



# WOORABINDA ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

# News

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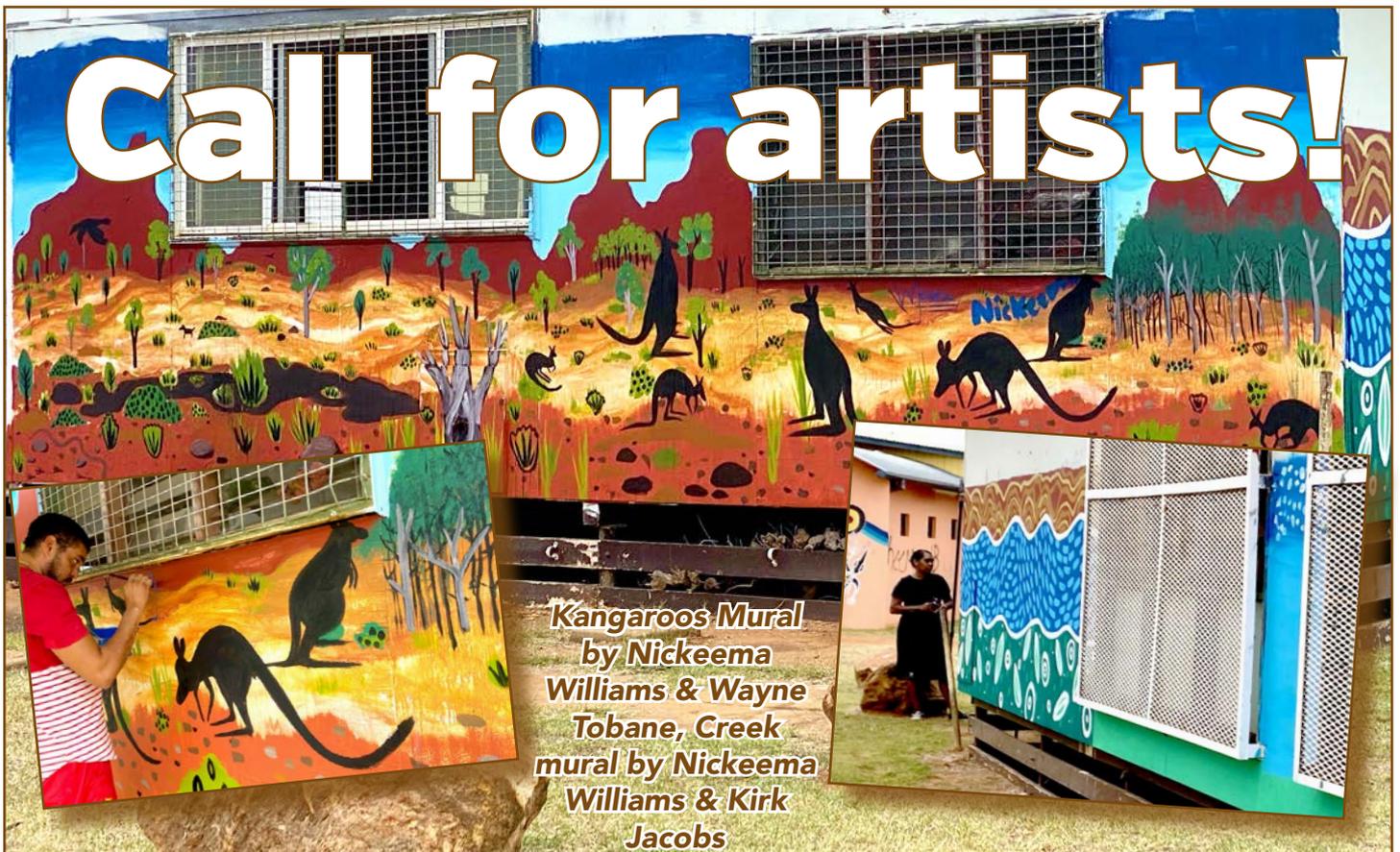


