Fortnightly news in brief from Jabiru, Warruwi, Minjilang, Maningrida and Gunbalanya

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NEW ADDITION TO YOUTH CENTRE
A digital media hub now features at the Gunbalanya Youth Centre for young people to enjoy.

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS
Young people in Maningrida had the opportunity to learn new skills at recent photography workshops.

NIGHT PATROL ATTEND TRAINING
Night Patrol staff from Gunbalanya, Warruwi and Minjilang busy undertaking further training.

NEW LANGUAGE RESOURCES
The Bininj Kunwok Language Project continuing with important projects this year.

A number of exciting celebrations were held across West Arnhem communities including Warruwi, Maningrida, Jabiru, Minjilang and Gunbalanya, on Thursday, January 25 and Friday, January 26.

The Gunbalanya community had ‘Gunbalanya Day’ with the Youth, Sport and Recreation team hosting a free barbecue, waterslide, and a variety of activities such as basketball games, hula hooping and pool table game. Despite the cloudy and rainy weather, some loud music and the smell of sausages cooking enticed many kids to the Gunbalanya Youth Centre to join in the fun with a movie night taking place after the event.

For the second year in a row, Maningrida celebrated ‘Maningrida Day’ with a big pool party with more than 120 community members joining in the community event.

Hosted by West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC), the pool party included music, a barbecue and for the first time this year, the slip ‘n’ slide made an appearance with Lionel the lifeguard being the first to test it out.

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WARC would like to thank the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet for supporting the event.

Meanwhile, approximately 100 community members headed to the Jabiru pool on Friday morning to join in the family fun event hosted by WARC.

There were plenty of activities for the kids including thong throwing, pool races and relays, crickets and tennis. The Jabiru Fire Station also joined in the fun and brought out the water hose for the kids.

A highlight of the morning was the Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel ice cream and coffee cart which served out delicious treats.

Member for Arnhem Selena Uibo also attended the event and assisted WARC Councillor Anna Egerton to present the Local Government Australia Day Awards.

It was also a busy afternoon in the Minjilang Recreation Hall on Friday for ‘Minjilang Day’.

The Sport and Recreation team were very busy running activities, including dodgeball, for the young ones and serving up the community barbecue.

Everyone had a great time celebrating together.

In Warruwi, West Arnhem Regional Council staff put on a community barbecue at the Recreation Hall in the afternoon.

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Northern Territory Centre for Disease Control (CDC) expects to complete its mosquito breeding survey in Jabiru on Wednesday, 31 January and Thursday, 1 February 2018.

The Department of Health is asking the community for support by providing access to their backyards as the officers make their way around the area to carry out this important work.

Each year the survey is carried out to confirm the absence of the exotic dengue mosquitoes, Aedes aegypti. The Northern Territory is currently free of the dengue mosquito, which can transmit dengue fever, chikungunya, yellow fever and Zika virus. However, there is the potential that this mosquito, which is present in North Queensland, could inadvertently be transported into the Northern Territory as eggs in old tyres or other containers.

In the past the dengue mosquito has twice been transported into Tennant Creek from North Queensland, with elimination programs required to remove this mosquito from the Northern Territory.
A huge congratulations to the students of Gunbalanya Community School who celebrated their graduation on Monday, January 22. It was a community celebration as the students received their graduation certificate in front of their peers, family and friends.

The young graduates will now step through to the world of work and further education.

The Maningrida Pool is officially back in action much to the delight of the entire community, particularly children and young people who were among the first and the most enthusiastic to get splashing.

The West Arnhem Regional Council team in Maningrida is committed to delivering exciting activities and programs for youth in the community, and this year the community can look forward to exciting new collaborations and events at the pool.

To kick off the year, there was the huge Maningrida Day barbecue and circus presentation by local youngsters on Thursday, January 25. While the school holidays continued, the pool also ran on the weekend schedule and opens from 8am to 12pm and then 1.30pm to 5pm from Wednesday to Sunday.

