



Yarrabah News

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We're the first!



Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council is the first Indigenous Council to become a newly registered Housing Provider under a new National Regulatory System for Community Housing (NRSCH).

The achievement comes thanks to three years of hard work by the Yarrabah Housing and Community Services Departments, YASC Community Services Executive Manager Vicki Jones says.

"It was a team effort, not only by my team but also the Executive Managers, and CEO," she said.

"There were a number of components to becoming registered

and we had to tick all those boxes."

She said NRSCH was a national system to regulate and monitor community housing providers which came into effect in 2014.

"As we manage and hold the Department's housing stock we had to be registered to be able to continue to deliver a housing service to the community," she said.

"Basically it provides a consistent

national legislative environment in an area where there are complex issues across the board around land tenure, local governments, and local housing co-ops, etcetera.

"The Queensland Government made registration a condition of funding for social housing services under the 2003 Housing Act as a way of supporting the sector and ensuring protection for tenants and assets.

"It means a more structured process for our tenancy records as well as regular routine inspections and meetings with clients to discuss things like rent.

"I'm thrilled we are the first Indigenous Council to attain registration.

"If anyone has any questions please feel free to drop in and see one of our housing team members."

Housing Manager Wayne Ah Wong with Housing Officers Christine Neal and Denise Richards, and Senior Housing Officer Ben Whittle





PALM ISLAND
CENTENARY 2018
— SHARE OUR JOURNEY —

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE

DEADLY DIDGEDANCE

20 – 22 April 2018

THE CENTENARY COMMITTEE ARE HOLDING THE
DEADLY DIDGE N' DANCE FESTIVAL

WE ARE LOOKING FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTERESTS FOR THE FOLLOWING

≈ STALL HOLDERS

- Do you make food or drinks?
- Do you make jewellery or art?
- What other items would you like to sell?

≈ PERFORMERS

- Are you in a dance group?
- Can you sing?
- Do you perform poetry or story telling?
- What other performances can you do?

≈ WORKSHOPS

- Can you teach someone to play the didgeridoo?
- Can you teach art?
- What other skills do you have that you can share in a workshop?

WE NEED
STALL HOLDERS, WORKSHOP LEADERS AND PERFORMERS FOR THE

Deadly Didge n' Dance Festival

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT COUNCIL on 4770 0200 or
reception@palmisland.qld.gov.au

EOI Close by Wednesday 28 February 2018

Palm Island ready to blow!

As part of this year's Centenary celebrations on Palm Island there will be a Deadly Didge n' Dance Festival next month.

Festival organisers said the event would include a talent contest, which will run throughout March before a final in April, and a world record attempt.

Yarrabah dance groups are invited to put in an Expression of Interest before 16 March 2018 (a special extension, just for us!) if they wish to perform during the Festival.

No paperwork is necessary to participate in the corroboree or world record attempt.

Performers will be joining musicians and artists such as Dan Sultan, Isaiah Firebrace and Archie Roach as well as local dancers, along with other activities including workshops, storytelling, poetry, markets and more.

See the Festival website at <http://palmislandcentenary2018.com.au/present/> or their Facebook page for details.

James Cook University Master of Development Practice students were in Yarrabah last Friday. They said the field trip was not only a good learning opportunity for themselves, but was also an opportunity to speak with some of Yarrabah's high-school students about studying at JCU and the various programs available. They are pictured here learning about art, design and pottery from artist Eric Orcher.



Alwyn aiming to walk with the talk

With determination in spades, young Alwyn Doolan from Woorabinda was thrilled to be able to visit Yarrabah last week with news the walk he is planning from Bamaga to Canberra - inspired by Clinton Pryor's walk from Perth to Canberra - should kick off in the next week or two.

Alwyn, 28, has the support of the Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council, his community and elders.

"I just wanted to let the locals here

in Yarrabah know that I'll be coming back down and walking through," he said. "And if they have any messages they want me to deliver to Canberra then by all means I'll be happy to carry that with me."

He said his Yarrabah Festival shirt, presented to him to wear back into the community later this year by artist Philomena Yeatman, was already treasured.

He also said the route he had planned would take in as many communities as possible.

"There's certain stops that I'll make, major towns, but certainly Indigenous communities like Yarrabah, and Woorabinda, where I come from, and all that," Alwyn said.

"This is not just for myself but for our people, and hopefully they'll get behind me to support what I'm trying to do."

He said he hoped Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull would have the "decency" to meet him.

"It's a major thing to walk all this way, hopefully he'll have the respect to actually meet me and sit down and discuss," he said.



Yarrabah's 'older' young people, aged 15-25, will soon be in good hands for at least three nights a week, thanks to the YASC Youth Wellbeing team.

Shaun Murgha, Cyprian Mossman, Gabriel Lui, Lyndell Connelly, Darren Miller Jnr, and Caitlyn Mossman will be working every Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 4:30-11:30pm to provide case management and activities such as bubble soccer, cooking classes, lifestyle programs, mentoring, art projects, coaching and hooking up with education, training and employment opportunities.

