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YARRABAH COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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YARRABAH GATEWAY BUILDING OFFICIAL OPENING

Celebrations took place on the 3rd December to open the new Gateway Building at the Yarrabah Arts and Cultural Precinct. The Gateway Building was officially opened by cutting of the ribbons by Mayor Ross Andrews, Hon. Curtis Pitt and Philomena Yeatman (artist). Cultural Performances by Nathan Schrieber/Yarrabah State School, David Mundraby and Steven Canendo were part of the celebrations along with amazing live performances by Normey Jay and Aisha-Jade.

The new Gateway Building provides a clear entry and seamless connections between the museum, art centre and a future performing arts space for functions. Department of Tourism Innovation and Sport supported the project with a \$600,000 investment to deliver the building which was designed by Andrew Lane from Indij Designs in Cairns. The project is a part of the \$36 million Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund established in 2018 to grow tourism infrastructure and attract increased visitors and expenditure.

Transformation to the Arts Centre will provide improved experiences allowing visitors to immerse themselves in the rich culture. Two brand new exhibitions to kick the experience off are a must to see as well:

'Yesterday Today Tomorrow' exhibition

Curated: Bernard Singleton Jnr.

Dates: 3 December 2021 – 30 March 2022 (As part of the Gateway Building opening celebrations).

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Above: Shaun Connolly

A message from the Mayor



Welcome to the New Year - What a year 2021 was !

Welcome everyone to the next edition of the Yarrabah News 2022.

May I firstly say that it has been quite a challenge for our community over the past 18 months as we face this pandemic together. The Local Disaster Management Group continues to work hard through the District to receive up to date information and be agile in our solutions.

The LDMG group and the Pandemic Sub Group has managed to increase the vaccination rates (both first and second dose) and continue to do more testing in the community.

Whilst the spread of COVID is constantly increasing over the past few weeks, it is pretty much encouraging to hear of residents isolating and coming out for recovery. To those family members that are in isolation and have symptoms of the virus, your actions and responsibility will help to protect yourself, family and our community.

Keep agile in your health and please take care and stay safe. To our families and friends that are not vaccinated, I would like to encourage you to visit the doctor to receive factual information on the vaccine. Whilst, we respect your position on the vaccine, let me say that it does limit your movements in terms of accessing certain venues and engagement in the labour market.

Thank you to Gindaja and Gurriny in mobilising the food security support to families who are in isolation with the support of council.

YASC is also working with the Department on completing our master plan with great feedback from the community and the Gunghandji Mandingalbay Yidinji People's Prescribe Body Corporate. We will be looking closely at the feedback in terms of community aspirations and organisational planning as a way forward for the whole of the Yarrabah Community.

The Yarrabah Council and the Yarrabah Leaders Forum continues to advocate for much needed investments to the Yarrabah Community. There are many reforms happening at both the State and Federal level regarding indigenous affairs, such as the 'Voice' and Local Thriving Communities agenda. Both government initiatives allow for greater say and responsibilities and the YLF are at a crossroads in terms of benefits to the Yarrabah Community. As a collective, we will continue our engagement with government around these initiatives .

Through our leadership of our CEO, the Directors of council will be embarking upon a few projects around town that will contribute to the positive growth of Yarrabah. The council chambers is now fully completed awaiting fit outs and the undercover car park area has commenced. The Jetty project has reached completion and it is great to see the social benefits it is proving to be so far.

Congratulations to Yarrabah Council Directors and Staff on the recruitment of Ms. Kristen Pearson to the Housing Manager's role and Day-Care Centre Director Ms. Bernadette Joinbee to this role. Both staff are now part of Team Yarrabah and we welcome you to the local government family and the culture of our organisation. Hope that your employment stay with us will be rewarding and enjoyable. Your contribution to early learning of our kids is acknowledged and our many challenges around housing, overcrowding and population growth over the next several years will be important as we struggle with this legacy issue.

