



Active Communities & Youth Services



Image: Collecting materials for spear making and pandanus weaving activities in Galiwin'ku

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2025

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES & YOUTH SERVICES

FROM THE REGIONAL MANAGER -

HELLO FELLOW SERVICE PROVIDERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. PLEASE ENJOY OUR ACYS NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 2025. WE ARE EXCITED TO SHARE SOME GREAT CONTENT THANKS TO SEVERAL EXTERNAL PROVIDER VISITS AND OUR FINAL REGIONAL EVENT FOR 2025, THE AFLX UNDER-15 BOYS CHAMPIONSHIPS HOSTED BY GAPUWIYAK. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK OUR ENTIRE ACYS TEAM AND KEY COLLABORATORS FOR HELPING DELIVER FOUR SUCCESSFUL REGIONAL EVENTS IN 2025. I LOOK FORWARD TO DELIVERING BIGGER, BETTER COMMUNITY EVENTS IN 2026.

AS WE LOOK AHEAD, THE ACYS TEAM IS NOW PLANNING AND PREPARING FOR THE UP COMING DECEMBER / JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERIOD. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT TIME FOR OUR TEAM, AS WE SEEK TO DELIVER CONSISTENT ACTIVITY DURING AT RISK TIMES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS THE REGION. PLEASE BE ASSURED WE WILL SHARE OUR SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PLANNERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THANK YOU

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Image: Football training in Gapuwiyak



Image: Spear making activity in Galiwin'ku

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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: Basketball night in Milingimbi

