



Active Communities & Youth Services



Image: Regional Wellbeing Camp 2025 - Daliwuy Bay

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2025

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES & YOUTH SERVICES

FROM THE REGIONAL MANAGER -

FIRSTLY, IT IS WITH SADNESS THAT WE SAY GOODBYE TO OVER 10 YEARS OF YOUTH, SPORT AND RECREATION AND ACTIVE COMMUNITIES SERVICE ON GROOTE EYLANDT. JUNE 2025 MARKED OUR FINAL MONTH OF ACTIVE COMMUNITIES SERVICE DELIVERY ON GROOTE, AND WITH THAT WE SAY GOODBYE TO OUR INCREDIBLE ANINDILYAKWA STAFF IN UMBAKUMBA, ANGURUGU AND MILYAKBURRA. IN JUNE WE WERE GRATEFUL TO ENGAGE RELIEF AC COORDINATOR BRITA SCHMIDT TO WORK WITH OUR ANGURUGU AND UMBAKUMBA TEAMS TO HELP CLOSE OUR ACTIVE COMMUNITIES SERVICES ON GROOTE. I WANT TO SINCERELY THANK THE COMMUNITIES OF UMBAKUMBA, ANGURUGU AND MILYAKBURRA FOR ALLOWING US TO WORK WITH YOU OVER THE YEARS, AND TO ALL THE YSR AND AC STAFF THAT HAVE WORKED IN OUR GROOTE SERVICES THROUGHOUT THIS TIME. THANK YOU.

WITH THAT, WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THE ACYS SERVICES DELIVERED THROUGHOUT JUNE, WITH HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDING SUCCESSFUL INTER COMMUNITY GALA DAY EVENTS HOSTED BY YIRRKALA AND RAMINGINING, CORRUGATED IRON ARTS WORKSHOPS IN MILINGIMBI, AND OUR REGIONAL WELLBEING CAMP AT GULKULA. THIS MONTH HAS SEEN OUR TEAMS TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE BEAUTIFUL DRY SEASON WEATHER, WITH PLENTY OF AFTER HOURS ACTIVITY, INCLUDING THE START OF COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS ACROSS THE REGION.

WE CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO DELIVER STRONG COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, WITH COMMUNITY BASED TEAMS, AND GREAT SPACES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES TO SPEND TIME. THERE IS LOTS LINED UP FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 2025, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING MORE AS THE YEAR PROGRESSES.

AS ALWAYS, WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR YOUR FEEDBACK, QUESTIONS AND IDEAS. I CAN BE EMAILED AT:

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THANK YOU



Image: Angurugu Rec Hall



Image: Milingimbi Youth Drop in Centre

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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: Regional Wellbeing Camp 2025

