

## YARRABAH COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## CAIRNS ART GALLERY FNQ CONTEMPORARIES EXHIBITION

Language revival has been captured through the lens by Simone Arnol, Manager of the Yarrabah Arts & Cultural Precinct. Black and white images were taken of Granny Hope Patterson, Nathan Schrieber and Myawi Schrieber. The images titled 'Truth Be Told' capture a common theme of language revival in modern indigenous communities. The Government through its many churches institutionalized the practice of forcibly removing our old people from their ancestral lands in order to make way for European settlement. The western idea of civilisation brought with it many regulations which meant assimilation under a foreign authority, dormitory life, schooling, labour and religion.

In almost every aspect of state and church control over Aboriginal People, a common theme emerged that culture played no part in the future of the ideal "Australian Society." Language not only self identifies, it carries the ethical values of ancestors – the knowledge systems that make them one with the land, that are crucial to survival and that create the foundations for our youth. Heavy regulations such as No.41 of the 'Yarrabah Rules and Regulations Booklet' which stated that "It is rude to speak in a language which is not understood by all present" was to be a major turning point in the decline of traditional language. Truth Telling is the practice of its custodians speaking the first language of the land. In today's society there comes a time when the truth, however difficult it may be to hear and however blasphemous it may seem, it must be told.

'Truth Be Told' is currently on display at the Cairns Art Gallery FNQ Contemporaries exhibition from 29 March to 6 April 2022, the powerful story and images of 'Truth Be Told' also took out the Fellowship Award.

Read more on next page.



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Above: Colin Neal

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



#### What a February - hello March

The month of February was filled with excitement as the South Sydney Rabbitohs visited the Yarrabah Community. It was great to host the full squad and it created history whereby no professional sporting teams ever bought a full squad to our community. As we felt a great honour by the rabbits presence, it was great to see the fun and laughter on the faces of our kids.

Special mention to the Yarrabah Seahawks and Brother Nathan Schrieber and dancers to welcome our visitors. On a council note, few studies are near and practical completion in regards to Market Garden Feasibility Study 2021, Yarrabah Microgrid Feasibility Study (draft) 2021, Moofla 'our way' Strategy (Alcohol Management Plan 2021, and the Yarrabah Waste Strategy 2022. We are also working on a Transport Network Plan 2022. This is just a few planning documents that we have been working on, but there are other strategic framework that council and previous councils have completed over the past several years.

These documents will enable us to advocate and lobby hard for more investment in the community through higher level strategy. I am confident that council members and its management team will work hard on sourcing funding to implement the findings in these reports. In the next few months, the council will lead discussions in hosting a 'healing forum' with community members and work with Male Elders Gathering to discuss a range of issues pertaining to the community, network and work with our people on the ground around unity, reconciliation and yarns.

I have met with a few of the men in the community and they are keen to sit down over a cuppa to provide advice and input into our challenges. Topics for discussions relate to promoting art, dance, culture and music as a strength and our commonality in the community. We will keep you posted on this event as time gets nearer.

On another note, I would like to thank the health services, including Queensland Health, Tropical Public Health Unit (TPHU), Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services, Queensland Police, Yarrabah Council, Queensland Ambulance Services, Gindaja Treatment & Healing Centre, Yarrabah LDMG and the sub group for the great work that they had done during COVID-19.

All members should be applauded with increasing the vaccination rates, attending to those that were infected and coordinating the efforts in protecting individuals, families and the community. This was a great team effort by all involved including health workers, doctors, paramedics and front line works. You should all be proud of your efforts in protecting Yarrabah – well done to all. Let me also thank our residents, including our local staff, residents, families including our youths and elders for following the right medical advice and protecting yourself and your family. If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive me for this oversight.

Until next edition, take care and god bless.

MAYOR, Ross Andrews

## Yarrabah Arts & Cultural Precinct Upcoming Exhibition

The Yarrabah Arts & Cultural Precinct are proud to be part of the Australiana exhibition, at the JamFactory in Adelaide in the Seppeltsfield Gallery from 19 February – 15 May 2022.

