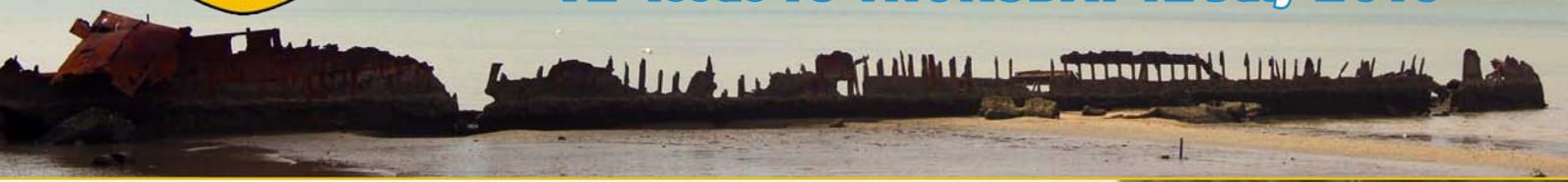




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NDIS roll-out includes recruitment drive

The NDIS has officially started to roll-out in Yarrabah after a second Yarning Circle was held late last month to help facilitate the process.

Thrive Services Coordinator Joanne Houghton said applications for the Community Connector roles advertised by Mutkin as well as the Local Area Coordinator role (Mission Australia) have closed.

“Thank you to everyone who attended and participated in our second Yarning Circle session,” she said.

“We need to stay on top of any government initiative that impacts on individuals and families in Yarrabah. The discussions that day

were very in-depth.

“During the meeting Cleveland Fagan initiated the design of a local Draft Process Map.”

She said there was more recruitment to come.

“I will be recruiting two new Recovery Workers in the coming weeks,” she said.

“Our team support individuals with severe and persistent mental health concerns through that NDIS Access process and beyond.

“If you know of anyone who

is interested, please direct them to apply through the new Wugu Nyambil Employment Service located at the RTC Building.

“Kylene Tyson is the contact person and she can assist with more information – the Recovery Worker positions close tomorrow.”

For all future NDIS related enquiries please contact the Community Connector at Mutkin and/or the Local Area Coordinator at Mission Australia.



ABOVE: Delegates from across the Cape, Yarrabah and Cairns met last month to talk about Constitutional Reform. Mayor Ross Andrews said the meeting was organised by University of New South Wales and attended by Cape York and North Queensland Land Council delegates, as well as Yarrabah Councillors. Cr Andrews said the forum was an opportunity to hear how Indigenous voices might be embedded into the Australian Constitution and for all First Nations people to be recognised. All participants fed into the dialogue sessions around a potential 'machinery' and how it would serve our best interests. The UNSW hopes to continue dialogue sessions around the country and to ultimately gain support from all Australians to support our cause.

BELOW: Yarrabah Provider Days' day them and how they information available schools, the State



New job service launch a success

The first week of operations for Wugu Nyambil has generated a fantastic response, Acting General Manager Darren Birt says.

“Staff have already started to put their training into practice, conducting Initial Appointments,” he said.

“We strongly encourage those who have not been in contact with us as yet to call us on 4056 0500 to book their initial appointment, or call in and see us in Noble Drive.

“Remember we are help and assist you, and our office is open 9am-5pm Monday to Friday.”

He said they also had two more

positions to fill, based in Cairns.

“We have two more positions available with Wugu Nyambil, to be based in Cook St in Cairns,” he said.

“These roles will be looking after the compliance and contract accreditation for our service.

“The positions will be up on the Council website very soon as we haven’t got our website up and running as yet.

“I encourage those who are interested to check it out.”



Wugu Nyambil staff training L-R: Zoe Thomas, Neel (My Pathway Tasmania), Robyn (My Pathway Tasmania), Jaslyn (My Pathway Tasmania), Kyliene Tyson and Raelea Connolly-Neal.



Aunt Muriel’s birthday c

Former-corner shop owner Aunt Muriel Quinn (left) is celebrating her birthday with a fine art etching by artist Philomena Yeatman after a presentation.

With several Yarrabah elders in attendance, Cr Nadine Cannon said the presentation was made by Bishop Malcolm at Earlville shopping centre’s outdoor eatery section last week.

“She had three birthday gatherings with her close families and friends, and our presentation and reunion made the fourth,” she said.

“Locals that were present were astounded she still lives independently,

does her own shopping, and has many memories of Yarrabah residents, past and present.

“She spoke about local oysters she enjoyed with her corner shop business which was open until she was 64.

“We were all amazed and proud of our elders, to hear the stories she shared.

“She said the painting

The Aboriginal Shire Council holds regular 'Community Service' events to help inform the community what services are available to them and how they can be accessed. At the most recent there was a free BBQ and information on supports and services available in Yarrie from Council, the Government and other agencies. Watch this space for more!



Progress called for over housing funding issues

Mayor Ross Andrews, KAP Leader and Federal Member for Kennedy Bob Katter and Federal candidate for Leichhardt Daniel McCarthy have called out the Turnbull Government for what they say is a "frustrating lack of progress" from State and Federal Governments regarding the future of funding for Indigenous housing in Queensland.

A week earlier negotiations in Canberra were supposed to result in the Federal Government confirming its commitment to fund future Indigenous housing.

But the outcome of those negotiations resulted in the Government confirming they would be willing to fund an abysmal 50/50 of the costs to build 387 houses and, once complete, no further funding would be allocated.

In Canberra Mr Katter facilitated a 'last chance to procure funding' meeting between Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs Nigel Scullion and Cr Andrews.

At the meeting it was confirmed that the Federal Government was in discussions with the Queensland Government to work on an appropriate package that would resolve the current housing and homelessness crisis.

Mayor Andrews said the key to 'closing the gap' lay with fixing the housing issue first.

He said many other issues around education, family violence, health, child safety and other social determinants were directly affected by a lack of sufficient housing.

"We have 762 people on the waiting list," he said. "We have families that are homeless and we have families that are struggling. We'd estimate 10 to 20 people in a three or four bedroom house, so that's a big overcrowding issue."

"We would like to see some deal struck between the State and the Commonwealth in terms of pursuing this housing program because while all of the negative social indicators are going up, you can't close the gap. We plead with the State and Federal Government to reinvest back into our communities."

Mr Katter said the future of housing in Indigenous Queensland was at stake and that the Government was out of touch on the issue.



Mayor Ross Andrews, Raynard Mudu-Elliott, Fabian O'Burns, Janette (My Pathway) Keyes, Darren Birt (standing), Dale Thomas, Shakira Thaiday, Janette and Robyn were assisting with the initial staff training.

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proudly hang in her lounge and she also asked for a copy of the Yarrabah book I left behind for her.

"The presentation and reunion was heartwarming and emotional for both her and our local elders, including Bishop Malcolm."

Cr Cannon said she was grateful to the Council's and Gurriny's CEO for their assistance with transport on the day.



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