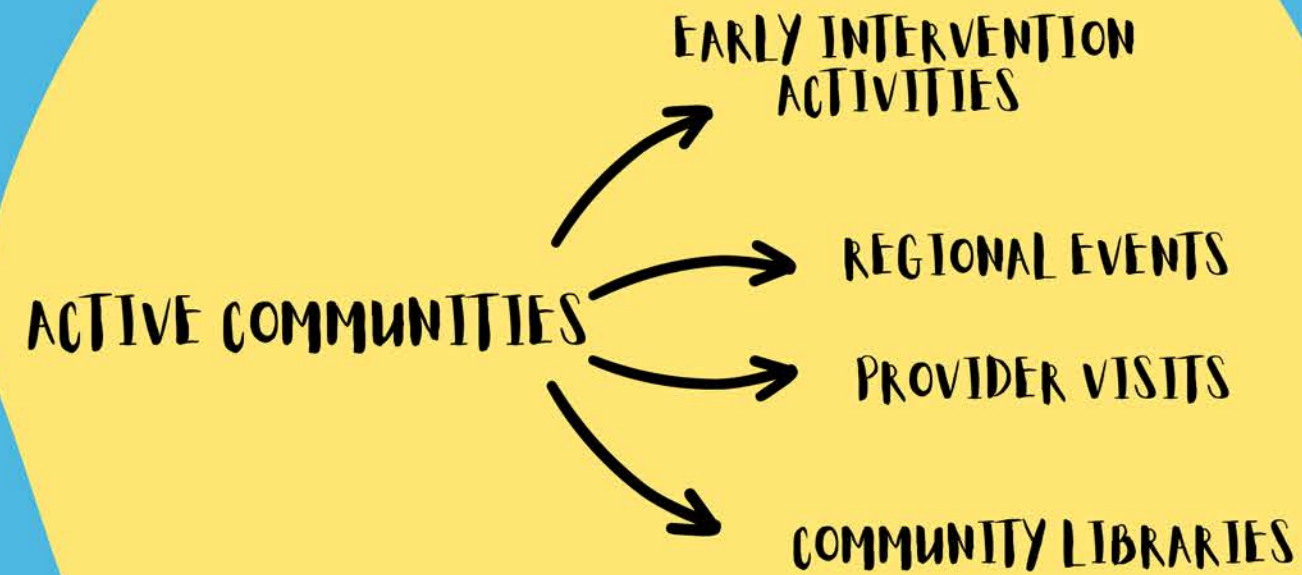


Image: Milingimbi night Basketball activity



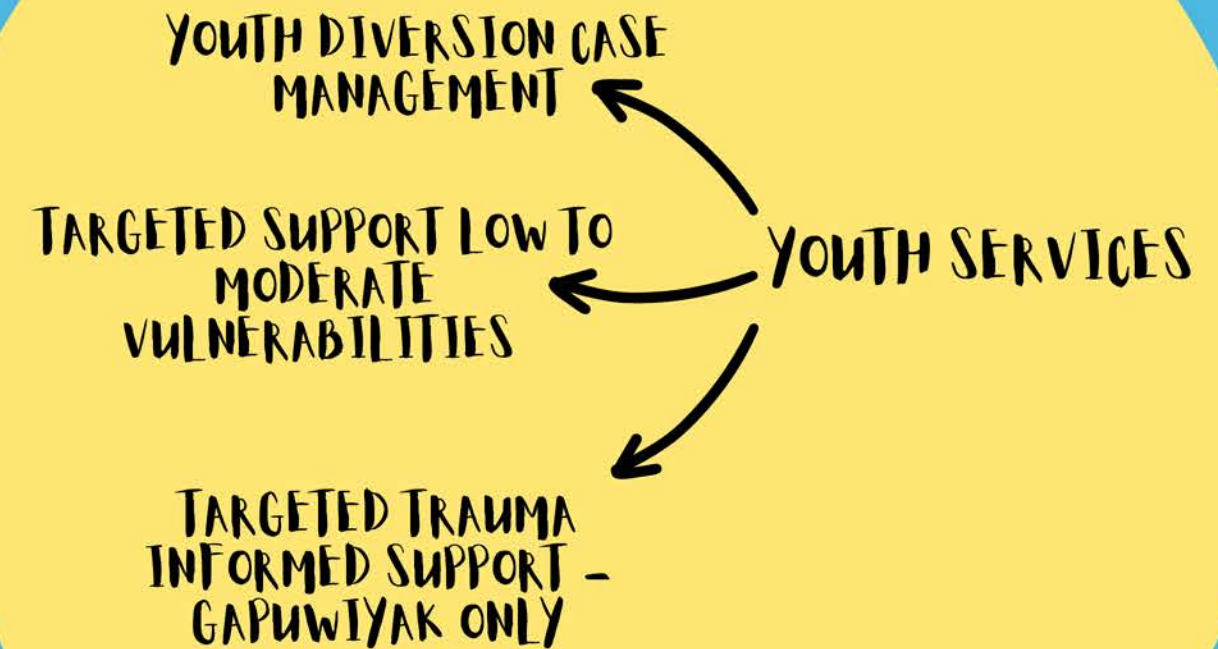
Image: New music equipment in use at Gapuwiyak Rec Hall

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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 - JUNE 2025