The new year of 2022 will bring challenges and rewards and we are hopeful that we can really get some investments into the community. I know that my council will be working extremely hard working with both levels of government around this. We will continue working with our local partners here in making this happen as a shared journey and shared vision.

Until next edition, please take care during this challenging period, and I am pretty sure we will come out of this pandemic in the not too distant future.

Best Regards,

Ross Andrews
MAYOR



The Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council (YASC) wishes to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land within the shire boundaries – the Gunghandji 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.

TIPS ON HEALTHY EATING

Eat more:

- vegetables and legumes/beans
- fruits
- wholegrain cereals
- reduced fat milk, yoghurt, cheese
- fish, seafood, poultry, eggs, legumes/beans (including soy), and nuts and seeds.
- red meat (young females only)

Eat less:

- starchy vegetables (i.e. there is a need to include a wider variety of different types and colours of vegetables)
- refined cereals
- high and medium fat dairy foods
- red meats (adult males only)
- food and drinks high in saturated fat, added sugar, added salt, or alcohol (e.g. fried foods, most take-away foods from quick service restaurants, cakes and biscuits, chocolate and confectionery, sweetened drinks).

Did you know?

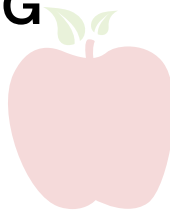
Only 1 in 13 adults eat enough fruit and vegetables

One-third of our energy intake comes from food we don't need

94% of children aged 2 to 17 don't eat enough vegetables

How much water should I drink a day ?

There are Nutrient Reference Values advising that adult men should drink 2.6 litres of water per day (about 10 cups) and adult women should drink 2.1 litres per day (about eight cups).



February happenings ...

Wednesday 2nd February - Thursday 3rd February - Edmonton Tenancy Skills Course, Hambledon House Community Centre

Wednesday 2nd February - Living With Dementia Program - Cairns - QLD

Friday 4th February - The Veronicas - Townsville Entertainment & Convention Centre

Friday 4th February - Cairns Summer Sounds

Saturday 5th February - The Wiggles - Cairns Convention Centre

Saturday 5th February - Cairns Waitangi Day - 156 Irene St, Mooroolool QLD

Saturday 5th February - Cairns Summer Sounds 2022 - Ocean Alley

Thursday 10th February - Frenchy Ruthless Tour - Gilligan's

Friday 11th February - Red Beret, CAIRNS - 411 Kamerunga Road

Saturday 12th February - Parkview Hotel, GORDONVALE

Thursday 17th February - Sooshi Mango - Cairns Convention Centre

Friday 18th February - Mental Health First Aid - February 18th and 25th - 11 Sheridan Street, Cairns City, QLD 4870

Saturday 18th February - Main Festival Dance Party - Central Hotel 9 Macrossan Street, Port Douglas, QLD 4877

Saturday 19th February - The Veronicas - Cairns Convention Centre.

Saturday 19th February - Jeff Martin - The Songs of Led Zeppelin - Tanks Art Centre

Tuesday 22nd February - Cairns property management training - Shangri-La Hotel, The Marina, Cairns Pier Point Road

Friday 25th February - Shag Rock - Tank Arts Centre

Saturday 26th February - Cairns Summer Sounds \\ RockWiz Live!

Saturday 26th February - Kevin Bloody Wilson - The Edge Hill Tavern

Australian Guide to Healthy Eating

Enjoy a wide variety of nutritious foods from these five food groups every day.
Drink plenty of water.

Grain (cereal) foods, mostly wholegrain and/or high cereal fibre varieties

Lean meats and poultry, fish, eggs, tofu, nuts and seeds and legumes/beans

Use small amounts



Only sometimes and in small amounts



Vegetables and legumes/beans



Fruit

Milk, yoghurt, cheese and/or alternatives, mostly reduced fat



CELEBRATIONS ALL AROUND AT WUGU NYAMBIL

Four stories and four times Wugu Nyambil team has had the chance to celebrate with participants their success and achievements in December. Literacy for Life participants had their graduation on 9th December with great success and achievement.