Australiana is a collection of ceramic functional ware and figures containing visual motifs of handmade Australian pottery, which rose to prominence in the mid-late 20th century, contemporary studio artisans create ornaments and practical homewares which contain artist interpretations of native flora, fauna and folklore.

Together they celebrate our daily rituals and reoccurring affinity to the bush. Given Yarrabah Pottery's historical significance, prominent Yarrabah artists will play an important inclusion to this exhibition.

The "Hairy Men and Little People" project will be a valuable first nation's highlight which aligns with the theme. A total of 9 ceramic works will be included from artist: Michelle Yeatman, Philomena Yeatman, Edna Ambrym and Wayne Connolly, refer to images below.

JamFactory is a unique not-for-profit organisation that champions the social, cultural and economic value of craft and design in daily life. For almost 50 years, JamFactory has been supporting and promoting innovative and outstanding craft and design through their studios, galleries and shops.



The Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council (YASC) wishes to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land within the shire boundaries – the Gunggandji and Mandingalbay Yidinji peoples; and the area agreements developed through previous negotiations that provide clear opportunities and processes for traditional owners to be formally involved in the land planning process.

The Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council also wishes to acknowledge the historical people brought here to Yarrabah from various locations by government policies of the past.

#### VITAMANS WE NEED

#### Top 10 Essential Vitamins and Minerals Your Body Needs

- Vitamin A. Vitamin A keeps your heart, lungs, liver and other organs working properly
- Vitamin D. Vitamin D builds strong bones by helping our body absorb calcium from food and supplements
- Vitamin E
- Vitamin K
- Iron
- Magnesium
- Zinc

#### **List of High Vitamin Foods**

- Fish is a good source for 9 of 14 essential vitamins
- Dark Leafy Greens. Dark Leafy Greens are a good source for 8 of 14 essential vitamins
- Seeds are a good source for 6 of 14 essential vitamins
- Broccoli
- Pork
- · Beef and Lamb
- Mushrooms
- Nuts

#### What is the most important vitamin for your body? Vitamin D

The role it plays in so many bodily functions and the staggering amount of people who are deficient in it makes Vitamin D the most important vitamin for your body overall, and there's a good chance that you are not getting enough.

#### **EXERCISES TO DO DAILY**

10 REPS EACH



#### March happenings ...

Wednesday 2nd March - Thy Art Is Murder, The Edge Hill Tavern 145 Pease St, Manunda QLD

Thursday 3rd March - Yum Cha Emporium at Miss Chief Bar & Eatery

Friday 4th March - Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic at Cairns Convention Centre, The COVID-19 vaccine remains one of the best things we can do to protect ourselves, our families and communities.

Thursday 10th March - Hawaiki Tiki Thursdays at The Benson Hotel

Thursday 17th March - Get Your Story in the Media Workshop, https://events.humanitix.com/get-yourstory-in-the-media.

Friday 18th March - Ocean Film Festival World Tour 2022, Cairns Performing Arts Centre the

Saturday 19th March - Circus of Light Warehouse Party / Cairns

Sunday 20th March - Pooch and Hooch -Artist Exhibition - Amanda Mcgahan at Crystalbrook Bailey

Friday 25 March - Daniel Champagne, The Edge Hill Tavern

Tuesday 29th March - National Indigenous Economic Development Forum

Thursday 31st March - Badboys Australia male revue dance show live at The Jack Cairns

#### **IN CINEMAS (MOVIES)**

Friday 2nd March - Against the Ice

Saturday 3rd March - Miss Marx

Thursday 3rd March - Monster Family 2

Friday 4th March - The Batman

Friday 4th March - Tyson's Run

Friday 18th March - Operation Fortune Ruse de guerre

Friday 18th March - The Unbreakable Boy

Friday 25th March - The Lost City

Thursday 31st March - Sonic The Hedgehog



#### **OUR HISTORY OUR FUTURE**

#### **Ancient traditions**

Yarrabah is the traditional country of the Gunggandji and Mandingalbay Yidinji people. These people had traditional beliefs and values different to those we have today. They were guided by Buleru, ancestral spirits who gave us our cultural law, belief system and creation stories and followed a defined social structure and kinship system.