150

TOTAL ACTIVITIES
DELIVERED

2422

TOTAL PARTICIPANT
ENGAGEMENTS

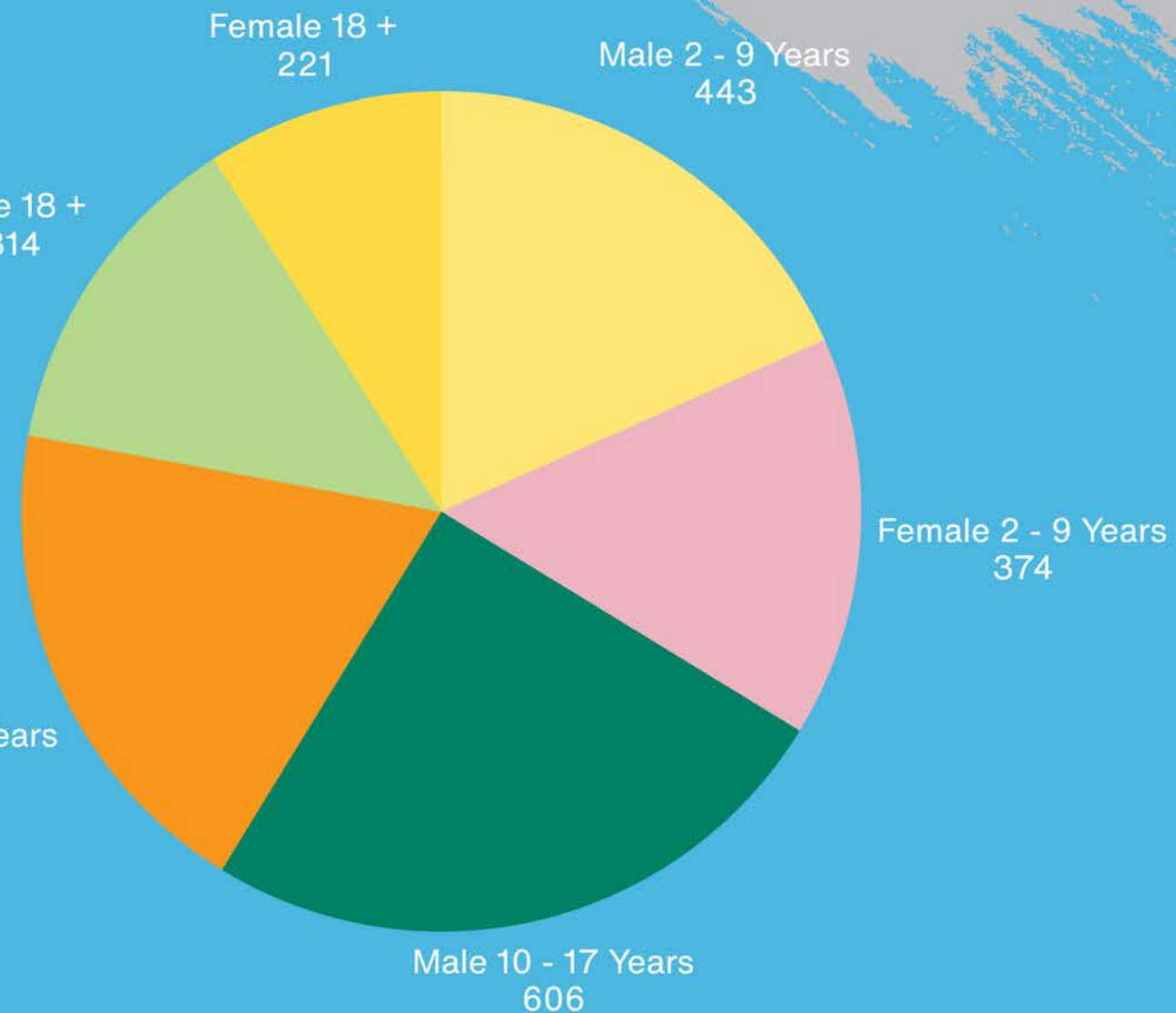


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EMPLOYMENT & CAPACITY BUILDING

DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, OUR DELIVERY NETWORK
FEATURED 29 STAFF, INCLUDING **24 STAFF MEMBERS
IDENTIFYING AS INDIGENOUS**. THIS INCLUDED:

3 X FULL-TIME YSR COORDINATORS

2 X CASUAL/PART-TIME YOUTH MENTORS

19 X CASUAL/PART-TIME YSR WORKERS

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



Image: Regional Wellbeing Camp 2025



Image: Futsal Gala Day event in Ramingining

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: THOMAS GUYULA



I STARTED WORKING AS A YOUTH MENTOR WITH EARC IN LATE 2024. I CHOSE THIS JOB TO BE WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AND HELPING THEM. PREVIOUSLY, I WORKED WITH THE SCHOOL AND WITH MIWATJ HEALTH. EVEN THOUGH I HAVE WORKED IN DIFFERENT JOBS, THE YOUNG PEOPLE CAN SEE THAT I AM STILL WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AND BEING A GOOD ROLE MODEL FOR THEM.

