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## Active Communities & Youth Services



Image: AFLX U15 Girls Champions - Gapuwiyak

# NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2025

# ACTIVE COMMUNITIES & YOUTH SERVICES

FROM THE REGIONAL MANAGER -

SEPTEMBER WAS AN IMPORTANT MONTH FOR THE ACYS SERVICE, WITH ESSENTIAL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS DELIVERED ACROSS THE REGION, AND TWO MAJOR REGIONAL SPORTS EVENTS HOSTED IN YIRRKALA (U15 GIRLS AFL X) AND GALIWIN'KU (BASKETBALL EASTERN CUP). I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK OUR ENTIRE ACYS TEAM FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS. THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF ACTIVITY DELIVERED IN SEPTEMBER WAS AMAZING!

IN OTHER NEWS, THE ACYS TEAM IS WORKING HARD PREPARING A NEW LIBRARY SPACE IN MILINGIMBI. THE OLD MILINGIMBI LIBRARY WILL SOON BE RELOCATED TO THE COMMUNITY REC HALL, WHERE A SEPERATE QUIET SPACE IS BEING PREPARED FOR COMMUNITY MEMEBERS YOUNG AND OLD. BUILDING OFF THE SUCCESS OF OUR NEW GALIWIN'KU AND GAPUWIYAK LIBRARY SPACES, THE NEW MILINGIMBI LIBRARY WILL BE A COMFORTABLE SPACE FOR READING, RESPITE, PUBLIC WIFI ACCESS, CELEBRATING COMMUNITY HISTORY / CULTURE AND MUCH MORE. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE ACCESS TO SPACES THAT ARE VALUED, AND SUPPORT BROADER COMMUNITY WELLBEING.

THE ACYS TEAM WILL ALSO BE REOPENING THE YIRRKALA YOUTH DROP IN CENTRE IN NOVEMBER. THIS SPACE HAS BEEN HEAVILY RENOVATED, INCLUDING A NEW LARGER SEPERATE KITCHEN AREA, WHEELCHAIR ACCESS RAMPS, A LARGER BATHROOM, NEW FLOORING, NEW PAINT, NEW FURNITURE, NEW LIGHTING AND MORE. THE NEW SPACE WILL OFFER YIRRKALA RESIDENTS A SAFE, VALUED AND QUIET SPACE FOR INDOOR ACTIVITY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING MORE EXCITING UPDATES AS THE YEAR DRAWS CLOSE TO AN END.

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

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THANK YOU



Image: Edor (tag game) at the Yirrkala oval



Image: Dunk comp - Eastern Cup

# 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.



## Active Communities & Youth Services

## 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: AC Coordinator, Osiah, delivers a message to the Milingimbi AFLX Girls team

