



*This year's Mahbilil Festival will take place in Jabiru on Saturday, August 26 and will feature a huge variety of activities, music, dance, food, workshops, exhibitions and more.*

## CELEBRATING KAKADU CULTURE

"We invite everyone to come to Mahbilil to share in this festival of local culture and enjoy this beautiful season on our country." This is the message from Gundjeihmi Chairwoman Annie Ngalmirama, who is encouraging everyone to join in Jabiru's biggest cultural celebration.

Taking place on Saturday, August 26, the annual Mahbilil Festival will return to celebrate Kakadu culture, both traditional and contemporary.

"Every year Mahbilil brings us together to celebrate and you are welcome to join us, to dance, to try some bush tucker and have fun!" Anna said.

Running from midday to midnight, Mahbilil is a family-friendly event crammed with activities, music, dance, food, workshops, Indigenous art exhibitions and demonstrations, painting and lots more.

The Psycus Circus is also

returning to Mahbilil yet again for the 6th year running, showcasing Jabiru's budding young performers.

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festival of local  
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country.."*

On an ongoing quest to explore the wonderful world of theatre, the Psycus Circus, in collaboration with Jabiru Area School, are sure to deliver a powerful hour of entertainment.

Mahbilil Festival Producer Scott Large said, "there will be an incredible selection of bands from across the Top End with hand-picked acts from Darwin and around the country. Workshops will include traditional arts and

craft such as spear-making, pandanus weaving and local storytelling. One of the highlights of the festival for many is the local dance program with the Jabiru Bininj Gunborrk dancers set to light up the dance ground once again! This all sits alongside a full program of bushfood preparation and cooking both on the coals and in a traditional ground-oven. And there is plenty more on offer to make this a Mahbil-ous day out!"

In the band line up, OKA draws upon their indigenous connection to place and country to create their signature feel good Australian earth sound, an irresistible blend of influences spanning house, big beat, reggae-dub, Roots, Jazz and world music.

Hailing from the Gold Coast, Tijuana Cartel has built a firm reputation for beats that span the globe.

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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 9465 or email [wire@westarnhem.nt.gov.au](mailto:wire@westarnhem.nt.gov.au).



The Navy band will be performing in Jabiru to celebrate Navy Week on Saturday, August 19 at the Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel from 6pm. All are welcome to attend.

### WEEKLY

#### Monday

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

#### Tuesdays

Jabiru Art & Craft, Town Hall 7.30pm  
Playgroup, Jabiru Courthouse 9.30-11am  
Aqua Fitness, Alberto Luglietti Memorial Pool 6.15pm  
Jabiru Firey's Fitness Training 5.30pm

#### Wednesdays

Kakadu Deadly Runners Training, 6pm

#### Thursdays

Aqua Fitness, Alberto Luglietti Memorial Pool 6.15pm  
Story Time, Jabiru Library 10.30am  
Social Soccer, Magela Oval 6pm  
Pick the Joker Jabiru Golf Club 6.30pm  
Pool comp \$100 Jabiru Golf Club 6.30pm  
Membership Draw, JSSC 7.30pm  
Jabiru Firey's Fitness Training 5.30pm

#### Fridays

Badge draw, raffles, meat trays Jabiru Golf Club  
Pool comp \$10 entry winner takes all, JSSC  
Meat tray raffle, JSSC  
Futsal, new MPA building 7.00am

#### Sundays

Jabiru Firey's Fitness Training 5.30pm

#### 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

Lunch and Membership Wheel, win meat trays JSSC

## AUGUST

**Wed 16** Menzie's HealthLAB visit to Bowali

**Thu 17** NT Council Election Voting in Jabiru

**Sat 19** Women's meet & greet with Navy, 2pm  
Crocodile Hotel

**Sat 19** Navy Band performance, 6pm Crocodile Hotel

**Mon 21** NT Council Election Voting in Minjilang

**Tue 22** NT Council Election Voting in Warruwi

**Wed 23** NT Council Election Voting in Maningrida

**Fri 25 - 27** 8th Annual Gurrung Sports Carnival

**Sat 26** Mahbilil Festival

## SEPTEMBER

**Fri 1-3** Alligator Fishing Club Challenge

**Fri 8-10** Mayali Mulil Festival

## MENZIES HEALTHLAB HEADS TO BOWALI VISITOR CENTRE

The Jabiru community is reminded that the Menzies HealthLAB will be at the Bowali Visitor Centre on Wednesday, August 16 as part of National Science Week 2017.

