



Active Communities & Youth Services



Image: Gapuwiyak ACYS fishing trip to Raymangirr

NEWSLETTER JULY 2025

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES & YOUTH SERVICES

FROM THE REGIONAL MANAGER -

IT IS EXCITING TO SHARE THE BROAD RANGE AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITY FACILITATED UNDER ACYS THROUGHOUT JULY. SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ARE A CRITICAL TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. THEIR WELLBEING IS AIDED BY CONSISTENT AFTERHOURS ENGAGEMENT, ACCESS TO SAFE SPACES, AND MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW EXPERIENCES. I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE CURRENT INFLUX OF QUALITY PROVIDER ENGAGEMENTS, WHICH HAVE GIVEN NEW AND VARIED OPPORTUNITIES TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN MULTIPLE COMMUNITIES IN JULY. HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH INCLUDED VIDEOGRAPHY, SONG WRITING, DANCE, SPORT, AND MORE. PLEASE ENJOY THE HIGHLIGHTS SHARED WITHIN.

DESPITE THESE GOOD OUTCOMES, I WANT TO ASSURE COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND STAKEHOLDERS THAT I AM COMMITTED TO CONTINUOUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENT. IF YOU HAVE ANY FEEDBACK OR THOUGHTS ON ACYS IN YOUR COMMUNITY, I AM EAGER TO HEAR FROM YOU.

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THANK YOU



Image: Gapuwiyak Yarning Garden



Image: Night time basketball in Milingimbi

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES & YOUTH SERVICES

NEW NAME

THE YSR SERVICE IS NOW CALLED: ACTIVE COMMUNITIES AND YOUTH SERVICES (ACYS).

YOU WILL ALSO SEE IN EMAIL SIGNATURES THAT MOST OF OUR TEAM HAVE NEW JOB TITLES.

BY JULY 2025, WE WILL ROLL OUT NEW BRANDING REFLECTING THIS NAME CHANGE ON OUR MONTHLY PLANNERS AND OTHER PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL.



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NEW STRUCTURE

THE ACYS PROGRAM IS NOW STRUCTURED AROUND TWO INTERCONNECTED AREAS OF FOCUS – ACTIVE COMMUNITIES AND YOUTH SERVICES.

THE ACYS PROGRAM IS MANAGED BY REGIONAL MANAGER ACYS PETER DUNKLEY.