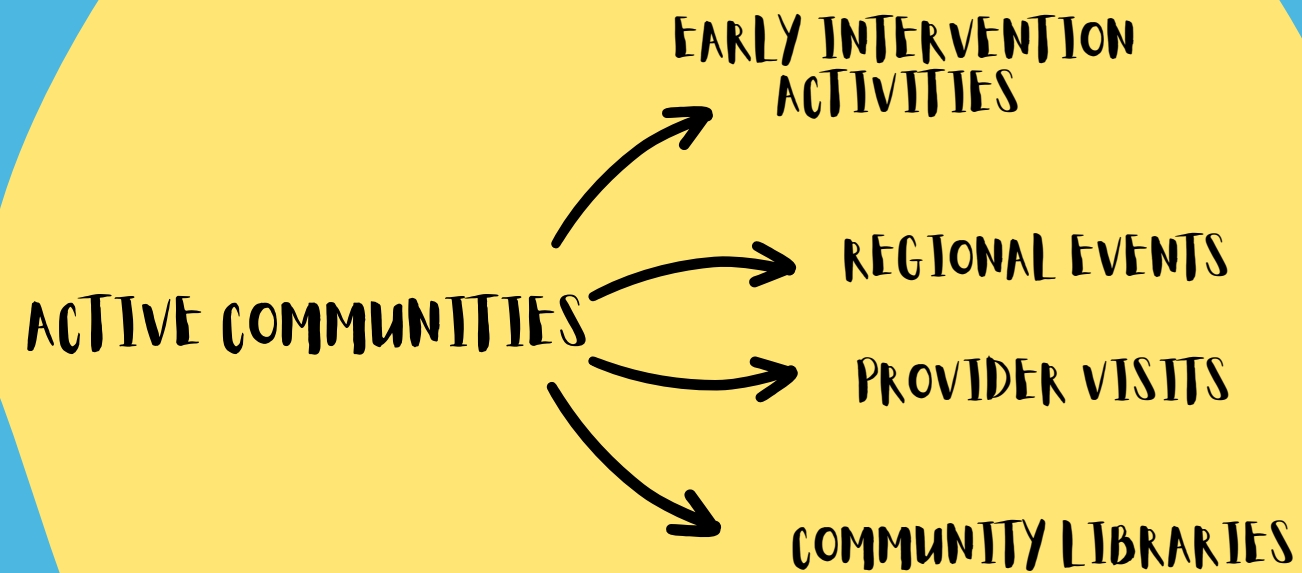


Image: Gapuwiyak AFLX Girls team



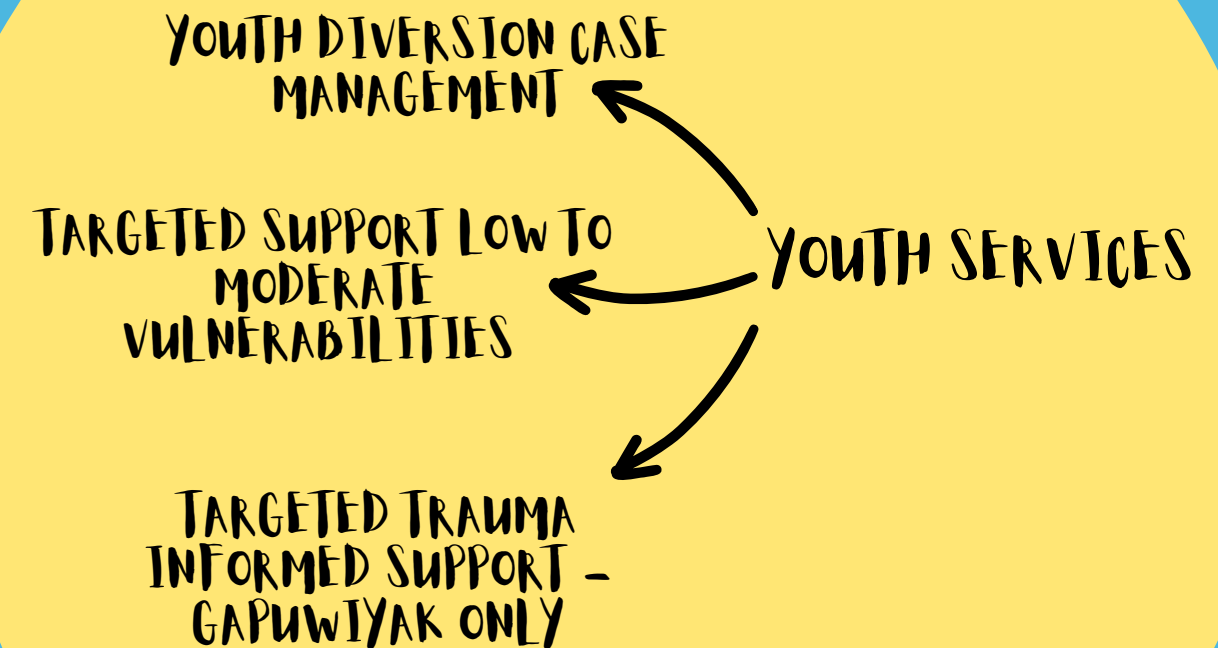
Image: Some of the Yirrkalá men's basketball team prepare to fly to Eastern Cup