Menzies' mobile HealthLAB uses the latest health technology to measure participants' health and inform them about the impacts of smoking, alcohol misuse and diet, which can increase the risk of major chronic diseases such as diabetes, cancer, kidney disease, obesity and cardiovascular disease.

With the assistance of a team of health professionals and scientists, HealthLAB challenges participants to become experts in their own health and demonstrates how lifestyle choices can impact their future health.

All stations are facilitated by trained staff, including dietitians, doctors, nurses, scientists and trained students, who give participants the opportunity of an individual experience.

The stations include:

- Blood pressure- discuss healthy lifestyle choices related to exercise and diet
- Haemoglobin levels - discuss healthy diet and its importance to health
- Grip strength - an activity which measures upper body strength
- Bio Impedance machine - which measures fat/muscle/bone ratios



The mobile HealthLAB at Bitter Springs during National Science Week last year. Photo credit: Menzies School of Health Research.

and explores healthy weight ranges. This station is run by HealthLAB's dietitian and participants can ask questions and explore ways to make positive choices for a healthier diet

- Sugar display- which shows the amount of sugar in common drinks
- Smokerlyser - which measures smoke exposure to individuals including smokers
- Ultra sound machine - an opportunity for participants to see the inner workings of their bodies looking at organs and blood flow.

The free event will take place from 1pm to 4pm at Bowali and it is open to the public.

## WARC WORKS CREW IN NEW UNIFORMS



West Arnhem Regional Council works crew are being provided with a new uniform in an orange colour, which will give the Council staff a separate identity from contractors and other agency staff in

the communities.

Pictured in the new coloured uniform is the Maningrida Council works crew which was the first West Arnhem community to receive the shirts.

# KAKADU'S SITE OF AUSTRALIA'S EARLIEST HOME

A team of archaeologists and dating specialists have new proof that Aboriginal people have been in Australia for at least 65,000 years — much longer than the 47,000 years believed by some archaeologists.

The site where this new evidence has been found is Madjedbebe, located on the traditional lands of the Mirarr people surrounded by Kakadu National Park.

The site is located on Aboriginal land excluded from Kakadu National Park as a result of the Jabiluka uranium mining lease granted in 1982.

The lease is now held by Energy Resources of Australia, which partnered with the Gundjeihmi Corporation to provide access to the site.

Madjedbebe rock shelter has been excavated four times since the 1970s, most recently in 2012 and 2015 by an international team led by Associate Professor Chris Clarkson — an Australian Research Council (ARC) Future Fellow at the University of Queensland — in partnership with the Mirarr Traditional Owners. A landmark agreement with the Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation (GAC) made it possible for Professor Clarkson and colleagues to dig the site in 2012 and 2015.

Dating carried out by Professor Zenobia Jacobs, an ARC Future Fellow at the University of Wollongong, has revealed that Aboriginal people lived at Madjedbebe at the same time as now extinct



Elspeth Hayes with Mark Djandjomerr and traditional owner May Nango extracting comparative samples at a cave adjacent Madjedbebe. Picture by Vincent Lamberti. Copyright Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation 2015.

species of giant animals were roaming around.

In addition to showing the deep antiquity of Aboriginal occupation, the dig also revealed new evidence of activities and lifestyle. "The site contains the oldest ground-edge stone axe technology in the world, the oldest known seed grinding tools in Australia and evidence of finely made stone points which may have served as spear tips", said Professor Chris Clarkson, lead author of the Nature article.

"Most striking of all in a region known for its spectacular rock art are the huge quantities of ground ochre and evidence of ochre processing found at the site, from the older layer continuing through to the present," Professor Clarkson concluded.

"This study confirms the sophistication of the Australian Aboriginal toolkit and underscores the universal importance of the Jabiluka area. These findings reinforce the



Ben Marwick (University of Washington) and others excavating the lowest reaches of the pit. Picture by Dominic O'Brien. Copyright Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation 2015.

need for the highest level of conservation and protection for this site," said Justin O'Brien, CEO Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation.



Excavation leader Chris Clarkson stands in front of the 2015 excavation area with local Djurrubu Aboriginal Rangers Vernon Hardy, Mitchum Nango, Jacob Baird, and Claude Hardy. Picture by Dominic O'Brien. Copyright Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation 2015.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE 2017 NT COUNCIL ELECTION

Voting for the 2017 NT Council elections will take place in West Arnhem communities commencing this Thursday, August 16, with mobile voting teams travelling throughout the region until the close of business on Thursday, August 24.

