



# Yarrabah News

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## The Yarrabah Brass Band in 1923

*Pic thanks to QMF*

## Huge turnout expected for 2017 Band Festival

Queensland Music Festival (QMF) is set to return to Yarrabah at the end of this month with some of Australia's finest musicians to present the fifth Yarrabah Band Festival.

Country music star Troy Cassar-Daley will headline the full-day show, along with jazz sensation and all-round entertainer James Morrison, multi-Golden Guitar Award-winner Sara Storer, the host of Triple J's House Party, KLP and local musicians Dean Brady, Barry Cedric and the Night Owls, Black Crubians, Elverina Johnson Band, St Augustine's College Big Band, Djun Djun Jarra Bay Boyz and Sharmaine Stafford.

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*In 2015, above is Elverina Johnson & Shellie Morris; below is Pam Mundraby-Kovacs, Esmay Murgha, Nadine Cannon, King Jaban, James Morrison, then-Mayor Errol Neal & Elverina Johnson*



Of course there will be the world-renowned Yarrabah Brass Band which includes Jackson and Raymond Clark, Kaylene Jackson, Mary Kyle, Teresa Neal, Paul Neal, Lee Rodgers, Greg Fourmile, Richard Hopkinson, Hanna Trotter and Brendon Aslop.

Other local acts and presentations include: Andrew Miller Jnr; Cornelius Richards; Polly & Nehemiah Harris; Levi Johnson; Chenisha & Kylantra Yeatman; Faith Richards; Deante, Shaun & Nesariah Murgha; Lyndell Thomas; Sylvia Barlow; Double Dip; and, Norman Johnston.

Local MP Curtis Pitt said the festival drew thousands of people from across the region. "QMF artists and Yarrabah's youth have been collaborating in the months leading into the Festival, sharing their love of music and honing their music pieces, so there is great excitement in the air at Yarrabah," he said.

This year the festival moves to the Jilara Football Oval to accommodate the ever-growing crowd.

QMF Artistic Director Katie Noonan said it was "an incredibly special event". "We cherish our relationship with this highly creative community and the opportunity to engage with and learn from them," she said.

In the week before the festival, KLP will join storyteller, musician and advocate for social change, Shellie Morris for the Yarrabah Artists in Residence Program.

The free festival will include a full day of live music, food stalls and local art. The Yarrabah Art Centre and Museum will also be open and welcoming visitors.

# Guyala! Guyala! Guyala! C

All grades of the Yarrabah Seahawks are still celebrating their historic wins and CDRL grand finals last month.

The A-Grade in particular, created history by winning their first grand final, beating Innisfail Leprechauns 31-22, while the reserve grade took out their game against Brothers, 30-24.

The club has been in the CDRL for 17 years and hundreds of Yarrabah residents travelled to Cairns for a huge day of football action.

After the final siren in the A grade decider Yarrabah supporters ran out to celebrate the win and that continued on well into the week, coach Eddie Prior said.

"The trophy was driven through Yarrabah on the back of a truck and

the boys were still celebrating four days after the win," he said.

"On the field we got it spot on for most of the game and it was a real team effort."

Early on the result looked in doubt when the Leprechauns bolted to a 12-nil lead after two early tries in the first 10 minutes.

At the 57th minute, scores were finally levelled.

Prior said it was difficult to nominate the best players – when pressed he mentioned halfback Coleridge Dabah, veteran five eight Charlie Murgha, fullback Hezron

Murgha, forwards Jack Webster and Cyprion Mossman and utility and captain Milton Mossman as standouts.

The A-grade win was Yarrabah's fifth premiership in all grades on top of reserve grade titles in 2012, 2015 and the club's first premiership, the under-18s in 2000.

RESULTS: A Gde: Yarrabah Seahawks 31 (Hezron Murgha 2, Milton Mossman, Charles Murgha, Jimmito Harris, tries, Coleridge Dabah 5 goals, Charlie Murgha fld goal) d Innisfail Leprechauns 22 (Edward Morrison-Sailor 2, tries, Matt Healey, Patrick Gallen 1 tries,

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# Blue Card system under scrutiny

Queensland Parliament's Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee met with Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council and the Community Justice Group last week to discuss a Bill introduced by KAP State Leader Robbie Katter, which will reform the Blue Card system.