Image: Gapuwiyak Yarning Garden set up activity

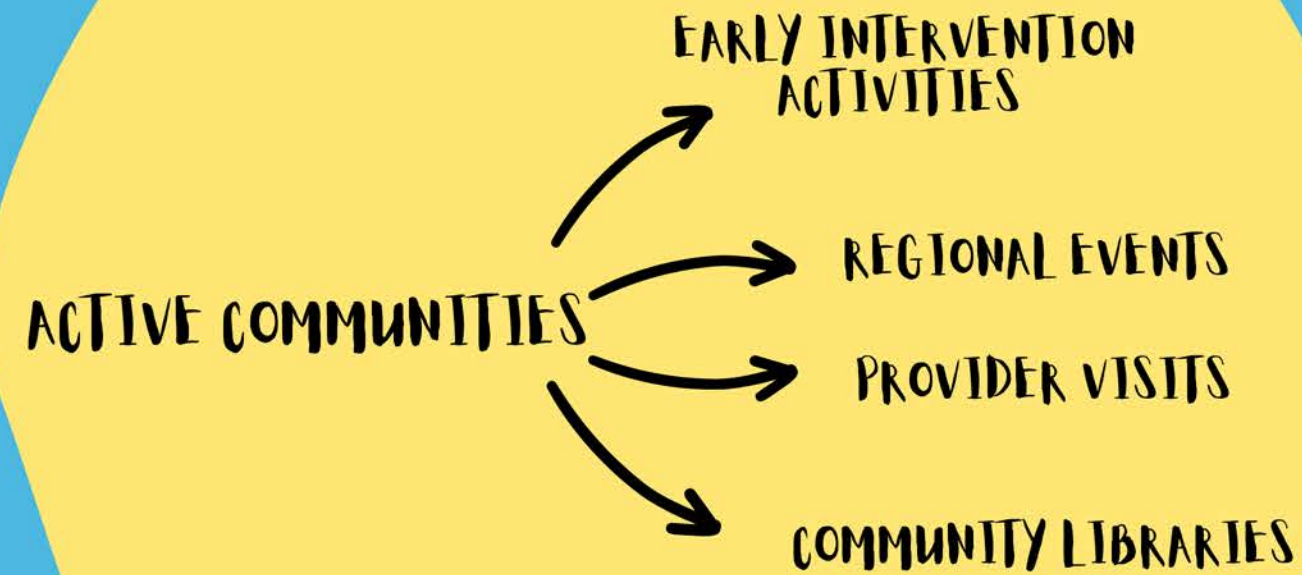


Image: Galiwin'ku NAIDOC cooking activity



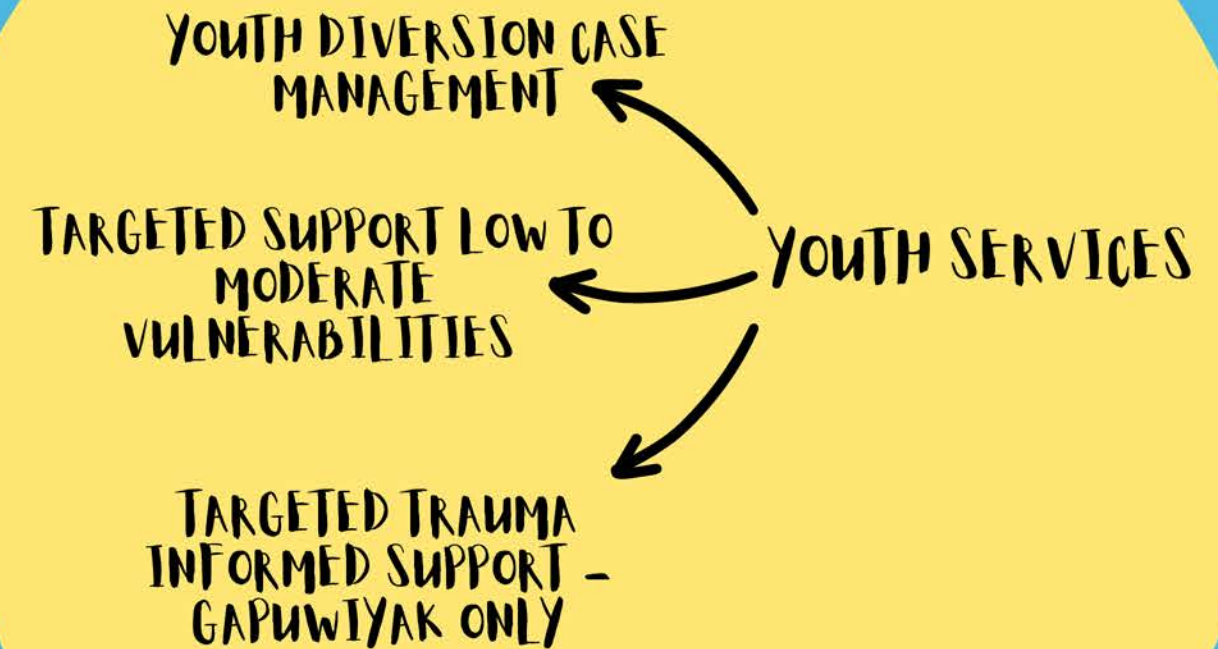
Image: Yirrkala night time basketball activity

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ACTIVE COMMUNITIES FOCUSES ON PROACTIVE, CONSISTENT YEAR-ROUND EARLY INTERVENTION ACTIVITIES FACILITATED AFTER SCHOOL HOURS AND DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. ADDITIONALLY, WE FACILITATE MULTIPLE ANNUAL REGIONAL EVENTS, ENGAGE DIVERSE EXTERNAL PROVIDERS WHO ARE DOMAIN EXPERTS IN A RANGE OF YOUTH ENGAGEMENT DISCIPLINES, AND WE NOW RUN COMMUNITY LIBRARIES IN SEVERAL COMMUNITIES.

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES IS MANAGED BY ACTIVE COMMUNITIES MANAGER, DANIEL RULE.



YOUTH SERVICES FOCUSES ON MORE TARGETED SUPPORT FOR AT RISK YOUNG PEOPLE EXPERIENCING LOW TO MODERATE VULNERABILITIES. EARC ACCEPT REFERRALS, PROVIDE ASSESSMENT, AND TRIAGE YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER 3 SEPARATELY FUNDED BUT COMPLIMENTARY PROGRAM AREAS.

YOUTH SERVICES IS MANAGED BY YOUTH SERVICES MANAGER, CHRISTIAN AREVALO.