# ACTIVE COMMUNITIES & YOUTH SERVICES



**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 - SEPTEMBER 2025

174

TOTAL ACTIVITIES  
DELIVERED

5435

TOTAL PARTICIPANT  
ENGAGEMENTS

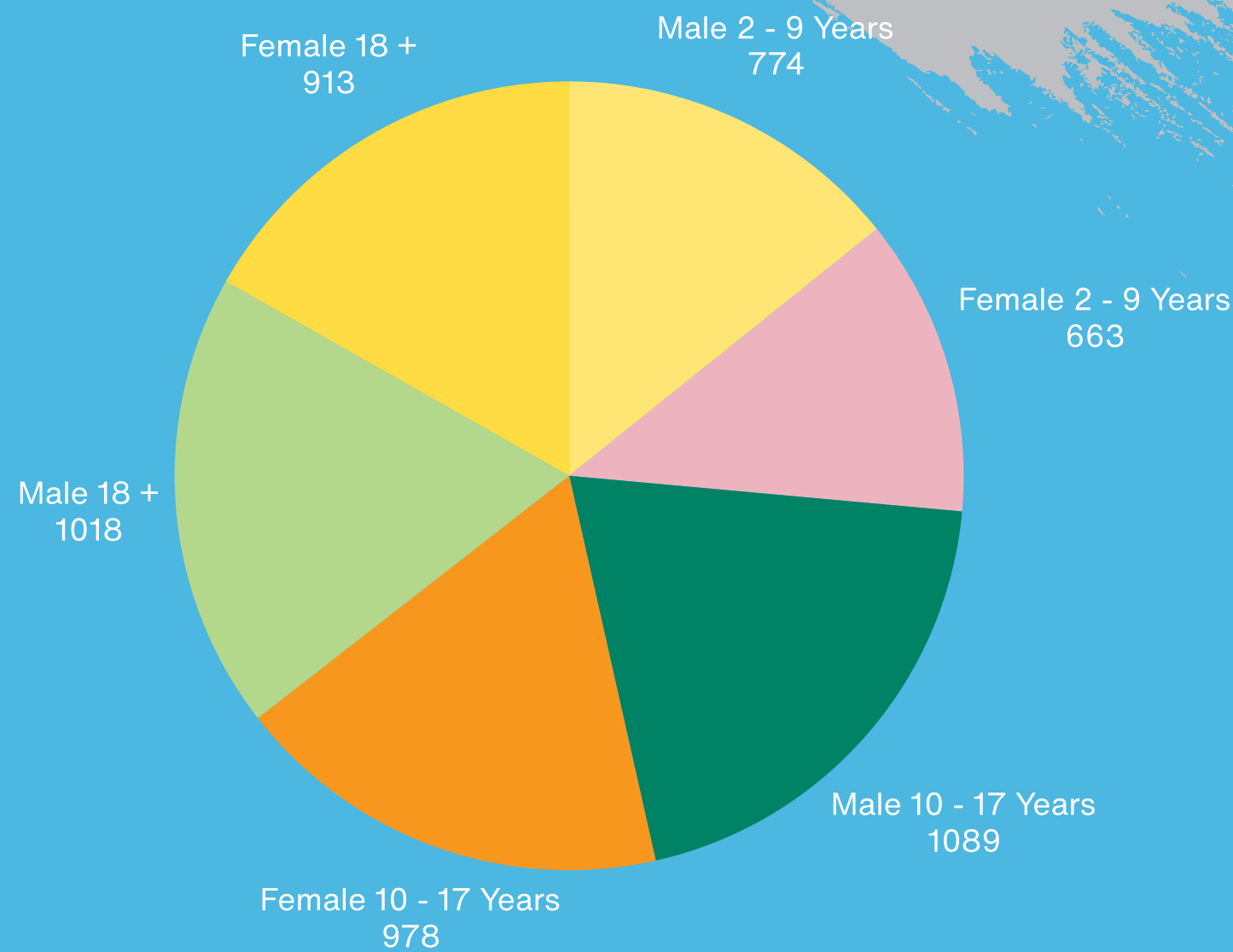


Image: AFL Grand Final Day in Ramingining

# SEPTEMBER 2025



# EMPLOYMENT & CAPACITY BUILDING

DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, OUR DELIVERY NETWORK FEATURED 27 STAFF, INCLUDING **21 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: Bula'bula arts program in Ramingining