MY WRITTEN AND SPOKEN COMMUNICATION SKILLS HAVE IMPROVED THROUGH DOING THIS WORK. I'M GOOD AT EXPLAINING ACTIVITIES SO THAT EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS. I'VE ALSO BEEN ABLE TO CREATE SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS THAT ARISE.

WORKING AS A YOUTH MENTOR IS GREAT. WE DO A LOT OF WORK IN A QUIET, CALM BUILDING. WE WORK WITH KIDS ONE ON ONE. YESTERDAY I WAS WASHING THE WORK CAR AND AT THE SAME TIME SPENDING TIME TALKING WITH A YOUNG PERSON AND TEACHING THEM HOW TO WASH THE CAR WITH A PRESSURE WASHER.

IN THE FUTURE I'D LIKE TO STUDY. TO GET THE MOST OUT OF FURTHER STUDIES I WANT TO FIRST IMPROVE MY ENGLISH AND COMPUTER SKILLS. I'M GETTING SOME OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP THOSE SKILLS AT WORK.

I WANT TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS IN MY COMMUNITY TO GET INVOLVED WITH THEIR COMMUNITY. THAT'S HOW I WAS EXPOSED TO THIS WORK. I SHOWED UP AND JOINED IN WHAT WAS GOING ON. LOTS OF DOORS OPEN UP FROM HAVING A GO AND GETTING INVOLVED.

I THINK WE ARE DOING GOOD WORK HERE. THERE ARE LOTS OF GOOD ACTIVITIES. AS SOON AS WE OPEN THE DOOR TO OUR YOUTH CENTRE THE KIDS COME IN STRAIGHT AWAY. THE KIDS ALSO HAVE A RESPECT FOR THE SPACE. I WANT TO HELP THESE KIDS.

YOUTH SERVICES JUNE UPDATE



Image: Regional Wellbeing Camp 2025

REGIONAL WELLBEING CAMP – WORKSHOP ON AOD AND VSU

THE YOUTH SERVICES TEAM WAS PROUD TO ORGANISE THIS YEAR'S REGIONAL WELLBEING CAMP. OUR TEAM PROVIDED SUPPORT BY BRINGING YOUNG PARTICIPANTS TO THE CAMP AND OFFERING A VARIETY OF ENGAGING, FUN ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE EVENT.

A KEY HIGHLIGHT WAS THE AOD (ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS) AND VSU (VOLATILE SUBSTANCE USE) WORKSHOP DELIVERED BY OUR TEAM. THE WORKSHOP WAS DESIGNED TO BE INFORMATIVE, INTERACTIVE, AND YOUTH-FOCUSED, ENCOURAGING ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND REFLECTION.

THE SESSION WAS STRUCTURED INTO THREE KEY COMPONENTS:

- UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT: EXPLORING HOW AOD AND VSU CAN AFFECT MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH, INCLUDING PERFORMANCE AND GENERAL WELLBEING.
- RELATIONSHIPS AND INFLUENCE: DISCUSSING HOW SUBSTANCE USE CAN IMPACT RELATIONSHIPS WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND OTHER IMPORTANT PEOPLE.
- BUILDING SKILLS: DEVELOPING SELF-AWARENESS, SELF-REGULATION, AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS TO MAKE INFORMED, POSITIVE CHOICES.

EACH COMPONENT INCORPORATED PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES AND GAMES, DESIGNED TO REINFORCE LEARNING THROUGH EXPERIENTIAL ENGAGEMENT. THE SESSIONS CONCLUDED WITH GROUP REFLECTIONS, ALLOWING PARTICIPANTS TO SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS AND INSIGHTS IN A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.