Literacy for life team, Kimberley Featherston, Romaine Yeatman, Renee Pollard and Nadine Cannon organised a great event for the occasion, including a fantastic dance team, lunch and graduation speeches with representatives of all partnerships involved, including Wugu Nyambil.

Another big celebration took place on the 14th of December with the Gunggandji-Mandingalbay Yidinji trainee rangers Shane Bulmer, Brody Gray, Michael King, Fred Lefoe, Justin Keyes and Cadmas Sand having their graduation at Jilgi Beach. Wugu Nyambil team wants to acknowledge all the work from the GMYPPBC to support the development and completion of each trainee in this incredible opportunity.

Last but never least, Wugu Nyambil team has seen celebrations among our participants from the sewing group and the beautification activities to enjoy some lunch and refreshments together and remind themselves with their supervisors of the community engagement those participants have had within the community through the activities chosen.

On behalf of the entire Wugu Nyambil team, we would like to express that we will continue to work towards supporting Yarrabah community and aiming for each individual success in programs, projects or activities we support or get involved. Happy 2022!



Beautification activity group at the church gardens supervised by Adrian Kynuna.
Photo by Viviane Silva



Literacy for Life graduation students receiving their certificates.
Photo credit: Leanne Hardy



Wugu Nyambil's sewing group activity in their training room supervised by Amy Neal.
Photo by Viviane Silva



Gunggandji-Mandingalbay Yidinji trainee rangers celebrating their graduation at Jilgi beach.
Photo credit: Wet Tropics Management Authority



GURRINY YEALAMUCKA HEALTH SERVICE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

YOUNGSTERS LEADING THE WAY



Roll up, roll up, the kids are doing their bit to combat COVID. Earlier this month the vaccine rollout was expanded to include children aged 5 – 11 years of age.

Yarrabah families turned up in force with more than 117 children vaccinated in the first week and a half, representing 23.8 per cent of eligible children in the community.

With the school year commencing in early February, now is the time to protect your children and community, ensuring they return to school vaccinated and protected from COVID-19. The children's dose contains one third active component found within the adult dose and takes only seconds to administer. A second dose is required 3 – 8 weeks later to maximise the effectiveness of the vaccine.

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines does not contain any live virus and cannot cause COVID-19. Vaccinations are available at Bukki Road and Workshop Road Clinics. No need to book, as walk-in vaccinations are accepted.

More information is available on the Gurriny website www.GYHSAC.org.au where you can also download the COVID-19 Vaccination Information brochure.

**For more information contact Peter McCullagh,
Marketing and Comms Officer, Gurriny
Yealamucka Health Service. 0478413627**

MOB ROLLS UP SLEEVES FOR COVID VACCINATION

Gurriny Yealamucka chief executive, Suzanne Andrews announced last month the achievement of the critical 90 per cent first vaccination level in the Yarrabah community. "This is a critical milestone to achieve and a credit to the way the local community has embraced the vaccination message.

"Our second vaccination level continues to grow and we will reach the important 80 per cent double vaxxed milestone later this week," she said. Ms Andrews also praised the dedication and commitment to the vaccination rollout of all the Gurriny staff and Queensland Health employees.

"This has been a total team effort, community, Gurriny and Queensland Health, all pulling together to keep our mob safe."

"In October we commenced with a door-to-door vaccination drive. This initiative was spearheaded by our Community Health workers and proved to be very successful in lifting our vaccination levels."

"Community healthcare is exactly that, working in the community to improve the health outcomes. Our outreach teams are in our community on a daily basis. This daily contact has been essential in educating our community about COVID as well as lifting the vaccination rates."

"The job is not done, I encourage the community to keep safe, rollup for your second dose and booster shots, and keep up the good work getting your children vaccinated."





