Organisations in Maningrida have come together to promote school attendance among the youth in the community.

By hosting a special monthly event for students with high attendance, it is hoped that a strong message about the importance of going to school every day is promoted across the community.

This new initiative was launched by West Arnhem Regional Council Sport and Recreation in partnership with the Maningrida College, Remote School Attendance, AFLNT, Government Engagement and Malabam Health Board.

School students with an attendance rate of 70 per cent and above at the end of each month will be invited to join in the special community event to celebrate their efforts.

The first celebration for students was held on Friday, March 24 with some 200 students joining in the event.

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West Arnhem Regional Council Sport and Recreation Coordinator Seide Ramadani said the day was a great success with all involved happy with the outcome.

“It’s great to see all the services and parents coming together. We are all behind this, supporting kids to go to school every day,” Seide said.

The day included a free barbecue, performances by local bands, swimming activities, sports, games and prizes as well as a special ‘school every day’ cake.

“The event was also an opportunity to thank and recognise the parents, the hard working teachers, the indigenous support workers and the ‘yellow shirts’ remote school attendance team. It takes many people working together to achieve great results.”

“For students who didn’t attend the event, a reminder that this is a monthly event – so make sure you go to school every day to be part of the next special celebration!”

Each month, organisations will be taking turns to be the lead host. The next event will be held on May 19 and hosted by Maningrida College.
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Two West Arnhem based art centres are a part of an exciting new venture involving fashion created from hand screen-printed fabric made in remote communities. “Magpie Goose” is a new fashion social enterprise which sets out to showcase incredible hand screen-printed fabric designed and printed by indigenous artists in a number of remote communities.

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The pilot range has already been a roaring success with a huge amount of pre-orders made through a Kickstarter campaign where people were able to pre-purchase the exciting new prints.

Described as ‘bold fashion from the top end’, Magpie Goose is being incubated by Enterprise Learning Projects which is an organisation dedicated to fostering and supporting grassroots business development in partnership with remote aboriginal communities.

By purchasing fabric from the art centre partners means they can grow, creating more opportunities for the artists.

For more information visit the Magpie Goose website where you can sign up to keep up-to-date for the next round, or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.
Solar Energy Program Rolled Out in Maningrida

The Solar Energy Transformation Program (SETuP) in Maningrida paves the way as the first of 29 off-grid communities in the Northern Territory to receive solar power, with a strong focus on local community engagement.

Robert Wilson, General Manager of Territoria Civil said four Maningrida locals were employed to help with the installation.

“‘The local Djelk Rangers did a wonderful job providing specialised local knowledge, including weed surveys and environmental advice prior to clearing,” he said.

Maningrida is the first of the ten sites within Tranche One. The other nine sites will be completed by mid-2017.

The local school Maningrida College throughout the project. On Wednesday, March 8, approximately 30 school students from across several grades visited the solar site for a guided tour.

A solar demonstration kit was provided to show how 2,500 solar panels with 800kW of solar will power 130 households.

The kit demonstrates the environmentally friendly benefits for Maningrida community, such as saving 230,660 litres of fuel each year and reducing the reliance on diesel by 15 per cent.

Afterwards, the Solar SETuP team cooked a barbeque lunch for the children.

Power and Water worked closely with the local school Maningrida College throughout the project.

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The program results will mean cleaner and quieter generation in remote communities, with increased capacity and flexibility for future growth.

Warc Participate In Management Challenge

West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) recently sent a team to compete in the Australasian Management Challenge held in Alice Springs.

Teams of five or six members from any level of local government competed against other councils that typify management in the local government environment.

The teams were presented with challenges and had to work together to overcome them by creating management plans for the issues.

Challenges involved scenarios including a role play interview with a disgruntled employee, an analysis of figures, creating a report on why the Community Centre was failing, a risk analysis of a sculpture of an echidna and how best to protect the dills who were climbing on it, and forming an event management plan on the financial viability of a classic car show.

There were 12 challenges in total throughout the day; some counted and some didn’t but teams didn’t know which were which.

The team was constantly hit with additional challenges and obscurities designed to make the team implose; the removal of team members at crucial times, the constant shortening of deadlines, the removal of equipment they planned to use, and additional tasks when they were already stretched to the limit.