Image: Movies in Galiwin'ku

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT: VICKI WASSENS

I MOVED TO GALIWIN'KU TO WORK WITH EARC TO START A NEW CHAPTER IN MY BOOK OF LIFE. I LOVE WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AND WAS SEARCHING FOR YOUTH WORK JOBS IN MY HOMETOWN IN NSW AND SOMEHOW THE ACYS ROLE IN NT POPPED UP. PREVIOUSLY, I WAS WORKING IN A SCHOOL AND HEAVILY INVOLVED AS A SPORTS VOLUNTEER AND COACH. I HAD WORKED WITH A LOT OF INDIGENOUS ATHLETES AND FAMILIES AND ADMIRERED THEIR FAMILY CULTURE. IN MOVING TO GALIWIN'KU, I WANTED TO BETTER EDUCATE MYSELF ABOUT FIRST NATIONS CULTURE AND SPIRITUALITY, AS WELL AS BEING ABLE TO OFFER SOMETHING TO COMMUNITY.

WORKING IN THIS CONTEXT, I'VE BECOME MORE EMPATHETIC AND HAVE ADAPTED MY APPROACH AS MY CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING HAS DEVELOPED. A COUPLE OF MY KEY WORK SKILLS ARE TIME MANAGEMENT AND MULTITASKING – AND THESE SKILLS HAVE GONE TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL IN THIS ROLE. I AM CONTINUING TO GROW AND LEARN EACH DAY – DEVELOPING BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY.

IN THE FUTURE, I'M LOOKING TO CHALLENGE MYSELF TO DEVELOP MORE CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE LIBRARY ACTIVITIES. I'M LOOKING TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE OUR PROGRAM. I'M CONTINUALLY CHALLENGING MY MINDSET AND TRYING TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX.

IN THE GRAND FINAL OF THE EASTERN CUP I WAS CRYING MY EYES OUT. GALIWIN'KU WERE COMPETING AND THE PASSION, ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM FROM THE CROWD WAS OVERWHELMING. I WAS THINKING – “WOW, LOOK WHAT WE DID! LOOK WHAT THEY'RE DOING!” I AM ALL GOOSEBUMPY TALKING ABOUT IT NOW. OLD YOLNGU AND LITTLE YOLNGU WERE ALL WANTING TO HIGH FIVE AND MAKE EACH OTHER LAUGH. THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE WITH COMMUNITY HAS BROUGHT ME GREAT JOY!

IT'S GREAT TO HAVE FAFT VISIT OUR SPACE ON FRIDAY'S. I LOVE SEEING THE REC HALL OVERRUN BY TWO-YEAR-OLD'S GLIDING ON THEIR TUMMIES ON SKATEBOARDS. IT'S A JOY TO PROVIDE THIS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

AS TIME GOES ON – OUR 'COMMUNITY HUB' CONTINUES TO GROW. ALL AGES CAN VISIT THIS WELCOMING, SAFE SPACE. IT'S MUCH NEEDED FOR RESPITE AS WELL AS FOR ACTIVITY. IT'S OPEN FOR ALL OF COMMUNITY – NOT JUST FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

I'VE ENJOYED DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE GALIWIN'KU COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE – IT'S BEEN VERY REWARDING. I'M GRATEFUL TO THE COMMUNITY FOR TEACHING ME MANY CULTURAL THINGS. I'M LOVING EVERY MOMENT.



# YOUTH SERVICES SEPTEMBER UPDATE



Image: Children with Milingimbi Youth Support Coordinator  
- Taylor Petty 2025

THIS MONTH, OUR YOUTH SERVICES TEAM HAS BEEN BUSY SUPPORTING THE ACTIVE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM WITH REGIONAL EVENTS AND RUNNING ENGAGING ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

IN MILINGIMBI, OUR YOUTH SUPPORT COORDINATOR, TAYLOR, HAD A GREAT TIME TEAMING UP WITH MIWATJ HEALTH TO DELIVER EDUCATION SESSIONS ON IMPORTANT TOPICS LIKE SMOKING (YAKA NARALI), ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS (AOD), AND GENERAL HEALTH AWARENESS. THESE SESSIONS WERE NOT ONLY INFORMATIVE BUT ALSO A FUN AND ENGAGING WAY TO CONNECT WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY.