TENEKA MUNDRAHY WITH THE JT BELIEVE PROGRAM

On Thursday 9th of December 2021, the Johnathan Thurston Academy held their annual Christmas Function in Brisbane. The function was to thank all our partners for their ongoing support of the JT Academy throughout 2021 and celebrate the many lives we all had an impact on.

Our Attendees included Johnathan Thurston, Deputy Commissioner Regional Queensland Paul Taylor, Qld Commissioner of Child Safety Natalie Lewis. There were also personnel's from QPS, Queensland Health, Department of Education, Youth Justice, Nbn Australia, Worley Group, Lendlease, Toll Helicopters.

Numerous young people from our JT You Got This, JT Lead Like A Girl, JT Believe and JT Succeed delivered powerful speeches at the event

Teneka's speech to our attendees – I'd like to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land we meet on today. My name is Teneka Mundraby and I am 12 years old my family comes from Yarrabah I am from the Mandigalby Yidinji Tribe. In the past it was difficult for me because of bullying.

The one thing I like about the JT Believe Program is it helped me to build my confidence and self belief. I believe I can do anything I set my mind too. I really enjoyed going on camps and meeting new people from different communities.

I now look forward to my future and can hold my head high with pride Thank You to Johnathan Thurston and miss Sam Johnson for giving me the opportunity to join this Amazing program and also a big thank you to Miss Petrina for recruiting me on the JT Believe Program.

Garru Nyundu Wawal in my language that means See You Later.

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFELY

Parents are reminded with less than 2 weeks before the new school year commences, now is the time to get your school-aged children vaccinated against COVID-19.

The vaccine rollout commenced two weeks ago for all children aged 5 – 11-years and already more than 26 per cent of eligible children in Yarrabah have rolled up their sleeves to receive their first shot.

To be considered fully vaccinated, children need to receive two doses, 3 to 8 weeks apart.

Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services, Director of Clinical Services Dr Jason King is seeing first hand the benefit of the vaccination program already.

"We have had families present for testing from household with positive cases, the vaccinated children tested negative to COVID.

"Whilst the vaccine is not going to completely prevent you from catching COVID, it will reduce significantly the symptoms of COVID and reduce the risk of passing the virus onto other close contacts." he said.

"It's important that parents bring their kids in this week for their first vaccination.

"It takes at least 14 days before the body reaches a level of protection after each dose, so we need kids vaccinated now to ensure we do not have COVID affecting our schools once classes recommence. Kids are eligible for their second vaccine 3 weeks after their first jab.

"There's a lot of misinformation going around on social media regarding vaccinations. The vaccine does not contain any live virus and will not cause the child to catch COVID-19.

"If parents have any concerns regarding the vaccine or vaccination process, they should speak to one of our GPs rather than doctor google or social media.

FROM A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS OWNER TO WORKING WITH ONE OF THE BIGGEST COMPANIES IN THE WORLD



My name is Mervyn Smith and I was a proud business owner who operated the Seaview Café located on the beautiful water front of Yarrabah Bay. With having the business for 10+ years I gave up the business and became a stay at home dad taking my children to and from school everyday for 5-6 years. I am now working as a Drill Operator with the drill and blast crew at the Cavil Ridge Mine. My partner Irene who was a teacher at Yarrabah State School transferred to Moranbah East State School as a teacher.

Moving away from Yarrabah was a challenge because we didn't know anyone here in Moranbah. Moving away from our families and our comfort zone was another challenge. There wasn't much to offer here in Yarrabah in employment or the Cairns region that interested me and Irene. When we moved Irene's teaching career was a backup if all failed when we moved.

Because we moved as a family I saw that moving was a lot easier, moving as a family made it more supportive because we had each other. We met new people and formed new friendships, these friendships helped us to get where we are today. Best things about moving away to work for Irene was her new school, new students, new work colleagues and her teaching in mainstream schooling. For me It would be finding employment with one of the world's biggest company BMA/BHP.