In typical WARC style, the team remained calm and worked through tasks with a strong sense of fun. Though Alice Springs won the Challenge, WARC hope to win next year and progress to the championships. The Challenge is held across all of Australia and New Zealand.

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MANINGRIDA WELCOMES NEW BROADCASTER

West Arnhem Regional Council and Top End Aboriginal Bush Broadcasting Association (TEABBA) have come together to re-launch the Maningrida radio broadcasting service. This is an exciting time for the community as they welcome the new community broadcaster Djolpa McKenzie to the hot seat.

To assist, TEABBA Radio’s remote area senior trainer, Bernard Namok paid a special visit to Maningrida last week to deliver important training.

As a former Maningrida broadcaster himself, Bernard said he is thrilled to welcome Maningrida Radio back to the air.

“Being the ex-radio broadcaster in Maningrida back in 2007-2009, I was fortunate enough to go back to train local man and front-man for Wildwater Band, Djolpa McKenzie with an ‘Introduction to Radio Broadcasting’, which includes tips around on-air presenting, programming, technical aspects were a few things being taught,” Bernard said.

“I am very, very excited about the local radio (being) back on the airwaves around the community and make sure you stay tuned to 106.1FM to hear all the positive stories from around Maningrida and great music,” he said.

Djolpa went live to air around Maningrida at the end of the training with interviews with the local sports and recreation team about the local AFL games, pre-recorded interviews from those involved in men’s week as well as providing music.

If anyone in the community would like to get involved with the local radio, make sure you go around and see Djolpa, who will be out and about capturing the community stories, things coming up and promoting everything that Maningrida has to offer.

Tune into 106.1FM for all the latest news, music and community updates.

EXPANDING KAKADU KNOWLEDGE

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CEOs for the Department of Tourism and Culture said the development and implementation of programs to promote sustainable China market readiness was important for the Territory’s future.

“I believe that supporting our local industry to access the Mandarin speaking, Kakadu certified tour guides will give our local businesses a leg up, in getting China ready.

“This is an important grant initiative which addresses some of the key gaps in the market and allows us to grow our supply opportunities to support visitor growth from Greater China,” he said.

PROMOTING HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

A program which aims to promote health and wellbeing in young men is currently under way in Jabiru.

The Two Worlds Youth exercise program for young men is facilitated by the public health team in Jabiru with vital input from outreach services.

Together, the organisations are hoping to achieve many things: health promotion, early intervention of chronic disease, broaden awareness of nutrition and mental health and, above all, it offers young men the chance to do something which makes them feel good about themselves.

The program, which commenced in January this year, is held at the Jabiru Pool and includes a session at the gym, water aerobics and a healthy lunch. Through these components, the program promotes health and wellbeing, both physically and mentally, assists to prevent chronic disease and adds a social component as well. The public health team hope the program will have a snowball effect throughout the young community members as they set their own personal goals to work towards.

So far, the program, which targets young indigenous men aged 12 to 25 years, has received a positive response with older community members from Jabiru and the outstations as well as family groups. The program runs every Tuesday from 12.30pm to 2.30pm.
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY CELEBRATIONS

More than 100 people gathered at the Crocodile Hotel to celebrate International Women’s Day on March 8.

The event was organised by the recently formed Ranger Women’s Network and included a speech by ERA Chief Executive Andrea Sutton, and performances by singer/songwriter Shellie Morris and students from the West Arnhem Girls Academy who performed a special dance.

This year the global theme for International Women’s Day was Be Bold for Change so guests were asked to share their commitments on a Bold Action Wall and in turn inspire others.

Proceeds from raffles, a silent auction plus a contribution from event ticket sales were donated to the charity Dawn House Incorporated which provides services to women and children escaping domestic and family violence.

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Northern Territory Police are calling for witnesses to the suspicious fire at the Old Ranger Headquarters at Jabiru in the early hours of Friday, March 10.

Detective Senior Sergeant Chris Board from the Serious Crime Squad said fire investigators believed as many as 20 separate fires had been lit in and around the immediate area of the building.

“Detectives have established that a number of persons were in the vicinity of the building around the time of the fire. If anyone has any information regarding the fire we ask that you make contact with police on 131 444 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000,” Detective Senior Sergeant Board said.

