FOR SCHOOL

West Arnhem Shire Council pools in Maningrida and Jabiru are a hit these school holidays. More than 200 people turned out in Jabiru Thursday 4 October to celebrate the brand new $145,000 playground installed last week. More great photos of school holiday fun across West Arnhem communities inside pg 4 & 5.

Ella Fullerton and Malena Markez know how to enjoy the brand new playground at Jabiru Pool.
i-WAIDJA APP BRINGS LINGO INTO TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

Up on Croker Island, residents have called in the help of technology to strengthen language - through a smartphone app!

The Ma! Iwaidja app has been developed as part of the Minjilang Endangered Languages Publication Project (MELP) and includes a 1500-entry English – Iwaidja dictionary with audio and a 450-entry phrasebook.

It also has a function for users to record new entries, an information section about Iwaidja and other endangered Arnhem Land languages and a ‘Wordmaker’ that allows users to construct their own phrases.

Future initiatives include functions where users can submit new words and phrases to the languages team for moderation and addition, so that the app becomes a constantly-growing warehouse for a language with only a few hundred speakers.

MELP is funded by the Indigenous Languages Support program of the Commonwealth Office of the Arts, with administrative support provided by West Arnhem Shire Council.

The project has been run since 2004 by a cross-generational community-based language team overseen by senior Iwaidja speakers, (including ‘Ngalwangardi aju Minjilang’ who passed away in May this year) and a qualified linguist, with the aim of documenting and promoting Iwaidja and other languages of northwest Arnhem Land.

The Ma! Iwaidja app is free to download from iTunes now at http://itunes.apple.com/au/app/ma-iwaidja/id557824618?mt=8, and an Android version will be coming out shortly.
NEW DENTAL SERVICE ROLLS INTO JABIRU

A new mobile dental bus has rolled into Jabiru.

After a long association treating Jabiru residents from their Darwin clinic, Andy and Quentin from Grass Roots Dental decided it was time to bring dental services out to Jabiru.

After receiving a significant grant from the Australian Government through the National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program, the couple have decked out a bus with all the equipment of a modern dental clinic.

Currently, there are no commercial dental services in Jabiru.

Residents are required to organise their own transport and arrangements with commercial dental clinics in the Darwin region if requiring treatment.

The proposed dental services from Grass Roots Dental will cover a range of procedures including preventative care, through to restorative care (fillings etc), root canal therapy, extractions and dentures.

The bus comes to Jabiru every fortnight to Brockman Oval, and bookings can be made by calling 8981 0334.

YOUNG LEADERS WANTED FOR ROUNDTABLE

Nominations are now open to join the 2013 Chief Minister’s Round Table of Young Territorians.

The Round Table calls for 16 young people from across the Territory who are looking to make a difference in their areas and the wider community.

To be eligible to apply, applicants must be 15 to 25 and able to attend four meetings in Darwin in 2013 as well as dial into monthly teleconferences. Applications close Friday 9 November 2012.

For more information visit www.youth.nt.gov.au.
More than 200 people celebrated the opening of the new playground at Jabiru Pool on Thursday 4 October.

‘Boof the Barra’ (NT Government’s water safety mascot) made a special visit to celebrate the opening, which also included a treasure hunt for the kids and a barbeque. West Arnhem Shire Council manages two pools in the Shire, one in Jabiru and the other in Maningrida.

The new playground is thanks to a $145,000 NT Government Facility Development Grant.

A special thank you to the staff from Jabiru Health Clinic for organising the troops from the outstations and communities.
Maningrida hasn’t been missing out on the fun, though, with plenty of activities on over the holidays there too.

West Arnhem Shire Council sport and rec staff compiled a busy schedule, including basketball clinics and touch footy matches.

The guys from Hoops for Health ran some player development clinics early on in the week (right) along with a barbeque, while the young fellas enjoyed some ‘back to country’ bush trips just outside Maningrida (below right).
IS SUGAR MAKING YOU TIRED?