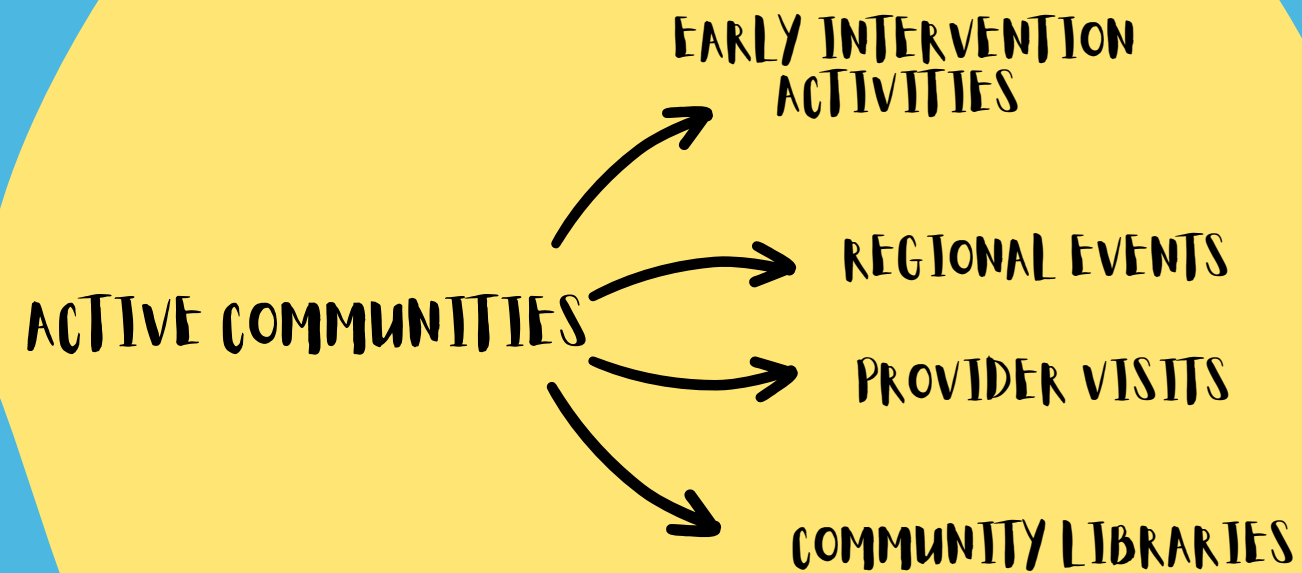


Image: Football training in Galiwin'ku



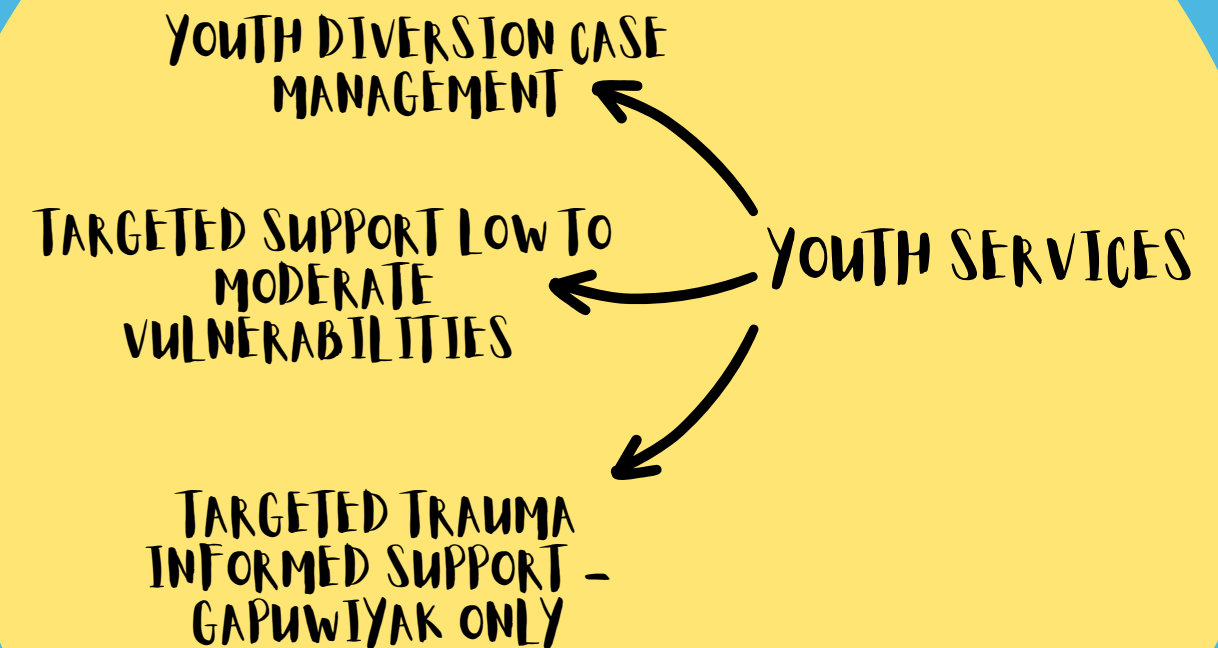
Image: Ramingining library activities

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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 - OCTOBER 2025