PARTICIPATION & ENGAGEMENT - JULY 2025

131

TOTAL ACTIVITIES
DELIVERED

3867

TOTAL PARTICIPANT
ENGAGEMENTS

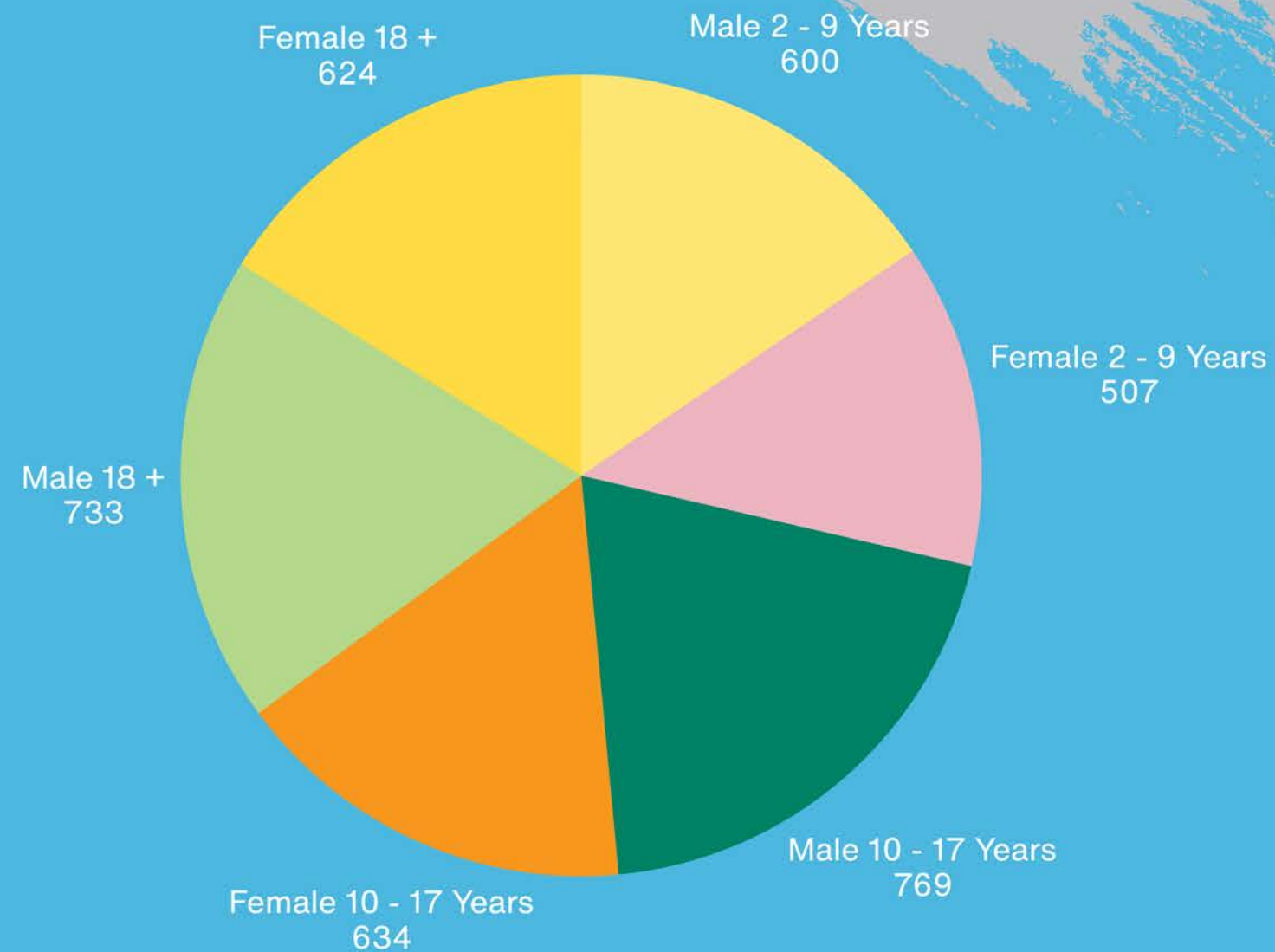


Image: Colour Run - Yirrkala

JULY 2025



EMPLOYMENT & CAPACITY BUILDING

DURING THE MONTH OF JULY, OUR DELIVERY NETWORK FEATURED 32 STAFF, INCLUDING **27 STAFF MEMBERS IDENTIFYING AS INDIGENOUS**. THIS INCLUDED:

3 X FULL-TIME ACTIVE COMMUNITIES COORDINATORS

2 X CASUAL/PART-TIME YOUTH MENTORS

19 X CASUAL/PART-TIME YSR WORKERS

3 X LIBRARY & CULTURAL HERITAGE WORKERS

OUR INDIGENOUS IDENTIFIED TEAM MEMBERS ARE CRITICAL IN THE DELIVERY OF STRENGTHS-BASED AND CULTURALLY CENTRED ACTIVITIES.



Image: Ramingining ACYS fishing trip



Image: Gapuwiyak Basketball program

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: SIKELI QOUNADOVU

ORIGINALLY FROM FIJI, I STARTED WORKING WITH EARC ON OCTOBER 2022 IN A RELIEF CAPACITY AND THEN TRANSITIONED TO FULL TIME TWO MONTHS LATER. FOR ME THE BEST PART OF THE JOB IS BEING ABLE TO PUT SMILES ON THE FACES OF THE KIDS AND GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY; MY HOME AWAY FROM HOME.

IN THIS ROLE, I'VE BUILT A STRONG WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR TEAM, WHICH BOASTS EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE. I'VE ALSO HONED MY STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT SKILLS, FOSTERING PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE MANY OUTSTANDING ORGANISATIONS IN GAPUWIYAK THAT ARE MAKING A POSITIVE IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY. BY EARNING THEIR TRUST, WE'VE ESTABLISHED A COLLABORATIVE AND EFFECTIVE WORKING DYNAMIC.