Our people were hunters and gatherers, the surrounding rainforest and beachside traditional lands around Cape Grafton provided food in abundance. Dwellings were made from material found within the environment, the structure dependent on wet season or dry season needs.

The lands we occupy is ancient. Our people have connection to country stretching back into the dream time. Our local customs and traditions, continue today and our people continue their responsibilities as custodians of the land.

#### Colonisation

The initial route of Captain James Cook and the crew of the HM Endeavor anchored off the northern shore of Cape Grafton and crew members made land looking for water. This was the third landing as part of the journey northward and the perils at Cape Tribulation.

While Australia had been colonised by the British in 1788, Aboriginal people living on the eastern coast of Cape York had little contact with non-Indigenous people prior to the 1850s. Only a few brief encounters with British Royal Navy crews were documented.

By the 1870s several bech-de-mer fishing operations were based on Green and Fitzroy Islands but with the discovery of gold at Palmer River in 1872 and then the Hodgkinson River goldfields Cairns was identified as a popular port in 1876 and the township grew; and with it violent dispersals between new settlers and Aboriginal groups.

For many years the Murray Prior Range, which separated Cape Grafton from Cairns, acted as a protective barrier for the Gunggandji people, who had remained relatively isolated from the effects of frontier violence. In 1889 when F.T. Wimble, owner of the Cairns Post and local member of the Queensland Legislative Council, acknowledged the need to protect Aboriginal people from the violence of the settlers and it was then that the protective barrier of Murray Prior Range would come down. Wimble proposed that a reserve be set up in the nearby Barron River Valley.

Among the missionaries who responded was Anglican priest, the Reverend John Brown Gribble. Gribble initially attempted to establish a mission at Bellenden-Ker but was unable to gain government backing, partly due to the presence of other church missionaries in the area.

Gribble was determined to succeed and instead turned his attention to Cape Grafton, where he had already established contact with the Gunggandji and Yidindji people by visiting their numerous camps and performing baptisms; and it was here in 1892 where he would establish the Bellenden-Ker mission, renamed, the Yarrabah Mission founded on 17 June, 1892.

#### Yarrabah's future

Our vision for Yarrabah is to be: Functional, Stable and Synchronised. As a Council we aspire to provide quality service to our residents and ensure strong leadership in local issues as well as at regional, state and federal levels.

The Mayor and Councillors are committed to continuing the progress agenda for Yarrabah and working with our Trustee Partners to administer the Trust for the benefit our Aboriginal Inhabitants.

#### Yarrabah Leaders Forum (YLF)

Yarrabah Leaders Forum was formed in 2013 based on strong motivation to make changes: current structure established in 2017.

Key objectives was to consolidate strategies across different Yarrabah organisations to define the 6 pillar model: extensive community consultation was undertaken and acceptance of the model achieved via a consultative process between members. The challenge for members is now putting to show direction and outcomes against each of these pillars while identifying new opportunities to enhance the community.

One mob, one fire, one journey.

Read more at https://www.yarrabah.qld.gov.au/our-history-and-future/



#### **OUR PEOPLE, OUR COUNTRY, OUR HISTORY AND FUTURE**

#### **Yarrabah People**

We are all Yarrabah people and we all belong here. Our strength is cultural and historical. Yarrabah is the traditional country of the Gunggandji and Yidinji people who have been here since the beginning of the dreamtime.