TAYLOR'S ROLE AS THE YOUTH SUPPORT COORDINATOR IN MILINGIMBI IS TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE WHO MAY BE EXPERIENCING LOW TO MODERATE VULNERABILITIES, SUCH AS VOLATILE SUBSTANCE USE. WHILE THIS IS NOT A CLINICAL REHAB SERVICE, TAYLOR IS TRAINED TO OFFER SCREENING, ASSESSMENTS, AND THERAPEUTIC ACTIVITIES TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE BUILD CONFIDENCE, REDUCE RISKY BEHAVIOURS, AND STAY ON A POSITIVE PATH.

WHEN NEEDED, TAYLOR ALSO WORKS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE TO CREATE PERSONALISED YOUTH SUPPORT PLANS. THESE PLANS OFFER ONGOING GUIDANCE AND, IF NECESSARY, CAN INCLUDE REFERRALS TO MORE SPECIALISED YOUTH AOD SERVICES OR OTHER SUPPORTS.

WE ARE PROUD OF THE POSITIVE IMPACT OUR TEAM IS MAKING, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THIS IMPORTANT WORK IN THE MONTHS AHEAD!

# ACTIVE COMMUNITIES SEPTEMBER UPDATE



Image: Making it look easy in the dunk comp at Eastern Cup

OCTOBER INCLUDED TWO REGIONAL EVENTS, MANY ACTIVITY PROVIDER VISITS AS WELL AS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING.

AFLX U15 GIRLS WAS HELD IN YIRRKALA ON SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER. IT WAS A PLEASURE TO HOST THIS EVENT UNDER LIGHTS AND TO INCLUDE AN OVERNIGHT STAY AT GULKULA (GARMA SITE) FOR THE PARTICIPANTS. A BIG THANKS TO AFLNT FOR THEIR EFFORTS DELIVERING A GREAT EVENT ALONGSIDE OUR TEAM.

THE BIGGEST EVER EASTERN CUP WAS HELD IN GALIWIN'KU 25-26 SEPTEMBER. WE WERE THRILLED TO BE JOINED BY NBL REFEREE JACQUI DOVER FOR THE EVENT. BIG THANKS TO BASKETBALL NT FOR DELIVERING A REFEREE WORKSHOP, 3 POINT, DUNK AND SKILLS COMPS AS WELL AS REFEREEING AND MANAGING THE COMPETITION SCHEDULE AT WHAT WAS A GREAT EVENT FOR ALL INVOLVED.

WE WERE GRATEFUL TO WORK ALONGSIDE BULA'BULA ARTS IN RAMINGINING, AND MILINGIMBI ART AND CULTURE IN MILINGIMBI FOR PART OF OUR SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM. PARTICIPANTS ENJOYED ENGAGING IN TRADITIONAL ART PRACTICES AND LEARNING FROM THE SENIOR ARTISTS.

WE ALSO RECENTLY COMPLETED WORKSHOPS WITH NEXT 9 SPORTS ACADEMY (GUNYANGARA AND YIRRKALA), BUILD UP SKATEBOARDING (RAMINGINING) AND SOUNDED (GALIWIN'KU). HOWEVER, YOU'LL NEED TO WAIT UNTIL THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER TO HEAR ABOUT THOSE!

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR ACYS TEAM FOR DELIVERING A VARIED SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AND FOR PROVIDING SPORTS PATHWAYS FOR KEEN FOOTBALLERS AND BASKETBALLERS IN THEIR COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER!

DAN RULE, ACTIVE COMMUNITIES MANAGER

# EASTERN CUP BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

25-26 SEPTEMBER 2025 - GALIWIN'KU

THE EAST ARNHEM REGION'S TOP BASKETBALLERS ASSEMBLED UPON THE EARC GALIWIN'KU RECREATION HALL FOR TWO DAYS OF INTENSE COMPETITION ACROSS THE 25<sup>TH</sup> AND 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025.

