLANCHE PASSES THROUGH

Coastal and island communities between Croker Island to Cape Fourcroy and Point Stuart to Wadeye, were on cyclone watch on Saturday, March 4, however it was cancelled the next day as Tropical Cyclone Blanche moved across the top of the Northern Territory in a southwest direction through the Timor Sea.

Regional Controller Commander Brent Warren said the islands began to experience squally weather overnight. Everyone is encouraged to be prepared with cyclone preparedness information available at SecureNT: https://securent.nt.gov.au/prepare-for-an-emergency/cyclones.

For more information on weather warnings go to the Bureau of Meteorology: http://www.bom.gov.au/nt/warnings/.

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL

REVIEW OF ENTITLEMENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Pursuant to the Assembly Members and Statutory Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Act, the Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal is presently conducting a review to inquire into and determine the salary and other entitlements of Assembly Members, Parliamentary office holders, Ministers and Members of the Executive Council.

The Tribunal extends an invitation to interested persons and organisations to submit in writing any views they consider should be taken into account in the review. Oral submissions may also be made by contacting the Tribunal Assistant to make an appointment.

Submissions should be received by the Remuneration Tribunal no later than 31 March 2017.

Please direct submissions and enquiries to:

Assistant to the Tribunal
Northern Territory Remuneration Tribunal
GPO Box 4396
Darwin NT 0801
Telephone: 8999 6539
Email: Remunerationtribunal@nt.gov.au
RAISING INTEREST IN SCIENCE CAREERS

Energy Resources of Australia (ERA) Ranger Women’s Network visited students at Jabiru Area School to raise interest in careers in science as part of International Day of Girls and Women in Science recently.

Members of the Energy Resources of Australia Ranger Mine Women’s Network visited the West Arnhem Girls Academy at Jabiru Area School to raise awareness and interest in science careers on February 15.

The event was held to celebrate International Day of Girls and Women in Science.

More than 20 students across primary through the senior years attended as well as 12 members of the ERA Ranger Women’s Network with many sharing their own science career experiences with the group.

Guest speaker Shelley Iles, ERA Principal Advisor Environmental sciences said the event was an opportunity to talk with the students about the history of women in science and offer insight into the variety of career pathways for women in the field.

“The variety of jobs and breadth of talent we have among our women scientists and engineers is great and made a great story. If we only influenced one girl to enter the field that’s a win, I think we did at least that,” Shelley said.

As part of the event students took part in hands on science demonstrations with Tse Wei Chang, ERA Production Metallurgist who said there are a lot of opportunities for women in science and engineering.

“Science and engineering fields can offer you an interesting career which is not limited to a desk job,” Tse Wei said.

ERA Ranger Women’s Network Committee member Chloe Bradley believes women continue to be under represented in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics but events like this will help to change that.

“Increasing female representation in these fields is the goal and the change starts here locally, with the young girls of our community,” said Chloe.

In 2016, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution A/RES/70/212 declaring 11 February as the International Day of Women and Girls in Science in order to promote and achieve full and equal access to and participation in science for women and girls, and further achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

‘FAFT’ PROGRAM TO EXPAND TO WARRUWI

The Families as First Teachers (FaFT) program will be expanded to the community of Warruwi on South Goulburn Island this year.

Minister for Education Eva Lawler said expanding the FaFT program across the Territory was a key election commitment, to invest in children and families from the earliest years.

“The Families as First Teachers program teaches practical, meaningful skills to help parents support their child’s education, learning and wellbeing,” she said.

“The program helps parents develop practical skills such as preparing nutritious food for babies, or managing home finances, all designed to give kids the best start in life and the best chance of succeeding at school.