REGIONAL WELLBEING CAMP 2025

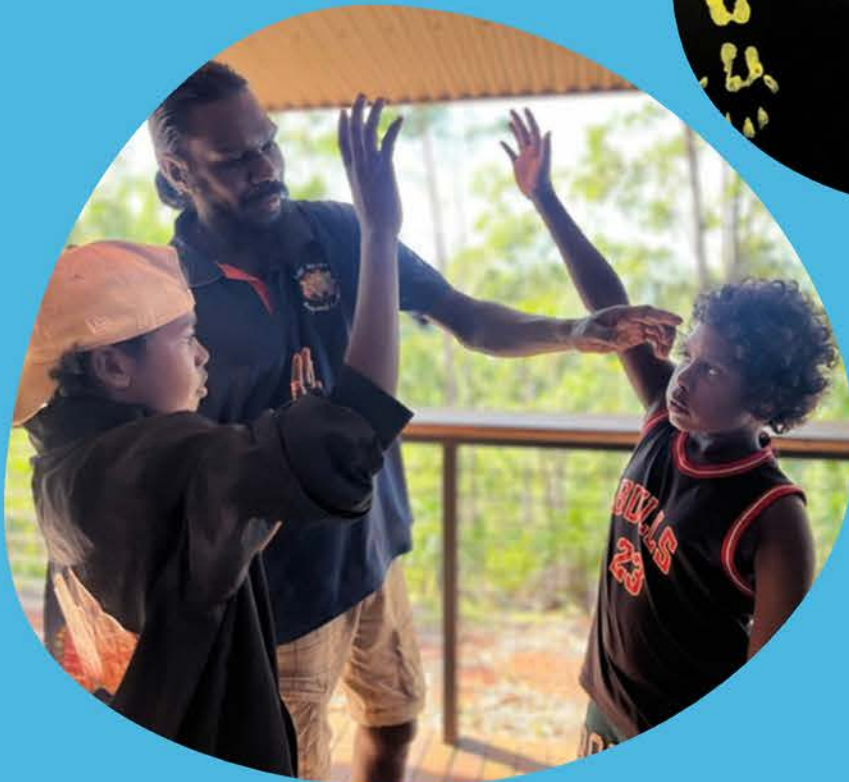
THE 3RD ANNUAL 2025 WELLBEING CAMP AT GULKULA HOSTED 36 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM YIRRKALA, GUNYANGARA, MILINGIMBI, GALIWIN'KU, RAMINGINING AND GAPUWIYAK.

PARTICIPANTS AND ACYS STAFF FROM ACROSS THE REGION TRAVELLED BY AIR AND ROAD TO ATTEND THIS YEARS CAMP. OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WERE ENGAGED IN A RANGE OF HEALTH AND WELLBEING WORKSHOPS DELIVERED BY OUR IN HOUSE YOUTH SERVICES TEAM AND MIWATJ HEALTH'S EXPERIENCED PUBLIC HEALTH, RAYPIRRI ROM AND MEN'S / WOMEN'S HEALTH TEAMS.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE ENJOYED THREE DAYS OF INFORMATIVE INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS, SPORTS, MOVIE NIGHTS, YARNS BY THE FIRE, BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS, COOKING, CATERED MEALS, GAMES, HUNTING AND MUCH MORE!

A VERY SINCERE THANK YOU TO GUMATJ CORPORATION FOR YOUR HELP AND HOSPITALITY, MIWATJ HEALTH FOR YOUR ONGOING COLLABORATION, SUPPORT AND EXPERTISE, AND MARNGARR RESOURCE CENTRE FOR YOUR TEAMS ENGAGEMENT THROUGHOUT, INCLUDING TRANSPORTING AND SUPPORTING PARTICIPANTS FROM GUNYANGARA.

THE CAMP WAS A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR PARTICIPATING YOUNG PEOPLE TO CONNECT, LEARN, AND ENJOY THIER TIME TOGETHER AT THE VERY SPECIAL GULKULA SITE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO DOING IT ALL AGAIN IN 2026.



REGIONAL WELLBEING CAMP 2025



ACTIVE COMMUNITIES JUNE UPDATE

JUNE WAS AN ACTION PACKED MONTH FOR OUR SERVICE, WITH A VISIT FROM CORRUGATED IRON, 2 GALA DAYS, A REGIONAL WELLBEING CAMP AND THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE JUNE/JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM.

