

Yugul-Ngukurr Nyus

Wanbala Bois – Bigis Ma Langgus

January – May 2020



AFL GRAND FINAL 2020

DEMONS HOLD OFF POWER: The First ever Ngukurr Grand Final held under lights on the Ngukurr Oval on Saturday 21st March. The game was played between the highly fancied Demons and the youthful exciting Yugul Power teams. Demons had made the Grand Final by beating a very unlucky and injury ridden Eagles team by 5 points. This put Demons straight into the Grand Final with a very important week off to rest its players.

The Grand Final between Demons and Yugul Power was fast and furious from the first bounce. Power with Kurtley Silver and Joel Daniels dominating around the ground held a slender lead at quarter time. The second quarter saw the Demons led by the League's Best and Fairest winner Lester Gumbula and Rising Star Dean Daniels slowly took control. Powers backline of Brendan Robertson and Philomen Robertson worked hard to keep the Demons out.

Demons had a good target up forward in Barnabus Turner who led and marked strongly to put Demons in front by 4 points at the long break. The second half continued like the first with both teams supported by a huge crowd throwing everything into the contest. The crowd were on their feet, toeing the boundary line to cheer their team on.

Demons Captain Michael Joshua, Davin Hall, Lester Gumbula, Dean Daniels and the skilful Cedric Robertson were brilliant for their team around the ground while Clement John Forest turned back the clock in an awesome display in the Demons Backline. For the Power was Kurtley Silver, Joel Daniels, Captain Rhys Hall, Zach Daniels and the youngest player on the field 15-year-old Chris Daniels who all played their heart out keeping their team Power in the game.

The Demons went into the last quarter 2 goals up and looked like they were gaining control. However, an inspirational speech at 3 quarter time by the Coach of the Year Danny Daniels got his team Power fired up for one last tilt at glory. Led by his son Joel Daniels, Buck Collins, the damaging Kurtley Silver. Jarad Andrews and the desperate backline of Brendan Robertson and Philomen Robertson surged forward to score putting themselves 2 points down with 5 minutes to go.

The Crowd could not contain their emotions as they yelled and screamed the Community down trying to get their team over the line. Demons in one last breath got the ball forward to kick a goal with seconds left on the clock handing them the Premiership for AFL Ngukurr 2019/20 season. The Crowd stormed the field to help celebrate their team winning a fast skilful and highly intense Grand Final. Both teams should be commended for the Sportsmanship shown both on and off the field.

Players from both teams walked over to the Presentation area to receive the award for Best on Ground and the Premiership cup. Demons Cedric Robertson won the Best on Ground award by one vote from Powers Kurtley Silver.



NGUKURR PRESENTATION NIGHT 2019/20

On Friday 20th March AFL Ngukurr held their Best and Fairest Count and Presentation night under lights on the Oval in front of a huge crowd. In an exciting finish Demons sensational midfielder Lester Gumbula won the award on 20 votes closely followed by Yugul Powers dynamic all-rounder Mikael "Buck" Collins.

Lester Gumbula was a key player for his team, Demons making the Grand Final and ultimately winning the Premiership. Lester was brilliant in most games throughout the season scoring goals and setting them up for his teammates. Lester played midfielder in most games he was very dangerous kicking some great goals. Runner up to the Best and Fairest Award Mikael "Buck" Collins. He was the main reason Power made it all the way to the Grand Final. Buck could play anywhere on the field, both in defence stopping goals or up in forward kicking goals.

TOP 10 PLAYERS BEST AND FAIREST

20 votes – LESTER GUMBIULA (DEMONS FC)
18 votes – MIKAEL “BUCK” COLLINS (YUGUL POWER FC)
17 votes – ETHAN THOMPSON (JETS FC)
16 votes – FRED HALL (EAGLES FC)
16 votes – MICHAEL JOSHUA (DEMONS FC)
15 votes – JAMAHL PONTO (JETS FC)
14 votes – DEAN DANIELS (DEMONS FC)
14 votes – EUAN ROGERS (EAGLES FC)
14 votes – LIAM HALL (EAGLES FC)
12 votes – CEDRIC ROBERTSON (DEMONS FC)

