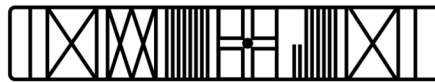




# Mulka Electorate Newsletter

## Yingiya Guyula MLA



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2025

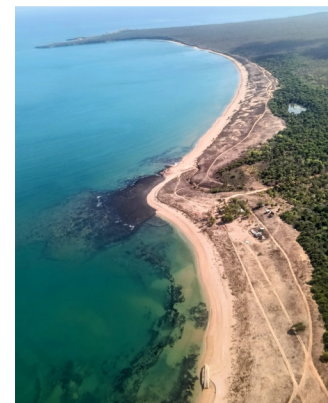
Yuw bukmak, we are getting close to Christmas and it is Dhuludur season moving into Mayaltha season. Now is a good time for hunting marandjalk/ stingray, nyoka/ mudcrab, narriri/ fish, gurumatji/ magpie goose, naranj/ bush apple, and mundjutj/ Billy goat plum.

The past few months have had two parliament sittings through October and November, with many Bills passing through the chamber including the creation of a new Integrity Commissioner. This role will sit above 4 Assistant Commissioners who will be responsible for the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (ICAC), Ombudsman NT, Health and Community Services Complaints Commission and the Information Commissioner. The creation of an Integrity Commissioner to oversee all these areas brings a lot of power to one person and weakens oversight in the NT. When there are many Commissioners there are more people holding Government to account; when that is reduced to one super commissioner, the oversight may not be as broad and powerful.

In November the Government also created the new position of Police Public Safety Officers (PPSO) for Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. If you are in these areas, you will start to see new police officers on buses and around public housing. These officers only have 19 weeks of training and have the same powers as fully trained police officers. They will carry guns, tasers and capsicum spray and they can detain and arrest people.

*Do you know this location in the Mulka Electorate?*

*Be the first to contact the Mulka Electorate Office with the right answer to win a prize*



I continue to call for Government to work with elders and communities to address underlying issues. But, the Government is failing to engage and work in partnership with elders to implement community-led solutions. Government solutions have never worked and it's time they start listening. For more information about parliament - see my website: [www.Yingiya.net](http://www.Yingiya.net)

In October, the Galiwin'ku Womens Space held a women's empowerment forum. My Office was represented by Robyn Stockton who is working as the Mulka Liaison Officer. This forum brought women together from across the region to celebrate and support the work they do in our community.

I was very pleased to meet with the Queensland Member for Maiwar, Michael Berkman MP who visited Gove last month. He came to hear from elders about community solutions for growing up strong young people.



Galiwin'ku Women's Space - Women's Empowerment Forum

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In October we celebrated all of our teachers on International Teachers Day, Yolŋu and Balanda, who work very hard for our children. December, has also brought many school celebrations with graduations and certificates being awarded across the electorate. I was pleased to attend the graduation at Garthalala Homeland School and the Nhulunbuy Christian College Thanksgiving Service with the Clerk of the NT Legislative Assembly, Mr Russell Keith. I look forward to attending some more ceremonies next week in Milingimbi and I was very pleased to attend the CDU graduation last month.

It is very important to have these ceremonies in our communities that celebrate achievement and learning and I feel very proud to see the young people achieving and growing strong, and we need to continue this work across our communities with our elders and through Yolŋu Rom.



NTCET Graduates from Garthalala School



Garthalala School Graduation



Nori Hayashi, Russell Keith, Principal Abi White, Naypirri Gumana



NCC Thanksgiving Harrison O'Brien



Dhupuma Barker Opening Ceremony

There were over 80 Charles Darwin University graduates, graduating from Cert 1 courses through to Bachelor degrees and Masters Courses - Yolŋu and Balanda - and it was a very proud day for many people and their families and the whole community. Congratulations bukmak!







There have also been many award winners across our community. I'd like to congratulate all those people being recognised for their hard work and generosity in our communities including Mr Don McKinnon from Nhulunbuy High School who was awarded the 2025 Chief Minister's Medal for outstanding and commendable public service. Our region had many winners for the Chief Minister's Medal for Aboriginal Leadership, with Terence Guyula, Yalmay Yunupingu, Merrkiyawuy Ganambarr-Stubbs, Bettina Dajnanbarr and Nadyezhdah Pozzana also winning awards for their work across our communities for many years. Yalmay Yunupingu was also the recipient of the CDU Distinguished Alumni Award and my Wawa Terrence Guyula was also the winner of the Aboriginal Health Practitioner Award



**Bettina Dajnanbarr**

through NT Health. Tania Jones, Rilmi Ganambarr, Sarah Croser, Kenisha Gurruwuwi, Roxine Smith, Fransina Norval, Rochelle Hunt were all winners of 2025 Education Awards, and Esther Rika has been named a finalist for the Australian Sports Commission Volunteer of the Year Award, and many others in our community have been recognised for great work.

I'd like to thank Gove Futures Group for the information night at the Surf Club to discuss post-mine planning. I remain concerned that all clans are not being included in this process and I want to say clearly that there is no one clan group responsible by themselves. Stop working through balanda processes. On Yolŋu land remember the Mari-Guthura, Waku-Yapa, Yothu-Yindi clans - Yolŋu Rom Ngurruŋu - our way of working together for Mägayarom - a harmonious way forward for everyone.







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### Determinants of regional airfares

<https://www.pc.gov.au/inquiries-and-research/regional-airfares/>

Call for submissions



Earlier this year when my office was contacted by community members with concerns about the high cost and

performance of regional airlines, I asked people to join with me and contact the Federal Minister, Catherine King, and push for a long awaited review by the Productivity Commission. The **'Determinants of regional airfares' Inquiry** has now been announced and the initial submission deadline is the 15th of March 2025. The website above provides more information about the Inquiry as we once again push for better services in our remote and regional communities.

I'd like to thank everyone for their support this year and for all the hard work that people have done across the Mulka Electorate communities. I am honoured to serve the people of this Electorate as a Yolŋu leader and elected Member. I wish everyone a safe and peaceful Christmas, New Year and holiday. Blessings to everyone.



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