KAKADU CALLS FOR FOOD TRUCK OPERATORS

Kakadu is putting out the call this weekend for tourism operators to take up two exciting opportunities – food truck or kiosks at two of our most famous sites – Nourlangie and Gunlom.

Customer Experience and Destination Planning Director Steve Wroe said businesses should not miss out on a chance to taste test this fantastic opportunity.

“This is a first for Kakadu. Providing people with food options other than the excellent ones already on offer at Bowali or Jabiru can only enhance our visitor’s experience of this magnificent destination,” he said.

“Every year we give 180,000 domestic and international visitors the time of their lives as they taste the many delights of this ever-changing landscape,” he said.

“We particularly encourage local Indigenous businesses and individuals to apply, or to work with applicants based in Darwin or elsewhere. It’s your knowledge that could help Kakadu offer a very unique, local inspired product.”

Mr Wroe said businesses could apply online from 7 April to 4pm Northern Territory time on 21 April. For further information go to www.parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/foodtrucks.

VISIT TO COMMUNITY CARE IN GUNBALANYA

West Arnhem Regional Council Community Care team at Gunbalanya had a recent visit from Senior Community Care Officer Marcia Brennan from Jabiru, who assisted with the preparation and delivery of meals to the 35 aged and disability clients.

Marcia also assisted with personal care and social support needed for the clients.
A successful aerial cull of feral animals in Kakadu National Park has removed a staggering 3652 wild horses in an operation that also targeted buffalo, donkeys and pigs in remote and largely inaccessible areas of the Park.

A 24-day operation by helicopter led to 6013 feral animals being culled.

Kakadu National Park manager Pete Cotsell said highly trained rangers carried out the shoot in the Mary River region after consultation and support from traditional owners.

“It’s important that we carry out these culls to protect Kakadu’s World Heritage values,” Mr Cotsell said.

“Large numbers of feral pests in the park spread weeds, damage wetlands and have a major impact on our sensitive ecosystems. These animals can also become a safety issue if they stray onto roadways.

“Feral animal management in Kakadu is an ongoing priority for the park and we have more work planned in other areas of Kakadu. We’re working closely with the park’s Bininj/Mungguy Aboriginal traditional owners to explore ways of deriving a commercial benefit from some of these animals in areas that are easily accessible and safe.”

Traditional owners in the areas where the cull took place advised the planning process and gave permission for the operation to go forward.

Of the 6000 feral animals culled, rangers recorded 1965 buffalo and 294 pigs. The rangers processed some meat from these animals to return to traditional owners of the Mary River region, where the cull took place.

Mr Cotsell said the advice of traditional owners in the planning and preparation of these culls helped ensure feral animal populations that the health of the country improved. “Removing these large feral animals will reduce their impact on the environment,” he said. “This allows native plants around water courses, rivers, billabongs and freshwater springs to regenerate while improving the feeding and breeding habitats for aquatic life in the park.

“This not only leads to increased birdlife in Kakadu but improves hunting and fishing for Binij/Mungguy.”

He said rangers were now discussing further feral animal culls in different regions of Kakadu with their traditional owners.

Meanwhile stringent safety measures are always put in place to ensure there is no danger or impact to visitors during culls but visitors are reminded to stay in public access areas when in the park. Visitors should also observe safety signs and follow advice from rangers on the ground.
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The programme provides new employees and contractors with an introduction to the unique cultural, environmental and historical values of the Kakadu region and the Mirarr Traditional Owners.

Last year 49 participants took part in cultural awareness training.

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Story by “Roo Boy”

The Jabiru Bombers have had a strong season however a series of adverse situations conspired against them as they lost the 2016/17 NTFL Division Two grand final to the Banks Bulldogs by six goals. Nevertheless, the proud Jabiru Bombers Football Club representing the Kakadu and the Alligator Rivers regions, won 17 out of possible 18 home and away games to finish on top of the ladder. This early season dominance was emphasised at the end of season League best and fairest count, where 4 of the top 5 positions were filled by Jabiru Bombers players with Daniel Hill being named runners-up. No mean feat for a team that is faced with such adversity and receives precious little financial or logistical support from AFLNT.

In a rollercoaster finals ride more befitting of a Gold Coast theme park, the team then went on to lose the first qualifying final by 14 points to Banks Bulldogs, win its first semi final by 3 points over Nightcliffe Spartans, before defeating Waratah, on its home ground mind you, by 2 points in the preliminary final.

