A long line of children, teachers, parents, friends, dogs and a few cyclists wound their way through Jabiru under the warm morning sun on Friday, May 7 to participate in the annual Walk Safely To School Day. In its eleventh year, the national Walk Safely To School Day promotes the message ‘Active Kids Are Healthy Kids’.

Groups of walkers started out from points around town and collected participants along the way, before meeting up to safely cross the road together at the crossing in front of the school.
Walk Safely To School Day

About one quarter of the approximately 300 children enrolled at the West Arnhem College Jabiru Campus joined in the event, exceeding all expectations of school organisers Tess Hennessy and Felicity Thomson.

“To be honest, this would be worthwhile even if only ten kids turned up,” said Felicity, “but to see this many children here, and their parents, is fantastic.”

The fun didn’t end with the walkers’ arrival at school either.

Prizes of t-shirts were awarded to Transition students Callum Milligan and Fraser Manderson, Year 1 student Cooper Blackburn, Maya Taylor-Trenow from Year 4, and James Orum from Year 6 after all participants were entered in a lucky draw.

If the popularity of this year’s walk is any indication, walking to school will become more than an annual event.

Because of Jabiru’s small size and wonderful climate, many West Arnhem College students already regularly walk or ride to school.

But the oft-heard remark, “We should do this every day,” suggests that many more will enjoy the healthy benefits of walking to school from now on.
Gunbalanya passed a milestone in the campaign against the misuse of volatile substances in the area with the gazettal of the Volatile Substance Abuse Management Plan by the NT Government this week.

The VSA Management Plan will see the use and possession of unleaded fuel other than Opal prohibited in the region subject to VSA regulation.

Other volatile substances such as paint thinners and glue will be required to be secured in a lockable container meeting Australian standards.

West Arnhem Shire Council Community Safety Coordinator James Pilkington said that the community initiated plan will help limit access to volatile substances and reduce health and social problems caused by activities like sniffing.

“The VSA Management Plan is an important part of the overall strategy to combat substance abuse amongst a small section of the community,” he said.

He said that the plan will complement the coordinated activities of Police, health workers, community leaders, and Council’s Community Safety team.

Leon James, Alcohol and Other Drug worker at the Gunbalanya Health Clinic, agrees.

“The plan will assist in addressing issues in what is a long-term problem,” Leon said, noting that, “Harm occurring to people has reduced quite significantly,” in other communities implementing similar measures.

James Pilkington acknowledged concerns raised by some community members about issues such as the degradation of Opal fuel when stored for long periods, and enforcement of the plan.

He said that Council will work to facilitate further community discussion to ensure that all Gunbalanya residents fully understand the requirements of the policy, including the provision of expert advice from fuel producers.

West Arnhem Shire Council already uses only diesel or Opal fuel in Council equipment within the Gunbalanya area and is committed to incorporating a similar requirement for all contractors employed by Council in the area.

Council will also erect signage throughout the management area to advise the public of the restrictions in place and penalties for breaches of the VSA Management Plan.

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West Arnhem Boss Heading To Barunga

West Arnhem Shire Council Alcohol and Other Drugs worker Dallas Thompson is preparing to head to the Barunga festival with his band, West Arnhem Boss, for a Battle of the Bands and song competition based around the theme of ‘Road Safety’.

Dallas says he became involved with music to provide an alternative activity for young Gunbalanya men at risk of falling into activities such as sniffing.

“Sport, like football, wasn’t really helping these guys so we try to show them other things to do, not just educate them with books and stuff,” Dallas said.

The ten band members will be joined by other keen Gunbalanya area musicians for the trip to Barunga.

“These guys are all part of my crew,” Dallas said. “I take people with real problems, put them in the band and help them make something good.”

West Arnhem Boss have been working on songs for the festival, including one called ‘Road Safety’ lamenting the loss of friends and countrymen in car accidents.

Another song is called ‘Sorry’ and is about men apologising to women and kids for the hurt inflicted by domestic violence.

Dallas says that he was inspired to write the song by an old man he met in Alice Springs.

“He said to stop blaming Balanda, this problem is caused by me and you – us mob.”

Dallas isn’t motivated by ideas of fame or fortune and throws his home open at all hours to the young men he is mentoring, often cooking meals for his two young sons that turn into large gatherings.

“I’m not in it for money. I’m in it to show what we can do. I don’t believe in that word ‘oppression’; I just want to have a go and give these young fellas a go. I believe in opportunity.”