WE WERE PLEASED THAT CORRUGATED IRON YOUTH ARTS WERE AVAILABLE TO DELIVER PROGRAMMING IN MILINGIMBI IN EARLY JUNE. THE PROGRAMMING INCLUDED SESSIONS DELIVERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MILINGIMBI SCHOOL, AS WELL AS AFTER SCHOOL AT THE REC HALL. THANKS TO CORRUGATED IRON FOR THEIR EXPERTISE TO DELIVER ENGAGING SESSIONS.

TWO GALA DAYS WERE HELD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ON WEEKENDS IN JUNE. INDOOR SOCCER WAS HELD IN RAMINGINING WITH TEAMS FLYING IN FROM MILINGIMBI AND GALIWIN'KU. A BASKETBALL GALA DAY WAS HELD IN YIRRKALA WITH TEAMS ATTENDING FROM GAPUWIYAK AND DAWURR BOARDING. A HUGE THANKS TO ALL WHO TOOK PART IN THESE EVENTS.

YOU CAN READ MORE ABOUT THESE EVENTS IN THIS NEWSLETTER, AS WELL AS THE REGIONAL WELLBEING CAMP.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MANY MORE ACTIVITY PROVIDER VISITS IN JULY. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO AFLX AND EASTERN CUP BASKETBALL COMPETITIONS BEING DELIVERED OVER THE COMING MONTHS.

DAN RULE, ACTIVE COMMUNITIES MANAGER



Image: Milingimbi AFL training night

ACTIVITY PROVIDER REPORT

2-6 JUNE

CORRUGATED IRON YOUTH ARTS WORKSHOPS - MILINGIMBI

CORRUGATED IRON TRAVELLED TO MILINGIMBI IN EARLY JUNE TO DELIVER DRUMMING, CIRCUS SKILLS AND DANCE ACTIVITIES BOTH AT THE MILINGIMBI SCHOOL AND REC HALL.

THE VARIED PROGRAM WAS WELL RECEIVED WITH YOUNG PEOPLE COMING OUT OF THEIR SHELL AND HAVING FUN LEARNING NEW SKILLS WITH THE CIRCUS AND DRUM EQUIPMENT.

THE KIDS LOVED MISS NAT BECAUSE THEY HAVE A PREVIOUS RELATIONSHIP FROM OTHER VISITS OVER THE LAST 3 YEARS. DANCE CONTINUED TO BE VERY POPULAR!

A CHALLENGE WAS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS TO MAINTAIN THEIR FOCUS AND BUILD THEIR CONFIDENCE TO DISPLAY THEIR TALENTS IN A PERFORMANCE.

THE PROGRAM WENT VERY WELL WITH GREAT SUPPORT FROM TEACHERS AT MILINGIMBI SCHOOL.

A HUGE THANKS TO CORRUGATED IRON AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MORE PROGRAMS NEXT YEAR!



BASKETBALL GALA DAY EVENT IN YIRRKALA

7 JUNE

YIRRKALA, GUNYANGARA & GAPUWIYAK

THE BOYS UNDER 16 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL DAY WAS A FUN, EXCITING AND COMPETITIVE EVENT HELD IN YIRRKALA. WITH A GOOD TURN OUT OF 6 TEAMS WE WERE TREATED TO SOME EMERGING TALENT FROM BOTH GAPUWIYAK, YIRRKALA, AND ALSO 2 TEAMS PARTICIPATING FROM DAWURR BOARDING SCHOOL.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WAS THE HOTLY CONTESTED FINAL BETWEEN THE YIRRKALA 1 TEAM AND THE DAWURR 1 TEAM GOING DOWN TO THE WIRE IN A TIGHT WIN FOR THE LOCAL BOYS.

THERE WAS ALSO A 3 POINT SHOOTING COMPETITION WHICH PROVIDED SOME INTENSE CONCENTRATION AND SUPPORT FOR THE BOYS IN TESTING CONDITIONS. WHAT A GREAT EVENT OVERALL.

THE BBQ WAS A HIT TOO WITH LOCALS AND OTHER KEY STAKEHOLDERS TURNING OUT TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE DAY.