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The stage was set at TIO One in front of the scores of Gunbalanya and Jabiru fans that had made their way into Darwin against perennial arch rival the Banks Bulldogs, the siren sounded.

Banks were fast out of the blocks early winning the ball out of the centre, which was nothing out of the ordinary given Jabiru’s notoriously slow starts throughout the finals to date.

But to add to Jabiru’s misfortune, they lost key forward Daniel Hill to a knee injury inside the first 5 minutes, resulting in him unfortunately taking no further part in the game. The quarter time score read Banks 4.2.26 to Jabiru 0.1.1.

The second quarter proved to be more of an arm wrestle as neither team bothered the scorers too much, as Banks kicked 2 goals to Jabiru 1 to go into the half time break with a handy 31 point break 6.4.40 to 1.3.9.

As had been the status quo throughout the finals, Bombers got their running game going in the third quarter through the likes of Nicholas and Craig Bangarr and Cain Nangamu and a stoic backline led by Lendel Victor and polish of player of the final series Hayden Manakgu to outscore Banks 3 goals to 2 and reduce the margin to 25 points at three quarter time.

The fourth quarter began with much promise as Jabiru had finished off games full of running, but so had Banks, and with the benefit of a week off and the Bombers down a rotation on the bench, the Bulldogs kicked a further 3 goals to 1 in the last quarter to run out winners by 35 points 11.7.73 to Jabiru Bombers 5.8.38.

So ended a challenging eight and a half month season of football for the mighty Jabiru Bombers, with the team having to travel the 8,500 kilometres into Darwin throughout the season to compete with just five Jabiru home games handed to the club, robbing them of the opportunity to fundraise at home and build on the local fan base.

To add to the logistical nightmare, half of the team live and train in Gunbalanya, cut off by wet season flooding, whilst the other half collectively train in Jabiru with a couple of other players residing and working in Darwin and Katherine.

Throw into the mix the fact that the team were never afforded a home and away game on the hallowed turf of TIO One Stadium until the grand final.

The season would not have been possible if not for the generous contributions of major sponsors Jabiru Sports and Social Club, Gunbalanya Sports and Social Club, Energy Resources Australia and Intract plus numerous other sponsors. A big thanks also to the hard working committee, volunteers and supporters of the club as the club looks forward to the season ending Jabiru Bombers Presentation night on Saturday, 8 April at the JSSC.
NETBALL CLINICS UNDER WAY IN COMMUNITIES

West Arnhem Regional Council Sport and Recreation and Netball NT came together to deliver netball clinics in Maningrida including games and coaching clinics recently.

Wet weather didn’t dampen the spirits of the participants as they carried on having fun with more than 30 kids turning up each day.

“It’s been really positive to see the interest from the community. We are very keen to see netball continue to develop and grow in West Arnhem,” said Haylee, Community Development Manager from Netball NT.

The opportunity has been made possible through funding from Northern Territory Government’s Remote Sport Program.

There will also be a week of netball clinics in Gunbalanya in early May.

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- Human Resources Officer – Darwin
  Full Time Fixed Term 12 Months – No accommodation available – Applications close 8 am Tuesday, 02 May 2017

- Senior Works Officer – Maningrida
  Full Time – Accommodation available
  Applications close 8 am Tuesday, 02 May 2017

- Carpenter – Jabiru
  Full Time – Accommodation available
  Applications close 8 am Tuesday, 18 April 2017

- Early Childhood Educator – Group Leader – Jabiru
  Full Time – Accommodation available
  Applications close 8 am Tuesday, 18 April 2017

- Customer Service and Administration Officer – Darwin
  Full Time – No accommodation available
  Applications close 8 am Monday, 10 April 2017

- Youth, Sport and Recreation Officer – Gunbalanya
  Fixed Term Part Time x 2 positions – No accommodation available – All applications will be considered.

- Out of School Hours & Vacation Care Assistant
  Warruwi – Casual 2 positions – No accommodation available
  All applications will be considered.

- Childcare Assistant – Warruwi
  Casual – No accommodation available
  All applications will be considered.