THE EVENT FEATURED A RECORD 13 TEAMS. FIVE WOMEN'S TEAMS (GALIWIN'KU 1, GALIWIN'KU 2, GAPUWIYAK, GOVE, RAMINGINING) AND EIGHT MEN'S TEAMS (GALIWIN'KU 1, GALIWIN'KU 2, GALIWIN'KU 3, GAPUWIYAK, GOVE, GROOTE, MILINGIMBI, RAMINGINING) CONTESTED THEIR RESPECTIVE TITLES.

OVERALL, APPROXIMATELY 100 PLAYERS AND 20 STAFF TOOK PART IN THE EVENT THAT DREW HUNDREDS OF SPECTATORS.

BIG EVENTS LIKE THESE ARE DELIVERED WITH THE HELP AND SUPPORT OF MANY PEOPLE AND FOR THIS, WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL. FIRSTLY, THANK YOU TO ALL THE PLAYERS FOR YOUR ENTHUSIASM IN TAKING PART IN THIS EVENT. THANK YOU TO DAN, JOSH, JACQUI AND KYLIE FROM BASKETBALL NT FOR YOUR MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPETITION SCHEDULE AND REFEREEING. THANKS TO OUR EARC MS TEAM FOR HELPING TO MANAGE RUBBISH AND LOANING VEHICLES FOR USE AT THE EVENT. THANKS TO MIWATJ - INCLUDING DJAPANA AND BERNIE FOR HELPING OUT THROUGHOUT THE EVENT AND RUNNING THE PUBLIC HEALTH TABLE. A BIG THANKS TO HOWIE AND THE RAINBOW BUS FOR MOVING PLAYERS AROUND ACROSS THREE DAYS. THANKS TO BUSHFIT MOB FOR ORGANISING A TEAM TO COMPETE FROM GROOTE. THANKS TO OUR EARC STAFF, FOR THEIR TIRELESS WORK WITH SET UP AND PACK DOWN, FOR SCORING, ENSURING CLEANLINESS OF THE VENUE AND FOR KEEPING EVERYONE HYDRATED. FINALLY, A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR GALIWIN'KU AC COORDINATOR, EVELLENA 'MILLIY' WANAMBI, AND REC HALL MANAGER, VICKI WASSENS, AND THEIR TEAM FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN PREPARING THE VENUE AND FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THIS YEAR'S EVENT.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AGAIN AT THE EASTERN CUP IN 2026!



# EASTERN CUP BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

## WOMEN'S DIVISION RESULTS

CHAMPIONS: GALIWIN'KU 1  
RUNNERS-UP: GAPUWIYAK

## MEN'S DIVISION RESULTS

CHAMPIONS: GALIWIN'KU 1  
RUNNERS-UP: GALIWIN'KU 2

## MVP – WOMEN'S WINNER

LYNETTE GARRAWURRA – GALIWIN'KU

## MVP – MEN'S WINNER

JORDAN WANAMBI - GALIWIN'KU 1

## RISING STAR – WOMEN'S WINNER

VICTORIA WANAMBI - GAPUWIYAK

## RISING STAR – MEN'S WINNER

MATHIAS BARA - GROOTE



## 3 POINT SHOOT OUT – WOMEN'S WINNER

LEKISHA MUNUYARRYUN - GALIWIN'KU 1

## 3 POINT SHOOT OUT – MEN'S WINNER

JAMAL GURRUWIWI - GALIWIN'KU 2

## SKILLS CHALLENGE – WOMEN'S WINNER

JARICA NARUL - RAMINGINING

## SKILLS CHALLENGE – MEN'S WINNER

NIKOLAS “STORM BOY” MUNUNGURR - GAPUWIYAK

## DUNK COMPETITION

DWAYNE “MANA” MUNUNGURR - GAPUWIYAK



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# AFLX UNDER-15 GIRLS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

6 SEPTEMBER 2025 - YIRRKALA

EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL'S AFLX UNDER 15 GIRLS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WAS HELD ON SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025.