Residents are reminded that voting is compulsory. However, on this occasion, it is not necessary to hold an election for Gunbalanya Ward as there were only three nominations for the three available seats.

West Arnhem Regional Council consists of 12 elected members, including 2 representatives in the Barrah Ward; 3 in the Kakadu Ward; 3 in the Gunbalanya Ward and 4 members

in the Maningrida Ward.

In the West Arnhem wards, the list of candidates are:

**MANINGRIDA:** Matthew Ryan, Helen Williams, Julius Don Kernan, Nathan Carter, James Woods, Valda Bokmakarray

**KAKADU:** Christine Christophersen, Anna Egerton, Ralph Blyth, Liz Williams, Michelle Siebert

**GUNBALANYA** (no vote required): Karl Srdinsek, Otto Dann, Davison Nawirridj

**BARRAH:** James Marrawal, Daisy Yarmirr, Philip Wasaga, Captain Brown

Voting in West Arnhem will take place on the following dates:

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**Buluhkaduru:** Monday 21 August, 1:45 pm - 2:15 pm  
**Gamardi:** Tuesday 22 August, 8:30 am - 9:00 am  
**Gochan Jiny-Jirra:** Tuesday 22 August, 1:45 pm - 2:15 pm  
**Jabiru (Town Hall):** Thursday 17 August, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
**Ji-Balbal:** Monday 21 August, 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm  
**Ji-Bena:** Tuesday 22 August, 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm  
**Ji-Malawa:** Tuesday 22 August, 10:15 am - 10:45 am  
**Kakadu National Park HQ:**

Wednesday 16 August, 1:45 pm - 2:45 pm  
**Maningrida:** Wednesday 23 August, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm  
**Marrkolidjban:** Thursday 24 August, 9:00 am - 9:30 am  
**Minjilang (Council Administration Office hall):** Monday 21 August, 1:15 pm - 3:45 pm  
**Mudginberri:** Wednesday 16 August, 9:30 am - 10:00 am  
**Mumeka:** Tuesday 22 August, 3:45 pm - 4:15 pm  
**Patonga (Airstrip):** Wednesday 16 August, 11:45 am - 12:15 pm  
**Waruwi (Council conference room):** Tuesday 22 August, 10:15 am - 1:15 pm

## PUSH TO UPGRADE LOCAL TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE

Minister for Corporate and Information Services Lauren Moss visited Canberra for a range of meetings with Federal Government Ministers and Senators recently.

Minister Moss used the visit to put the case for more Federal Government investment in telecommunications in remote and regional Territory communities as well as tourism infrastructure.

Minister Moss also met with the Federal Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Steve Ciobo to again press for Federal Government investment to upgrade tourism infrastructure in Kakadu.

*"Enhancing tourist facilities in Kakadu will provide a significant economic boost.."*

"While the natural wonders in the park are as stunning as ever, the tourist infrastructure is in need of upgrade - this is about making the park more accessible to more people for longer which will create local jobs," she said.

"Enhancing tourist facilities in Kakadu will provide a significant economic boost to Top End tourism operators who are a key cornerstone of our economy.

"Kakadu is a Federal Government Park and an important tourism asset in the Territory. Tourism operators tell us that sealing roads to key attractions, like Gunlom and Jim Jim Falls, would extend the tourist season and attract more visitors to the park."

The Minister will meet with Fiona Nash, Minister for Regional Development and Minister for Local Government and Territories, to discuss regional and remote telecommunications.

"All Territorians are entitled to access to high quality services. Investment in telecommunications will create jobs and economic opportunities and improve access to health and education services," Minister Moss said.

"I will be talking to Minister Nash about the importance of ensuring regional and remote Territorians have the same access to services as other Australians.

"I'll be updating her on the \$30 million co-investment program that the Territory Government is rolling out with Telstra, a program that is ensuring some of our most remote communities have access to mobile and broadband services.

"The Federal Government has committed to developing Northern Australia and to Closing the Gap on Aboriginal Australian disadvantage - investment in telecommunications is integral to achieving both of these."



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## NEW MINI EXCAVATOR IN WARRUWI

The Waruwi community received a new excavator recently. West Arnhem Regional Council Senior Mechanic Shannon Hudson flew to the island after its arrival to train all the works crew on correct operational procedures for the

plant. This plant is to replace old and decommissioned Backhoe, and will be put to good use for all infrastructure work. The equipment was purchased with the assistance of a NTG Special Purpose Grant.



Waruwi works crew Albert Upkett, Mickey Yalbarr, Terri Narmi, senior works officer Dallas Hope, Albert Naruradij, Alfred Gawaraidj and Richard Narwirr.

