Jabiru, Warruwi & Gunbalanya communities were in fine form and full swing for the annual festivals during the past month.

A huge variety of rides, games, AFL matches, bands, dances, parades, basketball, face painting, food and fun was laid on this month for residents and visitors alike. Some of the items on the agenda at the various festivals were the mechanical bull rides, dodgem cars, footy games and the ever popular and very tasty, magpie goose cooking competition at Jabiru’s Mahbilil Festival!

The support for the festivals both the residents and visitors to the area turning out in droves to enjoy the festival atmosphere and unique NT character and culture on show by the members and various groups of the West Arnhem Shire communities.
With the sun shining, a breeze blowing, music playing and children laughing, this year’s Mahbilil Festival held in Jabiru got off to a great start.

Visitors to the annual event began arriving early to take advantage of the variety of stalls and activities on offer. Officially, the event kicked off at 12 noon. There was no shortage of things to do & see throughout the day with many activities being run by the various community groups.

Gundjeihmi Youth Centre organised a full schedule of activities such as mini soccer to help keep the large number of young visitors occupied. The dodgeball cars were by far the biggest draw card for the young and not so young throughout the day with a continual multitude of excited dodgeball car drivers eager to show off their skills behind the wheel.

There was an amazing display of giant rice paper animals, fish & birds on display around Jabiru Lake, which was the setting again this year for the festival. These lantern sculptures were beautifully done and were magnificent once the sun went down and were lit. Entertainment was provided throughout the day with local indigenous dance groups, local hip hop bands and into the evening with other bands performing including Leah Flannigan.

The food on offer was simply delicious and even the long line to try the indigenous tucker prepared by the wonderful mob at Kakadu Culture Camp was well worth the wait!

Succulent Barramundi, Buffalo and Magpie Goose cooked in the traditional way was served up to hungry visitors. For a gold coin donation, you could also try the Buffalo stew or for the more adventurous, there was the hot version!

Many people waited with anticipation for the judging of the Magpie Goose cooking competition, with many more standing by to eat the tasty dishes when the judging was over!

The Kakadu Parks crew had organised a fantastic activity drawing large crowds all day with their free T Shirt painting stall.

The rides for the day were a big hit with the kids with the jumping castle, dodgeball cars and for the brave & daring, the mechanical bull. Much work had gone into the lantern parade with a life size buffalo leading the way!

The fun had just started at sunset with glow sticks, glow swords and glowing head wear being seen everywhere. The night sky was also lit by fire twirlers and glow dancers not to mention the huge turtle and bird lanterns that travelled up and down the lake complete with bobbing heads and flapping wings!

All in all, a very fun day was had by everyone participating in the festival and I’m sure that Mahbilil Festival 2010 will be a most eagerly awaited event.

Story by Chrissie Campbell
The Warruwi Community celebrated its annual Jamaluk Sports & Cultural Festival on Saturday 19th September.

The festival was officially opened by the local Manmurulu family singing and welcoming everyone to the event.

The day consisted of many great activities such as sack races, tug of war, local basketball and AFL games, and the ever popular ‘claying’ by cheeky members of the community. No one was safe with Micky (Moonlight) Yalbarr, Johnny and Sandy Murdumurdu running around the event with their buckets of clay!

A disco on Friday night coordinated by Warruwi Police was a brilliant event, with the school selling glow sticks and a tasty BBQ.

The weekend was enjoyed by the whole community with the West Arnhem Shire Council, Warruwi School, Police, Ajurumu Store and Mardbalk Arts & Craft Centre all helping to make the event memorable.

Very special thanks must be given to West Arnhem Shire Council’s Andrew Bates and Leah Naurul who successfully organised and coordinated the event, without their dedication and support the event would not have been possible.

On behalf of the Warruwi Community we thank you both for a wonderful Jamaluk Weekend.
People often ask, what is the Festival for or what is it about? Jacob Naying-gul and Donald Gumurdul declared that they wanted the festival to be fun for binninj (local aboriginal people) and balanda (non-indigenous people) alike. Jacob simply stated, “just let them have fun and learn some of our culture” Donald wanted people to “see his beautiful country”.

Our challenge each year is to provide as much entertainment and activity as we can cram into one day to ensure we all have a good time. The celebration of Kunwinjku culture, however, is the foundation we build our festival upon.

This year’s festival exceeded Jacob and Donald’s expectations. Fun and activities were mixed up with the usual mayhem which makes our festival an enduring and much loved event on the top end calendar. The Festival is a not-for-profit day. Money received from entry donations were directed by our health clinic toward improving Indigenous health.

The East Alligator River was navigable all day and a steady stream of cars began winding their way in from 7.30am. Many had left early and driven the 3.5hr trip from Darwin and returned that day! It’s always difficult to gauge visitor numbers but estimates varied around 2,000.

Injalak Arts kicks off the day opening its doors at 7.30am and is always a hit with eager people hoping to snap up a bargain or to book their Injalak Hill rock art tours. The tours are always popular and tickets were gone by 10am leaving many disappointed. Injalak’s artists also provide painting and fibre art demonstrations.

The Gunbalanya School once again offered its facilities and acted as the main ‘hub’ for stalls and activities. Our ‘MC’ Andy Ralph kept people informed and entertained. Garnbaladj Nabegeyo drew big crowds with her ever popular bush tucker demonstration. The barbecue proved a great success particularly with the new meatworks mob working on it for the first time. Where else can you get a croc or buffalo burger and then sample turtle from Garnbaladj. Great job!

The school plays host to the opening ceremony and the eagerly anticipated Karrabalirra traditional dancers drew large crowds. A visit by Ngalyod the Rainbow Serpent forced a swathe through the bemused crowd.

At the secondary school, the Stone Country Café gave people a chance to chill out and take in the views. Our Youth Centre undertook a more active role hosting activities coordinated through the Gunbalanya youth program with assistance this year from Red Cross and Corrugated Iron Youth.

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Indigenous music will always be entwined with Kunwinjku Culture. In 2009, our brand of ‘Stone Country music’ expanded and saw the debut of ‘The ‘Stone Country’ Music Shed’. ‘The Shed’ housed a high energy eclectic mix of local and fusion music creating the sort of jam session that ‘Stone Country music’ has become renowned for.

The Gunbalanya Music Kids performed at the school grounds. We debuted Nina Tzatziki with her captivating and sassy vocals, humour and ….um …. ukulele. ‘Stone Country Music’ rocked the night with Sunrize band and Binninj Band going hard at the football oval until late. Between sets, the crowd were treated to a magnificent display of fireworks released over the oval. Na-barlek band played at the Club.