Our main reason for our move was so our kids had a wide variety of jobs they could choose from once they get older. My daughter Phoenix works at Red Rooster and our eldest daughters Milly is employed with Goonyella Riverside Mine as a Dump truck Driver/Operator. They have made a number of friends here in Moranbah.

I have always wanted to work on the mine site but didn't know the how until we moved to Moranbah. The friends we made here helped me get a job which I am truly grateful for.

Be committed, be determined, be confident in what your wanting to achieve and don't be afraid of changes. Just adapt believe in yourself and follow your dreams.

Thanks Mervyn Smith.

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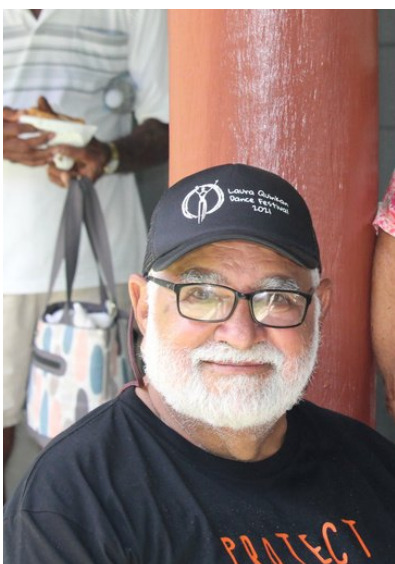
Yarrabah State School
Aim High Like A Seahawk

**Term 1 starts on
Monday,
7 February**



YARRABAH GATEWAY BUILDING OFFICIAL OPENING







Welcome to Brows & Things. Yarrabah!

My name is Dale Thomas, and I have recently opened a Beauty Studio located on Gribble Street. I am a qualified Eyebrow Stylist, whilst currently studying Beauty Therapy and Makeup.

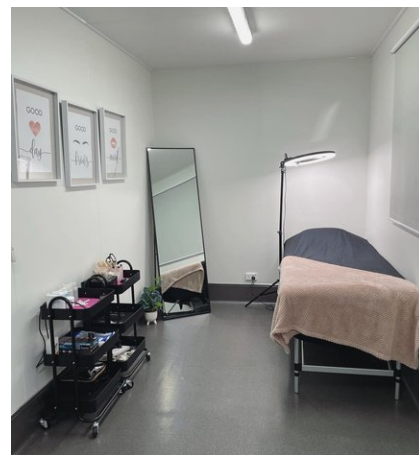
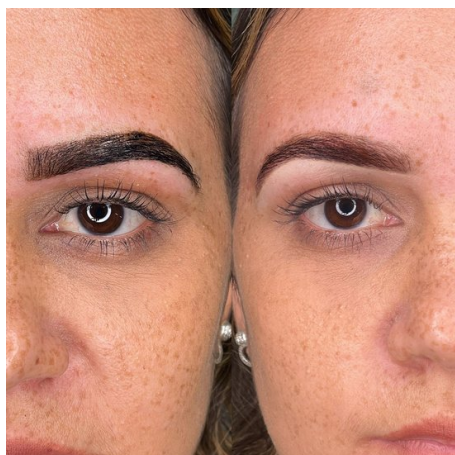
Whether you need a facial wax, full brow makeover, lash lift or a personalised service, my studio is for you. I aim to provide a relaxing and welcoming atmosphere, that allows you to be your best self and live your best life.

As a newly established small business owner, the opportunities are endless and I feel extremely blessed to be able to share my passion for Beauty with all of my community members here in Yarrabah.

My current services include facial wax, brow wax, male brow wax, brow tinting, brow lamination and eyelash lift and tint. I will also be offering Skin Care Regimes/ Facials, Occasion Makeup and Eyelash Extensions that are coming very soon!

If you would like to make a booking or need a question answered, you can find me on Facebook and Instagram 'Brows & Things. Yarrabah' or you can email me at dalethomas.beauty@gmail.com.