## REGION COMES TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE KAKADU CULTURE

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Multi-layered grooves, touches of slide and flamenco guitar, trumpet, Vocals and Afro Cuban Percussion mixed with some hardened electronica -it's a combo that's intriguing, energetic and utterly delicious!

Kakadu's very own Black Rock Band is also in the line up. Incorporating traditional and contemporary styles, Black Rock Band mesh incredible cultural depth with a steady rock style, singing in both Kunwinjku and English.

With lots of activities and entertainment aimed at young kids, youth and the older folks, there really is something for everyone.

The festival will run in conjunction with West Arnhem Regional Council's Gurrung Sports Carnival.

# GET SET FOR THE GURRUNG SPORTS CARNIVAL

More than 25 teams will compete in the 8th annual Gurrung Sports Carnival, taking place in Jabiru on Friday, August 25 to Sunday, August 27.

Competitors from Jabiru, Gunbalanya, Maningrida, Beswick, Darwin, Minjilang and Warruwi will go head to head to contest the prestigious Gurrung Sports Carnival trophies over three huge days.

Hosted by West Arnhem Regional Council, Gurrung Sports Carnival features the men's AFL competition as well as men's and women's basketball games with hundreds of participants across the sports.

*"Gives young sportspeople the chance to participate in the top end's largest regional sports event.."*

With its popularity growing, this year sees the introduction of a new touch footy competition which has four teams registered to compete.

Always a huge weekend for Jabiru, Gurrung Sports Carnival will once again run in conjunction with the



Justin Cooper of the Minjilang Eagles who won the men's AFL grand final game against the Jabiru Bombers at the 2016 Gurrung Sports Carnival.

Mahbilil Festival which will kick off on Saturday, August 26 with plenty of music and entertainment on offer.

West Arnhem Regional Council Sport and Recreation Coordinator Seide Ramadani said this year's event is shaping up to be an exciting carnival; not only with the introduction of the touch football competition, but Council is also proud to showcase the newly-resurfaced Jabiru courts.

"The courts look fantastic and we can't wait to get the basketball competitions under way with Jabiru Heat coming

back to defend their five year reign as champions in the hotly-contested men's basketball. Training is also under way in Maningrida, Minjilang and Warruwi to select the women's basketball teams and the Sport and Recreation teams in all communities are making sure everything is organised," Seide said.

The men's AFL competition will also deliver a full day of action with 10 teams registered this year. In the competition line up, the Minjilang team will return to contest their defending champion's title

which they have retained over the last five years in the men's AFL.

Meanwhile, the women's basketball competition is looking close with the return of reigning champions Warruwi Mardbalk Cats well into the training schedule to defend their title.

Jabiru Heat will once again face some strong competition from Warruwi, Minjilang and St John's College in the men's basketball competition.

Gurrung Sports Carnival will kick off with the women's basketball competition on Friday at 3.30pm and the men's basketball starting from 5.00pm at the Jabiru courts. The men's grand final and presentations will follow at around 8.30pm.

Saturday will see the start of the AFL competition from 8am at the Brockman Oval, and the women's basketball continuing from 8.30am at Jabiru Area School.

Official presentations will be held at approximately 6.00pm at the oval.

Gurrung Sports Carnival is proudly hosted by West Arnhem Regional Council and gives young sportspeople the chance to participate in the top end's largest regional sports event, in Kakadu National Park.

## NDIS ROLLS OUT IN WEST ARNHEM

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will roll out to residents of Remote Darwin regions including West Arnhem, Katherine and spans Roper Gulf, Tiwi Islands, Victoria-Daly from July 1, improving the lives of Territorians with disability and generating hundreds of local jobs.

The Hon Jane Prentice, Assistant Minister for Disability Services, said it was an exciting occasion for the local communities.

"From 1 July, people with disability in Katherine and Darwin Remote will join more than 300 other Territorians who are accessing the NDIS and getting the supports and services they need to live the life they choose," Mrs Prentice said.

"The NDIS will provide

people with disability with reasonable and necessary supports, such as personal care, therapy services and equipment, to help them achieve their goals, increase their independence and be more involved in their community."

The National Disability Insurance Agency's (NDIA) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy and Rural and Remote Strategy recognise that the successful delivery of the NDIS can only be achieved by working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Australia in both metropolitan and rural and remote areas.

If you're under 65, live in the West Arnhem area and have a disability, call the NDIS on 1800 800 110.