Indigenous sports are a major attraction and this year’s AFL pitted the Gunbalanya All Stars against three teams for the right to claim the 2009 ‘Stone Country’ Cup. After a great competition, Warruwi won the final which was a great result for those boys.

A big thank you must go to the following funding bodies, sponsors and organisations: Arts NT, Festivals Australia, ERA, Cameco, Injalak Arts, Gunbalanya Nominees, Gunbalanya Community School, Gunbalanya Health Clinic, Meatworks, West Arnhem Shire Council, all stall holders and of course the generosity and spirit of the Kunwinjku people of Gunbalanya.

I’ll leave the last word to some visitors from Wales who said that “once they crossed into Arnhem Land, the scenery was only surpassed by the good time and welcome we received on the day”. Jacob and Donald should be happy with that.

Anthony Murphy
Coordinator, Stone Country Festival
Director, Injalak Arts
On Wednesday 16 September Jabiru Public Library had a special Story time visit from Author Kathryn Apel.

Kathryn has written children’s books, This is the mud and Fencing with Fear. This visit was made possible by the chance of Kat visiting a friend in Jabiru.

Jabiru Childcare and Our Story Time group had a wonderful morning being entertained by Kat followed by a coloring activity of a cow arranged by Jillian and Shirley. All the children were absolutely enthralled with Kat and very keen to learn about her pet cow, which the book was written about.

Morning tea was provided by childcare, parents and library staff. A big thank you for Shirley and her mud balls which gave the children hands on with making a special treat for them to eat. Also a big thank you to Kaylene for providing a wonderful mud cake and for sharing her friend with us all in Jabiru.
To a certain degree, many of us love our sugar, even if we do not have a sweet tooth. We love them in our cakes and cookies and ice cream. We love them in our chocolate bars and mochaccinos and iced cafe lattes with whipped cream. Sugar is sweet, and sweet feels nice and good.

But as the saying goes, too much of a good thing can spoil it and make it a bad thing. Nothing can be a better example of this than sugar, because too much sugar is just plain bad for our body.

Why is too much sugar bad for the body? Here are ten different reasons why we should all keep ourselves from going on a sugar high.

1. Tooth decay. We are told to brush our teeth after every meal and before we go to sleep because when sugar is left on our teeth, especially after a binge on ice cream, it causes our teeth to decay faster.

2. Gum disease. Another thing when we let sugar sit on our teeth is that it can also lead to gum infection. Because of the way our body reacts to different kinds of infection, gum infection can in turn lead to inflammation of the coronary artery or heart disease.

3. Unstable blood glucose. Eating too much sugar causes our blood sugars to go haywire. When the sugar levels in our blood go up and down, that makes us feel tired and exhausted. Headaches and mood swings are also apparent when the blood glucose is unstable. Moreover, the more sugar we take in, the more unbalanced our blood glucose becomes, and the more sugar our body craves in order to fix the imbalance we have caused.

4. Obesity, diabetes and heart disease. Sugar in the blood that is too much for the body to consume completely is stored as fat. Too much fat in the body can lead to obesity, and obesity is known to trigger diabetes and heart disease.

5. Malfunctioning immune system. The bacteria and yeast that are present in our blood stream feed on sugar and cause them to multiply. If there is an imbalance in the growth of these bacteria and yeast, our immune system may not be able to handle it. It could, therefore, weaken.

6. Chromium deficiency. Ironically, too much sugar in the body causes the body's ability to regulate sugar levels to go on strike. This is because most of the sugar we eat is already refined and lacks chromium, the chemical needed to help manage the levels of sugar in our blood.

7. Lack of Nutrients. Consuming sugar makes the hunger pangs go away. When we take in too much sugar, we do not feel the need to eat food that contains more of the important nutrients that our body needs, such as vitamins, iron, calcium and magnesium. There is a difference between feeling full after every meal and gaining the nutrition you need from every meal.

8. Stress. When we eat too much sugar, we go on a sugar high because of the energy boost we get from the sugar consumption. But this sugar high is only temporary; our energy level takes a plunge afterwards. When this happens, the body releases hormones to bring the sugar level in our blood back to optimum level, and these hormones include the stress hormones: adrenaline, cortisol and epinephrine. These hormones make us irritable and stressed out.

9. Aging. When we eat too much sugar, the process called glycation can occur. When this happens, some of the sugar we consume sticks to the proteins in our body, causing our body tissues to lose their elasticity. It is not just our skin that is affected, but also our internal organs. The faster that the body loses its elasticity, the faster aging occurs.

10. Cognition. Too much sugar in the body also affects our mind's ability to learn and recognize.

Sugar has no recommended daily intake because it is classified as a carbohydrate. But, anymore than 50grams (10 teaspoons) a day of refined sugar (like in softdrink, cakes or biscuits) is not good for your body due to all the effects above. One of the worst offenders is softdrink, particularly coke! One can has 10 teaspoons of sugar!

Thus, before you pop that chocolate bar into your mouth, or open that can of softdrink, think again. How much sugar have you had today?

The Dangers of Sugar By Anna Lynn C. Sibal
http://www.beautyden.com/sugar.shtml
Based on more than twenty years of clinical and scientific research into the role of health benefit of water for the body, Dr. F. Batmanghelidj MD, a pioneering physician and acclaimed author, shows how water - yes WATER! - can relieve a stunning range of medical conditions. Simply adjusting your fluid and salt intakes can help you treat and prevent dozens of diseases, avoid costly prescriptions drugs, and enjoy vibrant new health.

