



Yarrabah News

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Pic: Leanne Hardy



Daring to dream!

LEFT: Jalaba Murgha & Jahali Lambert taking a break during one of the first games the Yarrabah Seahawks Reserves played in April this year... What were they thinking? Did they dare to dream they could win again in 2018!!! More pics on page 8!

BELOW: Hezekiah Fourmile and just some of the kids enjoying their school holidays at Wungu Beach with community volunteers Gwenneth Yeatman-Fourmile and her family. For a full school holiday activity rundown and more pics, see our centrespread!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TIME AT WUNGU!



Pic: Christine Howes

Local labour works on solar lighting

Yarrabah will soon be sustainably lit once the installation of solar lighting is completed by an all-local labour force.

Works for Queensland project supervisor Samuel Bann said it was just one of the many projects they were working on at the moment.

“We’re putting up 46 solar street and pedestrian lights around the community from Jilji to Wungu and around the town,” he said.

“The best thing about this project is there is only local workers on the job.

“They should be finished in about four weeks.”

In the picture is operator Brian Schrieber, Sean Davidson and Zachary Mossman with Samuel.



LEFT & BELOW: Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council have been working with the Yarrabah Queensland Police Service (QPS) to promote Community Road Safety, with thanks to Queensland Education for allowing us to be in their class rooms earlier this month. The aim of the day was to educate and promote ‘Road Safety for Kids’, particularly the use of bike helmets. Constable David presented five lucky winners on the day with a brand new bike and helmet.





Youth take up leadership challenges

This year's Yarrabah Youth Forum was attended by nearly 80 young people aged between 12-25 and more than 25 adults, including guest speakers, Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services staff and community members/parents/caregivers.

The Gurriny-sponsored event was held in conjunction with members of the Yarrabah Leaders' Forum and was played out to a theme of 'actions of our past create the ripples for our future'.

"We are stones in our own ponds and our actions will create the way the world looks at us from those actions," Gurriny Youth Well Being Officer Paul Neal said.

"So I ask you, what ripples will you create for the next generation?"

"Whom will you inspire to become a rock to continue the waves that were made by those who dared?"

Youth were encouraged, through a series of mentoring exercises, to keep moving, fight for their goals and hold the family stories of those who went before them as inspiration.

"Tonight we are here to do the same, tonight you will have the opportunity to mix with a few of our locals leaders, take part in government practices and be encouraged by the Social and Emotional Wellbeing team to engage and indulge in activities and prizes," he said.

"Adults in the room, look around at our youths, they will one day replace us and do wonders that we could not possibly imagine."

Colleague Tamar Patterson said they had wanted to bring the youth into a creative and positive space for them.

"The strategic part is to impart knowledge and information to them," she said.

"We also wanted to showcase some of the leadership within the community and have them share parts of their journey too, so we can encourage these youth with things like helping them to make better choices."

She said it was all about building confidence and leadership.

"It was about noticing, it was about building confidence and self esteem, and it was about each of them celebrating one another's achievements, whether they were a leader or a youth," she said.



2018 SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!!!



Pics: Christine Howes



School holidays have proved to be a busy time for kids and adults alike over the past few weeks.

Activities ranging from the usual Wungu camp, hosted by community legend and former-Yarrabah Woman of the Year Gwenneth Yeatman, through to Youth With A Mission (YWAM) activities at the PCYC along with several arts and crafts activities - including painting a building - at the Arts Precinct, IKC and Youth Leisure Centre have been a great success.

Vacation and After School Care worker Virginia Ambrym said it was good to have YWAM there.

"They're helping out with our PCYC program, interacting with the kids and staff, and they also bring the good news of Jesus Christ to our community, encouraging all youths to have a life of God," she said.

YWAM spokesperson Anna Scott said they had been sending teams to Yarrabah for a number of years.

"We have always found the community very welcoming and enjoy building on the relationships that have been built over the years," she said.

"Our team that has been in Yarrabah this week have been able to support the local churches and the PCYC with community service projects and school holiday programs for local youth and children."

Mrs Yeatman-Fourmile said she and her family had been voluntarily running the Wungu school holiday camps for nearly ten years.

"It was all about crime prevention and the suicide intervention prevention to get kids out of the community and getting them to do positive stuff," she said.

"And hopefully that will create positive change within the community."



She said getting 'real-life' skills was also an important part of it.

"They learn real-life skills, cultural stuff like bush medicine, hunting and gathering so it's like survival skills for them," she said.

"We also had a big screen movie night, kup murri and cultural activities which the whole community is invited to.

"All they need is their camping gear and food is provided, although if they want to bring extra, that's even better.

"If weather permits and we have enough food to go around we will go into another week."

She said their biggest supporters were the Council and the PCYC, but she would like to see more help from organisations who had youth workers and other funding for youth support.

"A lot of teenage kids want to come out here but we just don't have the resources," she said.

"And at the end of the day it's the kids that benefit, not us.

"If I can get more support from the community I think this can get bigger and better, and we can all run it as an



integrated service and as a community.

"The kids love it out here, they're making great memories.

"All that negative stuff doesn't bother them out here, they've got better things to do and think about while they're here."

Hezekiah Fourmile agreed.

"It's pretty good," he said. "We just do some fishing and hanging out, it's a good way to spend a holiday."



