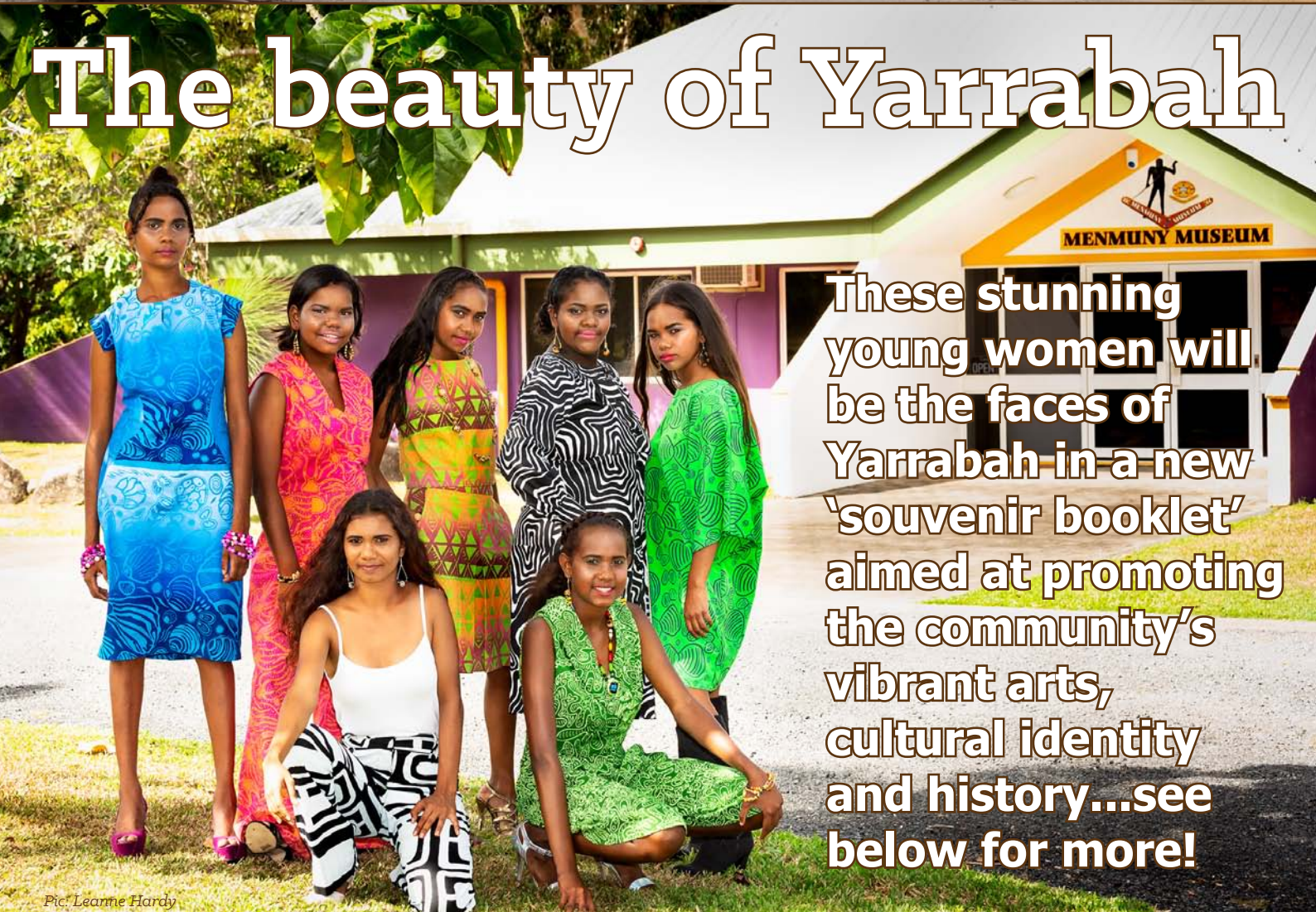




Yarrabah News

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The beauty of Yarrabah



Pic: Leanne Hardy

These stunning young women will be the faces of Yarrabah in a new 'souvenir booklet' aimed at promoting the community's vibrant arts, cultural identity and history...see below for more!

