



# Yarrabah News

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# Happy New Year!!

Greetings to all members of our community, Mayor Ross Andrews writes... I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable festive season as we look forward to the hard work we need to do for 2018 and beyond.



Firstly, let me acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land of the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council, our Elders past, present and emerging, as well as the Northern and Combined Southern Prescribed Body Corporate.

Let me also acknowledge families of the stolen generations who call Yarrabah home.

I would like to thank our Council's management, staff and community-based organisations who have worked tirelessly towards making Yarrabah a better place.

Without that support many of our projects would not be possible.

As a Council we would like to acknowledge and commend your efforts and contributions to the Yarrabah Community.

This will be our second year in office and all of us as Councillors would like to remind you again of our commitment to our home and to continuing to work hard for the betterment of all.

There has been a shift in leadership support in our community, towards

more collective and inclusive work via the growth and development of Yarrabah Leadership Forum (YLF), who work on strategically addressing issues in our community.

I'd like to acknowledge the support of Government, in terms of investment, as a result of our collective efforts.

The structures and framework built around the YLF should leave no doubt we are headed in the right direction.

Whilst there are still many challenges ahead, we remain positively focused on being the strategic visionaries we believe will bring great hope and change for the better in our community.

Over the coming months Yarrabah News will focus on showcasing the many positive projects already happening now and into the future.

We will be strong in our leadership and commitment to our role of bringing about generational change, which will in turn support our community in making tough but vital decisions to influence and shape our future.

On behalf of the Council and the YLF we want to say we are looking forward to working with the community over the next few years towards to progress a brighter future for all.

Thank you

*Ross Andrews*

## BEWARE OF JELLYFISH WE ARE NOW IN JELLYFISH SEASON

- **KEEP SAFE** WHEN GOING TO THE BEACH OR OUT ON THE WATER.
- TAKE **VINEGAR** WITH YOU.
- WEAR **LONG PROTECTIVE CLOTHING** LIKE A **STINGER SUIT** OR **STOCKINGS**.



**IF A JELLYFISH STINGS YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE  
CALL 000 IMMEDIATELY FOR AN AMBULANCE.**



GURRINY YEALAMUCKA  
HEALTH SERVICE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION







*YASC workers celebrating the end of another successful year included Kristy Patterson, Erica Richards & Ernie Barber*



## Yarrabah State School Important Rem

School started this week on Monday

The school's funding for 2018, which includes teachers and teacher aides employed, is determined by the number of students who have come to school in the first eight days of the school year.

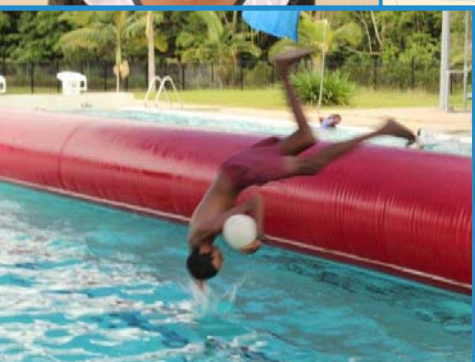
On Day 8 (Thursday 1 February) the school is closing its books on their enrolment numbers.

The school is not funded for students who are absent. Please ensure children are back at school in time so the school does not miss out on valuable funding.

If your child is intending to come to school in the first eight days (eg, sick) please ensure they may still be able to be counted.

Note also school photos will be taken in January.

Jason Evert, Principal, Yarrabah State School



MEANWHILE the Rev Lloyd Fourmile Memorial YASC Aquatics Centre is now offering three month memberships to the public.

The memberships will allow access to the Aquatics Centre seven days a week until 30 April 2018.

- Child Membership \$20 (Monday-Friday 3.30-5.30pm; Saturday-Sunday 11am-3.30pm)
- Adult Membership \$30 (All opening hours seven days a week)

Memberships will be on sale until 31 January 2018.

For more information and details please see our YASC Pool Staff at the Centre or contact Jaeleen Geary at the Rural Training Centre email [JGeary@yarrabah.qld.gov.au](mailto:JGeary@yarrabah.qld.gov.au) or phone 4056 0755

**YASC Town Planner Kate Stanger** Corporation was in need of a new fridge, Cr Nadine Cannon told Yarrabah State School.

"The fridge is a much needed electrical appliance at the elders hub is faulty and needs to be replaced," she said. "Kate took it upon herself to replace it since the elders have only just been funded."

*Much appreciated*

re JCU PARENT ENGAGEMENT PROJECT  
Dear Community of Yarrabah,  
Thank you for welcoming me into your community land.

I have had great guidance and support from wonderful people as part of my research and care givers about schooling and education. Thank you to those community members who shared their own views and experiences so I could hear about the problems, particularly around transport, also offered solutions to strengthen the school to help get kids to school.

I heard ideas about alternative ways to teach in the classroom including the benefits of the classroom, outside on Country, I heard from parents and care givers about schooling willing to share their own experiences getting their young people to school.

Thanks to the staff at RTC, IKC and all the others who helped, you know Jane Simpson: Masters Student, JCU and Research Centre (working with the Engagement Project)



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## *Mitkin Residential & Community Aged Care Christmas Break Up 2018*



## Survival Day Flash Back: 26 January 2014



**This year’s Survival Day will be hosted by  
the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council.**

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## Survival Day Program

<u>Time</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>People &amp; Place</u>
9:00am	Opening Address	Mayor
9:05 am	Open In Prayer	Reverend Dorita Wilson
9:10 am	Welcome to Country	King
6 am - 11:00 am 10:00 am – 11:00 am	Fishing Competition Family Sand Castle Competition	Beachside in front of Community Hall
11:00 am	Coconut Husking	Beachside
12:00 pm	Judging Damper Making Competition	Please drop off finished product to the Community Hall for judging- Please be advised all competing are to provide their flour and own utensils.
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Community BBQ	Community Hall
2:30pm	Spear throwing Competition	Jilara Oval
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Sporting games and activities	Run by PCYC at Jilara Oval, PCYC and Swimming Pool

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Nominations close today, 25 January for each event.

Please contact Jaeleen Geary on 40569120 if further information is required.

(Program subject to change.)

### Diploma of Business Graduates 2017



*Last year several of our Council and other workers graduated with their Diplomas of Business - well done to all!!!*

Gordonvale butcher Hindquarter Quality Meats is keen to let the community know they are now Centrepay approved.

That means anyone on Centrelink payments can now purchase meat through direct debit out of their Centrelink payments if they reference the CRN # 555125817H.

Yarrabah residents who don't have transport will benefit the most from the innovation because the business will deliver.

*Nice one Renee, thank you!!!*



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Don't forget you can follow us on Facebook!

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**OUR NEXT DEADLINE IS**  
**Thursday 1**  
**FEBRUARY**  
**FOR PUBLICATION ON**  
**Thursday 8**  
**February**