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## Active Communities & Youth Services



Image: Fishing activity - Galiwin'ku

# NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2025



# ACTIVE COMMUNITIES & YOUTH SERVICES

FROM THE REGIONAL MANAGER -

THANKS TO OUR ACYS TEAMS FOR THEIR HARD WORK THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER. WE ARE GETTING VERY CLOSE TO THE END OF 2025. WE HAVE DELIVERED SO MUCH THIS YEAR, INCLUDING 4 FANTASTIC REGIONAL EVENTS, 28 EXTERNAL PROVIDER ENGAGEMENTS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE (INCLUDING VIDEOGRAPHY, MUSIC, DANCE, COMMUNITY ARTS, CULTURE, VARIOUS SPORTS AND MORE), 49,595 KNOWN YOUTH ENGAGEMENTS, AND SUPPORT TO 71 YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH DIRECT CASE MANAGED UNDER YOUTH SERVICES.

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN FULL SWING GETTING READY FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIOD. WE LOOK FORWARD TO DELIVERING A GREAT RANGE OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS ACROSS THE REGION.

PLEASE ENJOY THIS MONTHS SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS WITHIN.

THANK YOU

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Image: Volleyball in Yirrkala



Image: CaFIS program - Gapuwiyak



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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: Ramingining Men's AFL team competing in Maningrida



Image: Disco in Yirkala

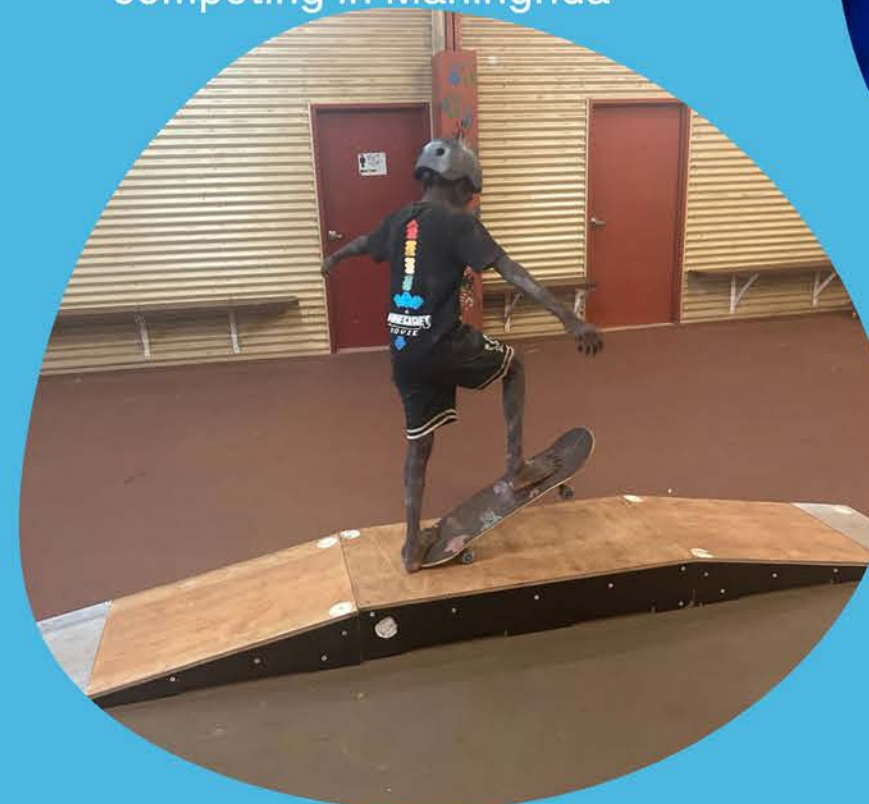
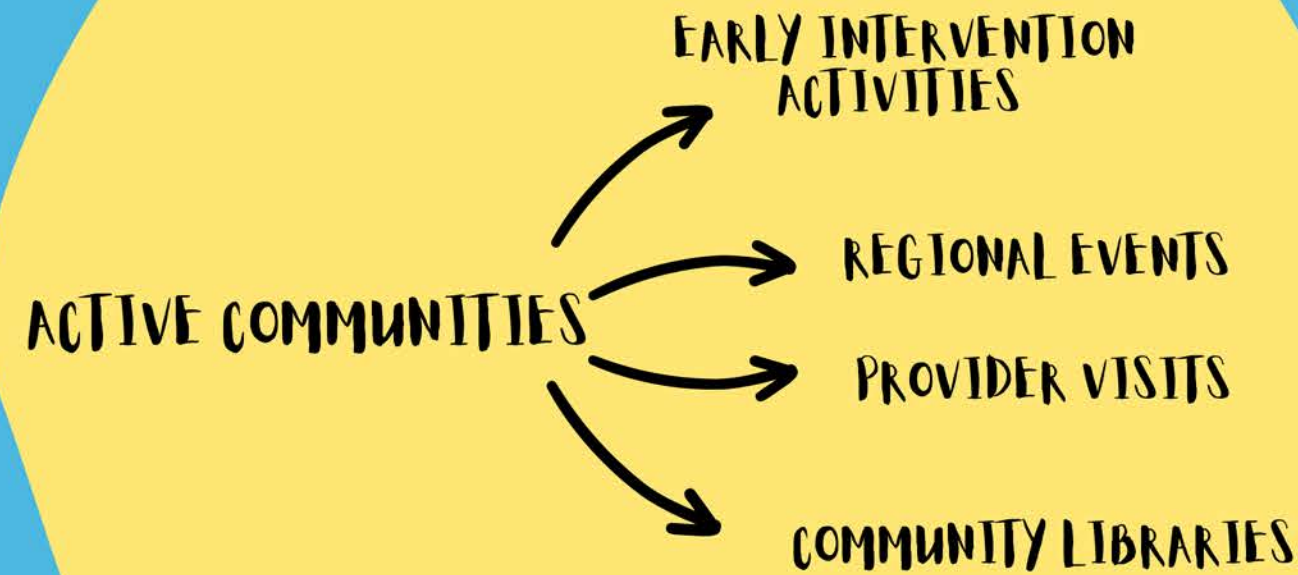