- Administration Trainee – Maningrida

To apply:
Visit 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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2017 Jabiru Community Mixed Netball Competition

Competition starts Tuesday, May 2

GAME RULES

$70 per team payable in cash at WARC office - Win = 4, Draw = 2 - Loss/Forfeit = 0 - 4 x 10 minute quarters. A forfeit will be called 10 minutes after the scheduled start time. Maximum of 3 males on the court at any one time. Male players must play in separate thirds of the court.

Email John Spastics: john.spastics@westarnhem.nt.gov.au for team nomination forms or visit WARC office. Team nominations close Tuesday April 28.

Presentation night & BBQ at the end of the comp at any one time.

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- IMPORTANT -

RESIDENTIAL ROAD CLOSURES
SAT 13 MAY 2017 - JABIRU

ALL RESIDENTIAL ROADS IN JABIRU WILL BE CLOSED FROM 6.30am to 9.00am SATURDAY, 13 MAY 2017

If you need to travel during the morning, please ensure you leave BEFORE 6.30am to plan to leave AFTER 9.00am to get to your destination.

Carparks
The following carparks will also be closed to all vehicles from 6.30am to 9.00am on Saturday, 13 May 2017:
- Jabiru Swimming Pool carpark
- Magela Pool carpark, Kinchela Road
- Brockman Oval carpark, Kinchela Road
- Arnhem Oval carpark, Waterhouse Road
- Jabiru Area School carpark, Waterhouse Road
- Lake Jabiru carpark, Civic Drive (at the BBQ facilities beside the Lake)
- Ranger Mine Mesa (Spottedis building), corner Waterhouse Road and Callvert Crescent

Carparking for the triathlon and duathlon
Participants and spectators are encouraged to walk to the marshaling area at the Jabiru Swimming Pool. Alternatively the carparks at the Jabiru Town Plaza will remain open and you can park here however you will need to arrive BEFORE 6.30am.

SECTION OF ARNHEM HIGHWAY WILL BE CLOSED FROM 6.45am to 8.00am SATURDAY, 13 MAY 2017

The section of the Arnhem Highway that will be closed between 6.45am and 8.00am is from the corner of Jabiru Drive and Arnhem Highway to the boundary of the Ranger Mine Lease, this highway closure is to ensure the safety of the participants completing the bike leg of the duathlon race.

Re-opening of roads, carparks and highway is anticipated to occur at times provided above however it could be earlier or later depending on the last participant finishing. The one exception to this is the Jabiru Swimming Pool Carpark will remain closed until 12.00pm to cater for the awards ceremony.

Emergency number
If you require access to residential roads, carparks or the highway between 6.30am and 9.00am, please call 0417 702 379 for assistance. For all other emergencies ring 000.

Community feedback line
If you require any further information or have feedback for the Organising Committee, please contact Kakadu Triathlon Event Organiser, Leona Katzer on 0409 103 892.

These road closures are a small but essential measure to ensure the race is enjoyable for spectators and safe for participants. The Kakadu Triathlon celebrating its 18th year aims to provide a safe, fun event that promotes Kakadu, generates tourism and economy to Kakadu, and encourages healthier lifestyles for local residents whilst raising money for CareFlight, a lifesaving service for remote communities.

Regards
Kakadu Triathlon Organising Committee
www.facebook.com/KakaduTriathlon
**Noulangie Safari Camp, Episode 31**

**Noulangie Safari Camp, here is 9SLK**

**Is anybody listening? (My radio code)**

*From the Diaries of Flemming Jensen 1968-1969*

In the previous episode, Flemming becomes slightly impatient as he continues to wait for a telegram with the lack of a radio.

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**Saturday, 12 April 1969**

I got fish for dinner today. However I did not even catch it but took it out of the freezer. It was nice with a little change. The day is on the other hand gone to make the dining and living area clean.

If someone appears to show up tomorrow everything is ready except for the water pump of course. We had heavy rain this evening. It refreshes me a little and I hope to have a visit today but was disappointed from Allan again. I have lost the spark. It is a disappointed young man who writes in the diary tonight. I had hoped to have a visit today but was disappointed again.

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**Sunday, 13 April 1969**

It is a disappointed young man who writes in the diary tonight. I had hoped to have a visit today but was disappointed again. I have lost the spark. Tomorrow is the end of the eleven letters. No news on the radio. Life goes on.

