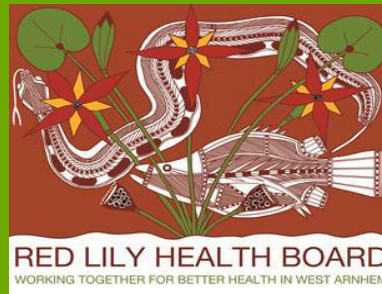


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RED LILY HEALTH BOARD NEWSLETTER

Red Lily acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians across the lands on which we live, and work and we pay respect to elders both past and present

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June Nadjamerrek and Rosemary Nabalwand joined with Mayor Matt Ryan and Brooke Darmanin, Brad Palmer and Steve Hayes to discuss various issues such as:

- Red Lily Health Board support the idea of 'The Voice'
- Improved funding for Gunbalanya Health Centre and Outstations
- Need for a new Health Centre building for Gunbalanya
- Advocacy for a regional Multi-Purpose Service based in Jabiru
- Advocate for a Kakadu Rescue Service based in Jabiru
- Improved housing for all communities and outstations
- Improved preparation by Electoral Commission for elections

Red Lily Health acknowledges the great support and guidance provided by Matt and Brooke in preparation for the trip and during the various visits in Parliament House.

The week was Federal Budget week and provided a good opportunity to meet with many federal politicians as they were all in Canberra that week. The main difficulty both delegations faced was securing a confirmed time/day for meetings. We needed to be flexible in our approach and wait in Canberra for a time.

We were able to meet with the following:

- Senator Malarndirri McCarthy
- Senator Marion Scrymgour
- Minister Kristy McBain
- Prime Minister & Cabinet Advisor, Phoebe Drake
- Various other Department of Health Advisors

Many of our appointments were conducted with Matt and Brooke.

Highlights:

- One of the AFP officers knew June's father and showed her a photo of his artwork
- Visit to the AIATSIS Studies
- Visit to the National Museum
- Being escorted around the interior of Parliament House for meetings
- Dinner at some nice restaurants

Youth/ family camp at Minjilang



Recently we had the community camp at Ardimardigu Minjilang (Thank you Charles / Molly) with approx. 60 people attending over the 3 days 2 nights. Support from other agencies such as CDEP, Steadman's, Council, ALPA, and Creche were greatly appreciated.

Stories shared and discussions of wellbeing were had at night. During the day bush foods such as oysters and fish in ample supply. This camp continues from previous camps with the ongoing theme of learning and healing on country. Thank you to all involved.



Japanese Encephalitis

Jabiru Health Centre and Red Lily in conjunction with Parks Australia are in initial stages of rolling out the JE vaccinations to address the current outbreak in communities close to Kakadu.

Japanese encephalitis (JE) is caused by the Japanese encephalitis virus.

Encephalitis is inflammation of the brain tissue and is usually caused by an infection.

The virus is spread through mosquito bites.

Infection in humans is most commonly with no symptoms. On rare occasions, it can result in severe disease with brain damage and even death.

How is it spread?

JE is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. It cannot be spread from person to person.

In countries or regions where the virus is present, the transmission is more common in areas of increased mosquito activity.

Pigs and wild water birds help spread the virus. It multiplies in infected pigs, leading to very high levels in their blood. Mosquitoes feeding on infected pigs and water birds pick up the virus and may spread it to humans.



Christmas Gift for Minjilang Children!



Red Lily Minjilang Health Centre Nurse Simone Lamey is so kind as she has been making outfits for all the young children on the Island as gifts from the clinic for Christmas. She is hoping to continue to do for all the children under 5 years prior to the big day

Meet the Red Lily New Employee

Name: Katie Harrowfield

Role: Business Manager

Workstation: Darwin

Brief introduction: I am relatively new to the NT only arriving in Darwin in 2021 with my partner and 4 fur babies- now down to 3. In my short stint in the Northern Territory, I have had the privilege of working in East Arnhem Land spending most of my time in Galiwinku. My experience involves working in uniquely funded education sites in South Australia ranging from the School of the Air, The Youth Prison, and the new arrivals program. I am passionate about social justice issues including primary health care and I am excited to be a part of the team.



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