Today many families in the community claim historical and traditional ties to the area having been brought here from various locations by government policies of the past. Our modern day Yarrabah mob is made up of descendants from Gunggandji, Yidinji and many other tribal groups – peoples forcibly brought to Yarrabah during our history – continue to live and work together for the betterment of our community.

At the time of the last (2016) Census, Yarrabah was reported to have a population of 2,559 with over 97% of respondents identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. The median age was 22.

The accuracy of these official figures are questioned. Members of the Yarrabah Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) promote a population figure of closer to 4,500 permanent residents. This figure is based on data collected by both the Queensland Police Service and Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services Aboriginal Corporation.

Yarrabah is acknowledged as Australia's largest discreet Aboriginal community.

#### **Yarrabah Country**

The Yarrabah Aboriginal Community is situated on Cape Grafton with the major settlement within Mission Bay (Mira Wun Gula), 10kms due east of Cairns (52 kms south-east by sealed road) of Cairns in Far North Queensland, Australia.

Geographically, the land area can be described as a long slender triangular shape from the tip of False Cape in the north, to Palmer Point in the south, bounded in the west by the Murray Prior Range, known locally as the 'Walls of Jerusalem' and the Malbon Thompson Range and the Coral Sea to the east.

It has an overall length of about 35 kms and is 2.5 kms wide in the south, but broadens out to almost 8 kms across the northern part and comprises a total area of 159.4 km2.

The shire has a number of small townships – Yarrabah, Reeves Creek, Mourigan and Djenghi. These areas are all within a 7 km stretch of road and along the southern corridor. There are also a number of smaller housing settlements spread throughout the shire – Bukki, Oombunghi, Wungu, Jilji, Judil, Woikinu, Kunjurra and Buddabadoo.

There are four protected areas in, and adjacent to, Yarrabah: (a) Grey Peaks National Park; (b) Malbon Thompson Conservation Park; (c) Malbon Thompson Forest Reserve (d) Trinity Forest Reserve.

View detailed map of Yarrabah in relation to other Queensland Local Government Areas (LGA's).

#### Read more at https://www.yarrabah.qld.gov.au/community/



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## THANK YOU FROM THE YARRABAH COMMUNITY



































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## ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO COVER THE COSTS OF SOME SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Applications are now open for the Queensland Government's FairPlay voucher program. The FairPlay vouchers assist eligible families with the cost of sporting club membership, team registration or on-field participation fees.

Both the Yarrabah Seahawks Junior Rugby League Club and the Yarrabah Seahawks Senior Rugby League Club are registered clubs within this scheme.

Applications for the current round are open until 23 March with FairPlay vouchers to be presented to a registered activity provider by 11 May 2022.

Parents, carers or guardians with a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card can apply for a voucher for their children from 5 to 17 years-of-age.

For families without a government concession card, FairPlay applications can be made through a referral agency.

A list of local activity providers is on the FairPlay website, where families can also check eligibility at www.qld.gov.au/fairplayvouchers

#### **Season Draw**

#### Yarrabah Seahawks Against

#### Game 1

Mossman Sharks | 27th March | Home Game

#### Game 2

Atherton Roosters | 3rd April | Away Game

#### Game 3

Ivanhoes Knights | 9th April | Away Game

#### Game 4

**BYE** 

#### Game 6

Tully Tigers | 15th May | Away Game

#### Game 7

Southern Suburbs | 22nd May | Away Game

#### Game 8

Cairns Brothers | 28th May | Away Game

#### Game 9

Cairns Brothers | 5th June | Away Game

#### Game 10

Innisfail Leprechauns | 12th June | Away Game

#### Game 11

BYE

#### Game 12

Atherton Roosters | 3rd July | Home Game

#### Game 13

Cairns Brothers | 10th July | Home Game

#### Game 14

Tully Tigers | 17th July | Home Game

#### Game 15

Edmonton Storms | 23rd July | Away Game

#### Game 16

**BYE** 

#### Game 17

Southern Suburbs | 7th August | Away Game

#### Game 18

Mareeba Gladiators | 14th August | Home Game

#### Game 19

Ivanhoes Knights | 21st August | Home Game

#### Game 20

Edmonton Storms | 28th August | Home Game





#### NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME TO START A BUSINESS IN YARRABAH

Officially known as the Business Accelerator and Innovation Hub (BAIH), this initiative has emerged from the vision and dedication of the Yarrabah Leaders Forum. The business hub will play a critical role in driving opportunity across all pillars of the YLF.