West Arnhem Boss can be seen performing their tracks ‘Sorry’ and ‘Road Safety’ on YouTube.
Community Broadcasting

The Wire visited Gunbalanya recently and dropped in to see Community Broadcasters Russell Agalar and Chris Sparsi in action.

Russell has been behind the mike in Gunbalanya for two and a half years and loves broadcasting to his community.

Russell immediately interviewed the Wire live on air, asking questions about upcoming community events and demonstrating the skills he consolidated at recent broadcaster training in Darwin.

“The training was fantastic, it gave me good ideas for new things to do on the show,” Russell said.

He is also keen for feedback from listeners, explaining that he took up broadcasting as a means to help effect change in his community.

“No one used to listen to my ideas to change the community,” he said.

Now, with the planned installation of outdoor speakers to allow more people to listen to his show, Russell wants to play locally produced music and inspire others to follow in his footsteps.

“Kids want to be broadcasters after listening,” he laughs, adding that his ambition is to join national youth broadcasting network Triple J.

Gunbalanya community radio broadcasts on 102.9FM from 8am – midday every weekday.
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Jabiru def Pint Dravidians
10/164  10/155

Top scorers for Jabiru
Batsmen:
S. Summerton  49
S. Franey      19

Bowlers:
S. Whitby     3/20
S. Franey     2/23
A. Shearn     2/23

Sunday 16th May - University

Jabiru def University
4/103  10/93

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Crab Claw Island
A Maningrida bush trip adventure. Story and photos by Sarah Francis

“I went to Crab Creek yesterday.”
“You mean Crab Claw Island?” replies Karen, the admin assistant at the Council office in Maningrida.
“No, it wasn’t an island.”
She laughs. “I like to call it that because it’s a much more interesting name! Crab Claw Island, it sounds mysterious, doesn’t it?”
I laugh in agreement. Maybe the name will catch on.

I’ve gone bush for the day, hunting for crabs with Christine’s mob. There are 14 of us, plus Maisy, the family dog, and her tiny pup Rocky.

We walk through the slurping mud, its deep orange tinge fading to a light shade of tan as we enter a mini mangrove jungle. The trees are about my height, and I look like a giant standing next to little Aleisha, who is right at home in the bordering forest.

We are looking for mud mussels. I poke around, expecting to have to dig or search for some sign of life, but Jemma shows me that our prey is a big mob of cone-shaped shellfish just sitting under the trees! Easiest meal I ever caught. We pick up as many as we can carry and take them back to where May, an older woman, is waiting for us.

May leads us back into the mud. Thongs are discarded in preference of the gloriously odd feeling of squelching clay between our toes. A trickle of small, light green mangroves breaks into the flat, dried-up swamp bed at the forest’s edge.

As we venture past the point where our previous footprints end, we find ourselves surrounded by a twisting mass of branches and roots. It’s hard to tell whether they’re clinging to the mud or trying to escape from it. Shafts of light break into the darkened canopy. All is quiet and still, except for the occasional shriek of a forest bird, or myself as a branch breaks beneath my hopeful steps. We climb and fall through the mangroves, clinging to trees and stepping on netted arches of roots, sometimes supported by strong pliant wood, sometimes crashing through rotted branches into the mud.

“No crabs here,” May announces, perplexed.
“They should call it ‘No Crab Creek’,” I suggest helpfully.

Sitting around the campfire eating the extra mud mussels we gathered to compensate for the lack of crabs, it’s story time. The stories, at least when told in English, don’t adhere to traditional Balanda style, with segue, or a flowing order of beginning, middle and end. They do however contain information that will be of use one day, at the very least by gaining authority on a matter with reference to some snippet of Indigenous knowledge!

Sitting with May, she tells me that she was born at the barge landing in Maningrida, near the workshop under a tree. The tree has been chopped down but she’s trying to get it to grow again.

After meeting up with the rest of our mob, who more successfully caught three crabs and several fish, we collect some pandanus leaves. Eager to learn weaving, a skill that I’m convinced I can pick up, I pull down the core leaves of the pandanus tree with May’s encouragement and try not to let on that I’ve already accumulated three prickles in my fingers.

Sitting around the second campfire for the day May shows me how to prepare the leaves. “It’s easy!” she exclaims as I sit there, mystified as to why I can’t peel my leaf. She tells me it just takes practice.