In his book: “Water: For Health, for Healing, for Life: You’re Not Sick, You’re Thirsty!” Dr F. Batmanghelidj MD shows the crucial benefit of water in these and many other conditions and ailments:

* Heart disease and stroke: hydration is essential to help prevent clogging of arteries an the heart and brain
* Hypertension: hydration is crucial in treating it without using diuretics or medication
* Asthma: the intake of water can naturally lessen, even eliminate symptoms of asthma and allergies
* Infection: a good hydration may increase the efficiency of the immune system to combat infections and cancer cells
* Depression: hydration helps the body naturally replenish its supply of the neurotransmitter serotonin
* Sleep disorders: hydration is needed for the production of nature’s sleep regulator, melatonin
* Lack of energy: water generates electrical and magnetic energy in every body cell, providing a natural power boost
* Attention Deficit: a well hydrated brain is continually energized to imprint new information in its memory banks.
* Addictive urges: water and salt can help eliminate addictive urges for caffeine, alcohol, and some drugs
* Osteoporosis: hydration is an aid to strong bone formation
* Rheumatoid Joint Pain and Arthritis: this a signal of water shortage in the painful joint. It can affect the young as well as the old. The use of painkillers does not cure the problem, but exposes the person to further damage from pain medications. Intake of water and small amounts of salt will cure this problem.
* Low Back Pain and Ankylosing Arthritis of the Spine are signs of water shortage in the spinal column and discs. These cushions that support the weight of the body, can be seriously damage by dehydration.
* Leukemia and Lymphoma: water normalizes the blood-manufacturing system that can aid in the prevention of many forms of cancer
* Losing weight: the intake of water and salt can make this an easy job without dieting!

by Dr F. Batmanghelidj MD

**COOKED PLAYDOUGH**

Ingredients

- 2 cups of flour
- 4 tbsps cream of tartar
- 1 cup salt
- 2 tbsps of cooking oil
- food colouring
- 2 cups of water

Method

Mix all the ingredients together in a large saucepan and stir over a medium heat for 3-5 minutes, until the mixture congeals. You can split the play-dough up into smaller quantities after it is cooked and add different colours for even more fun.

**MICROWAVE PLAYDOUGH**

Ingredients

- 1 cup of salt
- 2 cups of flour
- 2 cups water
- 3 tbsps cream of tartar
- 2 tbsps oil
- food colouring

Method

Mix all of the dry ingredients in a container, then add oil, water and the food colouring, stir until the mixture is smooth. Cook on high for 3 minutes. Knead the dough for about a minute then return to microwave to cook for a further 2 min then knead.
JABIRU SPORTS PERSON OF THE MONTH

Name: Kritsada Phalaphon
Sport: Rugby Union

Welcome to this months Jabiru sports person of the month and a star who is on the rise, Kritsada Phalaphon.

Sada came to Australia as a skinny 12 year old kid from Thailand with his mum and dad Bun and Steve. They took up residency in Hervey Bay, Queensland where Sada had his first taste of contact sport playing Australian Rules Football. After that the family spent some time in Cairns where again Sada showed his all round ability and began to play Rugby League.

From there the family relocated to Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory where again Sada changed codes and took up Rugby Union under the guidance of coach and mentor Eddie Mulholland. Since that time Sada has bulked up to 90 kilograms eating ‘good old aussie tucker’ according to Steve, and fills a size 12 boot.

More recently Sada was invited to attend a training camp in Darwin where he was rewarded with selection in a Northern Territory under 16 representative team to travel to Sydney later in the year. He has also been selected to represent East Arnhem in a rugby 7’s tournament to be played in Singapore in November.

All this is a very notable sporting achievement for a 16 year old lad, but it must also be added that Sada attends Jabiru Area School four days a week and has undertaken a school based apprenticeship as a machinist fitter and turner with Energy Resources Australia.

On behalf of the Jabiru community, I wish Sada all the success with his representative opportunities.

For anyone that would like to nominate a Jabiru monthly sports star please contact Ian on: 0458 556 794 or email: ian.douglass@westarnhem.nt.gov.au

FOOTY COMES TO MAHBILIL FESTIVAL

Two games of Australian Rules Football were played at Brockman Oval with its magnificent escarpment backdrop on Saturday, as part of the Mahbilil Festival celebrations.

In the curtain raiser, Youth Officer Dave Russell mustered up a troopy load of exuberant under 15 foot ballers from Gunbalanya together with a couple of keen St. Johns College boys to take on a Jabiru team.

The end result was a highly spirited contest with Jabiru coming out victorious by the slim margin of 14 points.

The main event saw the all conquering St. John's College under 18 team take on a composite Jabiru Bombers team in searing heat, with the end result a 112 point victory in favour of the Saints.

Although the score line may not have been too flattering for the Jabiru boys, it must be noted that the schoolboy team have been playing together throughout the dry season and remain undefeated in 2009.

It should also be pointed out that this was Jabirus first hit out this season, and that there were a number of players having their first game of AFL.

Many thanks to the people who helped conduct the games in particular the Jabiru Bombers committee and coaches, Dave Russell, Samson Henry and the St. Johns College boys and coach Bill Rogers.
JABIRU MIXED NETBALL
FINALISTS DECIDED

Top team and premier-ship favourites ‘The Other Mob’ suffered what can only be described as a shock loss to underdogs ‘The Wantoks’ on Monday evening.

In one of the closest games of the season befitting of a grand final ‘The Other Mob’ suffered a bout of the yips under the ring, blowing a number of scoring chances in the windy conditions, whilst at the other end ‘Wantoks’ made the most of their opportunities to go to the first break at 5 all.

More of the same in the second stanza saw ‘Wantoks’ go to the main break with a three goal lead. Positional changes from ‘The Other Mob’ at halftime bought with it a lift in intensity from both teams as the game stepped up a level.

This was not reflected on the scoreboard for ‘The Other Mob’ as ‘Wantoks’ held sway, to still be up by two goals at the end of the third term.

The long awaited comeback from ‘The Other Mob’ finally eventuated in the final term as they briefly hit the front, this together with some defensive errors in their back half which went unpunished, saw the ‘Wantoks’ prevail to win through to the grand final by a solitary goal 20-19.

The second semi promised to be a close affair also and there seemed to be strong case at the end of the first term with ‘The All Blacks’ only leading by two over ‘The Baker Bar Mob’ 7-5.

The second term proved to be the game breaker as ‘The All Blacks’ scored six goals to two to open up what proved to be a match winning 13-7 lead at the main break.

Despite the best efforts of the ‘The Baker Bar Mob’ the margin remained the same at the end of the third term and increased in the last as ‘The All Blacks’ booked a grand final place running out winners 23-15.

We now look forward to the grand finale on Monday 5 October between the ‘Wantoks’ who will be shooting for seven wins in a row and the well oiled machine that is the ‘All Blacks’.

On a final note for this week, please be advised that following the grand final, a free BBQ and presentation will be held at the Jabiru Sports and Social Club for all participants of Jabiru Mixed Netball.

See you all then!

OVER 30`s/UNDER 30`s
UNDER LIGHTS

The annual Jabiru Bombers over 30’s/under 30’s Aussie Rules game and junior Auskick curtain raiser was conducted under lights on a balmy Jabiru evening on Friday 18 September at Magela Field.

Jabiru Auskick juniors got proceedings under way with a scratch match made up from local kids.