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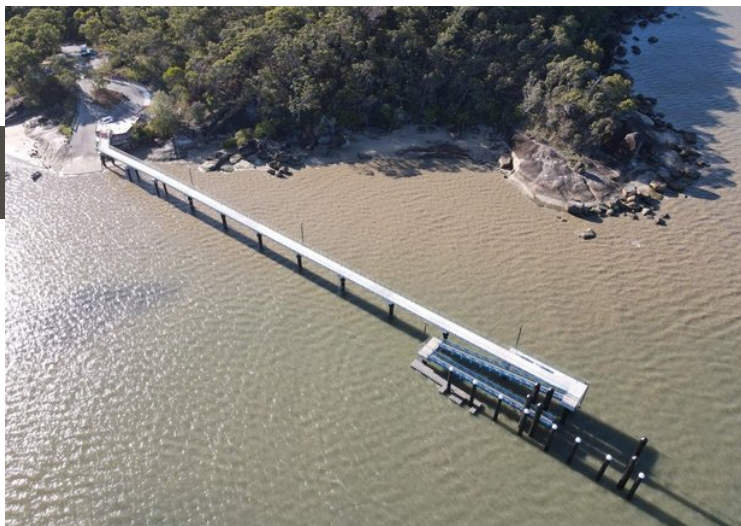


News from Council

YARRABAH JETTY PROJECT

The Yarrabah Jetty has now been completed and now we wait on the official opening date to be announced. We have seen so many people fishing off the Jetty and have caught some massive catches. If you would like to share your images in the Yarrabah Community Newsletter and on our facebook page send through your photos to kmiller@yarrabah.qld.gov.au

Photo credits (right) : Nexus Media Productions



25 years with Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council Philomena Yeatman has been such an inspiration and model for those who have gotten to know and work with her. Her outgoing personality and her knowledge can have you sitting with her the whole day. She has created many beautiful arts work over the years, one of her art work has been used as Councils new branding from work shirts to scarfs and facemasks.

Philomena Yeatman is a Gunggandji woman, born in Cairns and raised in Yarrabah. She began her career in the arts in 1991, she experimented with print and jewelry making and shortly after embraced weaving, ceramics and painting.

Aunty Philomena Yeatman has worked for CDEP for the Art Centre for 30 years, her commitment and hard work has never gone unnoticed. Philomena likes doing a little bit of everything such as screen printing, pottery and basket weaving.

The "Made with Meaning" is the first Art Exhibition Philomena attended which was in Townsville in the 1990's. She is mostly involved with exhibitions which are held in Cairns at the Cairns Art Gallery. She has attended many art exhibitions and her talent has been seen by many.

Your loyalty and knowledge is deeply valued in Council and we thank you for the smiles you have put on all of our faces.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS WITH PHILOMENA YEATMAN



FAREWELL LEE RODGERS FROM YARRABAH COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY



Lee Rodgers has been with Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council for 26 years and in December 2021 he leaves us to go back to his home in Texas. Lee has made many friends and became close with the families in Yarrabah, we would like to wish him the best of luck for his future endeavors and a safe travel home to America.

Lee was in the finance team when he left as a Purchasing Officer, he would come in early and be the last to leave the building. Uncle Lee played in the Yarrabah Brass Band for many years, Lee was very passionate about his work and enjoyed spending time with his work colleagues.

During his time with Yarrabah Council Lee has seen many people come and go and got to make many life long friends here in Yarrabah. He got to train people on how to do his role such as the many trainees that have come through throughout the years.

Lee loved his position as a purchasing officer, you would very rarely find him away from his desk. He would often crack jokes in the office which would put a smile on the face of those he worked with.

Thank you for the 26 years you have had with team Yarrabah, any work place would be lucky to have you. Yarrabah is a second home to Lee and we hope to see you soon, its never a goodbye its a see you later.

Gateway Building Opening 3rd December 2021

Details: Our cultural heritage is the legacy of physical artefacts and intangible attributes of its peoples that are inherited from past generations, maintained in the present and bestowed for the benefit of future generations. It includes the tangible – landscapes, the natural environment with its totemic flora and fauna, artefacts and objects all which supported our way of life.