149

TOTAL ACTIVITIES
DELIVERED

5547

TOTAL PARTICIPANT
ENGAGEMENTS

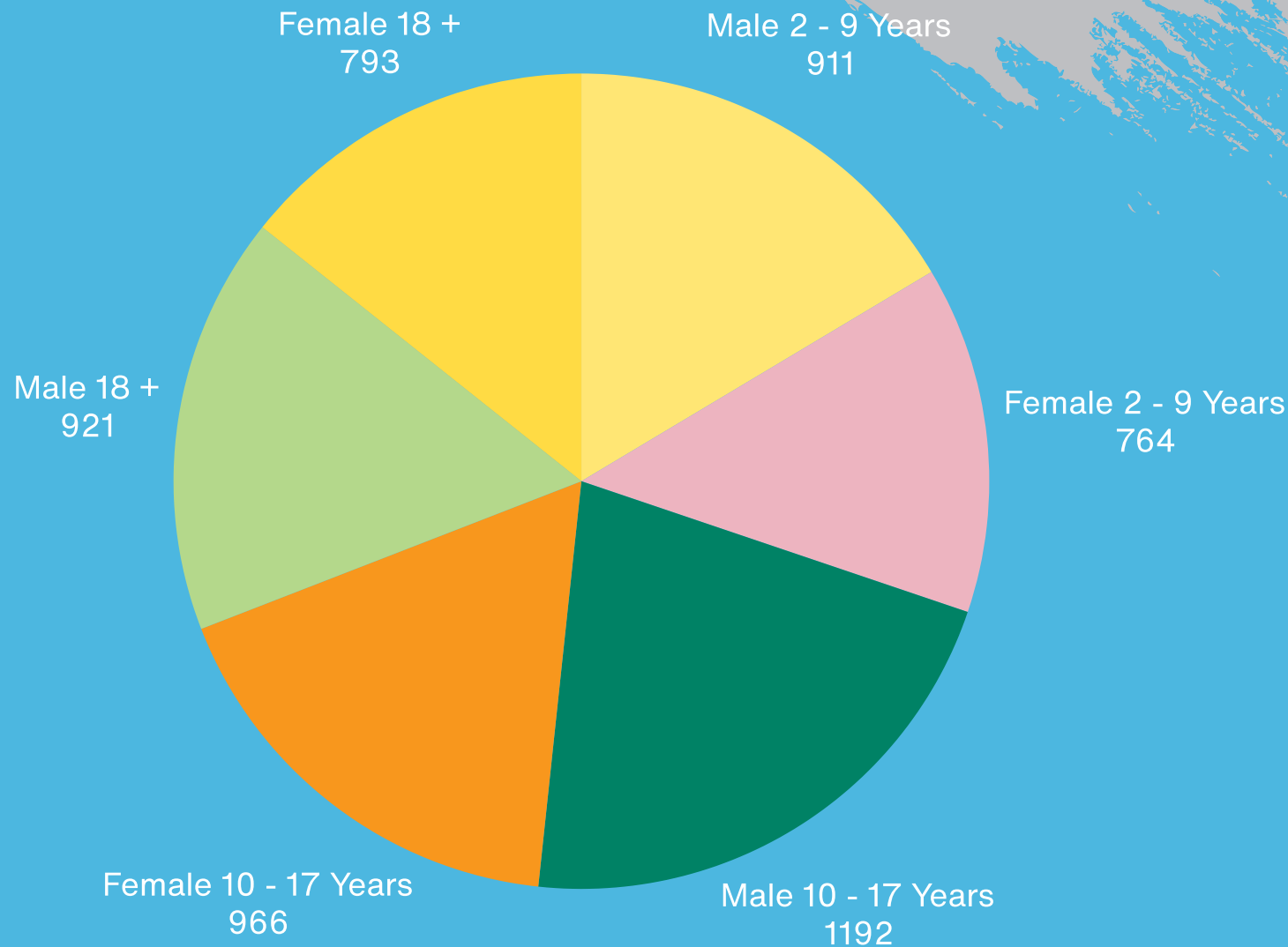


Image: Edor in Gapuwiyak

OCTOBER 2025



EMPLOYMENT & CAPACITY BUILDING

DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, OUR DELIVERY NETWORK FEATURED 27 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: Members of the Gapuwiyak ACYS team



Image: Members of the Ramingining ACYS team

STAFF SPOTLIGHT: MATTEA HOLLIDAY

I WAS READY FOR A CHANGE AND STARTED LOOKING FOR YOUTH WORK OPPORTUNITIES ALL OVER AUSTRALIA. EVERYTHING MOVED QUICKLY AND I SOON FOUND MYSELF AS THE COORDINATOR IN ANGURUGU. A FEW MONTHS LATER I WAS ABLE TO RELOCATE AND TAKE ON THE ROLE AS TRAUMA INFORMED CARE COORDINATOR IN GAPUWIYAK. BOTH ROLES WERE EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES HAVING COME FROM WORKING AS SCHOOL CHAPLAIN ACROSS CENTRAL QUEENSLAND.

I ENJOY THE VARIETY OF THIS WORK. WE KEEP THE STRUCTURE THE SAME, BUT EVERY DAY IS DIFFERENT AND EVER EVOLVING. I PARTICULARLY ENJOY CAPACITY BUILDING WITH THE TEAM – WHETHER THAT BE ENGLISH LESSONS, UNDERSTANDING FINANCES OR FORMS, OR HELPING TEAM MEMBERS TO SET AND WORK TOWARDS GOALS. I'M WORKING TO DEVELOP OUR TEAM TO SUPPORT THE YOUNG PEOPLE. THERE IS A COMPLEXITY TO THE NATURE OF THE WORK WE DO. I NEED THOSE WORKING WITH ME TO COMPREHEND AND PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE TRANSLATION OF THE BIG CONCEPTS AS WELL AS THE SMALLER STEPS. AS THE SKILLS OF OUR TEAM DEVELOP, WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE AN INCREASINGLY IMPACTFUL PROGRAM TO THE COMMUNITY.

