



Yarrabah News

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New employment service ready to kick off



The Federal Government's investment of \$5 million over four years for the trial of a new job active network based in the community and staffed by locals kicks off on Monday.

"Wugu Nyambil" ('holding onto work') is the result of a partnership between the Yarrabah Council, the Department of Jobs and Small Business and My Pathway.

Acting General Manager, My Pathway's Darren Birt said recognition existing programs were not suitable was behind the idea.

"One of the key aspects of the new employment service,

apart from myself in an acting GM role, is all of our staff members are either residents of Yarrabah or have a very close connection to Yarrabah," Mr Birt said.

"And the hope is the end result will be that having local people delivering the service means we can more specifically target areas of need.

"Nobody will know the challenges facing job seekers living in Yarrabah better than people from Yarrabah.



Studies in concentration! Rangers and Yarrabah Councillors Colin Cedric, Ian Patterson & Nadine Cannon were pictured here at the hugely successful "Thinking Beyond Borders" conference hosted by Mandingalbay Yidinji Aboriginal Corporation in Cairns last week. See the MYAC Facebook page for more!

"One of the biggest differences will be more flexibility in around how the service is delivered and one of the key aspects will be utilising local stakeholders, which will result in more positive outcomes for the community.

"So, in a nutshell, we'll be able to run activities to build people's capacity and skills, confidence, and we'll have a wide scope as to how those activities can be set up.

"It's a tailored, individualised employment service for the community of Yarrabah."

Pictured above are local staff Dale Thomas, Kylene Tyson, Jasmine Keyes, Raynard Mudu-Elliott, Neil Mayo, Raelea Connolly-Neal, Fabian Lester O'Burns & Shakira Thaiday with Acting General Manager Darren Birt 2nd from the right in the back row. Missing from the pic is Zoe Thomas.



Clean up bags more than 100kgs

Yarrabah has marked this year's World Oceans Week with a second Community Clean Up Event as part of Yarrabah's Social Reinvestment Project.

More than 100 kilograms of rubbish was weighed, sorted and counted by nearly 20 volunteers, who covered a 250 metre long area from the Church down to the intersection of Beach and Park Streets.

The final tally for the collection was entered into the national marine database, Gunggandji-Mandingalbay Yidinji Peoples Prescribed Body Corporate Aboriginal Corporation Executive Officer Helen Tait said.

"Recording what we collect will help us to work with the community to identify the source and from there how we can work together to reduce this waste from the beach in the future," she said.

"It was also very interesting to see the different types of rubbish collected this time compared to our last clean up, which was more public and closer to the shops.

"A big thank you to our volunteers who participated in this event with a special mention to Evelyn and Virginia, who have now participated in two clean ups and will receive the free project shirt at the end of year celebration."

She said the next community clean up event was scheduled for Saturday 15 September to coincide

with the Great Northern Clean Up event.

"The location will be confirmed closer to the date and details circulated to the community in the Yarrabah News and on the Notice Board," she said.

"To receive a project shirt volunteers will need to register and participate in at least two community clean ups."



MEANWHILE Ms Tait said, the winner for the logo competition has been chosen and would be announced on Friday 29 June at the school's NAIDOC celebrations.

"And remember, the Plastic Bag Ban starts on Sunday 1 July," she said. "We will have a stall up during NAIDOC week where our community members can take a 'plastic-free July pledge'.

"And, finally, we are liaising with the Cleanwater Group about alternative designs for the beach drain buddies and these are expected to be reinstalled in August."



'Fake art' target of Carr

Mayor Ross Andrews and Kennedy MP Bo Katter last week to raise awareness about the rep

Mr Katter tabled legislation twice in 2017 which would have made it illegal to sell fake, imported 'Aboriginal Style' art which he said in turn would keep jobs and an income stream open for First Australian peoples.

"While the Bill was first introduced into Parliament in February 2017, it had expired off the notice paper, so was reintroduced in September resulting in the issue being

examined by the Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs

Cr Andrews and Menzies were in for the Australian Government Aboriginal Affairs (ALGA) National Assembly.

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Canberra press conference

Mayor Katter hosted a media conference in Canberra discussing the repercussions of 'fake art' on communities.

The House Committee on Arts and the Arts and Culture Minister said, "The Arts and Culture Minister and CEO Janelle O'Connell in Canberra said that the Local Government Association of Queensland General

Members were high with Palm Beach and LGAQ member Alf Hallam said that the Local

Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) CEO described as an "eloquent speech" on the floor on the conference in support of the restoration of funding for the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing.

Mr Hallam praised Queensland's Indigenous Councils across the board for their progress.

"There are still many battles

yet to be fought and won but it would be entirely remiss not to acknowledge these giant strides that have been made by Queensland's 17 Indigenous Councils," he said.

"The confidence and passion with which their leaders speak in the media and their increased attendance at key conferences and events around the country attest to that."

Wujal Wujal, as a case in point, won the 2018 National Local Government Award for Excellence for its work on improving its emergency telecommunications network.

The Ngana Muruku Jundjurrjiku Janay Wujal Wujal Emergency Management Network and Community Forum project

has allowed the community to access a weather resistant independently solar-powered telecommunications backup 'hot-spot' system to use during emergencies such as cyclonic weather.

The council also won the Achieving Big Things in Small Communities category of the awards for the project.

Mayor Desmond Tayley (pictured below) said the award was unexpected.



ABOVE: Three of the local concreters who helped build the new jetty carpark above were Ross Malone, Brad Sands & Shaun Davidson who say they have also, in the past few months, completed 22 out of nearly 60 driveway replacements.



week's thick black smoke, which could be seen from Cairns, came from the Yarrabah's dump last week, as workers cleaned up the area ready for metal recyclers to come in and take what they could use. Pictured left is Gordon Ambrym & John Richards, and on our happy right here is Ian Ambrym, Clifford Ambrym, Oscar Ambrym, Eric Sands and John Yeatman..



Earlier this month Yarrabah resident Chynnai Kynuna was excited to be signing her 99 year home ownership lease with partner Jeraymas Myngha.

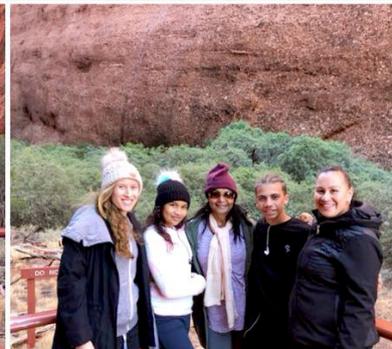


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Your application should be submitted to:
James Gegg, Area Controller, State Emergency Service
PO Box 242, CAIRNS QLD 4870
Email: James.Gegg@qfes.qld.gov.au
Phone: 4032 8682



Closing Date for Applications is 8am on Monday 2 July 2018

ABOVE: Yarrabah Deadly Runners displayed strength, determination and courage representing themselves and their community proudly at Uluru earlier this month. Runners Tjakana Hari, Logan Yeatman, Selina Ansey and Sylvia Barlow are pictured above with Coach Danielle O'Brien who said they all ran brilliantly in their own races as well as in the relay. Thanks to Gilmore Johnston, who was very excited to see the runners, for these lovely pics. Good luck with the training Gilly!

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