This was followed up with a presentation of Auskick certificates for the kids that represented Jabiru at halftime during the Western Bulldogs v Port Power game played at Marrara Stadium in Darwin earlier this year.

Following the delicious pre-game barbecue consisting of traditional buffalo burgers and snags compliments of Kakadu Culture Camp, the main event swung into action.

Players from various codes of football including rugby union, rugby league, soccer and even an Irishman with a gaelic football background represented the under 30’s and the other side of the ledger, the over 30’s were made up of some long retired, ageless footballers, players that probably should be turned out to pasture, together with a smattering of current just over 30 footballers.

Overseeing all of these almost football legends, was current Essendon goal sneak Elwyn Davey, who kindly donated his time to umpire the game which was played in front of a small but enthusiastic crowd of about 60 spectators.

By the time ticked over to 10.00pm, the players were still slugging it out until over 30’s convert Richie Lindner marked and goal ed from 30 metres out to ice the game for the over 30’s as the siren finally sounded to signal fulltime.

The score mattered little in what has essentially developed into a light hearted social match, but for the record the Over 30’s prevailed 10.11.71 to the youngsters 10.7.67.

Thanks to all involved in particular the Jabiru Bomb ers for conducting the event, Jabiru Bushratz for making the kiosk available, Matty Large and Andrew Wellings for preparing the ground and Elwyn Davey to take time out to umpire the senior game.
Mardbalk Arts & Craft Centre participated in the 2009 Jabiru Mahbilil Festival on the 12th September.

It was a wonderful event celebrating everything that is great in the West Arnhem District.

Mardbalk Arts showcased its latest collection of art works from artists in the Warruwi and Minjilang Communities.

Good sales were made throughout the day and we were able to make many more contacts. Special thanks must go to Mardbalk Pandanus Weavers, Cynthia Minday-al and Elizabeth Galaminda who accompanied Arts Coordinator, Belinda Carlson into Jabiru from Goulburn Island for the event.

They spoke extensively to general public about their artworks and helped with the packing and unpacking of all the works.

Also big thanks to Chrissie Campbell and the wider West Arnhem Shire Council Team for all their support and assistance over the weekend.

Story by Belinda Carlson

Mardbalk Marine Rangers Crocodile

The Warruwi Mardbalk Marine Rangers were successful in catching this 3 metre crocodile (pictured) in their croc trap on Goulburn Island, in Mardbalk Bay on Monday 31st August 2009.

The trap was set under the guidance of James Marrawal, Mardbalk Marine Rangers Supervisor. This is the third crocodile caught around Goulburn Island this year.

Local Warruwi School students came down to view the crocodile in the cage, before it was shot dead by Warruwi Police. The skin is now being salted by the Rangers and will be displayed within the community.

Congratulations must be given to the Mardbalk Marine Rangers who remained professional and attentive towards the crocodile and the community who came down to view the spectacle.

Story by Belinda Carlson
Meet Elizabeth, Talented Mardbalk Weaver

Artist: Elizabeth Galaminda
Skin: Ngalbulanj
Clan: Manjurlngunj
Homelands: Coopers Creek

Elizabeth was born in Gunbalanya (Oenpelli) and moved to Warruwi with her husband, to whom she now has seven children.

Elizabeth is a talented weaver and is a lovely member of staff, here at Mardbalk Arts Centre, employed by the West Arnhem Shire Council, on the CDEP program.

Elizabeth has had a fascinating life. When she was younger Elizabeth was taught to sew and type by the missionaries and trained by the Nurses to help care and clean patients in the clinics, and make their lunches. Elizabeth was employed by balandas (Europeans) to wash, iron and clean their houses and clothes, whilst also attending to their gardens and teaching the younger children these skills.

Elizabeth loves to go fishing in the billabongs during the wet season where she catches fish for herself and her family. Elizabeth loves all forms of bush tucker, from the land and sea and says it’s the best tasting food and very healthy.

Elizabeth enjoys teaching and talking to the younger generations about the old traditions and cultures to help preserve their way of life, and loves to reminisce with her older family and friends.
The Black Arm Band’s performance of *murundak* at the recent Darwin Festival was amazing, giving many in the crowd goose bumps!

The power of each singer’s individual voice buoyed up by backing harmonies from the other stars. The song lyrics carried deep meanings which took the listener on an incredible journey, into the realms of land rights and the loss of sovereignty. There was great pride in the audience to see three Northern Territory indigenous women – Shellie Morris, Ursula Yovich and Leah Flanagan – leading their own segments of the show.

Now that Territorian pride is set to explode with the invitation for Maningrida singer Djolpa to perform in dirtsong, the third and latest show by the Black Arm Band premiering at the Melbourne Arts Festival.

To stage a show sung in several Indigenous Australian languages is going to be another amazing journey! As a Maningrida youth worker explained, “It’s not about the song; it’s more about the feeling of the song and the story behind it. I think asking Djolpa to be a part of dirtsong is fantastic.

With his angelic vocals and passionate music sense he brings something more to the show. He is a traditional Aboriginal Man living on his homeland community, yet also teaching kids about the music industry, sharing his passion and expertise. His knowledge of the industry is what he learned and not in a school either, it is life experience! But to be invited to be a part of this band has made Djolpa strive even harder to be the best he can. He is proud and honoured and can’t wait to get up there and do it.

The only problem is, he said he is going to miss his guitar on stage, this is the first gig Djolpa will have done with out his guitar!”

**FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS**

Discovered in 1994 playing in a suburban Darwin park, Djolpa and his brothers were singing songs of their homeland at Maningrida on the Arnhem Land coast. He had a band called URK (UnRighteous Kids) that had played at the 1993 Barunga Festival. The band had come together at the Fire Escape, a drop-in centre for young people, particularly Aboriginal original youth. A vibrant music program, run by Geoff Barrett - who also doubled as URK’s bassist - was the catalyst that started the ball rolling.

Whilst growing up in Maningrida, Djolpa was exposed to the music of the Sunrize Band which had been formed around the time he was born, and Djolpa’s older brothers had formed Letterstick during his early teens. So Djolpa had a surfeit of role models in both songwriters and guitarists. After URK Djolpa formed Wild Water, a roots-reggae band which has been at the forefront of the Darwin original music scene over the last decade and a half.

His songwriting encompasses essences of the sea, the land and its people, much of the lyrics in his mother’s language ‘Brarra’, as well as Kriol and English. Djolpa’s own biography as a man of the Maningrida Un-Burra clan is the main theme throughout his work. As frontman of Wild Water, Djolpa toured the East coast extensively; the band blending the members’ cultures of Arnhem Land, Central Australia, Darwin, Southwest of Western Australia, Papua New Guinea and Fiji.