IN THIS ROLE, I'VE REFINED MY TEAM MANAGEMENT SKILLS. FROM BIG PICTURE PLANNING AND WORKING WITHIN THE BUDGET, THROUGH TO THE FINER DETAILS LIKE ROSTERING AND THEN LEADING THE PROGRAM ON THE DAY. I'M ENJOYING EXPANDING WHAT'S POSSIBLE IN THE BIGGER PICTURE WITHOUT LOSING SIGHT OF THE DETAILS THAT MAKE THE PROGRAM GREAT.

WORKING IN A REMOTE COMMUNITY IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW PEOPLE DEEPLY. WITH MY OLD SCHOOL CHAPLAIN'S HAT ON, WHEN I ARRIVED THIS FELT A BIT LIKE A MISSIONS TRIP – IT'S A WHOLE OTHER WORLD. YOU'RE AN ALIEN IN THE SPACE BECAUSE YOU DON'T SPEAK THE LANGUAGE. I'M GRATEFUL THAT MY COLLEAGUE THOMAS IS ALWAYS TEACHING ME. EVERY TIME WE DRIVE SOMEWHERE THERE IS A NEW LESSON HE SHARES WITH ME. WITH THOMAS' HELP, I'M MOTIVATED TO FURTHER DEVELOP MY UNDERSTANDING OF YOLNGU MATHA. UNDERSTANDING LANGUAGE WILL HELP ME TO BETTER EXPLAIN CONCEPTS SO THAT THEY ARE UNDERSTOOD. WE HAVE A GREAT, SUPPORTIVE TEAM. EVEN THOUGH OUR TEAM ARE LOCATED ACROSS THE REGION, WE ARE CONNECTED AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER EACH DAY.

WE ARE CONSISTENT FOR THE COMMUNITY – IN OUR PROGRAM STRUCTURE, OUR PERSONALITIES, AND HOW WE RESPOND TO SITUATIONS. WE ALSO HELP TO GIVE LANGUAGE TO THE FEELINGS THAT YOUNG PEOPLE MIGHT HAVE. EVEN IF WE DON'T AGREE, YOUNG PEOPLE KNOW THEY ARE STILL WELCOME HERE. EVEN IF THERE ARE STRONG EMOTIONS, WE ARE ABLE TO RE-ENGAGE. WE ARE A CONSISTENT PLACE WITH CONSISTENT PEOPLE – MAKING IT A SAFE SPACE FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE TO ENTER.



AFLX UNDER-15 BOYS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

25 OCTOBER 2025 - GAPUWIYAK

EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL'S AFLX UNDER 15 BOYS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WAS HELD ON SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2025.

SIX TEAMS REPRESENTING YIRRKALA, GAPUWIYAK (X2), GALIWIN'KU, MILINGIMBI, RAMINGINING COMPETED AT GAPUWIYAK OVAL UNDER LIGHTS.

APPROXIMATELY 50 PLAYERS TOOK PART IN THE EVENT THAT ALSO WELCOMED MANY SPECTATORS FROM THE GAPUWIYAK COMMUNITY.

REGIONAL EVENTS ARE SIGNIFICANT UNDERTAKINGS AND REQUIRE THE SUPPORT OF MANY PEOPLE AND STAKEHOLDERS. THIS EVENT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE TIRELESS SUPPORT OF AENEAS FROM AFLNT. WE ARE ALSO GRATEFUL TO THE GAPUWIYAK MS TEAM FOR THE WORK THEY DID PREPARING THE OVAL FOR THE EVENT. A HUGE THANK YOU MUST ALSO BE EXTENDED TO SIKELI QOUNADOVU, MATTEA HOLLIDAY AND THE BROADER ACYS TEAM IN GAPUWIYAK FOR THEIR WORK IN PREPARATION AND FOR HOSTING THIS EVENT.

THIS IS THE FINAL REGIONAL EVENT FOR 2025. WE LOOK FORWARD TO EXPLORING NEW WAYS TO MAKE THE EVENTS SPECIAL FOR BOTH PLAYERS AND COMMUNITIES IN 2026!