OTHER AWARD WINNERS

Leading Goalkicker – NICO FARRELL (EAGLES FC)
Best Forward – LIAM HALL (EAGLES FC)
Best Defender – ETHAN THOMPSON (JETS FC)
Best Utility – MICHAEL JOSHUA (DEMONS)
Most improved – EUAN ROGERS (EAGLES FC)
Rising Star – DEAN DANIELS (DEMONS FC)



TEAM OF THE YEAR

Left Forward Pocket – Lester Gumbula (DEMONS FC)
Full Forward – Nico Farrell (EAGLES FC)
Right Forward Pocket – Euan Rogers (EAGLES FC)
Left Half Forward Flank – Rhys Hall (POWER S FC)
Centre Half Forward – Matthias Blacksmith (JETS FC)
Right Half Forward Flank – Lyndon Gumbula (POWERS FC)
Left Wing – Jamahl Ponto (JETS FC)
Centre – Fred Hall (EAGLES FC)
Right Wing – Dean Daniels (Demons FC)
Left Half Back Flank – Mark Thompson (EAGLES FC)
Centre Half Back – Ethan Thompson (JETS FC)
Right Half Back Flank – Cedric Robertson (DEMONS FC)
Left Back Pocket – Mickyle Daniels (JETS FC)
Full back – Mario Joshua (EAGLES FC)
Right Back Pocket – Mikael Collins (POWERS FC)
Ruck – Bobby Nunggumajbarr (POWER FC)
Ruck Rover – Michael Joshua (DEMONS FC)
Rover – Davin Hall (DEMONS FC)
Reserve – Anton Rami (JETS FC)
Reserve – Lee Shaun Dingul (DEMONS FC)

Reserve – Liam Hall (EAGLES FC)
Reserve – Jimmy Hall (JETS FC)
Reserve – Russell Bush (POWERS FC)
Reserve – Tyreece Thompson (POWERS FC)
Coach of the Year – Danny Daniels (POWERS FC)

A huge thank you to MY CDP who provided all the jumpers for the competition.

See you all in season 2020/2021



Ngukurr Grand Final photos provided by Hemantha Mouarawila, Outback Stores (Ngukurr General Store) and Ammeretta Wesan, MyCDP.

NGUKURR LANGUAGE CENTRE



**Napuya marngithanju yakuya yothuwatjna bungulgu gol-nara!
Melabat garra lenim det mob beginini bla bunggul la skul!
We are going to teach the kids about bunggul at school!**

Dis tem, sambala Ritharrnju en Wägilak titja burrum Langgus Senta dumbat Ritharrnju en Wägilak klas la skul en la Guluman Senta. Ebirri Tyusdei det titja mob gu la Guluman Senta bla titjim ola beginini mob hau bla sing det song 'Hed Sholda Ni en Tou' gada langgus. Det neim bla det song gada Ritharrnju en Wägilak im 'Iiya miłipi bon Iuku'. Det langgus titja mob ridimat det buk 'Counting our Country' la det beginini mob du. Jill Daniels bin raidim det buk.

Thesdei en Fraidei ola Ritharrnju en Wägilak titja gu la skul bla dum bunggul klas. Det langgus titja shoum det mob fouda fes. Det fouda im bla titjim det bunggul wed. Det mob wed alabat garra len im guku (shugabeg), gara (spiya), galpu (wumara), marrin (dilibeg), galḱarrinju (krou), raki (bushstring) en birrkpirrk (plababed). Det beginini mob leigi det bunggul. Sambala dei lilbit sheim, bat sambala dei rili gudwan densa!

Langgus Senta en skul mob wandi dum difrendifren langgus la skul prougrem. Langgus Senta lugumbat nyuwanyuwan langgus titja. If yu intristing bla titjim langgus la skul, yu gin kol la Langgus Senta. Det Langgus Senta namba im 8977 4225.