IN THE FUTURE, I'D LIKE TO UNDERSTAND MORE OF THE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE HERE. IT'S VERY COMPLEX. I'VE BEEN HERE NOW FOR THREE YEARS AND I'M ALWAYS LEARNING.

FOR A TRULY AUTHENTIC AUSTRALIAN EXPERIENCE, CONSIDER WORKING IN REMOTE COMMUNITIES. WHEN ENGAGING WITH THESE COMMUNITIES, HUMILITY IS KEY. WHILE QUALIFICATIONS ARE VALUABLE, DEMONSTRATING RESPECT IS CRUCIAL FOR BUILDING TRUST AND EARNING RESPECT IN RETURN. THERE'S A WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE TO ABSORB AND NUANCES TO UNDERSTAND IN THESE ENVIRONMENTS. BY ADOPTING THIS APPROACH, I'VE HAD A REWARDING EXPERIENCE WORKING IN THE COMMUNITY.

WE RECENTLY COMPLETED A SUCCESSFUL 5-MONTH BASKETBALL SEASON, FEATURING WEEKLY GAMES, WITH A NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT: ZERO INCIDENTS OF CONFLICT OR DISPUTES. THIS SUCCESS EXTENDED TO OUR NAIDOC WEEK EVENTS, WHICH DREW OVER 300 ATTENDEES WITHOUT A SINGLE ISSUE. IT'S HEARTENING TO SEE THE COMMUNITY'S YOUTH TAKING OWNERSHIP OF THEIR ENVIRONMENT, DEMONSTRATED BY THEIR RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR IN DISPOSING OF RUBBISH AT THE RECREATION HALL. AS THE FUTURE LEADERS OF GAPUWIYAK, EMPOWERING THESE YOUNG INDIVIDUALS IS CRUCIAL. I'M HUMBLLED AND BLESSED TO BE SERVING IN THIS COMMUNITY AND CONTRIBUTING TO ITS GROWTH.

#PROUDAUSTRALIANFIJIANAMONGYOLNGU



YOUTH SERVICES JULY UPDATE

IT HAS BEEN A BUSY MONTH FOR THE TEAM! WE HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD TO IMPROVE OUR PROCESSES AND REPORTING SYSTEMS, WITH PLENTY OF EMAILS AND MEETINGS FLYING AROUND 😊. WE HAVE ALSO SPENT TIME ON THE ROAD, VISITING SEVERAL COMMUNITIES TO CHECK IN WITH OUR YOUTH DIVERSION CLIENTS.

ABOUT YOUTH DIVERSION

YOUTH DIVERSION IS ONE OF OUR LONGEST-RUNNING PROGRAMS. IT GIVES YOUNG PEOPLE A SECOND CHANCE BY OFFERING AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE FORMAL COURT AND JUSTICE SYSTEM. THE GOAL IS TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE AVOID A CRIMINAL RECORD, WHICH CAN SERIOUSLY AFFECT FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES.

OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS, WE HAVE PROVIDED YOUTH DIVERSION SERVICES TO MORE THAN 30 YOUNG PEOPLE IN COMMUNITIES INCLUDING GALIWIN'KU, RAMINGINING, MILINGIMBI, AND THE GOVE PENINSULA. HALF OF THESE CASES HAVE NOW BEEN SUCCESSFULLY FINALISED.

WHAT YOUTH DIVERSION INVOLVES

YOUNG PEOPLE REFERRED TO THE PROGRAM ARE GENERALLY REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A RANGE OF CONDITIONS, DEPENDING ON THE NATURE OF THEIR OFFENCE. THESE MAY INCLUDE:

- ATTENDING A YOUTH JUSTICE CONFERENCE.
- PARTICIPATING IN COUNSELLING OR EDUCATION SESSIONS ON TOPICS SUCH AS DECISION-MAKING, ANGER MANAGEMENT, OR PEER PRESSURE.
- TAKING PART IN RESTORATIVE SESSIONS TO DISCUSS THE OFFENCE AND DELIVER AN APOLOGY (EITHER IN PERSON OR THROUGH A WRITTEN LETTER).
- COMPLETING COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS, DEPENDING ON THE SEVERITY OF THE OFFENCE – SOMETIMES THIS EVEN LEADS TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.
- FULFILLING OTHER CASE-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS, SUCH AS EDUCATION ABOUT ALCOHOL OR DRUG USE, OR VOLATILE SUBSTANCE MISUSE (SNIFFING).