Yarrabah's Arts & Cultural Precinct (YACP) and Council have been in a process of developing a 'souvenir publication' to showcase the community's vibrant arts, cultural identity and history.

YACP Manager Darrell Harris said the booklet was aimed at strengthening national and international recognition for Yarrabah arts and artists, and tied several projects together, including 'Ngudju Girrany' (No Shame) in conjunction with the Yarrabah school and Birrimbah Beauty.

"The publication will also support the YACP exhibition 'Jabu Birriny'

(Land + Sea) which will tour throughout regional Queensland in 2019 in conjunction with visual arts partners Flying Arts from Brisbane," he said.

"However, art and artefacts will not be the only feature of the publication as the designs of our local artists have also been brought to life as stunning wearable art such as clothing,

jewellery, bags and accessories.

"Our fashion collection has been featured at the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair and Darwin Aboriginal Arts & Fashion Fair events."

He said showcasing the fashion component in particular drew on the strength of the young women - all from Yarrabah - who modelled the garments for the booklet.

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Pic Leanne Hardy

The models are: Mashaela Smith and (standing) Tilly Nazareth, Kyesha Sands, Latoya Sands, Christine Atkinson, and Tyika Maloney, and (seated) Marina Fourmile.

(From page 1) ...“This small group of young women, aged 13 to 15, have teamed with Yarrabah based photographer Leanne Hardy as part of the ‘Ngudju Girrany’ (No Shame) project,” YACP Manager Darrell Harris said.

“The project sets out to prove to them that as young women they can achieve anything they set their minds to - even modelling.”

He said professional hair and makeup services for the art-inspired photo shoot was provided by Birrimbah Beauty owner Shehana Friday.

Ms Friday said their part of the Ngudju Girrany project was called ‘Ties that Bind: people and place’.

“Birrimbah Beauty was proud to work alongside photographer Leanne Hardy and would like to thank and acknowledge everyone involved,” she said on Facebook.

Mr Harris said the souvenir publication would also include a 2019 calendar of events and showcase the Yarrabah Creative Arts, Cultural History and Artefacts collection held at the Menmuny Museum.

He said it would be made available to visitors at various arts fairs around Australia and within YACP.



Elders front media over community crime issues

Several people may have noticed the presence of Cairns Post journalist Peter Carruthers and photographer Stewart McLean in Yarrabah on the day of the Clean Up (see page 6!) last week.

They came at the request of the Elders Group who were devastated and angry to find their Hub had been broken into, not once, but twice in the previous seven days.

Young business owner Shennae Neal was also the target of thieves and vandals...again.

The Elders said they would like an apology from those concerned and have called for more police on the community - on shifts for 24/7 - to help act as a deterrent.

They also want laws to be changed so parents are held accountable for their children's whereabouts and actions.

Yarrabah Leaders' Forum coordinator Cleveland Fagan said they were fully behind the Elders.

“We are fully supportive of the Elders and Shennae, and agree with the issues and solutions the Elders have identified,” he said.

“We have several meetings planned to look at how we can tackle these issues in the community and will be inviting the Elders and other organisations in our community to get involved.”

He said details would be published in the *Yarrabah News* and anyone was welcome to contact or find him at his Workshop Street office.



Junior Parliament practises for a brighter future

Local MP Curtis Pitt convened the first Junior Indigenous Youth Parliament in Cairns last week, with students from 20 schools across far north Queensland, including the Cape and Gulf.

He said it had been a privilege.

“One of the best parts of my job is to work with and meet school students from across Queensland and it’s always a great privilege to preside over and observe Youth Parliaments,” he said.

“As a local MP I know that most local kids do not have the opportunity to visit Parliament House in Brisbane.

“I congratulate the youth members for their hard work in preparing for this event and for having their say on the issues that matter to them.

“The Youth Parliament debated two motions: the first



Above: Kunjarra Yeatman-Noble (Year 6), Leurline Gray (Year 5), Mr Pitt, Aunty Marajor Fourmile and Ontayah Donovan (Year 6)

recognising the contribution of a variety of eminent Indigenous Australians, and the second on good health measures.