AWARD WINNERS

BEST & FAIREST PLAYER - JORDAN DHAMARRANDJI - YIRRKALA
GRAND FINAL MVP - SHANE DJAMINA - GALIWIN'KU

CHAMPIONS: GALIWIN'KU
RUNNERS-UP: YIRRKALA





AFLX UNDER-15 BOYS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



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ACTIVITY PROVIDER REPORT

29 SEPTEMBER - 3 OCTOBER 2025

SOUNDED - GALIWIN'KU

WAYNE GLENN FROM SOUNDED RETURNED TO GALIWIN'KU TO DELIVER ANOTHER EXCELLENT WEEK OF MUSIC VIDEO WORKSHOPS DURING THE SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. WAYNE PREVIOUSLY DELIVERED A SIMILAR WEEK OF MUSIC VIDEO ACTIVITIES DURING YOUTH WEEK (APRIL 2025).

THE ACTIVITIES WERE HELD AT THE GALIWIN'KU REC HALL, OTHER SITES AROUND GALIWIN'KU, AND ALSO AT DHAMBALA OUTSTATION. MOST ATTENDEES WERE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE GALIWIN'KU COMMUNITY.

THE AIMS OF THE PROGRAM WERE TO:

- CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPANTS TO TELL THEIR STORY AND HAVE THEIR STORIES HEARD.
- DEVELOP SKILLS IN MUSIC/ VIDEO PRODUCTION AND RECORDING.
- WRITE, RECORD AND PRODUCE AN ORIGINAL SONG / STORIES AND FILM 1 BROADCAST STANDARD VIDEOS.

THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF THE ACTIVITIES WERE FOCUSED ON WRITING AND RECORDING A SONG. THE LAST THREE DAYS HAD MORE ACTIVITIES RELATED TO VIDEO MAKING. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED: SONG WRITING, SONG RECORDING, VIDEO RECORDING (INC. USING SOUND MIXER, MICROPHONES, MUSIC INSTRUMENTS, VIDEO CAMERAS & DRONES), DANCING AND PERFORMING TO THE RHYTHM OF THE MUSIC.

MANY THANKS TO YALU ABORIGINAL CORPORATION AND ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE CREATION OF THIS PROJECT.

THE FINAL VIDEO CAN BE VIEWED ON THE EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL YOUTUBE CHANNEL, THE SOUNDED YOUTUBE CHANNEL, OR BY FOLLOWING THIS LINK: [RA'L-MANAPANMIRR DJA'MA](#)



SOUNDED - GALIWIN'KU



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29 SEPTEMBER - 3 OCTOBER 2025

BUILD UP SKATEBOARDING - RAMINGINING

BUILD UP SKATEBOARDING DELIVERED A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS IN RAMINGINING FROM THE 29TH OF SEPTEMBER TO THE 3RD OF OCTOBER 2025. THE SESSIONS WERE FACILITATED BY BENEDICT AND EUGENE, WHO CONDUCTED MULTIPLE WORKSHOPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE RECREATION HALL THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.

THE WORKSHOPS COVERED BASIC SKATEBOARDING SKILLS AS WELL AS MORE ADVANCED TRICKS, ALLOWING PARTICIPANTS TO BUILD ON WHAT THEY HAD LEARNED DURING PREVIOUS COMMUNITY SESSIONS. MANY YOUNG PEOPLE SHOWED NOTICEABLE IMPROVEMENT IN BOTH CONFIDENCE AND ABILITY OVER THE COURSE OF THE WEEK.

THE ENTHUSIASM FROM PARTICIPANTS WAS REMARKABLE. EACH DAY, AC&YS STAFF OBSERVED YOUNG PEOPLE ARRIVING AT THE REC HALL HOURS BEFORE OPENING, OFTEN WAITING IN VERY HOT CONDITIONS TO TAKE PART. THIS DEMONSTRATES THE STRONG INTEREST AND ENGAGEMENT THE WORKSHOPS GENERATED.