THE TEAM IS PROUD OF THE WORK BEING DONE AND THE POSITIVE OUTCOMES WE ARE SEEING. AS ALWAYS, WE THANK OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

Image: Education Session in Milingimbi

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES JULY UPDATE

WHAT A MONTH! JULY HIGHLIGHTS 🌟

IT'S RARE TO SEE A MONTH AS ACTION-PACKED AS THIS PAST JULY! WE WERE BLOWN AWAY BY THE QUALITY OF PROGRAMS DELIVERED DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, THANKS TO THE INCREDIBLE WORK OF OUR VISITING ACTIVITY PROVIDERS. HUGE THANKS TO **BREAK'N BARRIERZ**, **SOUNDED**, AND **NEXT 9** FOR THEIR ENERGY, PASSION, AND PROFESSIONALISM. EACH BROUGHT SOMETHING SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITIES—AND SOME AMAZING VIDEOS WERE CREATED TO CAPTURE THE MAGIC! YOU'LL FIND MORE ABOUT THOSE PROGRAMS FURTHER ON IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

PACKED WITH PROGRAMS

JULY WAS FULL OF BOTH SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND SCHOOL TERM PROGRAMS. ACROSS THE REGION, OUR TEAMS MADE THE MOST OF THE GREAT WEATHER—GETTING YOUNG PEOPLE OUT ON COUNTRY FOR FISHING TRIPS, WHILE ALSO DELIVERING:

COLOUR RUNS
DISCOS
SPORTS SESSIONS
COOKING PROGRAMS
MOVIE NIGHTS
ART AND CRAFT
DROP-IN CENTRE ACTIVITIES

A HUGE SHOUTOUT TO OUR HARDWORKING TEAM FOR STEPPING UP DURING SUCH A BUSY TIME!

LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS

IN GAPUWIYAK, THE ACYS TEAM WRAPPED UP THEIR WEEKLY BASKETBALL COMPETITION WITH A GRAND FINAL, MARKING THE END OF A SEASON THAT'S BEEN RUNNING SINCE FEBRUARY. CHECK OUT THE FULL REPORT LATER IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

WHAT'S AHEAD IN AUGUST

WE'RE EXCITED ABOUT SOME UPCOMING STAFF DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN AUGUST INCLUDING: A TEAM TRAINING WEEK ON THE GOVE PENINSULA; AND, **BASKETBALL NT** RETURNING TO GALIWIN'KU TO DELIVER MORE COACHING EDUCATION

AFTER THAT - WE JUMP STRAIGHT INTO OUR BUSY REGIONAL EVENT SEASON.

THANKS FOR BEING PART OF THE JOURNEY—MORE UPDATES TO COME NEXT MONTH!

DAN RULE, ACTIVE COMMUNITIES MANAGER



Image: Gunyangara
night time basketball

ACTIVITY PROVIDER REPORT

30 JUNE - 4 JULY

BREAK'N BARRIERZ - GALIWIN'KU

THIS WEEK IN GALIWIN'KU WAS A HUGE SUCCESS, WITH AN INCREDIBLE LEVEL OF ENGAGEMENT FROM THE COMMUNITY! WE HAD A HIGH NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS GETTING INVOLVED IN EVERY ASPECT OF THE CREATIVE PROCESS – FROM SONGWRITING TO DANCING AND FILMING. STARTING PROGRAMS FROM 10 AM AND FINISHING AT 11:30 PM/ MIDNIGHT EVERY NIGHT, NON STOP THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE DAY BECAUSE OF THE HIGH DEMAND FROM THE COMMUNITY! IT WAS INCREDIBLE!!

TWO ORIGINAL MUSIC VIDEOS WERE CREATED IN COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL TALENT, EACH ONE SHOWCASING THE STRENGTH, JOY, AND CULTURE OF THE YOLŪ PEOPLE. THE ENERGY WAS HIGH, THE VIBES WERE DHAPIRRK, AND THE STORIES SHARED WERE POWERFUL.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK? DISCOVERING A STANDOUT LOCAL TALENT MAGGIE MUTUWILI GARAWIRRTJA WHO WILL OFFICIALLY JOIN THE BREAK'N BARRIERZ TEAM AS AN ARTIST FOR FUTURE PROJECTS! THIS IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT – CREATING PATHWAYS AND UNCOVERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CREATIVE LEADERS FROM COMMUNITY.

THE FRIDAY NIGHT SHOWCASE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS WITH HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE SHOWING UP, KIDS PERFORMING, ADULTS PERFORMING AND EVERYONE SINGING ALONG TO THE MUSIC VIDEO WHILE IT WAS BEING SHOWCASED FOR THE FIRST TIME! AFTER ALL THE PERFORMANCES THE DISCO STARTED AND HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE DANCING HAVING A LOT OF FUN WHICH WAS AN AMAZING WAY TO END THE WEEK!

BIG THANKS AGAIN TO EVERYONE WHO JUMPED IN, SUPPORTED, AND HELPED MAKE THIS PROJECT UNFORGETTABLE. GALIWIN'KU TRULY STEPPED UP AND STOOD OUT!