The Bill - called the *Working with Children Legislation (Indigenous Communities) Amendment Bill 2017* - will create a framework which enables a Community Justice Group to approve the issue of a Blue Card to work in a particular community, even if the applicant has previous criminal offences that would normally mean they would be rejected.

It details a range of factors the Community Justice Group must consider in making its decision.

It is the role of the committee to examine how the bill proposes to work.

The Committee will then be required to write a report to the Queensland Parliament with a recommendation about whether or not the bill should become law.

The committee has not yet made a decision about whether to recommend that the bill should become law.

They said that was why they were in Yarrabah, to hear the community's

views and experiences around the Blue Card system.

Committee members in Yarrabah for the hearings were: Member for Stretton, Duncan Pegg (Chair); Member for Pine Rivers, Nikki Boyd MP; Member for Capalaba, Don Brown; Member for Coomera, Michael Crandon (Deputy Chair); Member for Beaudesert, Jim Krause; and, Member for Currumbin, Jan Stuckey; and, Acting Committee Secretary Emily Booth (staff).

## Guyala!

and successes in the 2017

(Matt Healey 3 goals).

Reserve Grade: Yarrabah 30  
Septimus Ambrym 2, Martin Dabah  
Clifton Burns tries; Septimus  
Ambrym 5 goals) d Brothers 24  
Michael Morris, Kane Wehi, Jordan  
Callow, Kaisamo Kaigey tries;  
Grace Richards 2, Evan Child, Tim  
Callow)

Second Division: Tully 34 (Chris  
Muriata, Dillon Jones, Shane Muriata,  
Laine Pake, Mark Rosendale, Vuna  
Makalau) d Yarrabah 18 (Remigerous  
Carmile 2, Robert Garrett, Shane  
Thomas tries; Jalaba Murgha goal)

Words thanks to Alf Wilson.

Pics by Jaeleen Geary



Auditor General Brendan Worrall and Director of Queensland Audit Office Patrick Flemming visited the Yarrabah Council last week to touch base and raise any matters pertaining to audit report and financial accountability.

Mayor Ross Andrews said it was probably the first time an Auditor General had visited the community.

Some insights into the 2017-2020 strategic audit plan were also discussed, however the basis of the visit was to

formally meet the Council and CEO and to talk about how to work together on compliance and create greater awareness around financial accountability.

The visit was welcomed by the Mayor and Councillors.



## Inquiry into service delivery in remote and discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities Draft report consultation

The draft report is scheduled to be released in early October 2017. We are seeking your comments and views on the draft report, and will be undertaking further consultation during October and early November. The Commissioner Bronwyn Fredericks will be briefing and consulting with stakeholders in the following locations:

- 9 October 2017 - Cairns
- 10 October 2017 - Yarrabah

Please register your interest to attend a consultation or round table via our webpage: <https://www.qpc.qld.gov.au/inquiries/service-delivery-in-queenslands-remote-and-discrete-indigenous-communities/>

If you would like to meet with the Commissioner or the inquiry team either as part of the consultation rounds or via teleconference, please contact us on (07) 3015 5111 or email [enquiry@qpc.qld.gov.au](mailto:enquiry@qpc.qld.gov.au)



Left: staunch Guyala supporter Robyn Page (right) with her Mum, Marlene Crook; Right: Workers Douglas Teemera, Keeble Yeatman & Justin Keyes taking five...or so...

## Tree Planting at the Yarrabah Junior Secondary Campus

The Yarrabah State School is holding a tree-planting event at the Junior Secondary campus as part of an effort the rehabilitate the rainforest and beautify the school area.

The school has been working with the Gunggandji Land & Sea Rangers, the Yarrabah Men's Group and the community for several years on the tree-planting program.

If you have some time on the day come and visit the school on Wednesday 18th October and have a look at the work completed so far.

The activity will commence at 10:00am.

We would like to welcome you with a morning tea prepared by the students of the school.



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