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

47 PLAYERS TOOK PART IN THE EVENT THAT ALSO WELCOMED SPECTATORS FROM ACROSS THE GOVE PENINSULA.

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, BRI, WHITNEY AND TOM FROM AFLNT. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT FROM NHULUNBUY STARS AND YIRRKALA STARS FOR RECRUITING AND BRINGINING A TEAM TO COMPETE AT THE EVENT. WE ARE ALSO GRATEFUL TO THE YIRRKALA MS TEAM FOR THE WORK THEY DID MOWING THE OVAL, CLEANING RUBBISH AND PROVIDING EQUIPMENT FOR THE EVENT. AS THEY SAY, MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK. A HUGE THANK YOU MUST ALSO BE EXTENDED TO SIKELI QOUNADOVU, WHO HAS LEFT HIS POST IN GAPUWIYAK TO BASE HIMSELF IN YIRRKALA/GUNYANGARA TO SUPPORT THIS EVENT. THANKS SIKELI FOR YOUR EFFORTS PREPARING THE VENUE AND EQUIPMENT AND GENERALLY GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE EVENT.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO DELIVERING THE AFLX UNDER-15 GIRLS EVENT AGAIN IN 2026!

## AWARD WINNERS

BEST & FAIREST PLAYER - DEANNA DARWIN - MILINGIMBI  
GRAND FINAL MVP - TANESHA WHITE - GAPUWIYAK

CHAMPIONS: GAPUWIYAK  
RUNNERS-UP: MILINGIMBI

CHECK OUT THE AFLX GIRLS HIGHLIGHTS ON YOUTUBE: [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/S4OAMKE17X0](https://youtu.be/S4OAMKE17X0)



# AFLX UNDER-15 GIRLS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS





# ACTIVITY PROVIDER REPORT

## 29 SEPTEMBER - 1 OCTOBER 2025

### MILINGIMBI ART AND CULTURE - MILINGIMBI

**OVERVIEW:** THROUGH DISCUSSION WITH ARTISTS AND TRADITIONAL ELDERS AT MILINGIMBI ART AND CULTURE, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NEEDS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY IS TO ENSURE THAT THE RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE AND TRADITIONAL PRACTICE OF WEAVING IS PASSED DOWN TO YOUNGER GENERATIONS. OUR SENIOR WEAVING ARTISTS DEVELOPED THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM TO PROMOTE ENGAGEMENT WITH THE ART CENTRE AND ENCOURAGE A NEW GENERATION OF EMERGING FIBRE ARTISTS TO EXPLORE THEIR CRAFT. THE LEAD FACILITATORS WERE: ELIZABETH RUKARRIWUY GARRAWURRA, ROSLYN MARKAPU, MANDY BATJULA GAYKAMANJU, MARGARET GAMUTI WITH HELEN GANALMIRRIWUY GARRAWURRA OVERSEEING THE TEACHING.

**ACTIVITIES:** FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE DAYS, SENIOR WEAVERS GUIDED AND SUPPORTED YOUNG MIYALK (WOMEN AND GIRLS) TO LEARN WEAVING PRACTICES AND CONNECT TO LOCAL FIBRES, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY. PARTICIPANTS WERE INTRODUCED TO THE FULL PROCESS OF FIBRE ARTMAKING—RESPECTFULLY COLLECTING PANDANUS AND JUNGLE VINE, STRIPPING AND DRYING FIBRES, PREPARING AND COOKING NATURAL DYES, AND BEGINNING TO FORM WEAVING COILS.

**PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT:** MOST PARTICIPANTS PARTICULARLY ENJOYED THE PREPARATION OF DYE MATERIALS AND EXPERIMENTING WITH NATURAL “BUSH CHEMISTRY” TO UNDERSTAND HOW LOCAL PLANTS ARE USED TO COLOUR AND STRENGTHEN FIBRES. THE WORKSHOPS CREATED A CULTURALLY SAFE SPACE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEARN, SHARE STORIES, AND EXPRESS THEMSELVES CREATIVELY ALONGSIDE RESPECTED SENIOR ARTISTS.