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**Monday, 14 April 1969**

Now the refrigerator for the dog's food is empty. However it was filled again after this morning. I got another old buffalo. It seems that only the old ones are left. I would hope that my refrigerator was just as crowded.

Dinner was steak and mashed potatoes. About the hunt I think I get worse or maybe the old that are left are just tougher. Nevertheless I now had to use 8 shots each for the last two. It's a little too much I think. But Allan's 44th Magnum is not suited to the long distances so maybe in a way I should be happy that I have got any at all. It was not much that I could give the old ladies today. They were one day late. It's never happened before. I am out of flour and tobacco and worst of all beer. They took it with a good mood after I had served homemade ice cream and coffee.

This afternoon I drove 80 km up and down the airfield but in vain. Once again no radio contact. If I do not get kerosene one of these days I must turn off the freezer. There are only few litres left.

In the evening I met two of the unidentified green snakes on my way to and from my evening bath in the lake. Tomorrow I will take the 22 with me. It is better that I get a hit on them than vice versa.

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**Tuesday, 15 April 1969**

This morning I turned off the freezer to save the kerosene to keep the 'big' refrigerator going in which I have the dog food.

I had to make pancakes for breakfast because I have almost only flour and there is not much left. On top of the tiring day yesterday it went a little calmer today. It's fun!

When I'm hunting for snakes I see none but when I have no rifle at hand I almost constantly step on them!

In the evening there was a telegram and best of all I could receive it. Allan is coming on the weekend and probably we are going to Alice Springs next Monday.

It sounds good all together but only the future will show if it goes as well. Soon I could be led on a 'wild goose chase.' Actually it's not the 'wrong track' as long as I get paid so it will do. That's how I have tried to look at my situation lately.

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**Wednesday, 16 April 1969**

Breakfast is not a big meal for the time. Only three spoonfuls of flour a day! Or just enough for two pancakes! In addition either tea or milk! Tonight's dinner was rice porridge. The choice is between porridge, steak and mashed potatoes or fish. I chose to have porridge today. Tomorrow I will eat the fish.

For most of the day I have cleaned my own cabin. The desire was not the greatest but it was the last to be cleaned. The radio repeated the telegram from Allan again today. It's a whole new feeling.

There is nothing much to say about the present day. Maybe just that I was freezing like a little dog the whole night. It looks like it will be just as cold tonight so I have got some warm blankets.

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In the next episode, Flemming has the worst 11 hours of his life after he gets lost in a wildlife sanctuary area.

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**BE CROCWISE**

Report problem crocodiles. Phone: 0419 822 859

www.nt.gov.au/becrocwise
A New Zealand holiday is usually a chance to unwind, but for Jabiru resident Anthony Reid it was a chance to take on a 100 kilometre ultra-marathon covering more than 4,500 metre elevation and climbing to the peak of two mountains.

Anthony, who works at Energy Resources of Australia, came across the event when looking for activities to do on holiday to celebrate his 30th birthday. “I knew it would be a personal challenge and I doubted if I could manage, but after reading “Born to Run” by Christopher McDougall I was inspired to try,” Anthony said.

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Anthony trained for six months running five or more days a week. He also changed his diet, which required strict discipline and took up targeted strength and conditioning exercises as well as stretches, helping him to understand how to treat (and ultimately prevent) injuries.

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Anthony believes it wasn’t until after his post-run pain started to subside, that he could reflect on what he had accomplished and the collective efforts and support from so many people that helped get him across the finish line. “I realised this was not a competition but a life event. I’m an average guy and it was incredibly empowering to set myself, what many (and even I at times) would consider an unachievable challenge and put the effort in, get the right assistance, and ultimately fulfil and achieve the goal. “This is something I wish I had learned earlier in my life. I’ve realised the potential I think I’m capable of is self-imposed, and sometimes driven by doubt and fear of failure, but with the right goal, the right assistance and right commitment I am (and we all are) capable of so much more... I’m keen now to take this and apply it to other areas in my life.”

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Race day started at 3am and over the course of the day, the ultra-marathon took Anthony across a series of peaks, ridgelines and valleys through some of New Zealand’s beautiful scenery.

“I would go for hours (at least if felt like it) without seeing any other competitors or race staff, sometimes wondering if I was still on the track. A few times I made the mistake of checking the GPS, I was indeed on the track, but it was more demoralising to know how far I still had to go.”

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