At the 2007 NT Indigenous Music Awards Djolpa was rewarded for his commitment to developing the music industry and ongoing contributions to his community with the Special Contribution Award 2007. As a music teacher at the Maningrida Community Education Centre school he taught the Crazy Boys and the Frontstreet Girls who jointly received awards for School Band of the Year. In 2008 at the Deadlys Djolpa won the Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Education and in August this year co-hosted the Key Forum: Young, Creative, Poor and Indigenous at the Garma Festival.

In joining the Black Arm Band Djolpa will also be realising a lifelong dream to perform with his boyhood hero Archie Roach. Djolpa and Tasmanian singer Dewayne Everettsmith combine two songs, each in his own mother-tongue, in their duet for dirtsong.

Presented by Melbourne International Arts Festival in association with Arts House dirtsong is a musical show from Aboriginal Australia, mixing traditional and contemporary songs, existing repertoire with newly commissioned music, against a backdrop of inspiring film imagery. A modern songline concerning country, dirtsong stirs up memoirs of human encounter over time, a sense of place and responsibility for homeland and the environment.

The Black Arm Band is a changing ensemble of Australia’s premiere aboriginal musicians, exulting in contemporary Australian Indigenous music. Its members come from across Australia and embody diverse musical, linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

Miles Franklin Award-winning author Alexis Wright, has written the script while the artists’ original songs will link the traditional custodians’ belief that “The land owns us” with the struggle for the survival of identity through languages.


Performances are the State Theatre, Arts Centre, Melbourne on Fri 23 & Sat 24 Oct at 7.30pm. In the afternoon of Sat 24 at The Den in the Arts Centre’s Fairfax Studio Djolpa, Shellie Morris, Dan Sultan and Lou Bennett from The Black Arm Band with Steven Richardson (Arts House) will discuss their practice, their passions and more.

By Noeletta McKenzie & Peter Dawson
BAND PICS FROM MAHBILIL
SAFE & HAPPY IN WARRUWI

Warruwi’s West Arnhem Shire Council Night Patrol Team are now conducting Day Patrols of the Community.

The five staff are on rosters who begin work at 7:30am collecting school age children and dropping them off at school.

Attendance at Warruwi School is almost at 100% each day as a result, with the school Principal, Phil Maund over the moon with these numbers, as is Warruwi’s Shire Service Manager David Grummett.

The team are enjoying their new rosters with the day staff working from 7:30 to 11:30am and the night staff working from 10:30pm to 2:30am.

As a result of their presence within Warruwi Community, crime is at all time low and very few people out in the streets at night, and school students attending school each day.

Warruwi is definitely a wonderful and safe place to raise a family.

Story by Belinda Carlson

We all know that the CDEP program has changed but how has it changed and what is the effect to those who are the beneficiaries of the program?

Well the main regulatory changes affect:-

- The participant’s preparation for real jobs
- The development of community based businesses
- A new “no work no pay” rule
- Transfer to Centrelink if absent for 2 weeks without approval
- No new enrolments under the old rules

The major effect to continuing participants:-

- Increased opportunities for work experience and on the job training
- Mentoring, traineeships and apprenticeships
- Creation of individual employment pathways which identify training and real jobs.
- 4 hours per day CDEP employment
- Development of community small businesses/projects which the community have an interest in and need.
- Job Find will work with each participant to progress from CDEP to mainstream employment.
- Holiday and leave requested to be completed before taking leave.

If you have any questions about these changes call your local West Arnhem Shire office or the CDEP contact listed below:-

Gunbalanya 8979 0170 (ask for Carol)
Warruwi 8979 0211
Bawinanga 8979 5489
Demed 8979 0144

Job Find will work with each participant to progress from CDEP to mainstream employment.

For more information please ring Northern Land Council Jabiru Regional Office - 08 8938 3000.
Not sure that they’d have the necessary documents prepared in time for the planned marriage day in Melbourne of September 12, Deb Fox and Michael Preston decided to “officially” marry in the Darwin Registry Office and keep the day of the 12th in Melbourne for a mock (and for them, more important) ceremony with family and each of their best friends.

With arrangements for both the Registry Office marriage and the mock ceremony in Melbourne chugging along like a well oiled machine, Fox and Presto proceeded to Darwin on 09/09/09, very lucky on the Chinese calendar so they’re told, where a legal ceremony in a somewhat stark and lifeless room adjacent to the big city office building took place.

Fox and Presto celebrated with a bottle of bubbly and dinner at the Wharf, their humble favourite. The next day saw them fly down to Melbourne where they were greeted by both their families, and the news that Fox’s daughter, Kate, is expecting her first baby!

The younger of Presto’s two daughters, Sarah, married in May this year and announced her pregnancy soon after, this resulting in the girls bringing two precious grandchildren into the world only 8 weeks apart – how wonderful!

The day of the ceremony went off swimmingly with friend and One-Man-Band, Entrepreneur, DJ, Master of Ceremonies, Muso Extraordinaire, and all-round good guy Jon Davis heading up proceedings and “frocked” up to the 9’s in full Scottish kilt attire, though it’s still not known what was adorning his “equipment” underneith, if any!

With Jon superbly playing the role of “Celebrant”, Fox and Presto wedded each other in the company of their families and best friends. Informal speeches were made that had the group both laughing and crying, with words of humour and words of heartfelt sincerity that were intricately laced together, and woven into an extraordinarily beautiful and memorable verbal patchwork.

The day couldn’t have been better and with the departure of most of the others, there was only a small handful of “stayers” left who did the honours of dutifully consuming more of the wedding champagne to further enhance the perfection that already was.

By well into the night, Fox and her bosom-buddy, Simo, were frolicking, falling, and rolling around on the floor, arms and legs enmeshed and laughing hysterically (at nothing in particular) as only best friends do.

After a whirlwind visit to Melbourne, Fox and Presto are back in Jabiru with Fox resuming her job at West Arnhem Shire Council and Presto, before returning to his job at the mine, away for a week fishing with the boys – a stunt that’s comically being labelled his “honeymoon” and one that his mates are still scratching their heads and musing….“how did Presto engineer that one?!?”

For further information call 1800 MY VOTE or visit www.ntec.nt.gov.au
I planned to get down to the Jabiru Lake at 10:00 am to check in with Lucy, one of the Mahbilil Festival organisers this year, to sort out where we were going to put up the Eriss stall.