“The majority of students participated as ‘Youth Members’ while other students assisted as ‘officers of the Parliament’ such as the Sergeant At Arms, the Clerk.”

He said he particularly wanted to thank Tom McCartney who helped organise three students from Yarrabah at late notice and the Yarrabah News for providing media coverage.



BUSY BUSY! Below: Wugu Nyambil CDP workers are busy cleaning up Jilara Oval for Council in preparation for this weekend’s huge festival event while a few weeks back several people signed up to learn how to spray for weeds and other pests.



Tribal Warrior crews graduate with p

Five of Yarrabah's finest young men - Theo Ludwick, Andrew and Shemm Brian Murgha and Leroy Noble - have been working hard with Tribal captain Zechariah on the Tribal Warrior in Trinity Inlet for the past several months.

The end result will be a graduation ceremony - to which the community is invited! - for the lads who have obtained their Coxswains Certificates, and several others who have other qualifications, at the Community Hall next Friday at 11am.

"Coxswains is a commercial ticket that allows you to skipper or master any commercial vessel less than 12 metres in length,

with any horse power up to 15 miles off the coast anywhere in Australia," Kippa said.

"These boys have been doing work experience with Tropical Reef shipyard in Cairns and have also been out with the Cairns Coastguard for experience."

Mr Zechariah said everyone was invited to the event and that he was enormously proud of what they had achieved.

"I just want to tell everybody in the Yarrabah community how proud they should be of these young guys, that have stuck out this coxswain's course and achieved it," he said.

"It's no mean feat, a coxswain certificate is a very high qualification, higher than driving a semi-trailer loaded with dangerous chemicals or driving a train or a bus.

"It's driving a boat at sea with

passengers on board. You're responsible for their lives.

"There's a lot to be learnt to take the course and these guys have stuck out, they've kept going."

"They've struggled at times, but they've persevered and they've achieved it."

"My hat is off to them, everybody should be proud of what they've achieved."



Brian Murgha: "The best thing about doing this training was meeting new people and learning stuff I never thought you'd need to know to work on a boat. There's an opportunity there, with the jetty coming up."



Theodore Ludwick: "The best part about the work is doing all the modules to go with the actual training with this vessel, and knowing the rules, so what not to do and what's legal in the Marine industry. I'd like to say thank you to the Tribal Warrior crew for their time with us."



Shemm Miller: "My favourite part was heading down the coast to Sydney. It was all hands on deck, getting out to sail, putting the sails up, doing all that practical work and then the theory in Sydney. It was good to see the different places."



Andrew Miller: "Getting out there on the course, learning more about the work was pretty good. Thanks to the Tribal Warrior crew for helping us, showing us how to sail and navigate. Oh, and my favourite, driving the vessel and being in the water."

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2018 North Queensland Tribal Warrior Graduates



Pics by Christine Howes

*Above: anchored just near False
Cape last week was Joshua Kemp,
Andrew Miller, Shemmiel Miller, Kippa
Zechariah, Brian Murgha (standing),
Theodore Ludwick & Leroy Noble*



*Leroy Noble: "The highlight
of the course for me was
learning the navigational
stuff, how to find the way
out through the reef, and we
had fun."*

Yarrabah

Coxswain

Andrew Miller
Shemmiel Miller
Theodore Ludwick
Brian Murgha
Leroy Noble

Cert I

Mortimer Myngha
Errol Neal
Djarracarne Neal
Djullja Mundraby
Alfred Mundraby
William Mundraby Vincent
Mundraby Randolph Lefoe
Victor Miller

First Aid Certificates

Wunthai Bulmer
Christella Burns
Erica Creed
Nyoka Bounghi
Jimmul Bulmer
Mark Wilson
Stephen Creed
Letisha Mundraby
Jilara Murgha

Palm Island/Mission Beach

Coxswain

Valentine Nona
Gene Barry
Seraeah Wyles
Ricky Mooner
Joseph Kinjun
Vincent Kenney

Cert I & II

Eric Martin

Cert I

Stephen Chapman

Cairns (Ghungalu)

Joshua Kemp

Bundaberg/Gladstone

Jayira Blackman



Hopes high clean up drive can extend to 2019

For the second time this year more than 140 volunteers have participated in what was the biggest clean up along the Yarrabah foreshore and drains to date.