Starting this edition, The Wire will be running a six-part health series by the Jabiru Clinic’s Health and Lifestyle Educator Brendan O’Brien. Brendan has been working with residents of the Jabiru and Kakadu region for nearly one year, and to kick the series off, he discusses how we can insulate ourselves from the harmful effects of what he believes is a substance just as bad as alcohol and cigarettes: sugar.

This week we are going to cover the grand topic of weight loss or specifically FAT LOSS.

There is absolutely no better way if you want to get fat quick, suppress your immune system, mess with your insulin levels, age quicker, reduce mental clarity, have mood swings, feel tired, have poor athletic performance and a overall feeling of less than at your best, than consuming sugar. It’s eating, drinking or sucking on the stuff!

If you want to look, feel and be at your best, sugar is best avoided and used only sparingly as a treat or at special occasions. Not daily.

Soft drinks in my opinion are one of the biggest health problems that we experience in our region, its right up there with smoking and alcohol. Each can of soft drink has around 10 teaspoons of sugar in it. That’s way too much for any human body to process.

Swap the soft drink for sparkling mineral water, add some lemon or lime and drink your way to better health. This alone will make a big difference and cutting out sugar will send you on your way to great looks, strength, vitality and health. See the below link for some more information on the effects of sugar: http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2005/05/04/sugar-dangers-part-two.aspx

FIXED (TEMPORARY) VACANCY

Department of Education and Training

Maintenance Officer
Jabiru Area School, Jabiru
Physical 2 $41,973 per annum
Temporary Vacancy from 15 October 2012 to 31 December 2012

Primary Objective
Under the direction of the Business Manager maintain the buildings and property of Jabiru Area School in a functional, neat and orderly condition and ensure that the school is maintained according to school and DET policies and procedures and Occupational Health and Safety regulations.

Context Statement
Jabiru Area School has a 60% population of Indigenous students. 316 students from Pre-School to Year 12 attend the school with a staff of 62 (teaching and non-teaching).

Key Responsibilities
1. Regularly inspect and undertake general repairs and maintenance to school buildings and school grounds utilizing technical, general handyman, or tradesman skills as required.
2. Carry out a range of tasks to make sure the school premises are in an orderly condition. When necessary restore toilets and wet areas to a clean and hygienic state during school hours and action potential health and safety risks by immediately reporting or exercise judgement in rectifying the problem.
3. Complete OH&S scheduled checks.
4. Inspect the school premises and unlock the school each morning before start time. Report immediately any unusual activity, e.g. vandalism, break in etc.
5. Assist in maintaining the school’s asset register and liaise with the Business Manager to track asset movements.

Selection Criteria Essential:
1. Demonstrated ability to carry out inspections of school facilities and the capacity to undertake minor maintenance of buildings and fittings.
2. Ability to work within the framework of the work, health and safety guidelines.
3. Current NT driver’s licence.
4. Well developed communication and interpersonal skills when dealing with the public, contractors, school staff and students including the ability to interact effectively with people from different cultures
5. Ability to determine priorities, meet deadlines and work independently.
6. A current Working With Children Clearance (Ochre Card)

Desirable:
1. A relevant trade certificate or recognised equivalent trade experience, or technical knowledge of practices, procedures and skill, obtained through considerable training or experience.
2. Demonstrated experience in gardens/ground maintenance.

Quote Vacancy No: 7628 Vacancy Closes: 12/10/12
Contact Officer: Principal or Business Manager
Phone: 8938 3333
JABIRU BOMBERS LOOKING TO EXPAND PLAYER BASE

The Jabiru Bombers AFL team may well have to change its name to the West Arnhem Bombers this season after a widespread interest from players from other West Arnhem communities.

In September men from Gunbalunya and Maningrida joined those from Kapalga Outstation, Mamukala Outstation and Jabiru and helped the team towards victory at the Gurrung Sports Carnival, and again at the traditional start to the Bombers’ season, the under/over 30s game played on 21 September.

Bombers President Ian Douglass says that he hopes to see the new players continue, both for the boost to the team and the opportunities it offers isolated players.