MATTY, BREAK'N BARRIERZ

GALIWIN'KU – DHAPIRRK LIFE STYLE: [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/Q8KENZMB324](https://youtu.be/Q8KENZMB324)

MAGGIE – SMILE FOR THE WORLD (BREAK'N BARRIERZ OWN SIDE PROJECT CREATED WITH LOCAL TALENT MAGGIE): [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/5SECDUZI9WK](https://youtu.be/5SECDUZI9WK)



BREAK'N BARRIERZ WORKSHOPS - GALIWIN'KU



ACTIVITY PROVIDER REPORT

7-11 JULY

SOUNDED - MILINGIMBI

WAYNE FROM SOUNDED DELIVERED ENGAGING MUSIC VIDEO WORKSHOPS IN MILINGIMBI 7-11 JULY. THE PROGRAM RECEIVED THE STRONGEST ENGAGEMENT FROM TEENAGERS AND KIDS. NOTABLY, THE PROGRAM ENGAGED MANY KIDS WHO ARE NORMALLY SHY AND HAVEN'T PREVIOUSLY ENGAGED WITH A CREATIVE PROGRAM OF THIS TYPE.

AT THE START OF THE PROGRAM, THE THEME FOR THE SONG WAS CREATED. KIDS WANTED TO SHARE THEIR STORIES AND SHOWCASE THEIR MILINGIMBI LIFESTYLE THROUGH THE MUSIC VIDEO. A FEW ADULTS ASSISTED WITH WRITING LYRICS AND ORGANISING KIDS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD. SINGERS AND RAPPERS WERE THEN IDENTIFIED. THERE WERE LOTS OF LEADERSHIP ROLES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF TO KEEP THE PROJECT ON TRACK.

WHEN IT CAME TO RECORDING SOUND AND VIDEO, SOME OF THE KIDS WERE SHY AND NERVOUS. THE GROUP PROGRESSED FROM HAVING ONLY THE SINGER IN THE ROOM TO THE KIDS BECOMING MORE CONFIDENT TO SING IN FRONT OF EACH OTHER IN GROUPS OF 2 OR 3 BY THE END OF THE WEEK.

FILMING WAS UNDERTAKEN AT THE OVAL, BARGE RAMP AND AROUND COMMUNITY. SOME OF THE MILINGIMBI NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS WERE CAPTURED AS WELL. SOUND RECORDING OCCURRED IN THE CHILL OUT SPACE OF THE REC HALL.

FOR FUTURE PROJECTS WE PLAN TO PROMOTE THE ACTIVITY EARLIER TO STAKEHOLDERS AND COMMUNITY TO FURTHER INCREASE ENGAGEMENT. WE ARE REALLY GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDERS TO ASSIST WITH THIS MUSIC VIDEO PROJECT.

THE LINK TO THE FINAL VIDEO WILL BE AVAILABLE VERY SOON!

THANK YOU WAYNE - WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT ONE!



SOUNDED WORKSHOPS - MILINGIMBI



ACTIVITY PROVIDER REPORT

8-12 JULY

NEXT 9 SPORTS ACADEMY, AND BREAK'N BARRIERZ - GAPUWIYAK

ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

NEXT 9, IN COLLABORATION WITH BREAK'N BARRIERZ, BROUGHT A DYNAMIC ENERGY TO GAPUWIYAK FOR NAIDOC WEEK. THEIR ACTIVITIES FROM TUESDAY, JULY 8 TO SATURDAY, JULY 12 WERE INCLUSIVE, ATTRACTING THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY (WITH THE HIGHEST TURNOUT ON SATURDAY WHERE WE HAD ABOUT 300. EVERYONE IN GAPUWIYAK ENJOYED THE PROGRAMS IMMENSELY. ATNAS AND MATTY BROUGHT WITH THEM A POSITIVE, VIBRANT ENERGY THAT RESONATED WELL WITH THE GAPUWIYAK COMMUNITY. KEY ACTIVITIES LED BY ATNAS AND MATTY INCLUDED:

- MORNING BASKETBALL DRILLS AND SKILLS SESSIONS
- WRITING AND PRODUCING A SONG AND MUSIC VIDEO
- ORGANISATION OF TRADITIONAL DANCING AND STORYTELLING
- OFFICIATING THE LOCAL BASKETBALL COMPETITION
- EVENING HIP HOP DANCE SESSIONS

IMPACT

THE PRESENCE AND ACTIVITIES OF NEXT 9 AND BREAK'N BARRIERZ HAD A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY:

- THE KIDS PARTICIPATED ENTHUSIASTICALLY IN ALL ACTIVITIES AND WERE TIRED BUT HAPPY, LEADING TO EARLY BEDTIMES.
- NAIDOC WEEK IN GAPUWIYAK WAS INCIDENT-FREE.
- THE WEEK CONCLUDED WITH A SUCCESSFUL EVENT ON SATURDAY, JULY 12, INCLUDING:

BASKETBALL GRAND FINAL
MEDAL PRESENTATION
MUSIC VIDEO PREVIEW
DANCE-OFF COMPETITION
DISCO, WHICH DREW A CROWD OF ALMOST 300!