EUGENE AND BENEDICT'S SESSIONS WENT BEYOND TEACHING SKATEBOARDING TECHNIQUES—THEY FOSTERED COMMUNITY INCLUSION, TEAMWORK, AND POSITIVE ENGAGEMENT AMONG ALL PARTICIPANTS. BOTH AC&YS STAFF AND YOUNG PEOPLE PROVIDED HIGHLY POSITIVE FEEDBACK ABOUT BUILD UP SKATEBOARDING'S VISIT.

AS A RESULT, AC&YS STAFF ARE CONSIDERING INCLUDING REGULAR SKATEBOARDING SESSIONS IN THE MONTHLY PROGRAM. THIS ONGOING ACTIVITY WOULD ALLOW YOUNG PEOPLE TO CONTINUE DEVELOPING THEIR SKATEBOARDING SKILLS WHILE ALSO REINFORCING VALUABLE LIFE SKILLS, SUCH AS FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS, PRACTICING SAFELY, AND WORKING COOPERATIVELY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

YOU CAN SEE A VIDEO OF THE SESSIONS ON EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL, OR BY FOLLOWING THIS LINK: [BUILD UP SKATEBOARDING WORKSHOPS RAMINGINING SEPTEMBER 2025](#)



BUILD UP SKATEBOARDING RAMINGINING



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NEXT 9 SPORTS ACADEMY - YIRRKALA & GUNYANGARA

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

NEXT 9 SPORTS ACADEMY DELIVERED AN EXCITING WEEK OF BASKETBALL WORKSHOPS ACROSS YIRRKALA AND GUNYANGARA DURING THE SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. THE PROGRAM FOCUSED ON DEVELOPING FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS, TEAMWORK, AND LEADERSHIP IN A FUN, ENERGETIC, AND CULTURALLY CONNECTED ENVIRONMENT.

OVER FIVE DAYS, THE NEXT 9 TEAM DELIVERED TWO SESSIONS PER DAY; AFTERNOON AND EVENING, OFFERING LOCAL YOUTH STRUCTURED BASKETBALL CLINICS, MINI COMPETITIONS, AND MENTORING SESSIONS. PARTICIPANTS WERE ENCOURAGED TO BUILD CONFIDENCE, FITNESS, AND SPORTSMANSHIP WHILE LEARNING KEY PRINCIPLES OF BASKETBALL INCLUDING DRIBBLING, SHOOTING, DEFENCE, AND GAME PLAY.

THE WORKSHOPS WERE DESIGNED TO CATER TO MIXED AGE GROUPS AND SKILL LEVELS, ENSURING THAT BOTH BEGINNERS AND ADVANCED PLAYERS COULD PARTICIPATE AND BENEFIT. LEADERSHIP AND MENTORING WERE CENTRAL THEMES, WITH OLDER YOUTH GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES TO ASSIST COACHES AND GUIDE YOUNGER PLAYERS.

A TOTAL OF 80 YOUNG PEOPLE TOOK PART ACROSS BOTH COMMUNITIES, WITH STRONG ATTENDANCE EACH DAY AND A GROWING SENSE OF EXCITEMENT THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.

OUTCOMES & IMPACT

THE WORKSHOPS STRENGTHENED YOUTH ENGAGEMENT, PROVIDED A POSITIVE AND HEALTHY SCHOOL HOLIDAY OUTLET, AND REINFORCED COMMUNITY CONNECTION THROUGH SPORT. PARTICIPANTS SHOWED NOTICEABLE IMPROVEMENT IN TEAMWORK, COMMUNICATION, AND SKILL EXECUTION. FEEDBACK FROM FAMILIES, LOCAL YOUTH WORKERS, AND COUNCIL STAFF WAS POSITIVE.

NEXT 9 SPORTS ACADEMY LOOKS FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO COLLABORATE WITH EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL TO DELIVER FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION OF REMOTE ATHLETES AND LEADERS.



NEXT 9 SPORTS ACADEMY YIRRKALA & GUNYANGARA



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

19-23 JANUARY

- HOOPS 4 HEALTH - GALIWIN'KU



JOIN OUR TEAM!

ROLES WITH THE ACYS TEAM ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN:

GUNYANGARA, MILINGIMBI & RAMINGINING.

GET IN TOUCH TO DISCUSS THESE ROLES:

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Image: Darran & Kevin from Ramingining ACYS team



Image: Mattea & Thomas from Gapuwiyak ACYS team

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