Auspiced by Gurriny Yealamucka Health Service and delivered by Wugu Nyambil, this pilot program is funded by Advance Queensland under the Deadly Innovation Strategy, Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport.

If you are thinking of starting, already in business, or a community organisation, our Enterprise Development Consultant, Joanne Walters is available to help you on your business journey. Joanne has joined us from Darwin and is a small business owner herself. She has a passion for start-up businesses with visionary ideas and a soft spot for encouraging youth to learn about entrepreneurship. After all, they are the next generation of business owners in our community.

The Business Hub offers free one-on-one mentoring, training and workshops. We can help you to:

- √ Make a Business Plan
- ✓ Set up an ABN
- √ Set up Accounting Software
- ✓ Understand Tax Obligations & Regulatory Requirements
- √ Formulate the Sales Process
- ✓ Marketing and Social Media
- ✓ Cyber Security
- ✓ Important Resources to Use for your Business

Please pop in and have a yarn with Joanne at the Wugu Nyambil office.

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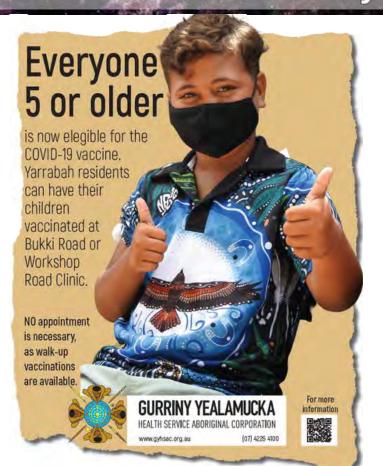


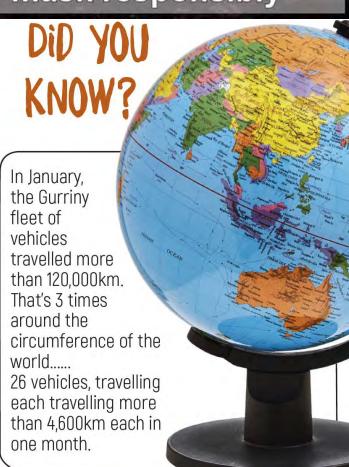




## GURRINY YEALAMUCKA HEALTH SERVICE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION







## JERMAINE YEATMAN "DONT GIVE UP WHEN THINGS GET HARD"



My name is Jermaine Yeatman I am a proud 34 year aboriginal man from Yarrabah. I did majority of my schooling at Yarrabah State School before going to Gordonvale to complete year 11 & 12. I wasn't the biggest fan of school but was determined to be a working man. Good work ethics were instilled in me by my parents who I am very thankful for.

My work life has taken me on many different walks I started out on the CDEP program doing odd laboring jobs such as cabinet making and boiler-making. When that opportunity ceased I was offered a job with Headly Constructions as a full time cabinet maker at the age of 21.

I became a first time dad to a beautiful daughter & I was determined to provide in the best way I could until I found myself again unemployed and a father for the second time to a big healthy son.

I realized I had to really get out of my comfort zone and look for work, I applied for a job with the QPS (Queensland Police Service) and was a successful PLO (Police Liaison Officer) candidate in Yarrie for 6 years. Unfortunately I had an accident and the position was not suitable for me. I struggled through rehabilitation and unemployment with my young family, I did part time cleaning and teachers assistant at the Yarrabah State School.