### LIVE & WORK

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- **Youth, Sport and Recreation Coordinator - Jabiru**  
Full Time – Accommodation available  
Applications close 8 am Monday 21 August 2017
- **Senior Cleaner - Gunbalanya**  
Full Time – Accommodation available  
Applications close 8 am Monday 21 August 2017
- **Senior Cleaner - Minjilang**  
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# NIGHT PATROL TEAMS UNDERTAKE TRAINING

West Arnhem Regional Council Night Patrol staff from Gunbalanya, Minjilang and Warruwi conducted a training workshop in Gunbalanya facilitated by the Safety Coordinator recently.

The aim of the training was to review both council and night patrol policies and to develop competencies in order to equip team leaders and safety officers with the knowledge and skills required for them to effectively perform their duties.

Guest speakers at the workshop included West Arnhem Regional Council Chief Executive Officer Brian Hylands, Police and Team

Health. There was also a presentation of certificates to staff who are now qualified in Certificate III Night Patrol Operations.

Certificate presentations were awarded to Minjilang Night Patrol Team Leader Tapoteisi Tapera and Gunbalanya Night Patrol Safety Officer Marietta Nayinggul. There is a total of five staff who qualified late last year in Certificate III Night Patrol Operations facilitated by Charles Darwin University and there are a further 11 staff to begin their Certificate III training with the first block beginning August 28, in Jabiru.



Night Patrol staff were briefed on NT Community Engagement Police Officer (CEPO) Paul Keightley and Gunbalanya Police Officer Sam. They discussed a number of issues and how Night Patrol teams work with police to build a safer community. They also thanked Night Patrol for their work to date and said they are doing a great job.



WARC CEO Brian Hylands, NP Team Leader in Minjilang Tapoteisi Tapera with his certificate and Community Safety Coordinator Tim Hema.



WARC CEO Brian Hylands, Marietta Nayinggul, NP Safety Officer from Gunbalanya and Community Safety Coordinator Tim Hema.



The Night Patrol staff with Manager Community Services Adrian McCann.

## WHERE TO VOTE IN THE UPCOMING NT COUNCIL ELECTION

### Voting locations

These locations are able to issue votes for West Arnhem Regional Council only.

**Note: there is no election for Gunbalanya Ward.**

Mobile voting teams will be visiting remote locations according to the dates and times listed below.

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Kakadu National Park HQ	Wednesday 16 August	1:45 pm - 2:45 pm
Maningrida - Youth Centre Maningrida	Wednesday 23 August	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
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## NEW CAR AT NIGHT PATROL

Gunbalanya's Night Patrol team received a new vehicle recently. The team is thrilled to have the new four-wheel drive which will assist them to travel around the community, particularly in the wet season. The purchase of the vehicle was made possible with the assistance of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.



## VARIETY BASH STOPS OVER IN JABIRU

Jabiru welcomed the Variety Bryden's B2b 'Belmore to Buffalo Creek' Bash over the weekend with around 120 vehicles and 300 people involved in the fundraising event.

Highlights of the visit included a function at the Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel on Saturday evening with a dinner, followed by music by Variety Bash participant and country music

legend John Williamson.

The next morning, the Jabiru Area School (JAS) held a breakfast with the group. All the kids had a great time meeting the participants who were dressed up in costumes.

The Bashers also kindly donated \$5000 worth of reading and outdoor resources (bikes) to JAS as well as a large amount of sporting equipment, stationary and electronic equipment.



The Variety Bash visited Jabiru over the weekend. Photo credit: Peter Keepence.



Jabiru Area School held a breakfast with the Bashers. All the kids had a great time meeting the participants. Photo credit: Peter Keepence.



John Williamson performed at the Variety Bash event at the Crocodile Hotel on Saturday. Photo credit: Peter Keepence.

## GET READY FOR KAKADU BIRD WEEK

There's so much to be excited about during the 5th annual Kakadu Bird Week. Whether you are a professional birder, just starting out, a budding bird artist, or want to join in the birding fun and games for kids, you'll find something to flap your wings about.

Prepare to be amazed by the guided sunrise bird chorus experience, meet and talk with Kakadu park rangers and traditional owners, explore the billabongs on a bird watching cruise, be around to meet and greet birds from the Territory Wildlife Park and their keepers, go bush walking with skilled birding guides or

meet the award winning Bininj artist Graham Bardari at his 'Mayhmayh - Different Birds' book launch.