YASC Community Services Executive Manager Vicki Jones said she was looking forward to the program giving older youth an opportunity to come along.

"We are currently renovating the Leisure Centre to include a movies room, a games rooms, new kitchen, cooking stations and some hangout areas," she said.

"We are also looking to incorporating an outdoor Yarning Circle at the rear of the facility and a new toilet/shower block.

"We want to create a safe and inviting space where they can come along and have a meal, catch up with friends, meet new friends, learn some new skills, and maybe enrol in a course or two.

"We are looking for mentor volunteers to join the program so if anyone is interested in becoming a mentor please contact HR at Council for a Volunteer form.

"We have also teamed up with PCYC's Adrian Thomas – Safe Communities Coordinator.

"He is currently delivering a free Men's Martial Arts program on Thursday nights from 7:30-8:30pm, and on Tuesday night 7:30-8:30pm



YASC Youth Wellbeing team Shaun Murgha, Caitlyn Mossman & Cyprian Mossman

for Women in the Community Hall.

"This is open to any male or female in the community, so pop on down to the hall to check it out and join in the fun and learn some new skills.

"Once the two programs are settled he will start an Open Mic Night will around 7:00-9pm on Friday Nights in the Community Hall."

She said to keep an eye out for posts and notices on Facebook via the Yarrabah Notice Board for upcoming activities and events.

For the moment the program is being run out of the Yarrabah Knowledge Centre before moving to the Community Leisure Centre soon!

DO YOU LIVE IN A SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTY AND NEED URGENT OR NON URGENT MAINTENANCE?

YOU CAN NOW CALL YOUR LOCAL CAIRNS OFFICE.

**8AM –5PM 1300 650 910
OR
AFTERHOURS 1800 808 107**



BLOCKED TOILET!

POWER TRIPPING!

SMOKE ALARM NOT WORKING!

BROKEN CLOTHESLINE!

TAP DRIPPING!



New software for YASC employees to sign in and clock off on is on track after supervisors from across the Council spent an afternoon in training last week. The new system means less paperwork. Thanks to Liam from deputy.com for taking us through our paces.



ONGOING HEAVY WEATHER EVENTS

Please be advised that the Bruce Highway at both north and south of Townsville has recently been cut off due to flooding and heavy rains. There are further widespread heavy rains with flooding forecasted from Townsville to the Cape for the next week with the possibility of a low developing off the coast at Townsville.

We are encouraging all residents within the community and surrounding areas to get prepared in case of any upcoming flooding, possible cyclone and food shortages due to the forecasted weather events.

You can help Council and your family by getting ready and being prepared.

Please clean up your yards by removing anything that could turn into a flying hazard during strong to cyclonic winds.

Remove old broken down unregistered vehicles, boat trailers, and objects from yards. Remove any rubbish from yards for collection.

Please ensure you have stocked up your emergency supply kits including:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Torch and batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure you have an up to date first aid kit with full supply of any prescription medication. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tin food/long life foods | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet food for your animals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tin opener | <input type="checkbox"/> Have a bag packed of essential clothing for family members in case of any required evacuations. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full gas bottle | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nappies for any young children | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Formula | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bottled water | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placed any important paperwork and documentation into a water proof container or bag | |

YARRABAH ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL PUBLIC NOTICE

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



Council is looking for suitably qualified Yarrabah incorporated organisation to partner with, in the ownership of the new Yarrabah jobactive entity.

The new entity will be responsible for the delivery of employment services to the residents of Yarrabah as of 1 July 2018.

Please contact Janelle Menzies for an expression of interest kit by email jmenzies@yarrabah.qld.gov.au.

Expression of Interest closes on 2 April 2018.



Yarrabah News is published fortnightly by the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council and edited by Jaeleen Geary & Christine Howes. Members of the Yarrabah community and local organisations are welcome to submit birthdays, community information, pics, yarns and letters to the Editors.

Don't forget you can follow us on Facebook!

Yarrabah News is online at <http://www.chowes.com.au>

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**MON
& WED**

IKC Building
presents

**KICK OFF
February
26th**

Lots of fun for children
aged 0-5 years

**first5
forever**

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM



Bookings with Pamela Mundraby
Call (07) 40 560 774 OR 0438 319 095

FIRST 5 FOREVER KITS FOR THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE!

First 5 Forever is a universal literacy program aimed at supporting stronger language and literacy environment for young children from 0—5 years and their families.

Lots of fun for children aged 0-5 years



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YARRABAH PRESENTS

Queen's Baton Relay
XXI Commonwealth Games

SATURDAY 17TH MARCH 2018

JENEVE FRIZZO

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Letters of Administration on Intestacy
for superannuation claims,
and similar matters.

Please contact Jeneve Frizzo 07 4084 0570

OUR NEXT DEADLINE IS

**Thursday 15
MARCH**

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**Thursday
22 March**