

## Worker Yarn: Meet Zakayha Doolan

This month, we're shining a light on **Zakayha Doolan**, a valued member of the **BHAC Employment Services team**.



Zakayha was born in Darwin and raised in Maningrida, where she now works as an Employment Support Receptionist. In her role, Zakayha supports day-to-day operations by checking appointment details, welcoming people into the office, and working closely with Jess to help community members on their employment journey. She works Monday to Friday, 8am–4pm, and plays an important role in keeping the office running smoothly.

Zakayha says she enjoys her job because she has always wanted to work in administration and loves being part of the Employment Services team. As a local person, person, she brings strong community knowledge and supports her team by helping with translating and making local job seekers feel comfortable and welcomed.

Zakayha says her work is especially important because it helps people access jobs and opportunities within their own community. Zakayha believes having local people in roles like hers is key to empowering community members and supporting others to succeed.

**Zakayha's message to the community:**

*"Always be yourself and be kind."*

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**Wild Foods  
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### Wild Foods Café Opening Hours

**Monday to Friday** 8:30am to 10:00pm  
**Saturday** 8:30am to 1:00pm  
and 5:pm to 9:00pm

**Closed on Sunday**

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## BHAC NEWSLETTER

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### Big Catch for the Djelk Rangers!

The **Djelk Rangers** have been busy — and their hard work has paid off in a big way. A massive saltwater croc that's been giving the **Ji-Balbal homeland** residents plenty of trouble has finally been caught. This croc had been hanging around for quite a while, taking dogs and even busting out of a croc trap — something the rangers say they'd never seen before!

But with a new trap in place, the rangers got the job done, and everyone can now head out fishing with a bit more peace of mind.

Under the Problem Crocodile Permit, the Rangers are allowed to remove up to 20 saltwater crocs each year. The community is strongly behind the program, as crocs around Maningrida have been getting a little too bold for comfort.



**Photo: Ranger Jamie Yibarbuk next to the catch – you can see how big it is!**

## Maningrida Art Centre News

There will be a Maningrida Show opening at Outstation Gallery at the Darwin Waterfront on Saturday 21 March, featuring work from **Obed Namirrcki and his father Ivan Namirrcki, and Kenan Namunjdja and his mother Deborah Yulidjirri**. The exhibition will showcase the extraordinary work from Kuninjku artists in Maningrida, and the intricate rarrk tradition that has been sustained across generations.

**FUTURE COUNTRY:** The NGV x Country Road First Nations Commission will open Friday 20 March at the Ian Potter Centre, NGV, Melbourne. **Doreen Jinggarrabarra** was selected by NGV in 2024 to mentor her daughter **Stephanie Ali** to produce her first major body of work. This involved many hours and weeks of weaving, as Stephanie juggled her job at Malala and family life with working on her commission. Doreen and Stephanie will be travelling down to Melbourne in late March for the opening event and artist talks.

**Photo: Doreen and Stephanie (credit: Alana Homberg)**



**Angus Darcy** has been accepted onto this year's Arts Worker Extension Program through ANKA (Arnhem and North Kimberly Artists). AWEP is the leading professional development and career pathways program for Aboriginal arts workers from remote communities in Northern Australia. It includes a two-week interstate internship at major cultural and education institutions, as well as professional development opportunities in Darwin throughout the year. Angus has been a valued part of the Maningrida Arts & Culture team for over 2 years. **Huge congratulations on this next step in your career, Angus!**



Congratulations to **Josephine James and Raylene Bonson** who proudly received their Certificate 1 in Workplace skills from the Batchelor Institute this month!  
Well done **Babbarra ladies!**

A **renovated screen-printing table** has been put together for **Babbarra Women's Centre** by our Housing carpenters: a fabulous job. New thick marine plywood was used – should be good to go for another 20 years! The first design to grace the new table is **Bawaliba** by our famous artist **Lucy Yarawanga**.

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