



# Yarrabah News

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## Picking up rubbish almost a tonne of work

The combined kilogram tally from three community clean-ups, ongoing work by rangers and the community's new drain buddies over this year is set to top 1000 kilograms at their fourth event of the year, to be held next Wednesday.

Gungandji-Mandingalbay Yidinji Peoples Prescribed Body Corporate Aboriginal Corporation Executive Officer Helen Tait said their most recent clean-up had netted a whopping 365 kilograms thanks to more than 140 volunteers.

"We had a very successful clean up event in September," she said.

"More than 140 people from the schools, health services and rangers collected 365kg of rubbish from the beach between the school and down past park and beach street intersection."

She said over the past nine months they have collected 932kg of rubbish.

"The most frequent items were plastic lolly wrappers and aluminium cans," she said.

"The next event is scheduled for next week and will include fun activities and prizes up for grabs in our treasure hunt.

"Everyone is welcome to come down, we will at the beach in front of the church from 9.30am to 2pm.

"We'll have gloves, bags, water and a sausage sizzle, volunteers just need closed in shoes and a hat."

She said next week the CleanWater Group were returning to the community to vacuum the drains ahead of the upcoming wet season with a huge commercial-sized vacuum cleaner.

"I'd like to thank the community for their support for this project, our volunteers have been fantastic," she said.

"We still have a long way



Yarrabah Social Reinvestment Project: 'Paradise by the Sea Begins With Me'

## YARRABAH DRAIN VACUUM PROJECT & COMMUNITY CLEAN UP EVENT



Wednesday 24 October 2018

9:30am to 2:00pm

Target Area: Mission Bay

Meeting Point: Beach in front of Church

Assisted by: Tangaroa Blue & Cleanwater Group



to go, but our kids are keen for the clean-ups to be held every month so we are definitely making progress."





## Yarrabah women join Justice Commissioner's national conversation

Several Yarrabah women took the opportunity to be a part of a national conversation called Wiyi Yani U Thangani (Women's Voices), which is aimed at elevating the voices of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander women and girls.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner June Oscar AO (Australian Human Rights Commission) is hosting the conversation and was in the community late last month with Dr Jackie Huggins (National Congress of Australia's First Peoples) to hear directly from women about their strengths, challenges, priorities and aspirations for the future.

Commissioner Oscar and her

team said they were humbled to be welcomed onto Gunggandji country.

"The team were particularly inspired by the clear strength and resilience of women, and Yarrabah's unique, breathtaking beauty," they said.

"A special thanks to Elverina Johnson and Councillor Nadine Cannon for making it happen, and also to Shennae Neal at Gilpul Café."

They said all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and girls were

invited to continue to provide input until 30 November 2018.

Options for having your voice heard through this process are listed on the website <https://wiyiyaniuthangani.humanrights.gov.au/>. Paper forms are also available from Elverina Johnson and the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council.

If you have any questions, please email the Australian Human Rights Commission at [wiyiyaniuthangani@humanrights.gov.au](mailto:wiyiyaniuthangani@humanrights.gov.au) or call 02 9284 9600.

## Stitches in time for music festival stall

Toddlers' quilts, oven mitts, tote bags that transform into a phone pouch and even kid's pyjamas have been on point for a group of several women who have been engaged in sewing program at the Museum of late.

This program is being run by Dreamtime Solutions and is an initiative from YASC.

And the results, after just four weeks to date, have been fantastic.

It is anticipated that a market stall will be held at next month's music festival.



For more information or to get involved, please contact Renée on 0428 890 501.



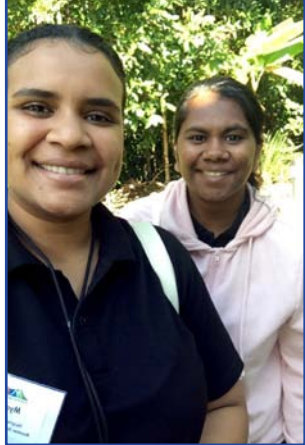
Volunteers for Yarrabah are urging people to think of what could be lit in and around

- There may be an old lamp post is buried
- Filling and refilling fires increases danger
- Property is being damaged
- Young babies are having health problems and some people are not taking care of your family - make sure to receive medical attention for injuries caused
- If you are caught you shouldn't be, you should face charges

Community members should think before starting a fire and think before starting to do the same! The volunteers are volunteers who guarantee our community safety and dangers associated with

Think about it!