Don’t forget that children under ten need to be accompanied and supervised by a guardian at all times, and children under six need to stay within arm’s reach of their guardian.

LIVE & WORK

ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU

- Team Leader Parks and Gardens - Maningrida - Permanent - Full Time - Accommodation available - Applications close at 8 am on Monday 5 February 2018
- Team Leader Roads - Maningrida - Permanent - Full Time - Accommodation available - Applications close at 8 am on Monday 5 February 2018
- Pool Officer - Jabiru - Casual - No accommodation available

All applications will be considered

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Indigenous people are encouraged to apply
West Arnhem Regional Council Community Night Patrol (CNP) staff from Gunbalanya, Warruwi and Minjilang have successfully completed four of eight training blocks with Charles Darwin University (CDU).

The training has been conducted in weekly blocks every month in Jabiru since September 2017.

CNP staff have been working very hard towards gaining accreditation in Certificate III Night Patrol Operations which is a requirement of their employment under the Night Patrol Operational Framework.

To date CNP staff have successfully completed:

Block 1 - Communicate effectively, Prepare reports, Maintain security, Monitor people in care or custody.

Block 2 - First Aid, Provide First Aid in a remote situation.

Block 3 - Support rights and safety of children/Young people, use safe work practices.

Block 4 - Participate in networks, Provide Domestic and Family violence, Support to remote communities.

WARC Community Safety Coordinator Tim Hema said he is very proud of his staff and acknowledges the sacrifice they have given being away from their families and communities to attend this training.

“The staff have done very well and learnt many new skills which will make them more effective as Night Patrols; we are starting to notice improvements already in their operational duties,” Tim said.

The staff are now half way and have another four training blocks to attend. All is going well and the staff are set to complete their course in May 2018, followed by a official graduation ceremony later in the year.

A fundraiser morning tea dedicated to Dolly’s Dream Foundation took place in Jabiru on Friday, January 19.

Organised by Westpac Jabiru, the event raised over $1100 with Foodland and the Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel still raising funds through collect tins. It is extremely important to recognise bullying because unfortunately it doesn’t stop at school. Many people are subjected to this in their workplace, sporting clubs and even socialising with friends.

Westpac would like to make this an annual fundraiser to ensure this message is not forgotten. Thank you once again to the Jabiru community for supporting this great cause.

COMMUNITY NIGHT PATROL STAFF UNDERTAKE TRAINING

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COMMUNITY SUPPORTS DOLLY’S DREAM FOUNDATION

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YOUTH CAPTURE BEAUTY OF MANINGRIDA

Young people in Maningrida had the opportunity to learn some exciting new skills by participating in photography workshops last month.

Amy Hetherington, who ran the workshops with West Arnhem Regional Council, said the idea behind the activity was to encourage young people to get confident with cameras, learn new skills and capture what they love about living in Maningrida.

“There was so much to love! From being awesome sports photographers to talented nature photographers the young people of Maningrida brought their A game to these workshops,” Amy said.

Amy added that as a first time visitor to the community she was overwhelmed by how beautiful it is and how kind and welcoming everyone was - it made capturing amazing photos so easy.

The workshop involved working with the Maningrida School, Women Rangers, Youth Services and heaps of young people to create a great exhibition of photos which were shared at the Christmas concert.

Comments from those who took part have been positive with Joyce Bohme saying, “I feel more confident about using a camera. Amy showed us how to be creative to take photos which made it really fun. She taught us to use natural lines and focus on an object. I had a great experience; would love to do it again.”

Meanwhile, Roseanne Darcy said, “At the start I felt scared to use the camera but after the training I felt excited to take photos. It was lots of fun. Amy helped us to feel confident.”

Felina Campion also said, “After the training with Amy, I feel confident to use our work camera properly and take photos for our biosecurity work. It was Gamak.”

