

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

The BAC Board is proud to congratulate two of our Directors who rose to the new heights of responsibility and authority.



Matthew Ryan

WELL DONE MATTHEW RYAN, a man of Barabarra, Wurrpann, and Gurindiji descent, a long-standing member of the Bawinanga Board and formerly the Mayor of the West Arnhem Regional Council – **now elected as the new Northern Land Council Chair** – a great honour to the Maningrida community.

Matthew served as a Councillor for the Maningrida Ward since 2008 and as Mayor since 2017. We look forward to watching Matthew fighting bigger battles for people in remote communities in his new role.

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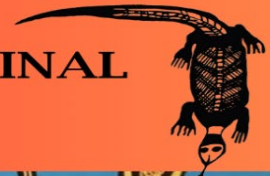


James Woods

WELL DONE JAMES WOODS now elected as the new **Mayor of West Arnhem Regional Council!** Mayor Woods has served the Maningrida community for over eight years as the longest serving chairperson for the Maningrida Local Authority and joined our Board in November 2023.

James said he looks forward to working with his fellow Elected Members to create a brighter future for the constituents of West Arnhem Land. And we look forward to continue working with him here in Maningrida!

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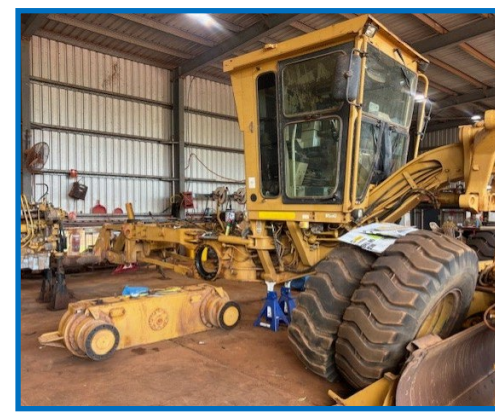


This month we would like to highlight the fantastic efforts of our **Housing Hero Nathan Cooper**. Nathan has worked with BAC for several years now and has been enjoying his work as a plumbing labourer. Plumbing is an essential part of what we do here at Housing. Having safe and efficient plumbing is important for the hygiene and comfort for the community, and we are so proud of Nathan's high standard of work.

Nathan often works long days and weekends fixing plumbing issues and building new and better bathrooms in our "Room to Breathe" houses. Thank you for all your hard work, Nathan!

THE WORKSHOP has been busy as usual with ongoing repairs & maintenance to BAC fleet. We've done lots of training this month: First Aid training, White card training and Forklift training — enhancing the skills of our already very skilful team. Big thanks to Terrain Tamer that gifted a full suspension kit for our Civil Roads vehicle, your business' support to our community greatly appreciated!

Our **CIVIL CREW** has also taken some time in the Wet season to complete their training programs and doing ongoing repairs of machinery in preparation for 2024 season. DIPL Road Reporting is well under way.



See our Civil grader – major warranty works in place due to workshop error in Darwin



Kammy Pascoe and **Lexter James** are having a yarn here while waiting for their forklift training

DJELK RANGERS GOING WILD!

The three new learning on Country (LoC) Interns commenced early this year and have been doing a great job. **Dimitrius Brain, Max Maxwell and Noreen Wurrkidji** attended the 2024 Savanna Fire Forum in Darwin and featured in some ABC media articles about their employment. Joyce and Noreen even did an ABC Radio interview!

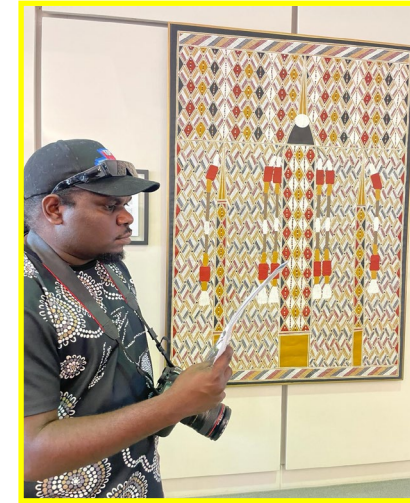
The 2024 croc egg collection season was a big success with our new LoC Interns giving us lots of help with the egg cleaning, sorting and managing hatchlings. The Rangers worked on some new systems of operating and had a great season with lots of eggs collected.



ARTS WORKERS ON THE GO!

This month art worker **Elijah Nelson** started the ANKA Arts Worker Extension Program (AWEP) spending a week in Darwin. Working from the ANKA office in Darwin, Elijah and 7 other participants will undergo extensive arts industry professional development.

Pictured here at Parliament House in Darwin, Elijah also visited Charles Darwin University Art Gallery, Museum & Art Gallery of The Northern Territory as well as commercial gallery's Outstation Gallery and Laundry Gallery & Aboriginal Bush Traders.



Jonah Ryan, Chris Campion and Dimitrius Brian – Croc Country Champions



COMMUNITY IN ACTION

Night patrol is very active in the community preventing crime and keeping streets safe. Acting on MOU with Maningrida police, we hold monthly meetings to ensure cooperation and good partnership. Clients keep **Money Management** busy with lots of appointments; community bus is operating regularly. The free **Laundry service** is open 5 days a week 8am to 8pm.

RSAS is working with families assisting parents and kids trying to attend school. The **Yulaba** Sunday fortnightly cook-up, a school engagement initiative sponsored by WINC, was a smashing success!