VIDEO

EVERYONE APPRECIATED THE POSITIVE, VIBRANT ENERGY ATNAS AND MATTY BROUGHT TO GAPUWIYAK. FIND AS FOLLOWS THE LINK TO THE MUSIC VIDEO PRODUCED DURING THE WEEK AND READILY AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE;

LINK: [BREAK'N BARRIERZ X NEXT 9 -GAPUWIYAK I GOT GAME - YOUTUBE](#)



Image:

NEXT 9 SPORTS ACADEMY WORKSHOPS - GAPUWIYAK



NAIDOC WEEK 2025

GALIWIN'KU: THE COMMUNITY ENJOYED A VIBRANT COLOUR RUN EVENT, FOLLOWED BY A BBQ IN COLLABORATION WITH MIWATJ HEALTH. ONGOING BASKETBALL AND DROP-IN CENTRE PROGRAMS CONTINUED TO PROVIDE ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. A CULTURE DAY AND HUNTING TRIP OFFERED MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS TO COUNTRY AND CULTURE.

GAPUWIYAK: THE COMMUNITY ENJOYED BASKETBALL AND MUSIC VIDEO PROGRAMS, CULMINATING IN THE BASKETBALL FINALS, COMPLETE WITH A MEDAL PRESENTATION, BBQ, MUSIC VIDEO PREMIERE, AND A DISCO. ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK WAS THE LAUNCH OF THE YARNING GARDEN AT THE YOUTH CENTRE —A POWERFUL COLLABORATION WITH MIYARRKA RANGERS, POLICE, ACTIVE COMMUNITY, AND LEARNING ON COUNTRY. YOUNG PEOPLE HELPED PREPARE THE GROUND BEFORE WESLEY, ONE OF THE RANGERS, PLANTED THE FIRST TREE. UNDER SUPERVISION, THE YOUNG PEOPLE THEN PLANTED A VARIETY OF BUSH TUCKER, MEDICINAL, AND HEDGE PLANTS. THE PROGRAM ALSO INCLUDED POSTER-CREATING ACTIVITIES, STRENGTHENING YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND CREATIVE EXPRESSION.

YIRRKALA & GUNYANGARA: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED A SLIP 'N SLIDE, BBQ, AND A HUNTING AND FISHING TRIP, WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE COLLECTED MUSSELS, SHELLFISH, AND CRAB. ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDED FISHING AT SHADY BEACH, VOLLEYBALL, AND BASKETBALL, KEEPING THE YOUTH ACTIVE AND CONNECTED.

RAMINGINING: A SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY EVENT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CDP WAS HELD, ALONGSIDE A BASKETBALL PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

MILINGIMBI: YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGED IN BASKETBALL AND MUSIC VIDEO WORKSHOPS, WITH A SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT BEING ROO TAIL COOKING ON THE BEACH.



2025 BASKETBALL COMPETITION IN GAPUWIYAK

INTRODUCTION

THE 2025 BASKETBALL COMPETITION IN GAPUWIYAK COMMENCED IN FEBRUARY WITH FOUR REGISTERED MEN'S TEAMS. A FIFTH MEN'S TEAM JOINED TWO WEEKS LATER, ALONGSIDE FOUR WOMEN'S TEAMS AND FOUR KIDS' TEAMS (U16). FINALS WERE RECENTLY HELD ON SATURDAY 12 JULY.

COMPETITION OVERVIEW

THE BASKETBALL COMPETITION WAS HELD EVERY SATURDAY AT THE GAPUWIYAK SCHOOL COURT. A TOTAL OF 13 TEAMS WITH 108 PLAYERS AGED 13-40 YEARS PARTICIPATED. INCLUDING SPECTATORS FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDERS, ABOUT 100 SCREAMING FANS ATTENDED EACH WEEKEND TO CHEER ON THEIR TEAMS AND ENJOY THE ATMOSPHERE.

ATMOSPHERE AND PARTICIPATION

BASKETBALL IN GAPUWIYAK IS ALWAYS CRAZY AND ELECTRIFYING, WITH LOCALS KEPT AT THE EDGE OF THEIR SEATS. IT WAS FUN, AND EVERYONE ENJOYED THEMSELVES. THE COMPETITION CONCLUDED WITH EXCITING FINALS IN EACH DIVISION.
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LADDER AFTER REGULAR SEASON

Men's								
Team	Played	W	L	D	PF	PA	PD	TOTAL
SUPERSTARS	7	6	1		178	130	48	29
WARRIORS	7	6	1		167	135	32	25
BULLS	7	3	4		135	156	-21	16
DOLPHINS	7	1	6		130	137	-7	10
SEAGULLS	7	1	6		159	166	-7	10
Women's								
Team	Played	W	L	D	PF	PA	PD	TOTAL
All Star	3	3			69	30	39	16
Lakers	3	2	1		68	45	23	9
Magic Girls	3	2	1		48	68	-20	9
Cavalliers	3	0	3		19	54	-35	3
Kids								
Black Mamba	3	3			69	30	39	12
No More	3	2	1		58	35	23	9
Bulls	3	1	2		47	67	-20	6
AND 1	3	0	3		19	54	-35	3



