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# Minister's visit brings promise



Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council welcomed Queensland MP and Minister Craig Crawford to our community last month.

Minister Crawford currently holds the portfolios of minister for Seniors and Disability Services as well as Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.

During his visit he met community members and Council.

"It's been a great day out here in Woorabinda," he said.

"I'm very impressed with the leadership out here - the mayor

and the council but also leaders in the community.

"I can see there's a very strong connection, there's a very strong drive to advance and move forward and get some of that local decision making happening closer here to community and in community.

"I one hundred percent support that."

Minister Crawford also visited the Woorabinda Arts and

Cultural Centre in Duaringa.

"We want to work with everyone from Elders, to the Mayor, to leaders," he said.

"Let's move forward, I think there are some incredible opportunities and we have to reach forward and grab them."

*Pictured: BELOW LEFT: David Thompson, Mayor Josh Weazel and Craig Crawford (Supplied – Craig Crawford MP); BELOW RIGHT: David Thompson, Craig Crawford and Nickeema Williams (pic by Jacob)*





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# Laura Quinkan Dance We came, we saw –



*Pic by Kathryn Williams*



Festival

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# - WE CAME THIRD!

Pics by Jacob McQuire



# Recovery to take on creative phase

Woorabinda arts is looking to bounce back with the coincidental booking of a Creative Recovery Course due to be undertaken in September this year.

'Creative Recovery' provides specialised service and advocacy for culture and the arts within the emergency management sector," Arts Centre Manager Nickeema Williams said.

"This course is about responding to disasters and fires so it's about giving people those skills and building their capacity to respond to disasters," she said.

"If you think about it, what do First Nation's people paint about?

"They paint about the land, they paint about their cultural connection, or they paint about trauma, or they paint about what's going on.

"So, a lot of paintings are about bush fires, or a lot of paintings are about mental health, this is their avenue for expression.

"That's why we really needed a quick plan of action [after the

fire] because if our artists don't have the HACC building, they don't have access to something that they use to deal with their emotions, and that's critical."

She said the Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council had stepped up with some temporary accommodation for the group so they could continue to work with upcoming projects such as the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair.



## WOORABINDA ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL POSITION VACANT

### IKC Support Worker

Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council ("WASC") is currently seeking employ an enthusiastic and motivated individual to join the Indigenous Knowledge Centre ("IKC") team. The position will be part time. The successful applicants will be responsible for the daily support and service delivery in the local area.

#### To be successful applicants must:

- Have **OR** be willing **AND ABLE** to obtain a Blue Card (Positive Working with Children Check)
- Have good verbal and written communication skills including the ability to communicate effectively and sensitively
- Ability to work independently or as part of a team where required
- Ability to be self-motivated, use initiative, be reliable and honest
- Developing knowledge and an ability to apply knowledge of computer applications and general software applications, including but not limited to the internet and Microsoft Office programs
- Experience and/or formal qualifications in Information and Cultural Services (Library) is desirable but not essential
- Experience in administrative duties relating to the day to day organization of a small library is desirable but not essential.
- Ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Be honest and reliable.
- Hold at minimum a "C" class open driver's license

**Applications close at 5.00 pm on Tuesday 13th July 2021**

If you are interested in applying for this position, please fill in an Expression of Interest form at the Council office and submit it with a cover letter and your current resume to the receptionist. Any queries or concerns, please contact Joseph on 07 4925 9800.

Michael Hayward  
Chief Executive Officer  
30th June 2021



Artist Roxanne Oakley working in the new, temporary art space provided by Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council

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. WASC News is published fortnightly and can accept paid advertising, please call Christine on 0419 656 277 for more information.

The **DEADLINE** for our next WASC News will be **THURSDAY 15 July** for publication on **THURSDAY 22 July**.

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