A HUGE THANKS TO THE YOUNG BOYS FROM GAPUWIYAK COMING ALONG AND COORDINATORS, SIKELI AND MATTEA, FOR ALL OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT, ESPECIALLY SIKELI FOR COOKING THE BBQ AND TO MATTEA FOR ALL THE PRE EVENT BAKING WHICH WAS A HUGE HIT!

ROB KESTLE, ACTIVE COMMUNITIES COORDINATOR -
YIRRKALA/GUNYANGARA



FUTSAL GALA DAY EVENT IN RAMINGINING

14 JUNE

RAMINGINING, MILINGIMBI & GALIWIN'KU

AN UNDER 15 FUTSAL GALA DAY WAS HELD IN RAMINGINING ON SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 2025. MIXED GENDER TEAMS PARTICIPATED FROM MILINGIMBI, GALIWIN'KU AND RAMINGINING.

GALIWIN'KU RECORDED THE MOST WINS AND WERE THE CHAMPIONS ON THE DAY. A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR ACYS STAFF WHO ASSISTED WITH TEAM MANAGEMENT, COACHING AND EVENT MANAGEMENT IN ORDER FOR THE EVENT TO BE SMOOTHLY DELIVERED. A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO DARRAN WYATT, RAMINGINING ACYS COORDINATOR FOR ALL OF HIS EFFORTS TO HOST THE EVENT.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO BUILD OUR 'GALA DAYS' INTO SPECIAL COMPETITIONS FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO ATTEND. WATCH THIS SPACE.



SUPPORTING COMMUNITY EVENTS

ARNHEM SPORTS - YIRRKALA

THIS MONTH, ACTIVE COMMUNITIES TEAMS FROM YIRRKALA AND GAPUWIYAK, AND YIRRKALA MUNICIPAL SERVICES ATTENDED THE REGIONAL SCHOOL ARNHEM SPORTS COMPETITION. OUR TEAMS WERE ON HAND TO ASSIST WITH SETTING UP, SCORING AND UMPIRING THE VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL COMPETITIONS. OUR YIRRKALA MUNICIPAL SERVICES TEAM WAS ON HAND TO PROVIDE EXTRA BINS, OVERSEE ROAD CLOSURES FOR THE CROSS COUNTRY RACE, AND SET UP THE LONG JUMP PIT. THANKS TO YIRRKALA SCHOOL FOR WHAT WAS AN INCREDIBLE EVENT FOR ALL INVOLVED!



Image: Arnhem Sports in Yirrkala - Team Gapuwiyak

EAST ARNHEM YOUTH CONFERENCE AND FESTIVAL OF YOUTH 2025 - WITH GAPUWIYAK

WITH HELP FROM GAPUWIYAK SCHOOL, GAPUWIYAK ACYS TEAM MEMBERS SIKELI AND SYLVIA SELECTED TWO YOUNG PEOPLE FROM GAPUWIYAK TO ATTEND THIS YEARS EAST ARNHEM YOUTH CONFERENCE AND FESTIVAL OF YOUTH IN NHULUNBUY.



Image: East Arnhem Youth Conference and Festival of Youth 2025, with participants from Gapuwiyak

LOOKING AHEAD...

UPCOMING EVENTS

30 JUNE - 4 JULY

- BREAK'N BARRIERZ DANCE WORKSHOPS - GALIWIN'KU

6-13 JULY

- NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS - ALL COMMUNITIES

7-11 JULY

- SOUNDED MUSIC VIDEO WORKSHOPS - MILINGIMBI
- NEXT 9 SPORTS ACADEMY BASKETBALL WORKSHOPS - GAPUWIYAK

25-27 AUGUST

- SOFTBALL NT WORKSHOPS - YIRRKALA & GUNYANGARA

25-29 AUGUST

- BASKETBALL NT COACHING AND UMPIRE TRAINING - GALIWIN'KU



Image: Breakin Barrierz, dance, song writing and videography in Galiwin'ku



Image: Basketball nights in Milingimbi

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: BBQ for Futsal Gala Day event in Ramininging, with Milingimbi and Galiwin'ku



Image: June school holiday activity in Galiwin'ku Rec Hall