This term, some Ritharrnju and Wägilak teachers from the Language Centre are doing Ritharrnju and Wägilak classes at the school and the Guluman Centre. Every Tuesday, the language teachers go to the Guluman Centre to teach all the kids how to sing that 'Head Shoulders Knees and Toes' song in language. The Ritharrnju and Wägilak name for that song is 'Iiya miłipi bon Iuku'. The language teachers also read a book called 'Counting our Country' to the kids. Jill Daniels wrote that book.

On Thursdays and Fridays, all the Ritharrnju and Wägilak teachers go to the school to do bunggul classes. The language teachers start by showing the kids some photos to teach them the bunggul words. The bunggul words the kids have to learn are guku (sugarbag), gara (spear), galpu (woomera), marrin (dillybag), galḱarrinju (crow), raki (bushstring) en birrkpirrk (plover bird). The kids like the bunggul. Some of them are a bit shame, but some of them are really good dancers! The Language Centre and the school want to teach lots of languages in the school program.

The Language Centre is looking for new language teachers. If you are interested in teaching language at the school, you can call the Language Centre on 8977 4225

COVID-19 BAGS AND BUSH MEDICINE SOAP

In April, the MyCDP Team distributed Coronavirus packs for each household in Community. Every pack contained handmade bush medicine soap and information about the coronavirus, each bag that was delivered was hand made by the MyCDP team themselves.



Participants gathered a range of different bush medicine, Small Tea Tree (Gulban), Sandalwood (Dumbuymbu), Apple Bush/Smelly Grass (Jirrama), River Red Gum/Eucalyptus (Ngalangga), Sandpaper Fig (Mayarranja) (Kriol). They then washed the bush medicine and boiled it in water in order to release the oils from the medicine, after that they added a soap base, with a bit of trial and error MyCDP managed to produce some great bush medicine soap for the community.

The MyCDP Team are continuing to make soap for the community. If you are interested in having a look, pop down to the MyCDP workshop, the friendly staff would be more than happy to assist you.



INTERNATIONAL WOMANS DAY 2020



International Woman's Day was recently celebrated in Ngukurr, with the theme of the global celebration for 2020 #EachforEqual. The Guluman Child and Family Centre (CFC) was pleased to host a number of events to celebrate International Woman's Day 2020. The annual event is an opportunity to combat stereotypes and prejudices and mark the achievements of women.

The First event was held on the afternoon of Friday 6th March 2020 at a Recognising Women in Ngukurr High Tea to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women in Ngukurr. Over 30 individuals were nominated, with several women being nominated in more than one category. Special mention must go to Vinette Ngalmi for her passion to this event, and her support and commitment for the past 4 to 5 years at the Guluman Centre. And to two award winners Karen Rogers for her Cultural Award from the Ngukurr Story Project and Economic Award from Ngukurr Arts Aboriginal Corporation.

Daphne Daniels was awarded the overall award in recognition of all her achievements across the four categories, her political achievements including fighting for the people of Ngukurr, representing Ngukurr on many Boards and countless meetings. Daphne has clearly taken over from her father fighting for the rights of Ngukurr residents at every opportunity. Congratulations to Daphne and to all women recognised on the day.

The second event was a community BBQ Brunch with bacon and egg sandwiches, fresh coffee, hot chocolate and tea on Sunday the 8th of March 2020. This whole community event held in the foyer and carpark of the Guluman CFC saw women, men, young and old and children join in for the brunch to recognise and thank women in Ngukurr for all their achievements, with around 150 sandwiches and 100 hot drinks provided.

Thank you To Mellissa Watters for all her hard work, for supporting women, and International Women's Day.

Many thanks to the Northern Territory Government who help make these celebrations possible.



STRONG YOUNG PARENTS PROGRAM

Storngbala parents' yang parent program im isiwan bla saportim bat yang dedi and mami mob hu gada biginini festiam. Dis programgada album en litjim alabat bla gajim eijukehin bla we ken tijim alabat bla gromap biginini gudwei en raitwei.

This Strong Young Parents' program is to support first time young mums and dads. This program will help, teach and educate young parents to give young kids the best start in life.