Image: Skateboarding in Milingimbi

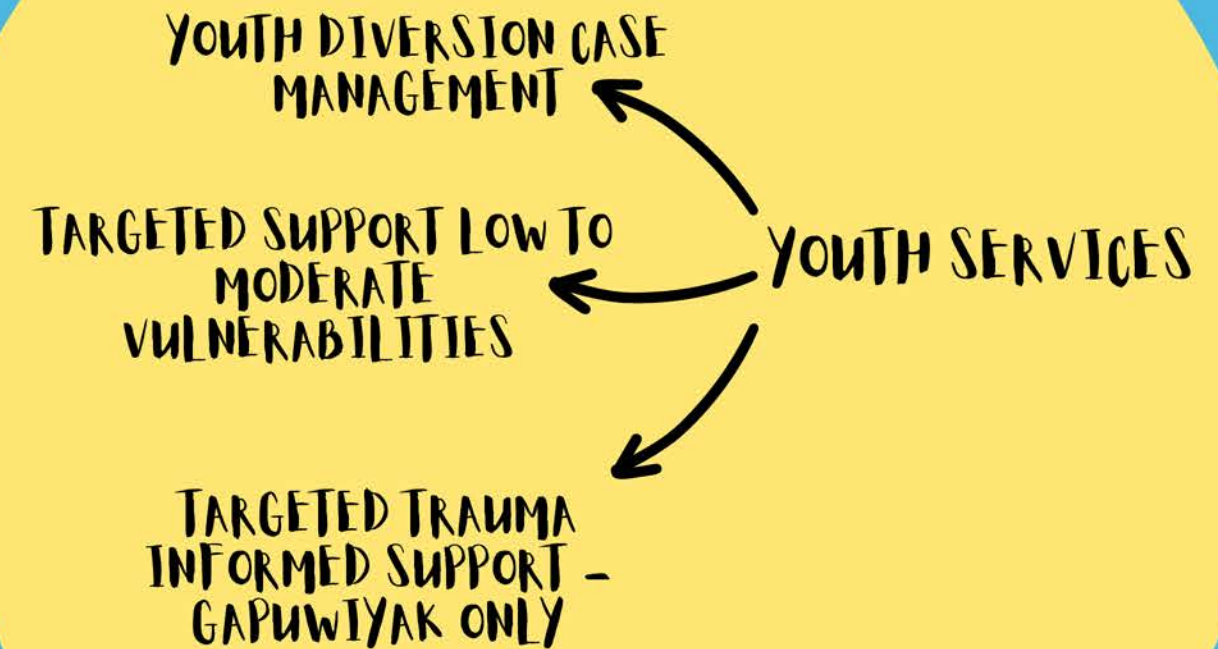


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**ACTIVE COMMUNITIES** FOCUSES ON PROACTIVE, CONSISTENT YEAR-ROUND EARLY INTERVENTION ACTIVITIES FACILITATED AFTER SCHOOL HOURS AND DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. ADDITIONALLY, WE FACILITATE MULTIPLE ANNUAL REGIONAL EVENTS, ENGAGE DIVERSE EXTERNAL PROVIDERS 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 - NOVEMBER 2025