Every day, you can join in the Kakadu bird week fun with a range of activities for the early bird to the night owl. The week is jam packed with events for the whole family during and for bird appreciators at all different levels of experience. Don't miss the opportunity to be in the draw to win a variety of exciting prizes with scenic helicopter flights over Kakadu and family passes to the Territory Wildlife Park. A great way to visit Kakadu during the school holidays.

## BREAST SCREENING BUS IN JABIRU

Jabiru Primary Health Care Centre along with Breast Screening NT, is happy to once again sponsor the Breast Screening bus which will be parked on the Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel side of the health centre from August 22 - 30.

Through this initiative Breast Screening NT aims to

continue to reduce deaths from breast cancer through early detection of the disease.

The Screening process is that Mammograms are performed by health professionals called radiographers. When you arrive for your appointment, the radiographer will explain to you what is going to happen.

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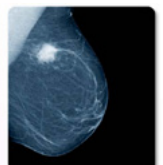
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# NOURLANGIE SAFARI CAMP, EPISODE 39

**Nourlangie Safari Camp,  
here is 9SLK  
Is anybody listening? (My  
radio code)**

**From the Diaries of Flemming Jensen  
1968-1969**

## The last time in Darwin

Allan and I did not get off to Nourlangie this Friday as we had agreed and we did not get off to Alice Springs. All together there was not much of what we had agreed that came true.

Another three weeks passed before I left Darwin and in the mean time I got the chance to get the experience on how to live and work in Darwin. I had incredible hospitality from Allan's friends Ted and Margaret O'Keefe with whom I lived for three weeks in their home in Nightcliff. The way I was treated made me feel that I was a son of the house and was treated just like that. But I could not help feeling restless and uncertain. All the time hesitant and doubtful about when and whether Allan would pay the agreed money so I could get on.

And on the other hand I would not travel without getting settled with Allan as I believed that I would ever get my money when I first



*Image from the Diaries of Flemming Jensen.*

left Darwin.

It was pretty frustrating and as time went on, I got more and more bad conscience about just walking around and waiting. For that reason I got a job for a short period as a bricklayer by a contractor.

To be a bricklayer in Darwin you work for ten hours and preferably more a day and at this time of year it is a hard job. Especially for me who has not been accustomed to hard physical work for a long time and certainly not on a construction site.

The heat was almost unbearable and if it was not because of circumstances and my bad economic situation, I would prefer to live without this experience. On the other hand it gave me the possibility to get the experience on my own body and how hard it is to work as a construction worker in Darwin. Largely the days went by working, drinking, eating and sleeping. But then something came up.

After nearly three weeks it succeeded. Or nearly! I got the two hundred and twenty five dollars from Allan and he promised to send the rest one hundred and twenty five dollars within the next three weeks. Previously I had got fifty dollars. I had no great confidence that we would become much closer and I was prepared to continue. I have for a long time been hoping that something would happen and now the time had come. A big country was waiting and now it could not go fast enough to get on my way.

I had a proper goodbye and farewell party with Ted and Margaret who had helped me all the way and gave me tremendous support. We exchanged addresses and for some years we kept in touch. They later moved to Adelaide where they in their late age had the great joy of being parents to their daughter Lucy.

*To be continued..*

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## THE GREAT MAHBILIL CIRCUS



### Calling all young people in Jabiru!

The circus crew are coming back to town to  
put together a great show for Mahbilil Festival.  
We are looking for young people who want to  
perform acrobatics, dance, fire and juggling.  
Practice and rehearsals will be after-school  
Monday 21st to Friday 25th, and performance  
at Mahbilil on Saturday 26th at around 7pm.

PLEASE EMAIL: [info@mahbililfestival.com](mailto:info@mahbililfestival.com)  
to register your involvement

## RANGER EXCHANGER

Energy Resources of Australia Limited (ERA) has completed a Social Impact Assessment for the town of Jabiru.

The purpose of the Social Impact Assessment was to assist ERA to identify the potential impacts of its current rehabilitation obligations tied to the expiry of the town Head Lease in 2021.

The SIA was not about deciding the future of Jabiru beyond 2021. As noted in The Wire on 14 July, a separate process involving the Commonwealth Government, Northern Territory Government and Traditional Owner representatives has commenced to develop and agree on a future plan for Jabiru.

ERA would like to thank everyone who took part in



*with Lesley Bryce  
General Manager  
Operations, Ranger Mine*

the SIA over the last six months including Traditional Owners, Jabiru households, representatives of the residents of the Kakadu National Park outstations, and local business and organisations.