Glen Townsend, Maningrida’s other Senior Sports & Rec Officer, says the same thing about me learning to drive a manual car. Thirty creases in the pandanus later with only one successfully peeled, and a growing reputation for bunny-hopping around town in the troopy, and I’m still not convinced.

“Hey Sarah, can we go to the beach?” Christine asks at around 4PM. I explain that I have to get back home because I need to check on my pet goat, who is a young kid. Amongst a flurry of words spoken in a language I don’t understand, I hear “worried” and “nanny goat”, and with a promise of ‘next time’, we load up our finds for the day and wave goodbye to Crab Claw Island.

Maybe the name will catch on.
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MARDBALK ARTIST PROFILE

Ricky Gutiwa Gurruwiwi

Skin: Gamarrung
Clan: Galpu
Moiety: Dhuwa
Homelands: Naypinga

Date of Birth: 19th January 1969

Ricky was born in Galiwin’ku (Elcho Island) and moved to Warruwi when he was a young boy with his family. He attended Kormilda College in Darwin.

Ricky’s father taught him how to paint, and Ricky now works as a senior artist at Mardbalk Arts & Craft Centre, making wonderful paintings and carvings. Ricky is married to a lovely lady called Susan and they have five children together.

Ricky loves to go hunting for his family and his favourite foods to eat are magpie geese, fish, emu, kangaroo and turtle.
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West Arnhem Shire Murals

Warruwi Airport Mural

Story and photos by Belinda Carlson
The Warruwi Airport Mural has been completed by artists from Mardbalk Arts & Craft Centre with the theme of ‘Proud Saltwater People’.

The airport is decorated in a bright array of saltwater animals and some abstract interpretations of ‘Water & Country’ by Richard Dhaymutha, along with a wonderful welcoming message to all visitors and locals to Goulburn Island.

Jabiru Library Mural

Story and photo by Jillian May
Wow! The mural is finished right on time for the Dry season Movie Nights.

This would not have been possible without the wonderful Liz Martin & Anne O’Dea and the children of Jabiru who draw the pictures that were then stenciled on to the wall and painted by the ladies who generously donated their time to make this possible for the Jabiru community to run movie nights in the Dry season.

Come down and have a look at the wonderful work the ladies have done in creating a wonderful mural with a space for projected movies.

The theme was ‘Using Your Imagination’ about what you do at the library.

After several workshops with children at the Library Liz came up with an idea of how the Mural would look and has made this possible with hours of effort.

Thank you Liz and Anne for your commitment and hard work.
Jabiru Public Library News

Mobile Muster
Official recycling program of the mobile phone industry.
Most people buy a new phone around every 2 years. More than 52% keep their old mobile phones, resulting in over 16 million used mobiles being stashed away in cupboards and drawers at home and work.

Jabiru Public Library is the official drop off location for mobile phones and batteries. We then send off to the recycling program where the process of recycling begins.

Once collected they are broken up, sorted and separated.

Metals are extracted gold, silver and copper and plastic is shredded. Batteries are sorted by type for cadmium and nickel recovery.

Once recycled materials can be used to make batteries, fence posts (Cyclone Composite Posts), jewellery, plastic pallets and stainless steel.

All mobile phones handed in to MobileMuster are recycled.

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pre-school story time
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• Jane & the Dragon
• Olga the Brolga
• Why can’t I fly?
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School Holiday Activities @ the Library.
• PS3
• Movies
• Craft activities
• Board games

Bookings essential for PS3.
Watch this space for further details next fortnight..................

DID YOU KNOW?
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Movie Nights under the stars
Outside the Library

This will be a weekly event in the Dry Season. The weeks movie is Planet 51

Time: 7.30pm
Date: 21/05/10

Jabiru Public Library
Would like to invite Locals and visitors to come along and watch a movie under the stars. Bring a fold out chair or perhaps a blanket to sit on the lawn and enjoy a free movie. Cold drinks and popcorn will be on sale.

Jillian May: 89799460
Amurdak Inyman
Six stories in Amurdak told by Bill Neidjie and Nelson Mulurinj

This is the first book and audio CD ever produced in Amurdak, an Indigenous Australian language traditionally spoken in the stone country of the Mt. Borradaile area northwest of Oenpelli in Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory.

The six stories by Bill Neidjie and Nelson Mulurinj have been transcribed and translated into English and are narrated on the accompanying audio CD.