PROPOSAL TO INSTALL A MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION

Telstra plans to install a new mobile phone facility on the existing tower at Water Storage Access Road, Minjilang, Northern Territory 0822:

1. The proposed new mobile phone facility on an existing mast which includes the installation of two (2) new Omni antennas, strengthening work on the tower and associated ancillary work. Telstra Reference 304 – RFNRA Site Number 0822032

2. Telstra regards the proposed Installation as a Low-Impact Facility under the Telecommunications (Low-Impact Facilities) Determination 1997 ("The Determination") based on the description above.

3. For more information, contact Geordie Pippas on behalf of Telstra, 0408 210 495, geordie.pippas@servicestream.com.au or visit www.rfna.com.au

4. Written submissions should be sent to:
Service Stream,
PO Box 510,
Lutwyche, QLD 4030 by Friday 31 March 2017
MINJILANG RECREATION HALL UPGRADES

Thanks to funding NT Department of Tourism and Culture (Sport & Recreation Development Division), Minjilang will receive repairs and upgrades to its recreation hall.

West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) installed new water bubblers, bench seating, lights and industrial fans.

A new deep freezer and paint have also been purchased, which has already brightened up the rec hall.

WARC Council Service Manager in Minjilang Candice Siedler-Twine said the hall is an important facility in the community which is used on a daily basis.

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A new fridge and freezer was also purchased for the Warruwi Rec Hall.

INTERNSHIP HELPING CREATE YOUNG RANGERS

Six senior secondary students from Maningrida School have just commenced their paid internship with the Djelk Ranger unit.

The Maningrida School Djelk Ranger Internship program provides the opportunity for Learning on Country (LoC) participants to transition from school into the ranger work-force.

The interns, Zenayha Doolan, Zoe Taylor, Normalina Olsen, Ricksha Redford Bohme, Samantha Bonson, Dioni Brian and Jonah Ryan (who will work 3 days with Djelk Rangers – from Wednesday to Friday each week) are contracted for a six month period, working every Wednesday with rangers.

Those that apply themselves diligently to both their school studies and ranger duties will be offered full-time positions with Djelk upon completion of their Year 12 NTCET.

All the interns have worked very hard over the last 2 years and have successfully completed their Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management (CLM), a significant achievement itself, and this will help them commence their ranger work with a solid foundation of skills and knowledge.

Djelk Rangers recognise the Maningrida School’s Learning on Country program and the Internship initiative as developing the next generation of Rangers working and caring for country and they are thanked for their partnership in this endeavour.

Those involved wished to thank all school staff for their support of our students and the LoC program, as well as Mitch Carey (Senior LoC teacher/VET CLM Trainer-Assessor) who has worked closely with these students over the last few years and Miranda and Kieren who have embraced and embedded LoC into the school space as a valuable career pathway program.

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Maningrida celebrated International Women’s Day this week with events held across the community to honour strong women. A barbecue celebration was held at the crèche and a women’s only aqua program at the swimming pool – with more than 40 women in attendance.

There was also a morning tea at Aged Care which was well attended, and the clinic offered women’s health checks which ladies who had the health check receiving a pink bag full of goodies.

The event was coordinated by Malabam Stronger Communities for Children with the assistance of the Babbarra Women’s Centre, Mala’la Aged Care, Maningrida Clinic, West Arnhem Regional Council Sport & Rec, GREATS Youth Services, Child & Family Centre, Maningrida Clinic. The event was supported through a grant from the Office of Women’s Policy (NT Government).

Special t-shirts were printed by the artists at the women’s centre to mark the event.

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SOLAR ENERGY IN MANINGRIDA

Maningrida has become the first of 30 remote Territory communities to have PV solar installed which will save around 230,000 litres of diesel fuel a year, create more local jobs and boost skills during construction and operation.

Chief Minister Michael Gunner recently visited the site at Maningrida which is officially the first community to be commissioned through the joint Federal and NT Government $55 million Solar Energy Transformation Program (SETuP). The NT Government provides around $27 million.

SETuP will see the installation of 10MW of solar photovoltaic (PV) across 30 off-grid NT communities, with support from the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) and managed by the Power and Water Corporation.