The SIA process has helped identify how ERA's current

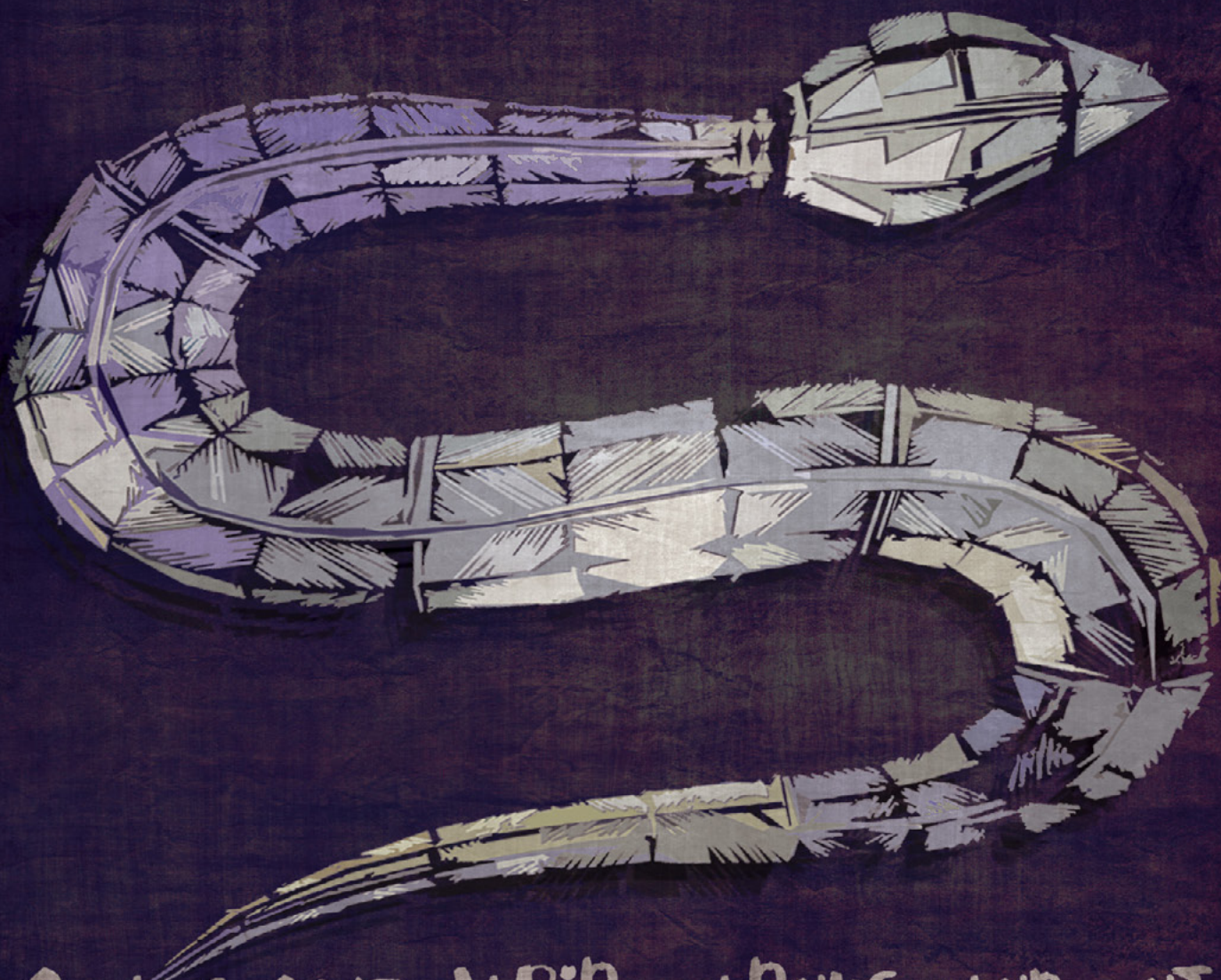
rehabilitation obligations could impact the town, its residents and visitors. The information gathered during the SIA process will now be used to develop an ERA plan that supports a smooth transition for Jabiru.

A summary of the findings of the SIA will be shared over the coming weeks with stakeholders and is also available to read on the ERA website [www.energyres.com.au](http://www.energyres.com.au)

*Lesley Bryce  
General Manager-Operations,  
Ranger Mine*

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# ART SKILLS ON DISPLAY DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



Artist Shaun Lee worked with children in Gunbalanya to paint a vibrant mural outside the Youth Centre during the school holidays.



More than 100 children took part in the school holiday program which included outdoor activities.