Even though Amurdak is no longer spoken, and it is too late to bring it back to life as a tool for daily communication, the senior custodians of the language maintain strong affiliations to it and to the land throughout which it was once widely spoken. They have a strong interest in making it accessible to the younger generation and the wider public.

As well as making available in written and audio form a selection of Amurdak stories, the aim of this book and CD is to provide historical background information on the Amurdak people, their country and their language, together with notes on the grammar and the sound system of Amurdak.

It is hoped that through materials like this, a small sample of the Amurdak language and the millennia of accumulated knowledge that it encodes will be preserved for posterity.

The book is published by Iwaidja Inyman, a community project funded by the Australian Government through the Maintenance of Indigenous Languages and Records (MILR) program. It was produced under the auspices of the West Arnhem Shire Council.

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All profit from sales of this book will go to the Iwaidja language team for recording and publishing their endangered cultural knowledge. Your support will help maintain the linguistic and cultural diversity of northwestern Arnhem Land.
May 5 was International Midwives Day, so the Wire caught up with the team at Jabiru Clinic to find out some more about this important service to the community of West Arnhem Shire.

There are midwives working in each community within the Shire.

The Jabiru team consists of Bronwyn Fisher, Kim Short and Richard Van De Veurdonk, who work closely with Maternal & Child Health workers Donna Coulthard and Nellie Mirilminy from Kakadu Health.

The young population of the Jabiru region keeps the midwives busy; there are between 15 and 35 women pregnant at any one time, including outstation women who travel to the Clinic for attention.

The energetic team focuses on supporting healthy families, providing pre-conception care, antenatal care, and – following a child’s birth in Darwin – postnatal care. They hope to soon start providing evening antenatal classes. Midwives are also rostered on to attend call-outs when necessary.

Bronwyn has newly graduated as a midwife, while Kim has been a midwife since 1994. Both emphasise the need to build trust and rapport with the community over time, especially to overcome cultural differences.

“The women generally like to suss you out a bit first,” says Kim, adding that they will often come into the clinic for another treatment and to meet staff before mentioning that they are pregnant.

Bronwyn explains that the Clinic G.P.s and Remote Area Nurses work in partnership to provide an holistic health care approach.

“We have services such as ultrasounds, gynaecologists and obstetricians visiting regularly to reduce patient travel and provide family centred care,” she says.

Richard also mentions that he sees a need to get more fathers involved in sharing the pregnancy and birthing experience.

Other projects for the midwives include supporting the work of a cord-blood educator who visits the Clinic to talk to Indigenous women about the opportunity to donate blood from their umbilical cords to be sent to Sydney for use in developing stem cell lines needed to treat Aboriginal children with diseases such as leukaemia.

“These Indigenous stem cell lines are still very rare,” says Bronwyn, emphasising the need to work with expectant mothers to explain the process clearly.

Bronwyn and Kim agreed that the most rewarding part of their job is to see the happy results of new additions to West Arnhem Shire families.

Gunbalanya Clinic Nurse Recognised

Heather Andrews has been recognised for outstanding nursing, finishing in the top four in the Remote Area Nursing category of the 2010 NT Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards.

May 12 was International Nurses Day, and 2010 is the Year of the Nurse.

Heather, an expatriate Tasmanian who has been in Gunbalanya since July 2008, says that she loves her work in the community with the Chronic Disease Program, which includes clinic appointments and making outstation visits.

“People really take you on board,” she said.

Nurses are nominated by colleagues or community members for the awards, demonstrating how much Heather’s work in Gunbalanya is appreciated.

Heather says that her colleagues Margaret and Mark deserve recognition also, the team working together to establish a women’s exercise group and raising money at local football matches for cancer patients.
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It’s your responsibility to Keep Yourself Safe this fire season.

Chief Minister Paul Henderson and Member for Arafura Marion Scrymgour paid a flying visit to Gunbalanya last week.

The two called into the West Arnhem Shire Council office and said hello to staff.

Marion Scrymgour said that she was pleased to be visiting Gunbalanya but that she wished it could be for longer.

Paul Henderson is seen here with, from left, Marion Scrymgour, West Arnhem Council Community Liaison Officer Andy Gamarrajd, Shire Service Manager Shaz Fielder and Gunbalanya School Principal Esther Djayghurrnga.
Basketball Booming In Warruwi

Report by Ian Douglass

In my new role of Acting Sport & Recreation Coordinator on behalf of West Arnhem Shire, I recently had the pleasure of visiting the beautiful South Goulburn Island (Warruwi) and the friendly people that live there.