“All in all it was a brilliant experience and I hope everyone involved learnt a bit about photography. Maningrida you are amazing,” Amy said.

COUNCIL CARRIES OUT UPGRADES TO JABIRU LANDFILL

With the New Year under way, West Arnhem Regional Council (WARC) is continuing work to improve services provided throughout the Jabiru township, including the Jabiru Landfill.

At the end of 2017, WARC commenced upgrades to the landfill site, located in the industrial area of town, with construction of separation bays to better facilitate the segregation of recyclable materials, and will ultimately limit the waste streams from entering the landfill.

Phase one of the upgrade will continue early this year with new fencing, followed by phase two which will include the installation of a landfill office facility on site and is expected to take place over the next few months.

Once complete, it will allow better control of waste for recyclable materials and rubbish to be placed in the appropriate areas of the landfill.

This initiative by WARC is an important one, which not only ensures that Council remains an environmental leader, but also ensures that all conservation efforts are being implemented in the World Heritage-Listed Kakadu National Park.

Council would also like to thank the public who are assisting in making the landfill operations a success.

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CHILDCARE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Jabiru Childcare Centre held the annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 1.
All children sang songs and Santa brought each of the children a special book and with children very excited to see the special guest.
At the party, the children who will be starting full time school in January, received a graduation certificate and a graduation head and Childcare wishes them all the best for the start in Transition.
The Childcare Centre wishes to thank Morris for donating the bread for our sausage sizzle and for providing a chef who cooked the sausages for us.
Thank you to Richard and Barbara McArthur from the Crocodile Hotel who donated vouchers for the Christmas raffle.
Jabiru Childcare Centre appreciated all the donations our families put towards the hamper and thank you to Santa for visiting us again this year. All funds raised through the hamper will go towards purchasing new equipment for the centre.

RANGER EXCHANGER

Welcome back to a brand new year.
For us at ERA it promises to be an exciting 2018 as we step up production from our stockpiles, continue progressive rehabilitation, plus we’ll be rolling out a number of safety initiatives across site to help ensure zero harm to staff, contractors and visitors.
We will continue to work with government, Traditional Owners, and the local community as they plan for the future of Jabiru, as we at ERA work towards our end of processing deadline at Ranger of January 2021 and final rehabilitation completion by January 2026.
I’m pleased to announce our first round of the ERA Community Partnership Fund is now open for 2018. I look forward to seeing the variety of activities, events and local initiatives we will be able to support, all of which must directly contribute to development of a healthy and positive community in the Alligator Rivers region. Please visit our website www.energyres.com.au to find out more.
If you’re in Jabiru on holidays, why not drop into our Community Centre located next to Foodland, meet our friendly staff and check out our information displays.
Be safe.
Lesley Bryce
General Manager-Operations, Ranger Mine

NEW RESOURCES KEEP LANGUAGE STRONG

Now in their tenth year of operation, the important work of the Bininj Kunwok Language Project is continuing in 2018 with a number of big projects under way.
Funded by the Commonwealth Government’s Indigenous Languages and Arts program, the Language Centre incorporates a team of Bininj language workers and Balanda linguists who assist to ensure that Bininj languages of Kakadu and western Arnhem Land remain strong into the future.

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The Bininj Kunwok Language Centre supports the language needs of any organisation in the region who seek to engage with Bininj Kunwok dialects as part of their service delivery goals.
The best known language of the region is Kunwinjku but other dialects have their own names for their varieties too — Kundjejhmi is spoken in Kakadu National Park, Kuninjku is spoken around Maningrida, Kune is spoken at outstations to the south of Maningrida near the Cadell River and Kundedingjenghmi is the name for the variety spoken up on the Arnhem Land plateau at places like Mannmoyi, Kamarrkawarn and Kabulwarnamy.
Some of the most recent resources produced by the Centre include a colouring book for preschool children which is for sale in stores around Jabiru and Kunbarlanja.
The have also supported a new book in Kune language produced in collaboration with Batchelor College’s language programs at Maningrida coordinated by linguists Margaret Carew and Aung Si.