Eventually I got on my feet and once again out of my comfort zone I applied for a Tele technician traineeship upon successfully completing the course I found myself fixing Telstra phone lines and installing NBN.

After 3 years I then found myself married with another child on the way a second baby boy who was born with complications so I decided I would take leave from work and care for my son while his mum went to work.

Being at home with my children living overcrowded in Yarrabah, made me want something different a career that paid enough, to have one parent at home.

I looked into mining and I did a minesyte course in Yarrabah at the Buma farm with a class of other young men after getting my surface extraction certificate. I started applying for jobs, I drove to several interviews in CQ over 6 months getting knocked back I wanted to give up until I was offered a job at Hail creek open cut coal mine as a entry operator.

I relocated my family to the nearest town Nebo a very isolated town but it was enough to keep my family together with a roof over their heads that was ours to call home we also added another boy to the family whilst living in Nebo.

After 3 years at Hail Creek I applied for a better paying role with BHP I now work in one of the top tiers of mining with a lucrative and rewarding role. My children go to the best boarding school in the region and play sport at a high level, something I could once only dream of as a little Yarrabah aboriginal community boy.

My advice is don't give up when things get hard, stay determined and everything is possible. Doctors told me I would not be able to run, but as a determined dad I make it possible for my kids

Thanks Jermaine Yeatman



## WE CANT |

#### Black Star Radio 92.9fm Yarrabah

Our radio station will be up and running in no time, thanks to Russell and Wendy radio technicians who came over and wired up the radio station room. Though there is a lot of work that needs to be done it'll be worth the wait.

The radio room is located in the Yarrabah Knowledge Centre which you may have already seen. It hasn't been used in a very long time but once it operational it will be put to good use.



#### **News from Council - Our Projects**

## NEW COUNCIL CHAMBERS COMPLETION

The Yarrabah Council Chambers extension will consist of toilet facilities, ramps, kitchen and a reception area.

We are pleased to say that in the next few weeks our Councilors and CEO will be moving in and operating in the new space. The car park will now have undercover parking and a will have 2 disability parking spaces. The Yarrabah Housing Department will also be relocating back up to the main admin building.





## BISHOP MALCOLM PARK PROJECT

The proposed redevelopment of Bishop Malcolm Park will commence in mid March 2022. This new project is Covid funded. Image on the left indicates where everything will be located.

Stage 1 of the project will consist of
New car parks located on Gribble St
Footpath which will be around the border of the entire park
Fencing which will be around the whole park
Stage 2 of the project will consist of:
New stage
Playground facilities
New toilet facilities

#### WASTE TRANSFER STATION

The Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council Tip and proposed temporary transfer facility is trying to implement and improve Yarrabah's waste management. Below sketch shows the proposed temporary bays with signage to direct community members where to dump their waste. The cleanup is almost completed, this facility has been funded by the state government.

In the below sketch each bays are separated by concrete blocks, each bay will be used to separate different types of waste materials. Roadway boundaries will be created with existing pine logs, there will also be a new entry gate.

- · New entry gate
- Concrete block separators
- Boundaries from logs





#### **News from Council - Our Team**

## JOIN OUR TEAM

Yarrabah
Aboriginal Shire
Council
Communications
and
Administration
Support Officer

- Promote and improve the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council's public image, publicize activities and enhance community understanding of Council's role, services and achievements through effective communications and public relations materials and methods.
- Provide administrative and effective support services to the Director – Community Services
- Application kit with Position Description attached Please ensure you address the selection criteria in your cover letter Richard Wright – Director-Human Resources, Risk & Regulations on 4056 9120 during business hours.

Application closes 4.30PM - MONDAY 14th MARCH 2022



Hey my name is Kristen Pearson, I'm a proud Traditional Owner of Yarrabah. It is a privilege's to work and be able to help my people in the Yarrabah Nation. I have been in this role now for about two months as the Housing Service Manager. My goal is to assist Council in their strategic goals that will benefit my people.