“The Territory has one of the best natural environments in the world, and to keep it that way it is important we all do our bit to act on climate change,” Mr Gunner said.

“But good environmental policy is also smart economic policy – this means more jobs for Territorians. Our renewable target of 50% by 2030 will see more jobs, greater reliability and cheaper power prices.

“This project has also created local jobs and boosted skills – it’s another way we are helping empower the bush and building safer, stronger communities.”

PV solar which will enable the community to reduce its reliance on diesel fuel by 15 per cent, reduce pollution and cut back on trucks transporting fuel through the community.

Mr Gunner said 2,500 solar panels were installed over 20 weeks by a team of up to 12 contractors, enabling the community to produce around $27 million.

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COMMUNITIES HELP CLEAN UP WEST ARNHEM

Jabiru, Maningrida and Warruwi communities did their bit to help the environment by participating in Clean Up Australia Day this month.

In Warruwi, West Arnhem Regional Council Services Manager Kupa Teao said overall it was a great day in the community which was followed by a barbecue.

“A lot of bags were filled with rubbish and taken to the tip, and it was good to have everyone pitch in to help clean up the community,” he said.

Meanwhile, members of the Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation CDP team and West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) held Clean Up Australia Day in Maningrida on Friday, March 3.

It was a successful morning with lots of rubbish collected between the two organisations which held the event in conjunction.

This was followed by a barbecue put on by WARC at the parks and gardens shed. WARC and CDP will be having ongoing clean ups together every six weeks.

And, the rain couldn’t stop the eager Jabiru residents who took to the streets on Sunday, March 5 to pick up rubbish.

Event coordinator Louise Mayclair said, “Volunteers braved the wet weather to help clean up around the township. A big thank you to everyone who came out on the day, and the Croc Hotel for putting on afternoon tea for the hungry volunteers. Hope to see everyone next year!”

Cleaning of the Gunbalanya Early/Primary/Middle/Secondary School
And CFC
Commencing 3 July 2017

The Gunbalanya School Board invites Quotes for the Cleaning of our comprehensive Gunbalanya School including CFC, Early Years, Primary and Secondary.

Specifications and other information are available from the Administration Manager, robert.page@ntschools.net

Telephone: 08 8979 0181

Site inspection available on request

The lowest or any quotation will not necessarily be accepted

Closing: 2.00pm, Friday 24 March 2017
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Nourlangie Safari Camp, here is 9SLK
Is anybody listening? (My radio code)

From the Diaries of Flemming Jensen 1968-1969

In the previous episode, Flemming celebrates a quiet Easter writing letters, fishing and relaxing at the Camp.

Monday 7th April 1969

Here at Easter I really take my time. Doing very little, writing a few letters and taking a walk in the woods with the dogs.

Concerning the letter writing I cannot sit down and then write a letter just like that. I must go and think about what to write. The letters have to be a little different to everyone I write too and suddenly I get inspired and I write a couple of true and well-intentioned lines.

For dinner I cooked some beef in some water in which I had put some salt-like substance and the result was something that reminded me of corned beef. It tasted wonderful and it was nice with a little variety. To save the gas I cooked the meat over the old fireplace where I could use firewood.

Tuesday 8th April 1969

In about half a year I would be able to celebrate my birthday with my family. If not, something is happening somewhere so I could change my plans but I think it unlikely.

Today I will once again celebrate a buffalo that has come in the house. He was not far from the car this time so the trip home was not so bad. However it was an old fellow and if I did not shoot it would probably be dead by itself one of these days.

When I came back to camp I decided to tell the old people that I had shot a buffalo and in what direction the buffalo was that I did not have to go with them, because they would be there all day.

First they would eat, then they will take the meat they could carry and then let the dogs eat what they can. I would really like to have participated.

I could have taken some good pictures, but I was so tired after the morning hunt and I would on the other hand not be pushy. I could understand that they wanted to be by themselves and that, I have to respect.

