

## Yarrabah on show in Cairns

An exhibition of works by past and present students and staff from Yarrabah State School has gone on show at the Cairns Museum and was opened last week by Mayor Ross Andrews.



'Djabu Gilga Yigan' - Land Sea Sky - is a collection of paintings and other works, which also included an opportunity for Cairns residents and tourists to visit the community for a day (yesterday, Wednesday 12 December) as part of the installation.

The day included a Welcome to Country, morning tea at St Alban's Church, visits to significant places at Gribble Point, Bilma and Wungu Beach, a tour of the community with locals sharing their history and stories, and a visit to Yarrabah Art Centre and Menmuny Museum, including a boardwalk tour.

A Cairns Post article about the exhibition was also featured on the Townsville Bulletin, Herald Sun (Melbourne), NT News (Darwin) and The Mercury (Hobart) web pages.



# If it's not fire, it's water!

In late November Yarrabah moved to Level 1 water restrictions after a dry year likely now resolved - and a firey start to the summer. Last week there were further water issues when routine maintenance revealed an issue which meant water had to be turned off during a weekday afternoon for a period of time. The Council asks that everyone be aware of both fire an water issues around the community - both a potential source of danger to everyone if not looked after the way they should be - with care!





### Life saving medall

Learning to swim at a young age comes as by the Sea but their safety is imperative initiatives from Wugu Nyambil.

Job seekers Greg Miller, Carson Smith, Arthur Maloney and Gundyl Costello were recently awarded their Bronze Medallions to help set them up for safety and success.

The aim of the award – considered to be the minimum standard for qualified lifesavers – is to develop the level of knowledge, judgement, technique and physical ability required to carry out safe water rescues.

They are not so easily won with theory lessons in safe water practices; survival in the water; self-preservation; recognising an emergency; assessment before and during a rescue; priorities for rescue; CPR theory; acceptance of responsibility; use of bystanders; emergency care and contacting emergency services.

ATSI Social Justice Commissioner Iune Oscar has sent t-shirts for those who participated in Wiyi Wiyi Ya I U Thangani - Women's Voice Workshops earlier this year, as worn here by members of the Djunngaal Elders



BELOW: 25 years of hard work for the C retirement of Eric Sands. Mr Sands worke most recently as our Hygiene Officer, and him for the dedication he has shown to h



#### ions in safe hands

second nature to kids from our Paradise and at hand, thanks to one of the latest

The practical requirements include demonstrating CPR, swimming 400 metres within 13 minutes, swimming 100 metres each of freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and sidestroke, swimming 50 metres to a patient and towing them back in just over three minutes, and demonstrating a range of survival and rescue skills, including managing a spinal injury in shallow water and taking rescue initiatives.

The medals will help to ensure kids can enjoy a swim at our community swimming pool under the watchful eye of our newly qualified lifeguards.



ouncil was celebrated last week with the d in a number of positions over the years, will be missed. YASC would like to thank is community. We wish him all the best!



New signs unveiled

Three new signs at Jilgi, Ganyira and Buddabadoo, to mark the Gunggandji and Mandingalbay Yidinji Trustee Area were officially unveiled last week, on what local MP Curtis Pitt described as an "important day for the Southern Prescribed Body Corporate Board at Yarrabah".

"This group has shown tremendous leadership and vision since the Native Title Determination in 2012 to ensure continuity of culture, retention of language and vision for the future, including eco-tourism opportunities," he said.

"I was very honoured to be asked to say a few words of support."

The signs were funded by Wet Tropics Management Authority and developed by the Gunggandji-Mandingalbay Yidinji People's Prescribed Body Corporate Board of Directors with the assistance of volunteer artists Maynard Bulmer and Connie Richards.





Cordeau Jackson-Singleton,
Amaziah Andrews-Murgha,
Iyona Mundraby and Lavin
Keyes jnr, along with William
Mossman jnr who is not in the
picture here, have recently
been selected to play for the
Cairns & District Rugby League
Development Squad. They have
been training every Sunday and
hope to play for Cairns next year.

Well done boys!



HEY YOU...if you're a kid and you like a bit of slime or a bit of bike building or a beach cook-up, you need to find out when these things are on during the Christmas and New Year break, thanks to the Yarrabah School's RSAS program and Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services. All activities come with a free lunch so keep your ears to the ground and enjoy your holidays!

Pics of Yarrabah's most recent highlight for 2018 – the hugely successful Yarrabah Band Festival – are online now thanks to Oscar Sun Photography and the Queensland Music Festival. You'll find them on Facebook here: https://www.facebook.com/pg/yarrabahbandfest/photos/?tab=album&album\_id=260140148192906

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