By the time I had got down to the lake with John, a JFS volunteer, the day was starting to heat up a bit, and there were two other people waiting ahead of us to sort space for a stall spot with Lucy.

After a bit of a wait and another iced coffee Lucy finally called me over. I quickly stumbled over and began to talk about the stall requirements such as power, shade from trees for the bugs, and the amount of space needed, so as not to lose Lucy’s attention. As it was quite clear that for Lucy the day was a type of species that had the ability to steal attention, and it could take her attention at any time if the pressure was not kept up.

At this very same time Carolyn came jogging over as Lucy and I briskly walked along talking. Carolyn Lord and Pete Medley from the Darwin eriss office, along with Carolyn’s friend Carole, had come out from Darwin to lend a hand in operating the eriss stall at the festival.

Short introductions exchanged hands and away the three of us went to have a talk with the Parks Australia North guys about erecting our stall next to theirs. The talk was due to our stall space being between the PAN stall and the people traffic, which would cut down visibility of the PAN stall.

After the stall space was sorted with PAN employees and Lucy we unloaded the gear. We pulled the bits and pieces for the Gazebo out of the bag, including short lengths of piping and corner joiners, and started to put the structure together. Upon the Gazebos completion we were able to start putting up the displays.

John and I later drove out to the eriss Jabiru Field Station (JFS) located at the Jabiru Airport to pick up a micro-scope for the bugs we were going to display at the festival. Carolyn was going to bring a micro-scope out from Darwin, but due to communication problems she had left it back in town. After the visit to the JFS to pick up a micro-scope, and a quick trip down to the lake for some bugs and we were ready.

By the time everything was set up it was 1:30pm. This was the first chance I had to have a good look around at the set up of the festival so far. One of the main things I liked about it was the layout of the festival stalls.

With previous Mahbilil festivals, it was all the stalls under one big very hot tent, and a big crowd all down one end of the festival (due to the big tent, stalls and rides) with the other end fairly much deserted, where this year everything was more spread out.

There was also evidence of someone trying to get the sites grass green, so it was a little less hot than previous Mahbilil Festivals and a little less dusty than previous festivals as well. John and I then decided to go home and have a rest while Carolyn, Pete and Carole held the Eriss stall fort.

The day went along rather smoothly with a range of people, including locals and visitors, young and old, stopping by to check the displays out and to chat about the monitoring work we conduct in Kakadu National Park.

By 5:30pm we were all feeling a little exhausted and were looking forward to some elbow exercise later on, as the beers and champagne were in the fridge waiting. The police wound up closing the ‘Pig Pen Bar’ a little early, due to some not being able to handle their elbow exercising.

Other than that though the green grass, the variety of stalls and kids entertainment, the lay out of the festival stalls and other attractions, and the amount of locals and visitors attending, along with many other aspects of the festival, made this year’s Mahbilil Festival one of the best Mahbilil Festivals yet.

by Rocky Cahill
Communication Support Officer
ERISS - Jabiru Field Station
It’s on again in October and keen birdwatchers from the Top End and across Australia are twitching with excitement about Energy Resources of Australia’s Ltd (ERA) annual ERA BirdWatch 2009 event.

Providing birdwatchers (twitchers) and environmentalists with rare access to woodlands, billabongs, wetlands and waterways on ERA’s Ranger mining lease, participants are assured of seeing and hearing a wide range of beautiful birds.

Based in Jabiru, the gateway to the Kakadu National Park, ERA BirdWatch 2009 takes place on Saturday 10 October and Sunday 11 October, and kicks off a great week for birdwatchers as a curtain raiser for Kakadu Bird Week (10-17 October).

ERA BirdWatch survey locations include Coonjimba Billabong, Georgetown Billabong, and Retention Pond One (RP1), which are all within the ERA Ranger lease project area. BirdWatch Organiser and ERA Environment Graduate Nicole Smith said using the same bird survey locations each year allowed consistent comparisons of bird numbers and species.

“Last year was a great success, with 35 keen “twitchers” spotting over seventy species of birds, including six species new to the ERA surveys,” Nicole said.

“October is an excellent time for spotting wading and grazing birds which flock to the few remaining water holes, as the dry season reaches its peak.”

Bird experts from Darwin Field Naturalists will assist with bird identification, and a barbecue breakfast and children’s colouring competition on the Sunday help make this a great family event. The Saturday sunset and dusk bird watching session will be held 4:15 pm. The Sunday early bird dawn session starts at 5.15 am, and birdwatchers will gather at Jabiru Lake as the starting point for both sessions.

ERA BirdWatch is part of the RioTinto BirdLife International Programme, which raises awareness of biodiversity, promotes community involvement, and develops conservation projects relevant to mining operations and BirdLife partners.

This is a free event, and bookings are essential as numbers are limited. For more information and bookings, contact Nicole Smith on 08 8938 1491 or email nicole.smith@era.riotinto.com
inhabiting the Black Hills of western South Dakota.

between the plates.

1 volt

1. Experiencing or showing sorrow or unhappiness.

4. Assault with intent to rob.

11. A milkshake made with malt powder.

15. A user interface in which you type commands instead of choosing them from a menu or selecting an icon.

16. (zoology) Lacking a tail or taillike appendage.

17. Plants with sword-shaped leaves and erect stalks bearing bright-colored flowers composed of three petals and three drooping sepals.

18. A river in north central Switzerland that runs northeast into the Rhine.

19. The capacitance of a capacitor that has an equal and opposite charge of 1 coulomb on each plate and a voltage difference of 1 volt between the plates.

20. A member of the Siouan people formerly inhabiting the Black Hills of western South Dakota.

21. Any of numerous low-growing cushion-forming plants of the genus Draba having rosette-forming leaves and terminal racemes of small flowers with scapose or leafy stems.

23. A young woman indulged by rich and powerful older men.

25. Little known Kamarupan languages.


28. A primeval personification of air and breath.

30. A soft silver-white ductile metallic element (liquid at normal temperatures).

32. A compartment in front of a motor vehicle where driver sits.

34. Formerly included in genus Cedrela.

38. A bag used for carrying money and small personal items or accessories (especially by women).

42. God of love and erotic desire.

43. A reproach for some lapse or misdeed.

44. A member of the Siouan people formerly living in the Missouri river valley in NE Nebraska.

45. (old-fashioned) At or from or to a great distance.