“We always encourage new players, and this year’s team will have a strong West Arnhem theme, I reckon,” Ian said.

In a town where rosters often interfere with the fielding of a full team, extra people on the list can also make or break a game.

The Jabiru bombers will play the first three games of the new season in Darwin this year, three weeks in which Ian hopes they can make a good impression.

The sense of community and mateship gained from the sports carnival was an excellent beginning that should be converted into a good season.

Meanwhile the 2012 Auskick season also game to a close the afternoon of the under/over 30s game.

More than 40 kids from around Jabiru completed this season’s course, run by West Arnhem Shire Council sport and rec staff with assistance from West Arnhem College teachers.

A big thank you to the participants and their parents.

POLICE RUN WORKSHOP, PROVIDE TOOLKIT TO HELP CURB BINGE DRINKING

An initiative led by the Northern Territory Police is hoping to provide people who work with young people in the Kakadu region with a toolkit to help engage young people.

The NT Police are looking to form local partnerships to assist you people, particularly those affected by alcohol and binge drinking.

The NT Early Intervention Pilot Program (NTIEPP) is an initiative under the Australian Government’s National Binge Drinking Strategy.

A workshop will be held in Jabiru at the Department of Business Training Room on 16 October from 8:30am-12:30pm.

Anybody who works closely with children and young people, from school staff, counsellors, local sport and recreation officers to police are invited to attend the workshop.

To register, email NTEIPP.police@pfes.nt.gov.au or...
What’s on?

Jabiru

Fri 21 & Fri 28 Sept Free circuit training with the guys from Clontarf. All welcome, meet at the new school MPA (assembly hall) at 7am for a 7:15am start. Contact Brad 0429 966 022.

Every Tues Jabiru Art & Craft Group meets every Tuesday 7:30-9:00pm Kakadu Youth Centre. All welcome.

Every Tues & Thurs Jabiru Bombers AFL training, from 5:30pm at Brockman Oval, Jabiru. All fitness and skills levels welcome. Stay fit, have fun, and meet new people.

Jabiru playgroup meets every Tuesday from 9:30-11am at the Courthouse in Jabiru (across from the bus stop). First two visits are free. Plenty of fun, craft, toys and interaction for bubs and parents.

Wed 24 Oct Free fire extinguisher training for Jabiru residents and local businesses by NTFRS and ERA. Contact Leona Katzer for session times and more information on 8979 2608 or leona.katzer@era.riotinto.com

Sat 20 Oct Pink Ribbon Ambrose Golf Day to raise money and awareness of breast cancer. 9 hole ambrose, 10:00am for 10:30am shotgun tee off, $10 each, Jabiru Golf Club.

Sat 20 Oct Kakadu Storm Rugby League Club AGM (6pm) and Presentation Night (7pm). A discounted set menu available, live entertainment, free entry. At Jabiru Sports and Social Club.

Other bits

ERA Community Partnerships Fund applications are open again for projects that contribute to a healthy and positive community in the Alligator Rivers region. See www.energyres.com.au or contact 8979 2609.

Used ink cartridges? West Arnhem Shire Council is collecting used ink cartridges to recycle. Drop your copier, printer or fax cartridge into the Jabiru office.

Jabiru Heath Clinic

Ph: 8979 2018

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Positions Vacant

- Team Leader CDEP – Full time – Minjilang – Accommodation provided – Closes 12 October 2012
- CDEP Senior Mentor – Men – Full time – Gunbalanya – No accommodation provided – Closes 12 October 2012
- Senior Mechanical Workshop Officer – Full time – Maningrida – Accommodation provided – Closes 19 October 2012
- R & M Tradesperson – Plumber – Full time – Maningrida – Accommodation provided – Closes 19 October 2012

Position descriptions are available from www.westarnhem.nt.gov.au or Linda Veugen-Yong on 08 8982 9522. Written applications must address the selection criteria & should have “Confidential – Application for Employment” written in the subject line, and emailed to: vacancy@westarnhem.nt.gov.au