L-R Lynise Wearne (Greening Australia), Josh Weazel, Steve Kemp, Kalair McArthur (Rural & Remote Development Consultants), Duncan Kerslake (QLD Government - Deadly Innovation) at the launch of a potential wattle seed project in February this year

## Healthy Country plan boost for Rangers

Since September last year Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council, in partnership with Greening Australia and BHP, has been working to establish a project reference group with Traditional Owners from Ghungalu, Wadja Wadja and Yetimarrala people to develop a Healthy Country Plan for our Woorabinda Ranger program.

A number of workshops have been undertaken to develop the program based on the values and cultural protocols for each of the groups, with a strong focus on creating meaningful employment and a sustainable business approach to managing and fulfilling our obligation to our own lands.



# Call for artists!

**Kangaroos Mural**  
by Nickeema  
Williams & Wayne  
Tobane, Creek  
mural by Nickeema  
Williams & Kirk  
Jacobs

Woorabinda Arts has put out a call for any artists interested in doing murals around town to get in touch via WASC. Pictured above are murals recently painted onto the HACC Building. Looks great!!!



# A word from Mayor Josh Weazel

Our Local Disaster Management Group has been meeting every three weeks and keeping a close eye on the status of COVID-19.



Council continues to try to plan for engagement sessions to cover all our areas but initially our focus has been on our Corporate Plan, the Healthy Rangers Program and the Woorabinda Pastoral Company.

We are particularly keen to see the development of a Woorabinda Leaders' Forum (WLF) of which will be made up of local leaders in Woorabinda and service providers to community.

Members will work together to define Woorabinda's path to successful leadership into

the future and to define our relationships with government.

While in Cairns at the Local Government Association of Queensland's (LGAQ's) Indigenous Leaders' Forum (ILF) I was able to yarn with Yarrabah Mayor Ross Andrews about their experience with the Yarrabah Leadership Forum (YLF) as well as their job agency Wugu Nyambil, which is a business of the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council.

Additionally we have been asked to consider hosting the State Government's next Local Thriving Communities (LTC) meeting in July, which was also discussed at the Cairns ILF meeting.

Yoonthalla Services will also have a role in the development of our WLF.

As Mayor I was happy to see more than 30 of our community members attend a consultation facilitated by the State Government's First Nations Advisory representative Mick Gooda last month.

The meeting was an opportunity for us to discuss leadership and advocacy through all levels of Government including the possibilities around the First Nations' Voice proposals and the potential for changes to the Constitution.

Watch this space for more!

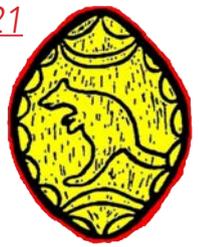
*Josh Weazel*



More than 60 Indigenous leaders from across Queensland's 17 First Nations Councils (pictured above) met in Cairns last month to discuss common issues affecting their communities such as housing and inadequate service delivery.

The Indigenous Leaders Forum (ILF) heard from speakers including Minister for Housing, Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for the Arts Leanne Enoch and Assistant Local Government Minister Nikki Boyd, as well as key departmental decision-makers, over the two-day forum.

*Pictured left is Woorabinda Mayor Josh Weazel with the LGAQ's Tony Goode and Yarrabah Mayor Ross Andrews. Pics thanks to LGAQ & Christine Howes.*



# COVID-19 vaccine rollout underway in Woorie



PICTURED LEFT: Vaccine recipient Campbell Powder

## The first stage of Woorabinda's COVID-19 Astra-Zeneca vaccine rollout started in April.

A two-day trial went ahead for our 50+ year-old residents.

First in line was Woorabinda Council Employee Uncle Campbell Powder.

"I'm on top of the world at the moment - it was good to get through, I just hope everyone does it," he said.

Mr Powder urged community to get vaccinated.

"Get it done," he said.

Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service Chief Executive Steve Williamson said he was happy

with the clinic.

"It's a privilege to have the opportunity to work with Council," he said.

"They have really helped us to reach out to community members.

"We've had great support from them and our hospital staff here in terms of logistical support, and those links are really important."

Health Worker Felicity Doolan was on site for the both days and said it was great to see.

"We've had the public health and

their team from Rockhampton come out to screen and immunise the community," she said.

Ms Doolan said she also accepted the injection as someone with hoped to retire soon.

She said getting the vaccine meant she could safely visit family members.

"I am of the age where I'm possibly retiring this year," she said.

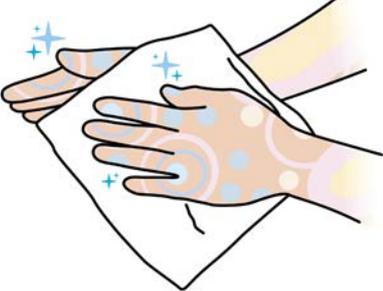
"If I want to visit my family out in whoop-whoop, I have to think about them and not bringing COVID-19 to them."

**BE COVIDSAFE**

## KEEP THE GERMS AWAY, KEEP HANDS CLEAN.

Help stop the spread of coronavirus in our communities:

- Cover a cough with the inside of your elbow instead of your hand.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, where the virus can enter your body.
- Keep hands clean, especially if you are making food or eating.



Download the **COVIDSafe** app on your phone so you'll be contacted if you are exposed to coronavirus.

Phone the 24 hour **National Coronavirus Helpline** on **1800 020 080**

Visit **australia.gov.au** and follow **#keepourmobsafe** on social media.

Australian Government

Queensland Health would like to encourage community members to remain vigilant - it is **VERY IMPORTANT** to follow these rules to stop the coronavirus from spreading. Please remember:

### DO

- stay 1.5 metres away from other people — two big steps
- wash your hands often with soap and water, or hand sanitizer
- sneeze or cough into your arm or a tissue, then put the tissue in the bin
- stay home if you are sick
- get tested if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how mild
- stay isolated from others until you have your test results
- call the Community Recovery Hotline on 1800 173 349 if you need any support while isolating at home, such as food or medicine
- leave your contact details at places you visit, such as restaurants, churches and cafes.

### DON'T

- leave the house for any reason if you are asked to isolate
- go near other people if you are coughing or sneezing
- touch your mouth, nose and eyes
- shake hands
- hug or kiss people.

For more information on current public health restrictions and different types of support available visit the Queensland Health website: <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/>

# Everyone has a role

Everyone in Queensland is being encouraged to play their part in preventing domestic and family violence in our community, as Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month gets underway, Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence Shannon Fentiman says.

She said to achieve lasting and sustainable positive cultural change, all parts of the community need to be involved and committed to ending domestic and family violence.

"This month is a reminder to all Queenslanders to play your part in preventing domestic and family violence," Minister Fentiman said.

"Together we can send a clear message that domestic and family violence will not be tolerated, in our homes, workplaces or communities."

She said the month would aim to promote partnerships and collaborations across the community to prevent and respond to domestic and family violence.

For more information about Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month events visit <https://www.justice.qld.gov.au/swe/dfvpm/events>.

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## CANDLELIT VIGIL REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

12th of May 2021

MEET AT 5:30PM FOR A SAUSAGE SIZZLE, FOLLOWED  
WITH A VIGIL AT 6PM  
MUNNS DRIVE ACROSS FROM THE POLICE STATION

## Netball Social Games

Local Community Members all welcome  
- get involved, get active -

**Ages 16+**  
**Every Monday 6-7pm**  
**Kangaroo Stadium**



Members of the Woorie community and local organisations are welcome to submit birthdays, community information, pics and yarns to WASC News via Jacob or Christine.

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*The DEADLINE for our next WASC News will be Thursday 20 May for publication on Monday 25 May.*

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