



# Yarrabah News

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## Employment service to kick off 1 January 2018

Locally-delivered JobActive employment services, to be tested by approximately 700 job seekers in Yarrabah as a pilot program, are due to be kick off as soon as 1 January 2018.

In consultations with Indigenous Australians there has been consistent feedback that Indigenous organisations are not being given the chance to deliver services in their community for the betterment of their community, the Federal Department of Employment says on their website (<https://www.employment.gov.au/place-based-approaches-trial-yarrabah>).

The Government has invested \$5.0 million over four years for the trial of a Place Based Approach in Yarrabah from 2018.

This will allow JobActive

employment services to be delivered in the community by the community.

This will benefit Indigenous Australians in Yarrabah as jobactive services will be better aligned to the community's social and economic priorities.

The pilot will not impact Transition to Work or Disability

Employment Services.

It builds on the recent announcement by the Minister for Indigenous Affairs to invest \$1.1 million to assist the Council to provide Work for the Dole activities for 100 job seekers in Yarrabah and help generate new community-relevant economic opportunities.



## Gambling project making progress

Updating a project promoting safe gambling and reducing gambling harm was the focus of a meeting last week between Central Queensland University's Ashley Gordon, Nerilee Hing and Erika Langham, along with Mayor Ross Andrews, Cr Nadine Cannon, and CEO Janelle Menzies.

After an important update for Ashley on how the Seahawks are going this season, the team provided feedback from community consultations which took place in April.

At the time Ashley conducted nine yarning groups, attended by nearly 90 community members in total.

He shared the concerns the community had about kids playing Ping and adults being harmed by gambling, and the ideas people had to address these.

Council will now meet with health services to discuss how best to use \$10,000 provided by CQU to promote safe gambling in Yarrabah.

Ashley also offered three important gambling tips to the community:

- Only gamble with what you can afford to lose;
- Make sure the bills are paid first;
- and,
- Don't gamble when you are drinking.





Yarrabah Council's Community Engagement Officer Cyprian Mossman, his friends and colleagues were chuffed to receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the Gordonvale State School for their work during their NAIDOC celebrations last week.



OUT AND ABOUT (above) walking their way of new footpath work being done on Workshop St by young Mundraby / Costello family members. The work should be finished within the next week.



Stores Manager Brian Ca... retired in style with a farewell tea at the YASC offices last...

## New health research centre focused on equity

CQ University Cairns campus officially launched its newest research centre focused on Indigenous health equity earlier this month.

Officially known as the Centre for Indigenous Health Equity Research (CIHER), speakers at the event included local MP Curtis Pitt, Vice Chancellor Professor Scott Bowman, Pr Grant Stanley, Chancellor Dr Robyn Minchinton, Yarrabah Mayor Cr Ross Andrews, Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services CEO Sue Andrews and CIHER Director and Assoc Pr Roxanne Bainbridge.

Pr Bainbridge said CQ University established the Centre to drive and coordinate change in the way research business with Indigenous communities is done.

"It's time to take note that despite all of the research conducted with Indigenous communities over decades, there has not been corresponding improvements in health status for Indigenous people," she said.

"The establishment of such a centre is an important step for us as a regional university.

"The additional support means we can engage and collaborate with the Indigenous communities and industry like never before."

## Artwork

Earlier this year, 51st Battalion of the Year, to create a feat...





# The 'Mufla Yufla' Family Day at the Yarrabah State School's Pre-prep is held every Wednesday from 9am to 12pm for students, parents and families, as well as community members and service providers.

The idea is to support children's ongoing early childhood education and the acquisition of foundational skills that will help them be successful learners later on at school.

The Family Day recognises the importance of families' role in early childhood education as the child's first teacher.



Early learning through the Mufla Yufla program aims to support the children and their family's sense of belonging, being and becoming.

Early learning experiences involving families may include hands-on and play experiences that enhance the child's development of pride in themselves and their cultural identity; oral language and communication skills; early literacy and numeracy skills, social, emotional and physical health and wellbeing and cognitive skills.

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# ...takes pride of place for 51 NQR

...ion of the Far North Queensland Regiment commissioned Elverina Johnson, the 2017 NAIDOC Artist  
...ure piece for the foyer of the Battalion Headquarters at Porton Barracks in Edmonton.



Elverina completed the work last month, with a 2m x 2.5m canvas of her interpretation of the unit badge (Kookaburra holding a snake). The painting was unveiled by Elverina at Porton Barracks last week. "We at 51 FNQR recognise and celebrate the culture of the traditional owners of the land where we are based," Officer Commanding Alpha Company Josh Mickle said.





*Congratulations to the young girls who played in the Sharon Finnan Cup 2017 last month, particularly Shaylee Andrews, Simone Singleton & Simone Neal who were picked for the development squad in September. All girls from Yarrabah thoroughly enjoyed the carnival.*



Our very own Yarrabah Seahawks Junior RLFC Under 11s made the grand final of the Warren Pitt Cup earlier this month.

Throughout a couple of good wins and some close scores, the boys played hard and fair, and thoroughly enjoyed a great weekend of junior league footy.

Well done to the coaching staff, LeagueSafe volunteers and the kids.

Congratulations must also go to the President Gillian Bann, and all the parents and families who took time out to support the kids at Jones Park.

The Warren Pitt Cup is a showcase of young footballers keen on enjoying the sports.

Well done to all officials in organising this event.

The Junior League Club would also like to thank all kids that played throughout the year and also to the volunteers for supporting the kids.

It has been a long and challenging year and the club would like to wish you all the best and look forward to Seahawks Juniors in 2018.



*Congratulations to all the kids who played AFL for Pyramid Power in 2017! Well done to all the parents and volunteers who helped officials throughout the year as well, the kids thoroughly enjoyed the support of Pyramid Power and are already looking forward to 2018!*

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