WOOLWORTHS CARE PACKAGES

Outback Stores in Partnership with Woolworths organised care packages for many communities, Ngukurr was one of them. MyCDP helped Outback Stores deliver 300 care boxes throughout Ngukurr community. The Care Packages were greatly appreciated by the community through these tough times.

The ladies from MyCDP were very happy to assist Outback Stores in delivering these much-needed care packages.



FOODBANK FOR COMMUNITY

Throughout the lockdown period of the COVID-19 pandemic, families in Ngukurr have felt the strain of being able to source enough food supplies during this time. Vulnerable groups such as pregnant mums, mothers with babies and the elderly have been particularly affected with getting enough veggies, fruit and fresh meat. While our Ngukurr General Store has been working very hard to source supplies during this time, it has bene a tough time for everyone. Following the lockdown of Ngukurr, Yugul Mangi Development joined forces with Sunrise Health Service and Foodbank NT to supply a quantity of fruit and veggies and fresh meat to the community members of Ngukurr. Working together as a team on the ground, clan leaders of Ngukurr put their time and effort to divide the food supplies into hampers and then deliver these to the most vulnerable in their clan.

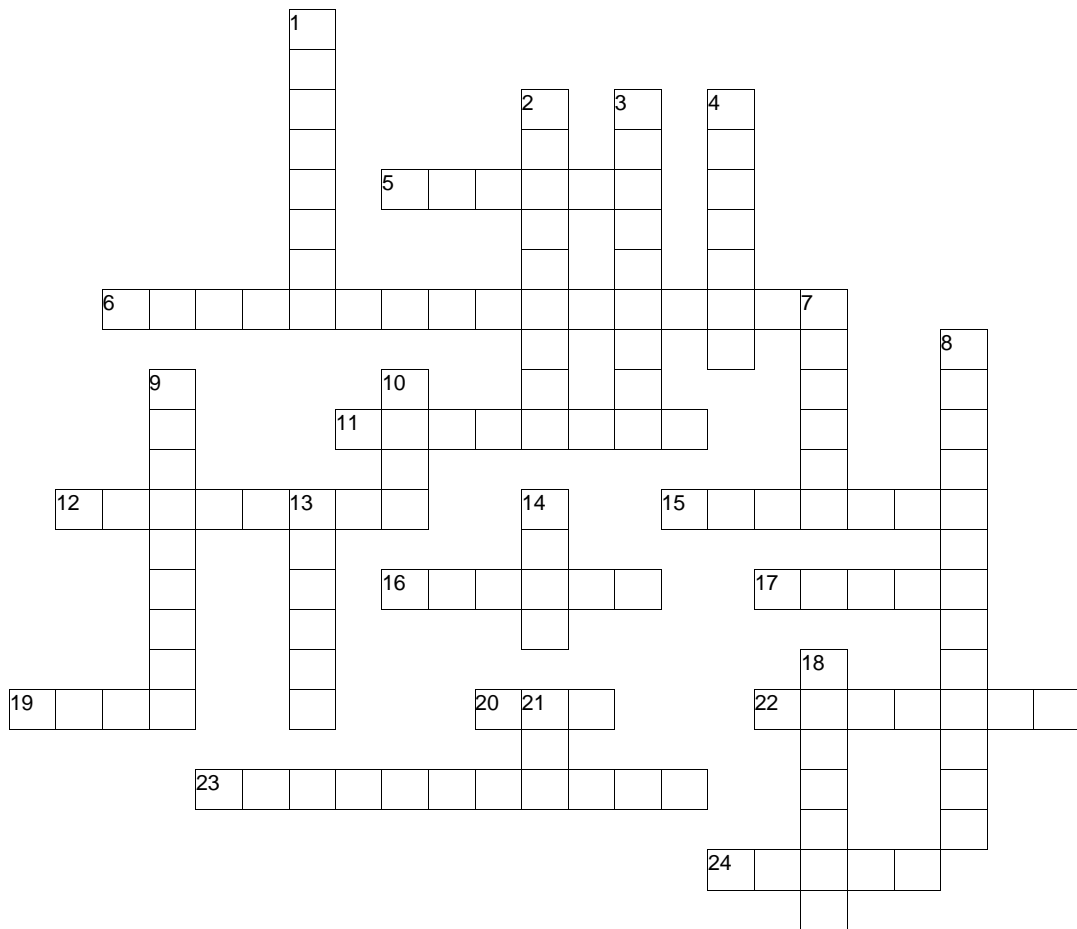
It was fantastic to see how everyone has come together during this lockdown period and supported one another. Together with extra care, kindness, and generosity we can help each other to get through this tough time.