L-R: Pam Mundraby, Birdy Bird, Leesa Watego, Emma Kerslake, Samantha Canendo Thelma Yeatman & Harvey Thomas

Small business development subject of networking event

An inaugural Black Coffee networking event, part of the Yarrabah Enterprise Training (YET) program, was held to coincide with a week of business training at the Indigenous Knowledge Centre late last month.

On the day Harvey Thomas, Thelma Yeatman, and Samantha Canendo received Certificates from Mayor Ross Andrews for their attendance at the YET session 'Introduction to Micro Business'.

YET is part of a broader work of economic development work being conducted by council in the hope that with the impending construction of the new jetty, and the eventual foreshore redevelopment, the business community of Yarrabah will be ready to take advantage of opportunities.

The training program provided participants with an introduction to business, business planning and business structures, taxation and legal systems, as well as marketing.

Trainer Leesa Watego said Yarrabah was an "incredible" community.

"Yarrabah has amazing people situated

in one of the most beautiful parts of the country," she said. "There have been some wonderful businesses already in Yarrabah.

"The training we delivered this week was about building on the existing knowledge and providing additional support to community who thinking about getting into business"

"Harvey, Thelma and Samantha were three of the best participants we've ever had. They were 100% engaged in the training. I have no doubt they will be successful in business in the future."

She said now face-to-face training was completed, participants would undergo three months of mentoring – locally and virtually.

"This week's delivery of business training was another step in the continued growth of this Paradise by the Sea," she said.

Yarrabah Enterprise Training is sponsored by Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council and project managed by Birdy Bird, Plan C. The training was delivered by Leesa Watego, Iscariot Media and Emma Kerslake, Yolla Consulting, who will also project manage the mentoring.

Black Coffee forms part of a national network of events held monthly around Australia. So far events have been held in Weipa, Cairns, Townsville, Bowen, Mackay, Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast, Brisbane, Moreton, Logan, Wellington, Wagga Wagga, Adelaide, Palm Island, Canberra, Stradbroke Island, and Perth. Black Coffee gives Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business owners (and those folks hoping to get into business) an opportunity to meet and yarn. They discuss new business ideas and help each other.





Architect lecturer's visit hits home

A group of Sydney University Master of Architecture students were given the unique opportunity to work ongoing housing project led by a working party of Yarrabah Traditional Owners and local residents last week.

Known as the Burri Gummin ('one fire') Affordable Housing Project, the project has been facilitated by Cairns-based, non-profit organisations Worklink and the Centre for Appropriate Technology.

The students were invited to consult with community leaders on environmentally-sustainable and culturally-sensitive housing designs suited to the hot and humid tropics.

Senior Lecturer in Architecture Michael Mossman, who has historical connections to Gungahandji country, said the door was open for future engagement.

"The challenge was facilitating the student immersion and seeing how they would engage with Gungahandji country, the Yarrabah community and the project brief," he said.

"The students were overwhelmingly positive and have opened the door for future engagement with the Yarrabah community."

Project working party member Vince Schrieber said the students had taken the experience on board.

"They really took on some important information about what the land is all about, how we connect to country, and they really integrated it into the planning and the project itself," he said.

Mentor Vi Le, a recent graduate of Master of Architecture at the University of Sydney, was one of four alumni who worked on the project.

She said she believed it was a unique opportunity as "the students had real clients, a real site that they visited and explored, and an actual community they had to respond to - all while tackling complex policy and cultural issues that usually get labelled 'too difficult' for a tertiary design project".

"The greatest challenge was having only two days in Yarrabah to learn

from the community and observe the changing weather of a tropical climate," she said.

Vi Le said she believed the students learned how crucial it was to engage with local communities.

"Working with specific people with specific needs and expectations made the project very real for the students and gave them a real sense of social justice and responsibility," she said.

Mr Mossman said it was a special experience for him.

"The experience was special for me, as it provided a chance to work with a community where I have strong historical links and gave me the opportunity to reconnect to place," he said.

"The community was wonderful in welcoming staff and students onto country and sharing valuable knowledge, which we accepted with great privilege."



STORM SEASON IS HERE!

Living in Yarrabah means powerful storms are a part of life and while we're used to their arrival, Ergon Energy Network is reminding residents why it's important to be prepared. While the Ergon Energy network can withstand most extreme weather conditions, it will always be vulnerable to direct lightning strikes, high winds, heavy rain, flooding and flying debris. All of these can cause power outages and fallen power lines - which is why residents are asked to "Take Care. Stay Line Aware" this storm season. For more information and tips on how to keep you and your family safe this storm season, visit the Ergon Energy website.

ARE YOU READY???

YARRABAH SEAHAWK 2018

Congratulations A-Reserve

...:2 YEARS IN A ROW:...:

Coach: Cornelius Richards

Assistant: Vincent Schrieber

Players

**Clifford
Tullowah
Oliver
Bevan
Paul**

**Greg
Eugene
Ramirz
Terry
Vernon**

**Ammiel
Clifton
Tibius
Brian
Shaun**

**Greg D
Jimmito
Septimus**

**Jansen
Ashley
Claude
Coleridge
Adrian**

**Landon
Julaba
Robert
Kaleb
Wade**

**Zacharry
Wesley
Oswald**

FLY GUYALA FLY!



These fantastic pics were taken in April, during one of the first rounds of the comp, with thanks to Leanne Hardy and below supplied by Mayor Ross Andrews, pictured there with Captain Adrian Kynuna & Coach Cornelius Richards.



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