On the weekends I like to spend quality time with my children, my families and my friends. I enjoy fishing and like to be out and about on country, spending time with my elders listening to the tribal stories handed down.

Yarrabah is, and will always be my home.

Kristen Pearson, Housing Manager



#### Kanika Miller Farewell team YASC

Hey Yarrabah, I have been doing this role for a year now and I am sad to say that this will be my last edition of the Yarrabah Community

Newsletter. I am grateful for the opportunities that has been given to me while I have been in this position. But now it is time for me to move onto my next challenge.

I hope that over that past year my work has entertained, made you happy or sad, but most importantly I hope that I have shared some positive stories and memories in the community.

I will miss my role, my team and the friendly faces I got to meet along

I will miss my role, my team and the friendly faces I got to meet along the way. But I wont be to far so until next time:)

Kanika Miller, Acting Communications Officer

#### **Council Meeting Dates 2022**

January	25/01/2022	Tuesday	10am	July	20/07/2022	Wednesday 2022	10am
February	16/02/2022	Wednesday	10am	August	17/08/2022	Wednesday 2022	10am
March	16/03/2022	Wednesday	10am	September	21/09/2022	Wednesday 2022	10am
April	20/04/2022	Wednesday	<sup>,</sup> 10am	October	19/10/2022	Wednesday 2022	10am
May	18/05/2022	Wednesday	/ 10am	November	16/11/2022	Wednesday 2022	10am
June	15/06/2022	Wednesday	/ 10am	December	21/12/2022	Wednesday 2022	10am

#### **FAMOUS QUOTES**

"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory"

**DR. Seuss** 

"It always seems impossible until its done"

Nelson Mandela

"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall" **Nelson Mandela** 

"Some people want it to happen, some people wish it would happen, others make it happen" **Michael Jordan** 

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### UPCOMING QUEENSLAND & YARRABAH PUBLIC & SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

- GOOD FRIDAY Friday 15th April
- THE DAY AFTER GOOD FRIDAY Saturday 16th April
- EASTER SUNDAY Sunday 17th April
- EASTER MONDAY Monday 18th April

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICES CONTACTS**

SES\*- 132 500

POLICE LINK - 131 444

FIRE - 000

BAS (Q-BUILD) - 1300 650 910

\*Information regarding contacting SES - any call out for assistance, community members must ring the Control Room. They will then get onto the local crew to attend. DO NOT ring local SES members directly

#### **School Bus Travel Eligibility**

This is a summary and is subject to change. Full and currents details are available at www.translink.com.au/schooltransport.

To be eligible for safety-net assistance the student must be listed as a dependent on the applicant's:

- Health care card (issued by the Department of Human Services)
- Pensioner concession (issued by the Department of Human Services)
- Department of Veterans Affairs Concession Card. Students who have a card issued in their own name, as well as students under a Child Protection Order issued by Child Safety Services, may also qualify for safety newassistance.

If you need any assistance with filling in the forms please see Avril Yeatman and Pamela Mundraby down at the Youth Knowledge Centre between 9am - 4pm.

### Queensland Public Holidays for 2022 and Yarrabah Special Holidays.

#### QLD Public Holidays

New Years Day Saturday 1st January 2022	Australia Day Wednesday 26th January 2022	Good Friday Friday 15th April 2022 Easter Monday Monday 18th April 2022	
Holy Saturday Saturday 16th April 2022	Easter Sunday Sunday 17th April 2022		
ANZAC Day Monday 25th April 2022	Labour Day Monday 2nd May 2022	Queens Birthday Monday 3rd October 2022	
Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December 2022	Christmas Day Sunday 25th December 2022	Boxing Day Monday 26th December 2022	

#### Yarrabah Special Holidays

Yarrabah Foundation Day Friday 17th June 2022	NAIDOC Day Friday 8th July	Cairns Annual Show (Public Holiday) Friday 15th July 2022	Yarrabah DOGIT Day Wednesday 26th October
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