Thanks to Michelle Allen from Sunrise for bringing this all together.



NGUKURR REIGION CROSSWORD

By Roxanne Roberts



Across

5. Who was runner up in the football Grand Final in Ngukurr 2020 (6)
6. Who won the football Grand Final for 2015 in Ngukurr (7) (9)
11. What is the favorite fishing spot for Barra (5) (3)
12. What month did they officially open the lights on the oval (8)
15. What is the name of the Yugul Mangi Motel (7)
16. Who won the football Grand Final in Ngukurr 2020 (6)
17. Narrow waterway (5)
19. How many boys acted in the film Lil Bois (4)
20. How many big rivers do we cross (3)
22. What was the short film in Ngandi Language from Ngukurr that has won awards (3) (4)
23. What is the name of transport pick up and drop off in communities (8) (3)
24. Wild dog (5)

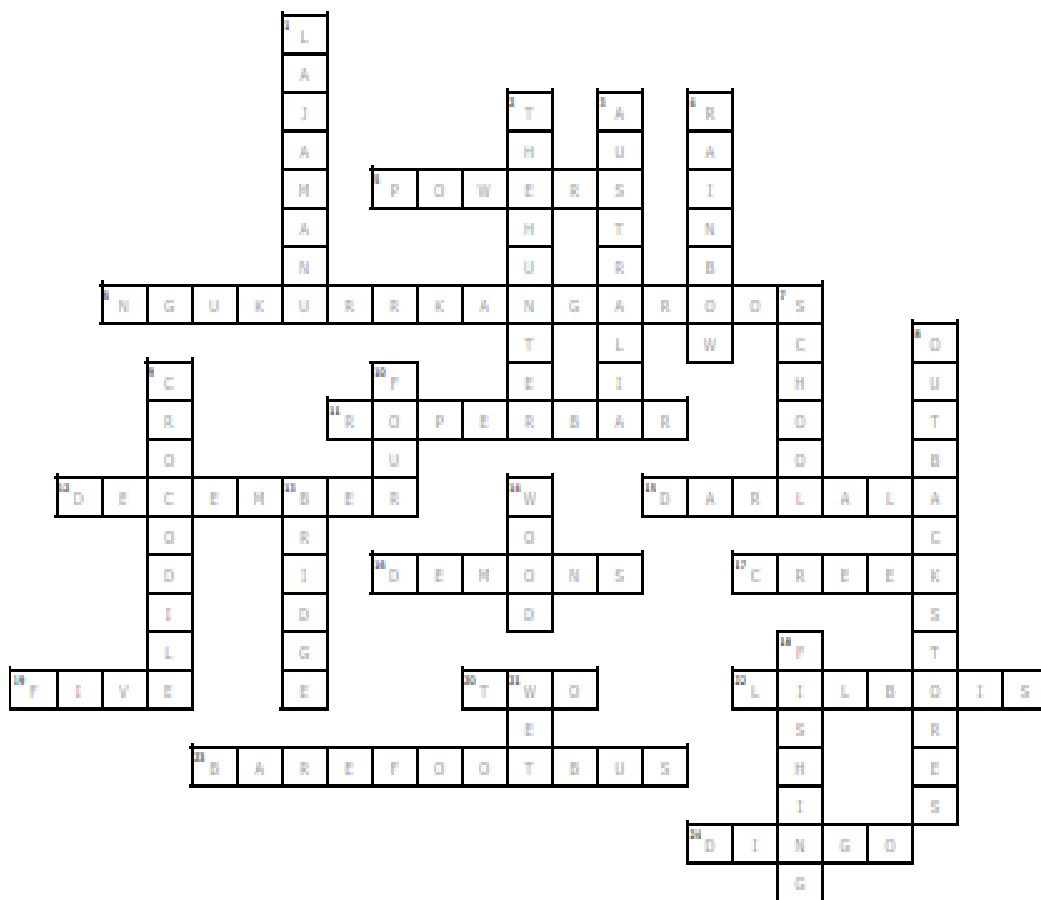
Down

1. Who won the basketball competition in Ngukurr 2019 (8)
2. What is the favorite song for Lonely Boys Band in Ngukurr (3) (6)
3. What country we live in (9)
4. What is the name of street with different house colors in Ngukurr (7)
7. Where do you learn (6)
8. What company runs the community owned store (7) (6)
9. What lives in the water and snaps (9)
10. How many pools in Ngukurr (4)
13. What do you drive over to get across the other side of the river (6)
14. What do you need to make a fire (4)
18. What do we do on weekend trips (7)
21. What season is cyclone season (3)

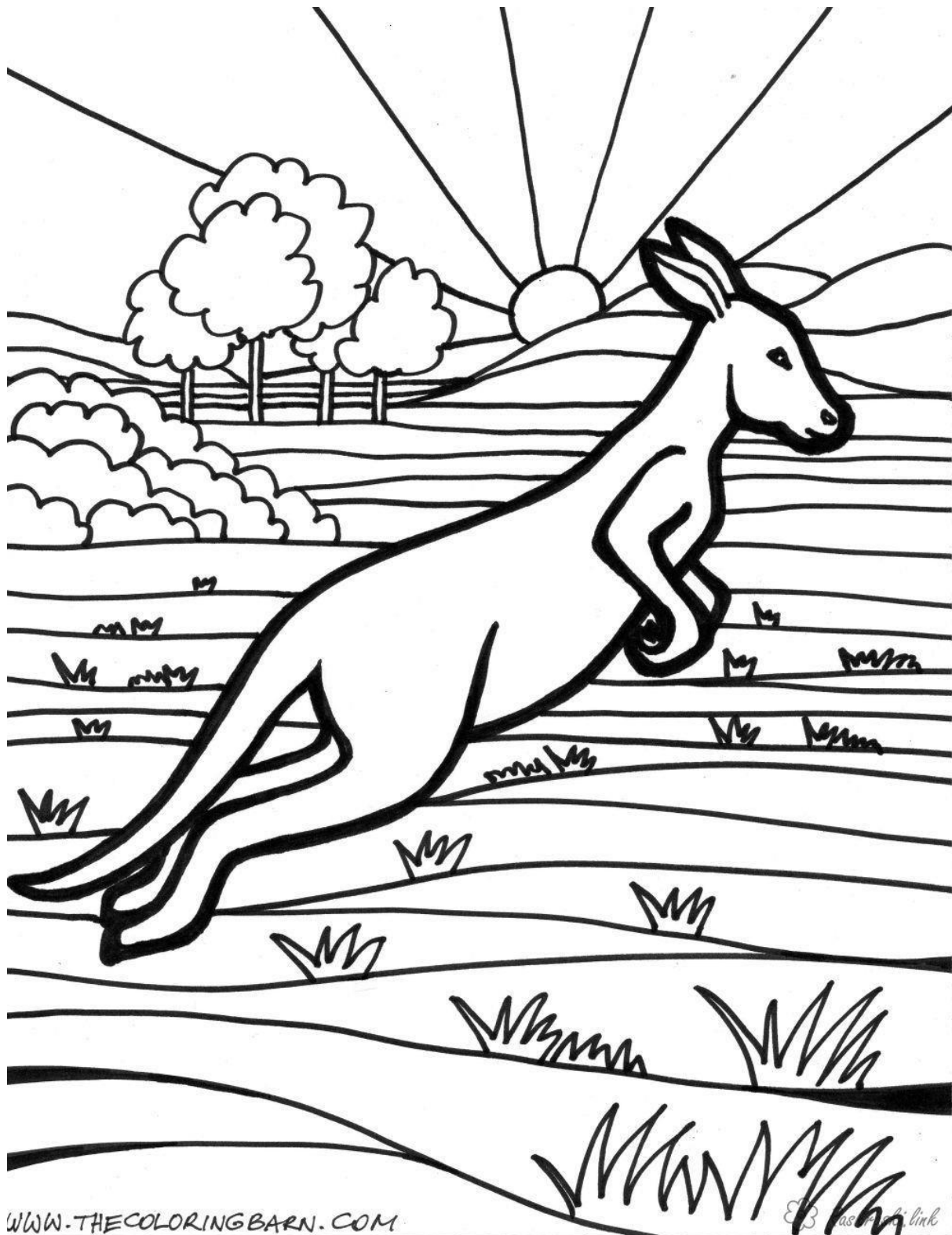
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ANSWERS - NGUKURR REIGION CROSSWORD