Gunbalanya community was treated to one of the most comprehensive holiday programs with weekly activities to keep youngsters engaged over the six-week long July vacation period made possible through the generous support of the Northern Territory Government (NTG). Council's Youth Sport and Recreation team coordinated the programs in partnership with 'Growing a Smoke Free Generation' - Youth Peer support program (Top End Health) to bring daily activities including sports, music, arts, crafts, health checks were available for children and young people in Gunbalanya to enjoy.

The holidays kicked off with Live Vibe Music coming down to Gunbalanya for two weeks to capture some of the creative talents of youngsters through workshops in craft, art, music and film.

With the support of NTG Sports Vouchers, Athletics NT, Gymnastics NT and Circosis were on hand to deliver a host

of fun and active programs, while the Youth Centre opened its doors for a chilled drop in zone with arts, crafts, computer games and music.

A NAIDOC celebration was also held with RISE Ventures, Department of Health, Anglicare, Team Health, Centrelink, Council's Youth Sport and Rec, NT Police, Safe House and the Clinic, with a barbecue, jumping castle, soccer match and various fun games at the oval for a fun family day out.

In the final weeks of holidays, Council engaged artist Shaun Lee to work with the young people to paint a vibrant new mural outside the Gunbalanya Youth Centre.

Over the six weeks, some 100 children and young people enjoyed many opportunities to engage with activities catering to a variety of interests and age groups.

Council's Youth Sport & Recreation team will continue to build on the success of this format for delivering future holiday programs.

## Women's Meet & Greet

*In celebration of Navy Week...*

**Come and meet with the female Navy members during their visit to Jabiru!**

**This women's only cultural exchange is a great chance to mingle and chat with the Navy members.**

**2 - 4pm, Saturday, August 19  
Jim Jim Room, Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel**

*All welcome!*



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## NAVY WEEK

12 - 20 August 2017 | JABIRU

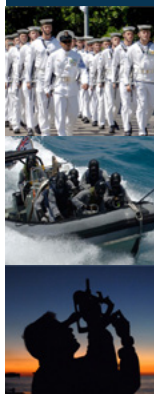
*Featuring*

**Royal Australian Navy Ceremonial Sunset & Navy Band performance**

**6pm - 9.30pm, Saturday, 19 August  
Front of Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel**

- Bar and food available for purchase (no BYO)
- Bring a chair or blanket

**An evening of music, fun and dancing!  
Free event, all welcome!**



Special thanks to the Jabiru Health Clinic & Jabiru Fire Station

## LIONS WIN MANINGRIDA AFL PREMIERSHIP

The Maningrida Grand Final was a complete success, with the Lions running away premiers for 2017.

Aside from the main game, there was both the women and kids of Maningrida showcasing their talent on the oval and it was a fantastic opportunity to give them the chance to be a part of the day. The day was full of colour, blue, white, gold and maroon wherever you look. Each team was accompanied by their cheerleaders who did a fantastic job.

The main game between Lions and Seagulls was absolutely sensational. The boys showcased some sublime talent with quick pace and electrifying skills. There was fantastic

sportsmanship by both teams. We were very fortunate to have Chief Minister Michael Gunner, AFLNT Stuart Totham, No More's Charlie King in attendance on the day. Thanks to everyone who supported us on the day, in particular MLA Lawrence Costa.

Recently Maningrida College also took seven girls to partake in the Under 15's Mt Franklin Carnival. The girls played in a combined team with Xavier College from Tiwi and played outstandingly. The girls were competitive all day and only just fell short in the grand final against Tiwi College. Congratulations to Chanel, Tarnee, Annuncia and Lucielle for making the Kickstart squad.



The Lions and Seagulls team captains with MLA Lawrence Costa and Northern Territory Chief Minister Michael Gunner.



Chief Minister Michael Gunner, 'No More' Campaign's Charlie King, team coaches Paul Watson and Alistair James, Lawrence Costa MLA (back) and Member for Johnston Ken Vowles.



Chief Minister Michael Gunner chatting with TEABBA Radio at the grand final.



The mighty Lions celebrate their win over the Seagulls in the Maningrida Football League Grand Final.



Seven girls from Maningrida College recently took part in the Under 15s Mt Franklin Carnival in Darwin recently.



## PLENTY OF SMILES DURING WARRUWI SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

There were plenty of activities held in Waruwi during the recently school holidays including basketball round robin matches played every afternoon. It was played in 10 minute halves and teams were mixed in age, gender and size. Sport and Recreation Leader Kerry Boshammer said it was good to watch the older children mixing with younger children.

Some of the smaller children played handball and hide and seek – the laughter was very infectious.

