



Yarrabah News

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FNQ Councils meet in Yarrie

The Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Council's (FNQROC's) AGM and Bi-monthly board meeting were held in Yarrabah last Monday.

The FNQROC represents 13 member councils from Hinchinbrook to Cook and west to Carpentaria, including Croydon and Etheridge.

All 13 attended to see presentations from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority and the Department of Housing & Public Works as well as the Department of Environment & Heritage Protection, who were there to discuss crocodile management with the Councils.

Representatives from the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, and the Local Government Association of Queensland were also at the meeting.

The role of FNQROC is to foster cooperation and resource sharing between Councils and effectively advocate regional positions and priorities, working



closely with regional partners and stakeholders.

Executive Officer Darlene Irvine said their membership represented 17% of Queensland local governments, giving them strength in their advocacy work.

The agenda of the FNQROC includes transport infrastructure and connectivity via ports, roads and rail; reliable and affordable water and energy; respect for and manage of natural assets and environment; equitable social infrastructure; and, an equitable communication network.



In the federal budget Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council was allocated \$5m over four years to build our capacity to run a community based job active service.

Last week Council met with the Department of Employment and My Pathway to talk about how such a community-based service should be structured.



Hep B work e

Gurriny Yealamucka Health Serv
Worker Paul Neal are two of six su
Australia to attend the Second Worl
in Alaska this week.

The Conference, which started on Tues
included presentations on viral hepatitis
storytelling, a global consensus statemen
to the Alaska Native Heritage Centre, an
the Alaska Native Medical Centre.

Speakers at the conference hailed from
Australia, India, Russia, Nigeria, New Ze
Greenland, Canada, Cherokee Nation an
name a few.

Milton and Paul were highly recommen
Department of Health to win the scholar
the Cairns & Hinterland Hospital & Hea
(CHHHS) Queensland Health Viral Hep



*Pictured above is Moirin Smith, Ke
Kristy Patterson (Seated) & Jacinta L*

New artists' works on show at IKC

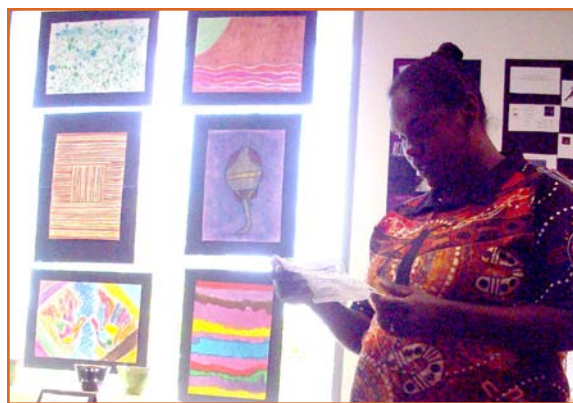
TAFE North's 'Step4ward into Art' class was pleased to open their end of course exhibition at the Yarrabah Indigenous Knowledge Centre last Wednesday.

Local students created the works, held meetings to organise a space and completed all administrative tasks independently.

Completing students will graduate from the Certificate course of 14 units in the following weeks, each one guaranteed a place in the next level certificate course and a chance at one of 85 employed positions with the College of TAFE.

As part of the course students gained valuable formal skills in research, production, blurb writing, planning and holding an exhibition, and reviewing the event.