Gunggandji-Mandingalbay Yidinji Peoples Prescribed Body Corporate Aboriginal Corporation Executive Officer Helen Tait said she hoped they would be able to source additional funding for ongoing management and coordination of future clean ups.

"We appreciate all of your support and assistance yesterday and over the past ten months," she said.

"Together we are making a positive impact to the overall appearance in the community and while creating positive health, education, environment and economic outcomes for Yarrabah."

She said the final tally for two days of activities, thanks to Gindaja Treatment & Healing Centre, Gunggandji Rangers, Mandingalbay Yidinji Rangers, Yarrabah State School, Yarrabah

Aboriginal Shire Council, Tangaroa Blue, Cleanwater group and other volunteers, was 942kg.

"This combined effort included 812kg of rubbish collected by the CleanWater Group Team drain vacuum project and 130kg collected by the volunteers on the beach, compared to 365kg last month," she said. "The reduction in the waste found on the beach compared with last month is a positive outcome."

"To date we have recorded just over one tonne of rubbish from the beach clean ups and ranger baseline data surveys, plus 812kg from the drain vacuum project, a combined total



of nearly two tonne, which is an awesome effort."

She said the data above did not include the rubbish collected by the Gunggandji Rangers and Kapani Warrior program at King Beach or the rubbish collected in the beautification works on the esplanade and the Jilara oval clean-up, which is also likely to exceed over 1500+kg.



Local boxer in prep for National titles

Champion boxer Alan Patterson was disappointed to lose his latest fight in Gordonvale, against a younger and more agile opponent, but says it won't stop him from preparing for his part to play in the upcoming Australian titles in Hobart next month.

"I've won a fair few tournaments this year, including the Golden Gloves, and I recently came runners up in the Queensland titles," he said.

"I've been selected for the Australian titles in five weeks time in Hobart."

He said he grew up around boxing and was keen to revive the sport in Yarrabah.

"I am a boxer," he said.

"I box for fun to keep fitness up, I grew up around boxing."

Alan boxes and volunteers at a place called the



Nexus Centre, across the road from the new Cairns Performing Arts Centre.

"I come down here to volunteer and do community work here, and also to train."

He said boxing had a long history in Yarrabah.

"There's a lot of great old fighters," he said.

"Yarrabah has a proud history of boxers.

"Isaac and Fred Mundraby, those guys introduced me to the sport back in the day.

"I remember how it felt boxing as a kid, it was amazing."



The Nexus Community Centre is on Sheridan Street opposite the new Cairns Performing Arts centre.

It is a Streets Movement initiative which runs programs ranging from support for students, fitness classes, dance classes, mentoring for young people and youth activities including basketball, touch, games and more, for all different people from all walks of life.

CEO Sarah Szydzik-Martin said they were keen to encourage anyone from Yarrabah to get involved.

"We're really keen to encourage Yarrabah mob to come in and utilise this space, if they want to get fit and do exercise," she said.

"Or if they need a space to train for their own club or if they wanted to start a Yarrabah club, we'd be really supportive in helping and they're welcome to use this space."



Mission Australia 'metted and greeted' the Yarrabah Elders group last week, with an information session about their roles on the ground in the community as the Local Area Coordinators for the National Disability Insurance Scheme. On the same day their Early Childhood Early Intervention Team met with Abigail Murgha and her staff at the Yarrabah Daycare Centre.

YARRABAH SAFE GAMBLING

**FREE
BBQ**

LAUNCH INVITATION

DATE:
TUESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

WHERE:
BISHOP MALCOLM PARK, YARRABAH

TIME: 11.00AM - 1.00PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

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ABOVE: CDP workers Gerald Fourmile, Supervisor Ben Canendo & Michael Bani cleaning up the old cemetery along the beach front last month.

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