The intangible – culture, traditions or living expressions inherited from our ancestors such as oral traditions, language, dancing and ceremonial practices, rituals, seasonal events, knowledge systems concerning nature, the universe or the knowledge and skills to craft traditional objects. Whatever shape they take, these things form part of a heritage, and this heritage requires active effort on our part in order to safeguard it.

Queensland's first Archaeological Relics Rangers from the late 1980s, who worked in the documentation, management, protection and education of sacred sites, artefacts and Aboriginal human remains throughout Queensland. They were the public servants that administered the Aboriginal Relics Preservation Act of 1967. Under the Queensland Government at that time, the recording and safeguarding of cultural heritage throughout the state were entrusted to a handful of Rangers that saw many transitions in this sector.

- Department of Aboriginal Islander Advancement.
- Department of Community Services.
- Department of Family Services & Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs
- Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP).

In 2021, James Cook University recognised the outstanding, extensive and enduring careers of two Yarrabah men as their work laid a foundation for future cultural heritage and land management sectors. Dr. Darryl Murgha, a Gunggandji Traditional Owner of Yarrabah and Dr. Bernie Singleton, a Yirrganydji/Umpila man, whose family were removed to Yarrabah are now considered experts in these fields with extensive knowledge systems of various remote and rural Queensland communities and families.

This exhibition is a tribute to their ongoing and important gathering and data basing of past elders, communities and their cultural heritage engagement.

The best way to preserve your cultural heritage, whatever it may be, is to share it with others.

Location: Menmuny Museum.

'From the Ground Up' exhibition

Curated: Bernard Singleton Jnr.

Dates: 3 December 2021 – 30 March 2022 (As part of the Gateway Building opening celebrations).

Location: Gateway Building.

Details: Yarrabah Pottery was established in 1973 at the Yarrabah Mission (now the Yarrabah Aboriginal Community), 30 km south-east of Cairns. It was started as an initiative of the Queensland government to provide sustainable employment opportunities for mission residents.

In 1990, the community took over the running of the pottery and came to be known as the Yarrabah Guyala (Seahawk) Pottery. Potters who have worked at Yarrabah include Edward (Edwin) Deemera, his sister Gwen Deemera, Cornelius (Connie) Richards, Heather Koowootha, Chris Harris and Michelle Yeatman. Work made at Yarrabah is mainly functional ware, thrown or hand built and decorated with carved or painted images illustrating legends of the Gunggandji people. The pottery's mark was an incised 'Yarrabah Pottery' and potters also incised their own initials or names.

In 2021, the Ceramics of the Gurriny Yealamucka Health Service Aboriginal Corporation – Women's Group workshops with Connie Richards showcases the evolution of Yarrabah Pottery from the early 1970's to its present day form. The project is a valuable representation of the skill of local residents who contribute significantly to the cultural history of Yarrabah and the passing of traditional pottery practices to ensure they are carried into the future.



Above: Cornelius Richards



Image L-R: Dr Bernard Singleton and Dr Darryl Murgha



News from Council

Council Meeting Dates 2022

MONTH	DATE	DAY	TIME
January	25/01/22	Tuesday	10am
February	16/02/22	Wednesday	10am
March	16/03/22	Wednesday	10am
April	20/04/22	Wednesday	10am
May	18/05/22	Wednesday	10am
June	15/06/22	Wednesday	10am
July	20/07/22	Wednesday	10am
August	17/08/22	Wednesday	10am
September	21/09/22	Wednesday	10am
October	19/10/22	Wednesday	10am
November	16/11/22	Wednesday	10am
December	21/12/22	Wednesday	10am

COMMERCIAL SPACE TO LEASE

Locations:

Shop 5, Yarrabah Knowledge Centre, Noble Drive Yarrabah – Office Space 36m²

Criteria:

Applications for leasing will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Nature of business activity
- Business financial position
- Insurances (Public Liability \$10 Million)
- Demonstrate value to the Yarrabah Community

If you are interested please contact Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council on (07) 4056 9120 or email council@yarrabah.qld.gov.au supplying the information for the above criteria.