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Nga-ni kun-red ngarduk man-djewk na-kudji
A YEAR IN MY COUNTRY
A STORY IN KUNE, A LANGUAGE OF NORTH CENTRAL ARNHEM LAND, AUSTRALIA, BY ALL YIRWOK

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STUDENTS REWARDED FOR HIGH ATTENDANCE

During the first assembly of the year, the Gunbalanya Community School held an awards ceremony to give out the Energy Resources of Australia (ERA) prizes from Semester Two in 2017.

The Badari family pictured were so overwhelmed with the gift they received.

Dad works in secondary as a support worker and he is still talking about how proud he is of his children having a high attendance at school.

The message that the school gives the students regarding the awards and how to strive for these is very rewarding for the educators and also for the families of the recipients.

Gunbalanya Community School wishes to thank ERA and those who did the shopping, the gift wrapper, name tagger and also thanks ERA for their continued support.

CYCLONE CLEAN UP DAY IN JABIRU

West Arnhem Regional Council recently had a cyclone clean up day in Jabiru, giving community members the chance to clean up around their house and yard.

The Council works crew did a great job picking up all of the items and disposing them, in preparation for cyclone season.

WORLD WETLANDS DAY 2018

Everyone is welcome to join Kakadu in celebrating World Wetlands Day!

Saturday 3 February 11 am – 1.30 pm

• Interesting science & local art stalls
• Kids art & craft - wetland puppets
• Cafe lunch specials & soft serve ice cream
• Paint with local Bininj artists
• ‘The Big Wet’ movie, Bowali Theatre
• 12 pm Rangers BECROCIWISE talk

12.30 pm Free BBQ, airboat, quiz & art competition winners!

Meet at the Bowali Visitor Centre
Jabiru Community Event of the Year

Jabiru Fire Station was also celebrated 35 years of the Year Anniversary Event which also celebrated 35 years of the Jabiru Fire Station.

It was obvious that a lot of thought and effort had been put into the week to ensure that all ages were catered for, and as a result, a lot of people attended and had a lot of fun.

The event organisers said the whole of community participation was only made possible through the efforts and networking from all organisations, individuals and stakeholders who came together to make the event possible.

JABIRU YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The 2018 Young Citizen of the Year Sasha Grainer is a Jabiru Area School student who values pride, respect, commitment and honesty.

The ultimate leader by example and a great role model for all, she provides care and concern for all peers all of the time, and there is never a time in her day that this student does not demonstrate respect for herself, peers and staff.

Outside of school, Sasha is an active community member and leader in a number of community organisations including Army Cadets where she was recently awarded Lance Corporal status, demonstrating she can lead patrols during practice exercises at school and on camps during school holidays.

Sasha is also a committed member with the Kakadu Deadly Runners and represented and participated in the NT City to Surf, and has also participated in a softball tournament where she was named pitcher of the series.

Sasha was also awarded the school’s Australia Day Citizenship Award in the secondary age group in 2017.

JABIRU CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The recipient of the Citizen of the Year Andy Ralph has been a big part of the Kakadu community for 30 years.

A dedicated and passionate volunteer, leader, advocate, representative, role model and community member, Andy’s work over the years has helped us all in one way or another.

Over the years Andy has sat on a number of boards, committees, clubs and representative groups in the community, including the Jabiru Sports and Social Club, school council, Girls Academy, Wildlife Tourism Australia, Savannah Guides and Eco Tourism Australia, and he has also been involved in running large community events including Mahbilil Festival, A Taste of Kakadu, Children’s Christmas Party and Australia Day events.