2025 BASKETBALL COMPETITION IN GAPUWIYAK (CONT.)

FINALS RESULTS

MEN'S DIVISION: DOLPHINS AND SEAGULLS ENDED UP WITH A DRAW IN THE POINTS TABLE AND HAD TO BATTLE IT OUT IN A “DO OR DIE” BATTLE FOR THE WINNER TO PLAY THE WARRIORS IN THE SEMI-FINALS. SEAGULLS WENT ON TO PLAY THE WARRIORS BUT LOST AS THE WARRIORS MARCHED ON TO BEAT SUPERSTARS IN THE GRAND FINAL TO BE CROWNED 2025 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS.

WOMEN'S DIVISION: ALL STARS BEAT LAKERS IN THE FINAL TO BE CROWNED WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS.

KIDS DIVISION: NO MORE BEAT BLACK MAMBA TO BE CROWNED WINNERS.

THE GRAND-FINAL WAS HELD ON SATURDAY JULY 12 WITH THE MEDAL PRESENTATION HELD ALONGSIDE OUR DISCO AS WE CLOSED OFF NAIDOC WEEK ON A HIGH.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

SPECIAL GRATITUDE AND RECOGNITION TO ATNAS OF NEXT 9 SPORTS ACADEMY FOR OFFICIATING THE LAST THREE IMPORTANT ROUNDS.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE IN THE GAPUWIYAK COMMUNITY FOR TAKING RESPONSIBILITY AND ENSURING THE COMPETITION RAN SMOOTHLY WITH NO INCIDENTS, FIGHTS, ARGUMENTS, OR TENSION. EVERYONE ENSURED GAMES WERE RUN SMOOTHLY, PICKED UP RUBBISH, AND CLEANED THE SCHOOL COURT AFTER EVERY GAME NIGHT.

THANK YOU TO GAPUWIYAK SCHOOL FOR ALLOWING THE USE OF THE SCHOOL BASKETBALL COURT AND LIGHTS AT NIGHT.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

MEN: MAXWELL WUNUNGMURRA

WOMEN: ROMAN WUNUNGMURRA

KIDS: OMEERA



LOOKING AHEAD...

UPCOMING EVENTS

25-27 AUGUST

- SOFTBALL NT WORKSHOPS - YIRRKALA & GUNYANGARA

25-29 AUGUST

- BASKETBALL NT COACHING AND UMPIRE TRAINING - GALIWIN'KU

6 SEPTEMBER

- AFLX UNDER 15 GIRLS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - YIRRKALA

24-26 SEPTEMBER

- EASTERN CUP BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS - GALIWIN'KU

20 SEPTEMBER - 5 OCTOBER

- SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS - ALL COMMUNITIES

29 SEPTEMBER - 3 OCTOBER

- MILINGIMBI ART WORKSHOPS - MILINGIMBI
- SOUNDED MUSIC VIDEO WORKSHOPS - GALIWIN'KU
- BUILD UP SKATEBOARDING WORKSHOPS - RAMINGINING
- BULA BULA ART WORKSHOPS - RAMINGINING
- NEXT 9 SPORTS ACADEMY WORKSHOPS - YIRRKALA & GUNYANGARA

25 OCTOBER

- AFLX UNDER 15 BOYS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - GAPUWIYAK



4TH ANNUAL AFLX
UNDER-15 GIRLS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

6 SEPTEMBER 2025
Yirrkala Oval

GALIWIN'KU | GAPUWIYAK | GUNYANGARA
MILINGIMBI | NHULUNBUY | RAMINGINING | YIRRKALA

Under 15 Years: Contact your Active Communities Coordinator for sign ups!

  
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4TH ANNUAL EASTERN CUP
BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

25 & 26 SEPTEMBER 2025
EARC Galiwin'ku Recreation Hall

GAPUWIYAK | GALIWIN'KU | GROOTE GOVE | MILINGIMBI | RAMINGINING

16+ Years: Contact your Active Communities Coordinator for sign ups!

 
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5TH ANNUAL AFLX
UNDER-15 BOYS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

25 OCTOBER 2025
Gapuwiyak Oval

GALIWIN'KU | GAPUWIYAK | GOVE
MILINGIMBI | RAMINGINING

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JOIN OUR TEAM!

ROLES WITH THE ACYS TEAM ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN:

GUNYANGARA, GALIWIN'KU, MILINGIMBI & RAMINGINING.

GET IN TOUCH TO DISCUSS THESE ROLES:

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Image: Colour run in Yirrkala



Image: Poster making in Gapuwiyak