By Roxanne Roberts



COLOURING IN FOR ALL AGES



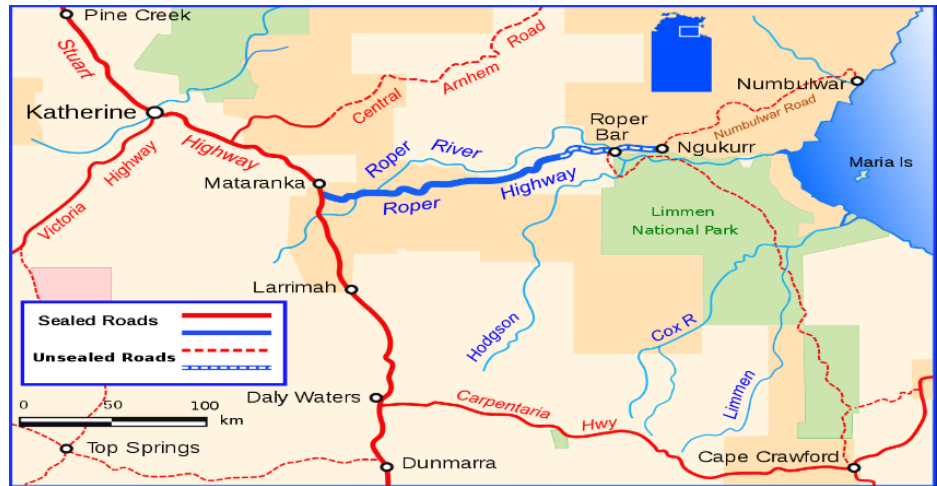
A Fun Page of colouring in for all ages as was requested by readers. We hope you enjoy.

ROADS OPENING – FRIDAY 5 JUNE 2020

Opening of the Roper Highway is due to be lifted Friday 5 June, after the big wet season and the global pandemic we have all faced.

People in the Roper have dealt with a big wet season this year, with roads closing due to big flooding in some areas and unsafe road conditions between the Months of February - April.

Then the world was hit with a global Pandemic Coronavirus (Covid-19), which caused lockdowns all over the country, from businesses, to borders, to roads. It has been nearly 4 months in, and we can finally see a light at the end of the tunnel.



When going into town, please still practice social distancing which means keeping 3 steps away from others when in a public space such as shops, on the street, banks, pubs and clubs, Casino, and Centrelink office. Remember safe hygiene measures must continue such as wash hands regularly and use sanitiser on hands to continue to keep our community safe. Fines are being handed out to those that don't comply with social distancing.

ROAD SAFETY

With roads opening this Friday, this is a reminder that there will be lots of vehicles on the roads. Please remember to drive safely and to stick to the road conditions. Travel safely.



Ngukurr Nyus

Ngukurr Nyus is the voice of the Ngukurr community. We want to keep you up to date with what is happening in Ngukurr, like upcoming events and important things that are going on.

Have a story for us?

Contact Daphne Daniels on

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NIGHT PATROL

Ngukurr News wants to acknowledge Night Patrol who recently identified a security problem with a building in Ngukurr and notified the appropriate people so it could be immediately fixed.

WELL DONE NIGHT PATROL