#### OUTCOMES:

- ENCOURAGED THE NEXT GENERATION OF EMERGING FIBRE ARTISTS
- PROVIDED MEANINGFUL FUTURE EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS AND SUSTAINABLE INCOME OPPORTUNITIES
- PRESERVED TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PRACTICES
- BUILT POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS AND PROVIDED A CREATIVE SPACE FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES

**IMPACT:** THE WEAVING WORKSHOPS STRENGTHENED INTERGENERATIONAL CONNECTIONS AND RENEWED ENTHUSIASM AMONG YOUNG PARTICIPANTS TO CONTINUE LEARNING AND WEAVING AT THE ART CENTRE. THE PROGRAM SUPPORTED THE CONTINUITY OF CULTURAL PRACTICE, PROVIDING SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE THAT CONTRIBUTE TO BOTH CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY FOR MILINGIMBI’S FUTURE ARTISTS.



# MILINGIMBI ART AND CULTURE

## MILINGIMBI



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BULA'BULA ARTS - RAMINGINING

LED BY RAMINGINING ARTISTS EVONNE RRARAYPUM, DOROTHY DJANPALIL, JOY BINDINDJILIL, JOY BURRUNA, AND ANGELA MALIBIRR, THE BULA'BULA ARTS PAINTING WORKSHOPS WERE BURSTING WITH CULTURE, CONNECTION AND CREATIVITY. OVER THREE DAYS, GROUPS OF BRIGHT YOUNG ARTISTS PICKED UP THEIR BRUSHES TO PAINT THEIR TOTEMS, LEARNING TRADITIONAL TECHNIQUES AND STORIES ALONG THE WAY. AS THE SESSIONS WENT ON, THE ENERGY GREW — EVERYONE CAME TOGETHER TO CREATE FOUR STUNNING LARGE-SCALE PAINTINGS, TWO DHUWA AND TWO YIRRITJA CANVASES, CELEBRATING THEIR CULTURAL MOIETIES. THE WORKSHOPS BECAME A JOYFUL SPACE FOR SHARING, LEARNING, AND CONNECTION, AS SENIOR ARTISTS PASSED DOWN KNOWLEDGE AND THE CHILDREN PAINTED WITH PRIDE, ENTHUSIASM, AND A REAL SENSE OF BELONGING.

ACYS COORDINATOR, DARRAN WYATT, SAID OF THE WORKSHOPS “THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED ENGAGED IN THE WORKSHOPS REALLY WELL, LEARNING TRADITIONAL PAINTING, WHILE GAINING OTHER VALUABLE INSIGHTS FROM ELDERS AROUND MIXING COLOURS, CORRECT TECHNIQUE WITH A PAINT BRUSH AND INDIGENOUS PATTERNING. AC&YS STAFF ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO DOING MORE WORKSHOPS WITH BULA'BULA ARTS IN THE FUTURE. THIS WILL ENSURE THE YOUNG PEOPLE CONTINUE TO EXPAND ON THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS PAINTING AND TECHNIQUES, WHILE ALSO PROVIDING POSITIVE CONNECTIONS TO BOTH COMMUNITY AND CULTURE.



# BULA'BULA ARTS - RAMINGINING



# LOOKING AHEAD...

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 25 OCTOBER

- AFLX UNDER 15 BOYS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - GAPUWIYAK

### NOVEMBER

- GALA DAYS - HOSTED IN GAPUWIYAK AND GALIWIN'KU

### 13 DECEMBER - 27 JANUARY

- SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS - ALL COMMUNITIES

### 12-16 JANUARY

- SOUNDED - RAMINGINING

### 19-23 JANUARY

- CORRUGATED IRON YOUTH ARTS - MILINGIMBI
- HOOPS 4 HEALTH - GALIWIN'KU



**5TH ANNUAL  
AFLX  
UNDER-15 BOYS  
REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**25 OCTOBER 2025**  
**Gapuwiyak Oval**  
GALIWIN'KU | GAPUWIYAK | GOVE  
MILINGIMBI | RAMINGINING  
Under 15 Years: Contact your  
Active Communities Coordinator for sign ups!

    
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hear from  
you!**



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# JOIN OUR TEAM!

ROLES WITH THE ACYS TEAM ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN:

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

GET IN TOUCH TO DISCUSS THESE ROLES:

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Image: Gapuwiyak contingent at Eastern Cup



Image: Miliy & Vicki from the Galiwin'ku ACYS team