48. Avatar of Vishnu.

51. A strong emotion.

52. The seventh month of the Moslem calendar.

54. Any of various large keen-sighted diurnal birds of prey noted for their broad wings and strong soaring flight.

55. The opening into the stomach and that part of the stomach connected to the esophagus.

58. A genus of Mustelidae.

60. A sharp hand gesture (resembling a blow).

62. The basic unit of money in Bangladesh.

66. A sheet or band of fibrous connective tissue separating or binding together muscles and organs etc.

71. A relativistic quantum theory of the electromagnetic interactions of photons and electrons and muons.
72. A theocratic republic in the Middle East in western Asia.
74. West Indian tree having racemes of fragrant white flowers and yielding a durable timber and resinous juice.
76. The compass point that is one point north of northeast.
77. A small cloth bag filled with dried beans.
79. A decree that prohibits something.
80. Medium-sized tree having glossy lanceolate leaves.
81. Stem of the rattan palm used for making canes and umbrella handles.
82. A loose sleeveless outer garment made from abacloth.

DOWN
1. Any of a number of fishes of the family Carangidae.
2. (botany) Of or relating to the axil.
3. English theoretical physicist who applied relativity theory to quantum mechanics and predicted the existence of antimatter and the positron (1902-1984).
4. A Chadic language spoken south of Lake Chad.
5. Fiddler crabs.
7. Hard greenish-brown wood of the lignum vitae tree and other trees of the genus Guaiacum.
8. Severe diabetes mellitus with an early onset.
9. A silvery soft waxy metallic element of the alkali metal group.
10. A state of partial or total darkness.
11. The capital of Lombardy in northern Italy.
12. An Arabic speaking person who lives in Arabia or North Africa.
13. (trademark) A type of inflatable air mattress.
14. A male monarch or emperor (especially of Russia prior to 1917).
15. Founder of Buddhism.
16. Open-heart surgery in which the rib cage is opened and a section of a blood vessel is grafted from the aorta to the coronary artery to bypass the blocked section of the coronary artery and improve the blood supply to the heart.
17. (Greek mythology) Goddess of the earth and mother of Cronus and the Titans in ancient mythology.
19. A defensive missile designed to shoot down incoming intercontinental ballistic missiles.
20. Title for a civil or military leader (especially in Turkey).
21. Date used in reckoning dates before the supposed year Christ was born.
22. Founder of Buddhism.

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G’day again all, Bullet here,

Well we are another month in and another month closer to the rain. The silly season is fast approaching.

Gunbalanya had the open day and West Arnhem Shire Council provided a great fireworks display. (see photo’s left) The day was a great success with many visitors and activities. It was great to put to good use my old training as a bomb disposal officer and play with things that go bang. Luckily for me the fireworks went bang and not me. I guess my training payed off after all!

On another note, I am sure many people may have noticed a bizarre Superhero like figure darting around the Shire performing superhero type duties.

This figure has been known to leap tall basket ball courts in a single bound, wrestle crocodiles caught in fences, help old ladies across the road, rock screaming children to sleep, use x-ray vision to aid in healing the sick and many more extra-ordinary super human feats.

If anyone can identify the superhero (snap shot left) could you please pass on the information as the Shire would like to have a chat with this suspect character.

Oh well that’s it from me for this round, stay in touch, stay tuned and watch out for strange things happening.

Cheers, Bullet

“MAKE AN OFFER”

For Sale - two transportable road crew accommodation units. See photos left.

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Mark Griffioen, CEO
This photo from the left is Gerard Watson he is holding the Kick Start Country Title Cup.

Gerard was elected the best umpire at the Youth Festival and was selected to umpire at the MCG.

Middle is Glen Townsend who is the Sport & Recreation coordinator in Maningrida.

On the right is Edwin Jones holding the Maningrida Youth Festival Cup which was won by the under 16 Maningrida AFL Team.

The West Arnhem Shire Council will be conducting a curb side rubbish collection in Jabiru and Manaburdurma to prepare for the coming cyclone season.

All householders can place any unwanted items outside the front of their house and the council will pick it up.

The date for the collection will be Monday the 12 October 2009.

Starting early in the morning so house holders can place their rubbish out over the weekend ready for collection on the 12th.

*Please Note* Council will not be removing any green waste or garden refuse. Any green waste will be left behind for the owners to remove.

**STRANGE & FUNNY**

**MANINGRIDA**

**AFL CUP WINNERS**

DURING WORLD WAR II, SCIENTISTS FROM THE UK, US AND CANADA EXPERIMENTED WITH A BOMB THAT SHOT OUT LETHAL POISON DARTS.

MULT UGLY! ABST.

A BOXER-MIX WHO WON THE 2009 WORLD'S UGLIEST DOG COMPETITION AT THE SONOMA-MARIN FAIR IN CALIFORNIA, WAS THE FIRST DOG IN NEARLY A DECADE TO WIN THAT WASN'T A CHINESE CRESED PEDIGREE.

UNTIL JULY 1, 2009, IT WAS ILLEGAL TO COLLECT RAINWATER IN THE STATE OF COLORADO, USA.

CAR WASH GRAND OPENING

UH OH.
Dear Delight and the West Arnhem Shire,

The Barracuda Class would like to thank you for organising our Careers Day. We really enjoyed the different work places.

We learnt that we have to get an education so when we leave school we can get a good job. We would like to thank you for organising our lunches.

The best place we enjoyed was the Police Station because we liked getting our fingers printed.

Warm regards Kurtlee Narluwerrd and the Barracudas

First Aid Training Course
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7th & 8th November
9am – 4pm Each Day
Call 89792316 to Register $160.00 Per Person LIMTED PLACES
The ERA Open this year was jam packed full of excitement, and also saw the largest contingent to play in Jabiru for some time as players enjoyed the Northern Territory’s last Open of the season.

In his first time playing on the Jabiru course, Humpty Doo’s Brian McIntosh proved too good for the competition last weekend. With a tense A Grade playoff as three players carded rounds of 81 and 74, McIntosh fought for victory over Darwin’s Brett Gilmore and Mark Renner of RAAF, finally taking the honours over Gilmore on the second. Not too disappointed, Gilmore took the nett award over Renner by two shots with rounds of 71 and 64. McIntosh reckons his win, along with the great time he had, is enough to bring him back to Jabiru next year.

In the ladies event young Savannah Kelly from Darwin proved too strong as she claimed victory in both the gross and nett events with rounds of 84, 85 and 68, 70 from Palmerston’s Agnes Rinaldi – an amazing 17 shots ahead on gross and three shots on nett. To quote Ms Rinaldi as she collected her runner-up award, “There’s Savannah, and then there’s the rest of us”. Savannah Kelly is definitely the young lady to watch at the moment.