He has also dedicated hundreds of hours helping to run sporting committees and events including the Jabiru Basketball Association, Jabiru Bombers, Jabiru Cricket Club, Kakadu Triathlon and Alligator Fishing Club and he also currently coordinates the ever-growing Kakadu Army Cadets.

He was also awarded Life Membership at the Jabiru Bombers Football Club in 1998.

Andy has also been a Jabiru auxiliary fireman, volunteer clinic ambulance driver, was the lead singer in Jabiru’s rock bands ‘Crocodile Tears’ and ‘Blind As’ and is currently a community correspondent with ABC radio.

When he is not tied up in these things, Andy also assists in the organisation of local funerals on country, driving the bus for sporting or school groups into Darwin and around Jabiru and much, much more.

JABIRU CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

In 2017, Jabiru Fire Station attended to 130 call outs, which included bushfires, house fires, road crashes, automatic fire alarms and many other rescue calls.

When they weren’t attending call outs during the year, the station was also heavily involved in nearly every community event.

The station also hosted a number of successful community events, including a celebration for the Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service 75 year anniversary and 35 year anniversary of the Jabiru Fire Station.

Over 200 people attended the cocktail party to celebrate the occasion, and nearly $6000 was raised for the Darwin Burns Unit from the cocktail party.

To the community, the Jabiru Fire Station is much more than just a fire station, and we give thanks to you all.

The Jabiru Fire Station was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for the NTRS 75 Year Anniversary Event which also celebrated 35 years of the Jabiru Fire Station.

The 2018 Community Event of the Year was Mental Health Week. Louise Mayclair from CatholicCare is pictured with Member for Arnhem Selena Uibo and West Arnhem Regional Council Councillor Anna Egerton.

The 2018 Young Citizen of the Year awardee Sasha Grainer pictured with Member for Arnhem Selena Uibo and West Arnhem Regional Council Councillor Anna Egerton.

The 2018 Citizen of the Year award recipient Andy Ralph, pictured with Member for Arnhem Selena Uibo and West Arnhem Regional Council Councillor Anna Egerton.
COMMUNITY EVENTS THROUGHOUT WEST ARNHEM

There was a free community barbecue at the youth centre for ‘Gunbalanya Day’.

‘Gunbalanya Day’ included plenty of fun activities for the young ones including hula hoops and a water slide.

Community members enjoying the free barbecue at the Warruwi Recreation Hall.

There was a great turn out at the Minjilang Recreation Hall to celebrate ‘Minjilang Day’ on Friday, January 26.

Community members enjoying the pool party at Maningrida.

Community members enjoying the event at the Rec Hall in Warruwi.

Enjoying the community event in Warruwi.

The staff from Warruwi Vacation Care received a special award and a gift bag each for the NAIDOC Week event in 2017.

Dallas cooking the barbecue in Warruwi.

(left) Community members and WARC staff congratulating Warruwi Vacation Care staff on receiving a special award.

Citizen of the Year Andy Ralph chatting with Richard McArthur from the Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel in Jabiru.

The Jabiru Fire Station entertaining the young ones with the water hoses.

Member for Arnhem Selena Uibo with her team at the Jabiru event.

Maningrida lifeguard Lionel testing out the slip and slide in Maningrida.

The young ones enjoying the pool races in Jabiru.

The young ones splashing it up at ‘Gunbalanya Day’.

Enjoying the community barbecue at ‘Minjilang Day’.

All smiles at ‘Maningrida Day’.

Young ones enjoying the barbecue at Maningrida.
Over the past week the kids in Maningrida have joined the circus. With the support of the brilliant Hemlock and Amrah from Corrugated Iron Youth Arts, the kids learnt how to juggle, hula hoop, slack line and even back flip.

With school going back next week having the circus come to town was a great way to end the holidays!

Young people in Maningrida had a great time learning circus skills recently which was a great way to conclude the school holidays.

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**YOUTH, SPORT AND RECREATION**

**GUNBALANYA**

**TERM 1 PROGRAM 2018**

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