# Future looking bright for new trainees

Yarrabah's own employment service, Wugu Nyambil, has played a key role in three of their job seekers finding employment with Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia.

ABOVE: Myasha & Taraya at Mossman Gorge; BELOW: Timikea at Ayers Rock Resort and RIGHT: JS Security Training



It means moving away from home but Taraya Myngha-Sands, Myasha Aitken-Thomas and Timikea Keyes have taken the plunge and jumped at the opportunities of a lifetime to kick-start their careers in hospitality.

Taraya and Myasha will be heading to Mossman Gorge to complete a 10 week 'Busy with Hospitality Program' with the guarantee of employment when completed.

And Timikea is off to the Heart of Australia, Uluru, where she has been offered full time employment at Ayers Rock Resort.

**MEANWHILE** Security Operations around the community should be in safe hands after four job seekers finished their in-house training with Regal Security and Industry Training Organisation in Cairns last week.



The course included their Certificate II in Security Operations as well Providing First Aid and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation.

With the right support and encouragement, we have high hopes that our job seekers will achieve employment in their near future.

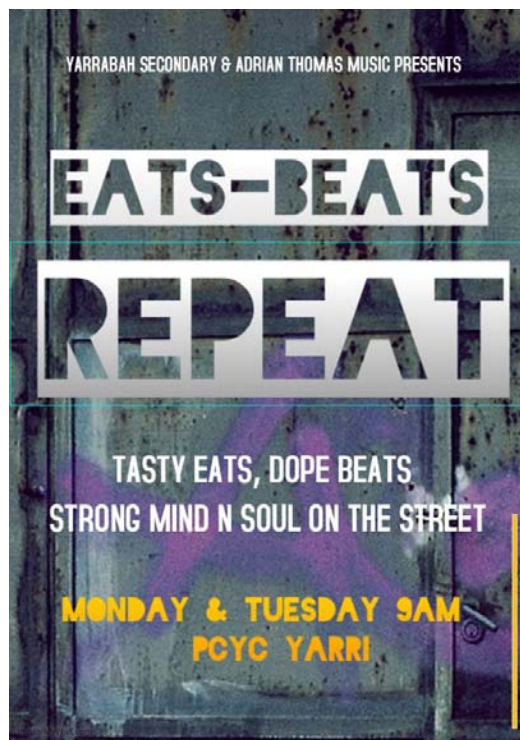
Yarrabah's Rural Fire Brigade in Yarrabah to take the time could happen if fires continue around the community.

An indefinite power blackout if a fire is started or power lines snap. This could mean the fire trucks to fight the fire and the demand on town water supply. The fire trucks could be destroyed.

Older and elderly people suffer from health issues due to the smoke from fires. Some people - maybe even members of the community - may need to be taken to hospital for medical treatment or worse, die from health issues by fire.

At lighting a fire where you are not supposed to you may be arrested and go to court for deliberately starting a fire.

People are therefore urged to stop starting fires - and tell your children that people who are fighting the fires give up their own time to make sure everyone and residents are safe from the damage caused by fires.



Eats, Beats, Repeat is a transitional program for teenage boys, helping to improve attendance at school by giving young people the opportunity to cook breakfast, practice martial arts and make their own songs.

Kamron King and Rakeem Schrieber have been working together on recording a new song and shooting a music video to be released later this month.

There are opportunities for teenage boys struggling with school attendance to put their own song down and, once they've done that, to get help developing an online foundation on sites such as Soundcloud, Facebook and YouTube, just to start with.

Monday & Tuesday's from gam @PCYC







Yarrabah Council and Police would like the community to know the smart people in our community are saying, 'enough is enough' and they have agreed:

# PINKING is not T'HINKING

They also say if it doesn't stop there will be consequences – for you and your family – when you are caught.

25 men's sides, 10 women's teams, four under-12 and ten under-15 junior division competitions competed in the Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri Knockout rugby league carnival in Townsville earlier this month. Yarrabah Reserve Grade and SeaGals made the trip with support from a team of deadly volunteers from Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services, and made it to the semi-finals before going down to eventual winners, the Wenlock River Stallions. A fantastic effort by any measure! Pics thanks to Alf Wilson and Robin Schrieber.



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