In the men’s B Grade local Dean Bedwell claimed victory in both the gross and nett events with rounds of 81 and 87, one shot over Geoff Hodge and nett scores 64 and 71 defeating RAAF’s Terry Hanley by seven shots.

In the men’s C Grade, Katherine’s Brentley Hughes, with rounds of 92 and 81 claimed the gross event over Jabiru’s Dave Denner by three shots. Not to be outdone, Dave took the nett event over Hughes with an remarkable round of 57 on the Saturday and 73 Sunday, putting him seven shots ahead. Denner’s nett scores for the weekend were enough to see him also take home the coveted best nett award for the tournament.

Local champion Scott Revie wasn’t to be forgotten as he aced the third on the first day, repeating Troy Scott’s achievement at the 2007 event.

A big thank you to Energy Resources of Australia for their continued sponsorship of the event, and special thanks for Chief Executive Rob Atkinson and General Manager Operations Dan Janney for taking time from a busy schedule to play in the competition. Thanks also to minor sponsor Thrifty Car Hire for their continued and constant support of the Jabiru Golf Club tournaments.

Chris Hawkins-Jabiru Golf Club
ERA OPEN DAY

Energy Resources of Australia (ERA) invited the local community to tour the Ranger uranium mine and take part in the 2009 ERA Open Day Saturday 19 September.

Ranger is the largest producer of uranium in Australia. It produces around 10 per cent of the world’s annual uranium requirement and ships uranium oxide to power utilities in Asia, Europe and North America under strict international and Australian Government safeguards.

The ERA Open Day encourages the public to see first hand the operation of the mine, and to learn about mine activities, employment opportunities, and environmental protection.

Tour buses picked up visitors from the Jabiru Community Hall every 15 minutes from 9.00 am until 2.00 pm and took people on a tour of the mine, providing an opportunity to view the spectacular operating pit, see giant mine haul trucks at work, processing buildings, rock stockpiles and the wetland water management systems.

ERA people also spoke to visitors about a range of information displays at the Jabiru Community Hall, featuring different aspects of the uranium mining operation, employment opportunities, environmental protection, health and safety and cultural management.

Additional information displays were also organised by Parks Australia, Skilled, and catering and accommodation contractor ESS Naad.

ERA Chief Executive Rob Atkinson said the ERA Open Day has continued to grow in popularity since it was first held in 2006.

“The ERA Open Day is a great opportunity for the local community, the wider general public and tourists to learn about the Ranger mine,” Mr Atkinson said. “Many people are very curious about uranium mining, and the Open Day is an informative and entertaining way to see first hand what goes on at Ranger.”

All visitors were welcome at a free lunchtime community barbecue at the Jabiru Community Hall.

The Ranger mine is 10 kilometres from the town of Jabiru which is situated 250 kilometres east of Darwin, surrounded by the Kakadu National Park.

For more information Contact Media Advisor – Jane Hart 0419 972 784
Energy Resources of Australia Ltd (ERA) is celebrating a major milestone having achieved an Indigenous workforce of more than 100 employees through diverse employment and training programmes.

ERA’s workforce consists of around 20 per cent of employees who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. This makes ERA one of the most significant Indigenous employers in Australia.

Indigenous employees are employed across the company, both at Ranger and in ERA’s Darwin head office, in a variety of roles from trainees to managers.

“A great deal of effort has gone into tailoring our Indigenous employment and training programs to suit the specific needs of our Indigenous employees” ERA Human Resources Manager Ray Gentle said.

“The programs are flexible enough to allow us to cater for a range of skill sets as well as the personal and cultural needs of our Indigenous employees. “It can be a big jump to enter into a 24 hour mining operation, our range of programs and initiatives are intended to assist our Indigenous employees to make that transition.”

ERA has also introduced a job sharing program which has allowed seven local Indigenous employees from Gun巴拉nya to secure employment.

“Our aim is to provide opportunities for local Indigenous people who haven’t been as well represented in our workforce in the past”, ERA Chief Executive Rob Atkinson said.

“We are very proud of what we have achieved in Indigenous employment and we intend to build on existing programs to ensure we continue to go from strength to strength. “With a growing workforce and a desire to see more of the economic benefits from our business retained in the local region, we are determined to build on this strong performance in the years ahead.”

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For further information on the company’s activities please access ERA’s website at www.energyres.com.au

AUSTRALIA’S FIRST NATIONAL INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT WEBSITE

On August 31, 2009, the Australian Indigenous Chamber of Commerce launched Australia’s first national Indigenous employment website.

The chamber’s chairman, Warren Mundine, said that the site provided a platform for government, businesses and Indigenous job seekers to work together to minimise Aboriginal unemployment.

“Indigenous people are not as competitive as non-Indigenous people. In interviews they’re not promoting themselves. They’re not selling themselves. It’s not to say they can’t do these jobs as well as anyone else—it’s just the salesmanship.”

In South Australia, for example, the 2006 Population Census recorded an unemployment rate of 20.3% for Aboriginal people, compared to 7.5% for the state’s non-Aboriginal population.

There are dozens of employers, some of the biggest in the country knocking on my door saying they want to hire Indigenous people.—Senator Mark Arbib, federal Minister for Employment Participation.

For more info visit:
indigenousjobsaustralia.com.au
**THE NEW BOSS**

A company, feeling it was time for a shake-up, hires a new CEO. This new Boss is determined to rid the company of all slack employees.

On a tour of the facilities, the new Boss notices a guy just standing around leaning on the wall. The room is full of other workers and he wants to let them know that he means business!

The Boss walks up to the guy and asks, “Hey you! How much money do you make a week?” A little surprised, the young fellow looks at him and replies, “I make $300.00 a week. Why?”

The Boss then hands the guy $1,200 in cash and screams at him, “Here’s four weeks pay, now GET OUT and don’t come back!”

Feeling pretty good about his first firing, the Boss looks around the room and asks, “Does anyone want to tell me what that lazy, goof-off did around here?”

With a sheepish grin, one of the other workers mutters, “Boss, he is the Pizza delivery guy from Dominos.”
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WALK TO WORK DAY
Friday 2 October 2009

BETTER HEALTH CLEANER AIR

Jabiru Church Service Times
Uniting Church Worship -
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Roman Catholic Mass
1st & 3rd Sundays @10am

Further information please contact:
Rev Lindsay Parkhill on 08 8979 2250

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