The students were excited to venture forth into the world of further

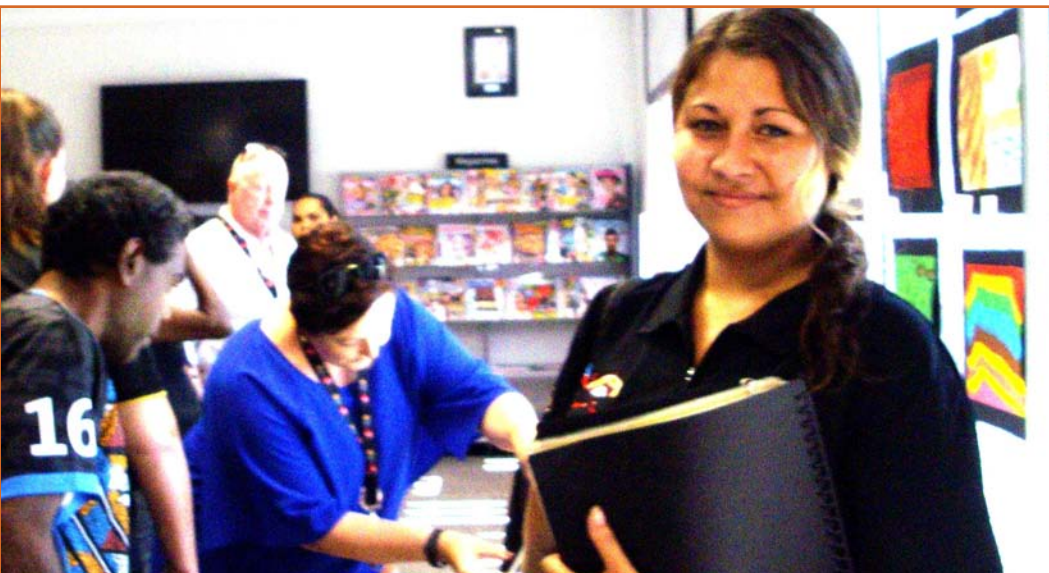


study and working in the Community or Arts Industry.

Congratulations must go out to all the students who completed an intense workload to gain their qualification.

Well done!

*Words & pics with thanks to
Lynda Wright-Coles*



Earns trip to Alaska

ices' Health Worker Milton Mossman and Youth
successful scholarship applicants chosen from across
d Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Viral Hepatitis

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Health Promotion and Hepatitis Australia,
for their commitment, initiative and
leadership in the community.

CHHHS Viral Hepatitis Health Practitioner
Rhondda Lewis said she was happy for the
two of them.

"I'm so pleased for Paul and Milton to have this
opportunity to represent Yarrabah and Australia in
Alaska," she said.

"They are both experts on the health needs of
their community and on hepatitis B in particular as
well as being highly respected community leaders
and emerging artists of considerable skill."



Last week local MP Curtis Pitt presented the pair
with a flag set to take with them and congratulated
them on behalf of the State.

He wished them well in their journey and said the
flag set was to present to event hosts, the Alaska
Native Tribal Health Consortium.

*For more information about the Second World
Indigenous Peoples Conference on Viral Hepatitis,
Anchorage Alaska see <https://www.wipcvh2017.org/>*



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WELCOME to new Council staff member...

Wayne Ah-Wong, Community Housing Services manager

Born and bred: in Mackay where my mother is from. My Dad
was born in Mossman and raised nearby at Rocky Point. Dad
brought us to Rocky Point for ten years before the family
moved back to Mackay. My father's mother - my Grandmother
- was born and raised in Yarrabah.

Previous work

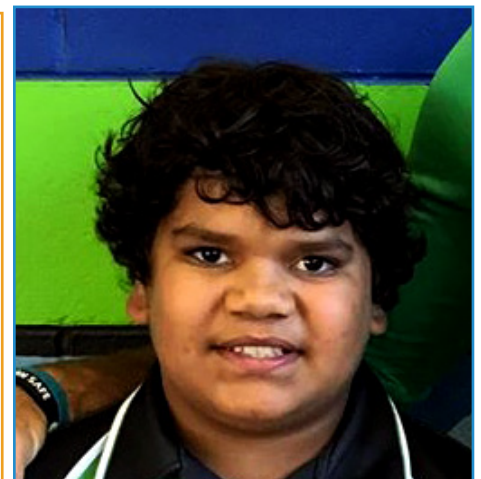
I have been an interstate fruit picker and Queensland railway
worker. I went back to TAFE and University and became an
Indigenous Support Officer at the university and then a
Project Officer at Link-Up Qld and then for the Indigenous
Land Corporation in Western Australia.

Why keen on this position?

I want to continue my career as a public servant for Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander people.

Favourite things:

My favorite food is turtle, taro and rice, I like drinking soda
water, my favorite movie is anything Debra Mailman is acting in
and I like all music.



Djeeran makes Laurie Spina Player of the Tournament

Last month at the annual Laurie
Spina Carnival in Townsville
Djeeran (Cooper) Pearson, who
plays for Cairns Junior Brothers, was
awarded Player of the Tournament.

This carnival is a huge event with
more than 65 teams from all over
North Queensland competing.

The young star is the pride of his
Cairns West State School.

"Congratulations Cooper and
well done on playing hard, doing
your best and showing good
sportmanship - CWSS is very
proud of you," they said.

The 2017 A Grade Yarrabah Seahawks Football Team are sitting in 3rd position of the CDRL Competition with just 7 rounds to go. Teams in other grades have also done well this year. Well flown Guyala, well flown!!!



THANK YOU

On behalf of the family, Denise Richards would like to extend her appreciation to the following: Southern PBC, Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services, YASC, Cairns Centrelink ATSI Dept, DATSIP, Wet Tropics, Kowanyama hospital, families and friends (near and far) and other local agencies, government and non-government, for their condolences, in-kind donations, thoughts and prayers for the sorry business of her late partner Mundraby, V. May God's blessing be upon them all.

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