One of the most successful activities that are currently running on the island is a vibrant basketball competition being driven by the staff of West Arnhem Shire Council.

The competition, consisting of 6 men’s and 6 women’s teams, has been running since Tuesday February 2 and will culminate in Grand Finals scheduled for Friday June 25.

I was awestruck at the speed and agility of the players who sped up and down the court with sometimes reckless abandon, and who still managed to pull off shots that the great man himself Michael Jordan would have been proud of.

All of this is attained on a court that is actually 4 metres too narrow, which will be addressed at the end of the season when the court is to be repainted.

While I was there a visit was made by NT Basketball Indigenous Development Officer Caine Muir who conducted an informal officiating clinic attended by 10 community members, which focussed on the finer points of basketball umpiring.

The new skills were then put into practice at the next round of women’s games and all community members who attended the officiating clinic were very impressive showing what they had learnt.

Future direction of the sport was also discussed at a sit down meeting with community members who indicated they would like to achieve an accreditation in basketball umpiring and would be very keen to compete in an annual Shire wide basketball competition, which would then act as a precursor to a possible appearance at the NT basketball championships.

I would like to congratulate the hard work and commitment of Community Sport and Recreation Officer Douglas Djalanba and his staff that has lead to this highly successful community sports programme.

Jabiru Mixed Netball Roster & Update

Round 3 Monday 24 May
6.30pm Hot Shotz v AC/DC
6.30pm JAS 2 v JAS 1
7.30pm Jatz v Kia Kaha
7.30pm Parks v Schoolies

Round 4 Monday 31 May
6.30pm JAS 1 v Kia Kaha
6.30pm Parks v JAS 2
7.30pm Hot Shotz v Jatz
7.30pm Schoolies v Kia Kaha

Round 5 Monday 7 June
6.30pm Hot Shotz v JAS 2
6.30pm AC/DC v JAS 1
7.30pm Kia Kaha v Parks
7.30pm Jatz v Schoolies

Round 6 Monday 14 June
6.30pm Schoolies v Kia Kaha
6.30pm Parks v Jatz
7.30pm JAS 1 v Hotshotz
7.30pm JAS 2 v AC/DC

There will be break of 4 weeks due to the school holidays.

Round 7 Monday 19 July
6.30pm Schoolies v Hotshotz
6.30pm Parks v JAS 1
7.30pm Jatz v JAS 2
7.30pm AC/DC v Kia Kaha

Round 8 Monday 26 July
6.30pm Jatz v Kia Kaha
6.30pm JAS 1 v JAS 2
7.30pm Hot Shotz v AC/DC
7.30pm Schoolies v Parks

Round 9 Monday 2 August
6.30pm JAS 1 v Jatz
6.30pm Parks v JAS 2
7.30pm Kia Kaha v Hotshotz
7.30pm Schoolies v AC/DC

Round 10 Monday 9 August
6.30pm JAS 2 v Schoolies
6.30pm AC/DC v Jatz
7.30pm Kia Kaha v JAS 1
7.30pm Hot Shotz v Parks

1st Semi Monday 30 August
6.30pm JAS 2 v Kia Kaha
1st v 4th
7.30pm 2nd v 3rd

Grand Final Monday 13 September
6.30pm winner of 1st Semi v winner of 2nd Semi

The mixed netball season is underway in Jabiru with a record number of teams taking part this year.

Look out for regular updates throughout the season in the Wire.

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**Kakadu Ward**
President Ralph F Blyth
Councillor Stephen Baldwin
Councillor David Norton

**Gunbalanya Ward**
Councillor Lois Nadjamerrek
Councillor Gabby Gumurdul
Councillor Otto Dann

**Maningrida Ward**
Councillor Helen Williams
Councillor Matthew Ryan
Councillor Jonathon Williams

**Barrah Ward**
Councillor Mary Yarmirr
Councillor Bunug Galaminda
Councillor Phillip Wasaga

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**Jabiru Church Service Times**

Uniting Church Worship
2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays @ 10am

Roman Catholic Mass
1st & 3rd Sundays @ 9am

Further information please contact:
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Council: 8979 6600

**Gunbalanya:**
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