Applications for expressions of interest close at 5pm on 21st February 2022.

Leon Yeatman
Chief Executive Officer

A heart felt thank you to these companies for their generous gift vouchers for our staff at our end of year gatherings for 2021



JOB VACANCIES IN COUNCIL

The Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council is seeking applications for the following positions.

1. Administration Support Officer-Arts & Cultural Precinct
2. Administration Coordinator – Works & Infrastructure
3. Grants/Administration Support Officer

For further information, application kit, and/or to discuss your eligibility to apply for this position, please contact Leona Worrell – Manager-Human Resources on 40569 120 during business hours.

Please provide your application by 4:30PM – Monday 7th February 2022

<https://www.yarrabah.qld.gov.au/job-vacancies/>



CHRISTMAS AT THE DAYCARE

We thank the Yarrabah Daycare staff who have done an outstanding job this year, the Daycare team has missed out on a lot of community events due to their roles down at the daycare.

Daycare had their Christmas celebration with the parents and their children, the morning started with some activities outside to wait for Santa's arrival. The kids enjoyed their time with Santa Clause and the prizes they received from the Daycare Team. There where many hugs given to Santa and a lot of questions asked such as "Am I on the good list?". We thank parents and care givers for trusting the team with your children throughout the year.

"We the educators would like to thank the parents for entrusting us with their children and being able to educate their little minds. It is also a privilege to share those moments with the children and capturing them as they are learning in that moment. Then educators plan to create new learning experiences". Abigail Murgha.

The Christmas party ended with a baskets of prizes given to each family, some lunch and a huge cake. Thanks to the parents for coming along and spending their last day with their child at the daycare.



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24/7 free counselling support
for people at risk of suicide,
carers and bereaved



1300 78 99 78
24/7 telephone and online
support for men with
emotional health and
relationship concerns



1800 55 1800
24/7 private and confidential
phone and online counselling
services for young people
aged 5 to 25



1800 737 732
24/7 counselling, information
and referrals for sexual
assault, domestic and family
violence



1800 011 046
24hr
A service founded by Vietnam
Veterans,
now for all veterans and
families
<https://www.openarms.gov.au/>



1300 657 380
Supporting adults affected by
complex trauma and
childhood trauma and those
who support them
<https://blueknot.org.au/>



1300 845 745
Helpline 6am to midnight AEST.
Free telephone counselling,
online forums and resources
for people experiencing grief
and loss.
<https://griefline.org.au/>



1. Ask



2. Listen



**3. Encourage
action**



4. Check in

<https://www.ruok.org.au/findhelp>



**PORT ROYAL
NETWORK**

<https://linktr.ee/portroyalnetwork>

**Live streaming and gaming
Stream Local Rugby League in the
Cairns Region**

FREE ADVERTISING

Yarrabah News Advertising

The Yarrabah Community Newsletter advertising is now free, if you wish to advertise please contact Kanika Miller on the below email. You can also send through your ideas on what you would like to see featured in the next editions.

To get your advertisement featured in the Yarrabah Community Newsletter email kmiller@yarrabah.qld.gov.au

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

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
Holy Saturday Saturday 16th April 2022	Easter Sunday Sunday 17th April 2022	Easter Monday Monday 18th 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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IT'S YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER - TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE



Welcome to the first edition of the year, I am excited on what 2022 holds for us. I am looking forward on some big events happening in the community, I'm also keen to see what new upcoming community projects we have in 2022.

My goal this year is to improve on my work in the Yarrabah Community Newsletter and get feedback from community members and what they want to see.

If you see me around community come over and have a yarn.

Kanika Miller, Acting Communications Officer



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