This afternoon I wrote, among other things a letter to my old flame Kirsten. Why I did it I do not know but I’ve often done things that I just did. And by the way I am not supposed to have an explanation for everything! Have I?

Wednesday 9th April

I had decided to fix Ted’s cabin in the day but I did not do so, not today anyway. The reason for this apathy is due to the heat as it becomes more and more oppressive. It’s almost too good. For the most between 1pm and 2pm I am staying in the shade.

This afternoon I went out to see what the girls had been doing with “my buff” from the hunt yesterday.

Not far from it I found Jack and Molly and all their dogs. After I drove Jack home yesterday he and Molly joined the other two and they now had eaten for two days. They sat and collected themselves and waited for the weather to be cooler so they could go back to camp with their supplies.

Carla and Laura had gone before and I did not see them. I took a picture of Jack and Molly and all their dogs and this was a great pleasure for them. I heard nothing of the expected message over the radio but that kind of thing does not bother me any longer even if you believe and expect it every time.

Thursday 10th April

I go to bed at nine to ten pm and I do not wake up until around nine am the next morning when the heat makes it impossible to sleep any longer.

Today however I was awakened by the dogs barking when the girls came to get their rations. The dogs always do so when the black fellows are approaching the camp, even Molly and Laura, as they do now.

On the path from the cottage down to the kitchen, every morning I get a really good welcome. The dogs leap and jump and lick me and seemed to tell how much they missed me and how happy they are to see me. This welcome always gives a good start to the day.

I did a little of Ted’s cabin but it will not be finished until tomorrow. I have not been pushing myself but it also seems that I have plenty of time.

Again today there were no telegrams. I now only have three gallons of kerosene left. I hope that Allan remembers this when he hopefully soon turns up. I tried to make ice today but I’m not sure of the outcome because the cream is not quite new! We will find out tomorrow. It is not an easy breakfast.

I had to take some of the old oatmeal so I could get me a portion for myself. The cornflakes are out and I have not much bread left. I’ve still a couple of eggs so it will do a little longer.

Friday 11th April

When I have something to do I become lazy and try to relax. When I have nothing to do I become restless. It is not easy but I think by now the reason is because I’m getting tired. I am tired of the lonely life here at Nourlangie. I need to see people and new surroundings. The telegram did not turn up again today and it was promised on Wednesday! Sometimes I feel a little ridiculous but you’re helpless in the wilderness without a radio.

In the next episode, Flemming is disappointed and lonely, with no visitors to the camp once again. He does however try to remain positive.

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ATTENTION

POOL PATRONS

There are new opening hours at the Jabiru Pool:

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, SUNDAY 12:00pm – 6:30pm
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 12:30pm – 6:00pm
SATURDAY 9:00am – 6:30pm

The pool will be closed on Fridays until further notice. We appreciate your understanding and wish to apologise for any inconvenience caused during this time.

ACTION-PACKED WEEK AT LEADERSHIP CENTRE

In recent weeks, nine students from the Maningrida College recently took part in an educational football trip in Darwin. The trip was based at AFLNT’s educational facility, the Michael Long Learning Leadership Centre.

Students were selected and rewarded based on their regular attendance at school as well as their behaviour in the classroom.

Well done boys on being selected to represent Maningrida. The students were fortunate enough to be involved in an action-packed education week where they learned valuable information on healthy and active lifestyles, leadership and important road safety messages which was delivered by MACC Road Safety.

Students were also fortunate enough to be given a tour of Parliament house, use the NT Thunder Gym and Pool and had a special visit from Lajamanu’s Liam Patrick.

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SCHOOL EVERY DAY
FUN DAY
FRIDAY 24th March 2017
3.00 pm – 5.00 pm
Venue: Pool
Waterslide

EVERY DAY SCHOOL REWARD FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

THAT COME TO SCHOOL EVERYDAY

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD TO GO TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY
“It’s NOT OKAY to stay away”
See you all at the Pool