114

TOTAL ACTIVITIES  
DELIVERED

4070

TOTAL PARTICIPANT  
ENGAGEMENTS

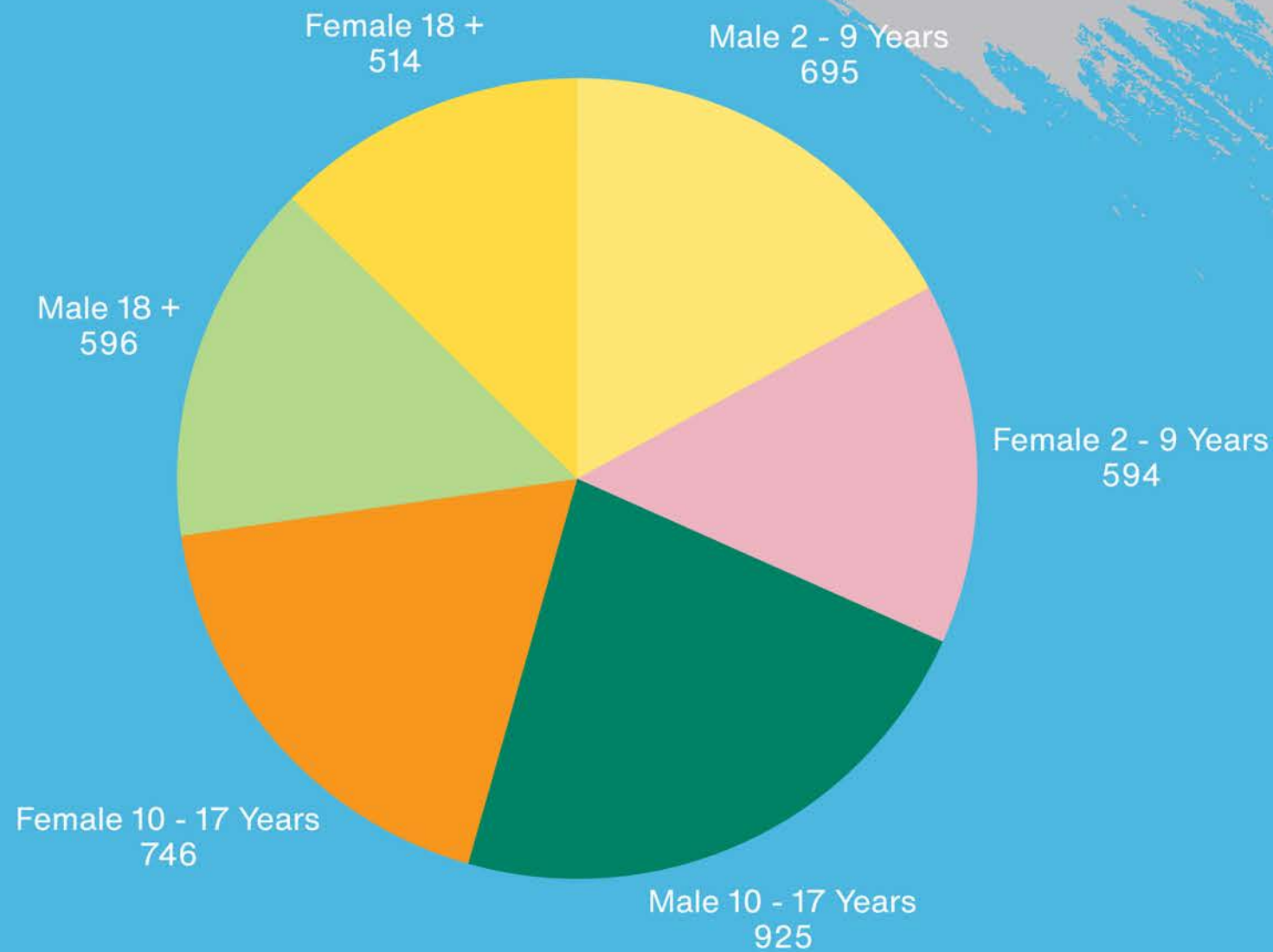


Image: Dodgeball in Gapuwiyak



# NOVEMBER 2025





# EMPLOYMENT & CAPACITY BUILDING

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, OUR DELIVERY NETWORK FEATURED  
26 STAFF, INCLUDING **22 STAFF MEMBERS IDENTIFYING AS INDIGENOUS**.  
THIS INCLUDED:

3 X FULL-TIME ACTIVE COMMUNITIES COORDINATORS

1 X CASUAL/PART-TIME YOUTH MENTORS

15 X CASUAL/PART-TIME ACTIVE COMMUNITIES 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: Story Time in Galiwin'ku



Image: Girls Cooking in Galiwin'ku



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT: RACHEL WANYBARRNGA

I HAVE WORKED IN THE RAMINGINING EARC LIBRARY FOR THREE YEARS. PREVIOUSLY I WORKED AS A CLEANER. I LOVE WORKING HERE AND WORKING WITH THE LITTLE ONES. MY GRANDDAUGHTER AND NEPHEW COME TO SPEND TIME HERE AT THE LIBRARY READING AND DOING ACTIVITIES. WE LIKE TO WATCH MOVIES TOGETHER. I ALSO LIKE TO DO READING, DRAWING AND ART WITH THE KIDS.

IN THE LIBRARY WE HAVE BEEN FOCUSSED ON DOING REGULAR CLEANING TO MAKE THE SPACE WELCOMING FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS. I'M PROUD THAT I HAVE SPENT TIME REARRANGING THE LIBRARY TO MAKE MORE ROOM FOR ACTIVITIES AND TO NEATLY PRESENT THE BOOKS AND SPACE FOR OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

IN THIS ROLE I'VE IMPROVED MY COMPUTER SKILLS AND I'D LIKE TO DEVELOP THESE MORE IN THE FUTURE. I'D LIKE TO BECOME BETTER AT USING THE COMPUTERS SO I CAN GET THE TV AND COMPUTERS TO WORK AGAIN WHEN THEY HAVE AN ISSUE. THIS WILL HELP OUR PROGRAMS TO RUN WELL IN THE LIBRARY.

I AM DEAF. I RECEIVE HELP FROM OTHER ACYS STAFF TO INTERPRET WHEN NEEDED. I AM GRATEFUL FOR THIS SUPPORT AND AM ABLE TO DO MY JOB WELL AND TO A GOOD STANDARD.

THIS IS FULFILLING WORK. STRAIGHT AWAY AFTER SCHOOL KIDS COME HERE. WE ARE VERY BUSY EACH AFTERNOON.

THE LIBRARY IS IMPORTANT FOR RAMINGINING. IT PROVIDES A SAFE SPACE FOR PEOPLE TO COME TO. IT HELPS KIDS TO ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES. ADULTS COME HERE TOO. ON THE HOT DAYS THEY LOVE TO COME IN THE AIRCON AND RELAX HERE AND READ BOOKS AND USE THE COMPUTERS.





# LOOKING AHEAD...

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 6 DECEMBER

- 3X3 COMMUNITY HUSTLE BASKETBALL GALA DAY - HOSTED IN GALIWIN'KU (ATTENDED BY RAMINGINING, MILINGIMBI AND GALIWIN'KU TEAMS)

### 13 DECEMBER

- VOLLEYBALL GALA DAY - HOSTED IN GAPUWIYAK (ATTENDED BY GUNYANGARA, YIRRKALA & GAPUWIYAK TEAMS)

### 13 DECEMBER - 27 JANUARY

- SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS - ALL COMMUNITIES

### 12-16 JANUARY

- CORRUGATED IRON YOUTH ARTS - MILINGIMBI
- SOUNDED - RAMINGINING
- BUILD UP SKATEBOARDING - GAPUWIYAK

### 19-23 JANUARY

- HOOPS 4 HEALTH - GALIWIN'KU
- NEXT 9 SPORTS ACADEMY - MILINGIMBI
- BUILD UP SKATEBOARDING - RAMINGINING





# JOIN OUR TEAM!

ROLES WITH THE ACYS TEAM ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN:

GALIWIN'KU, GAPUWIYAK, GUNYANGARA, MILINGIMBI, RAMINGINING & YIRRKALA,

GET IN TOUCH TO DISCUSS THESE ROLES:

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Image: ACYS Team Ramininging



Image: CaFIS program - Gapuwiyak



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Visits Survey 2025



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