



Yarrabah News

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JT's 'Believe' kicks off in Yarrabah



JT Believe Participants and JT Believe Officer Jennifer Lively showing off their program selection letters from Johnathan Thurston and their JT Academy caps

Johnathan Thurston's JT Believe program was launched at Yarrabah State School last week.

JT Academy Head of Community Programs Joel Johnston said they would be working with 10 young girls from the primary school.

"We're super excited to be delivering our first programs in far north Queensland," he said. "They're big supporters of Johnathan and his playing career, and he wants to give back to those communities through the academy."

"The launch went well and the girls certainly represented the school, their families and the community well."

He said the girls had to apply for the program and go through a selection process from there.

"They had to demonstrate they're achieving and making their best endeavours to engage in their education," he said.

"And also show they're good role models and leaders in the community."

He said at the end of the program, which was supported by the JT Academy, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Yarrabah State School, Council and the wider Yarrabah community, there would be an opportunity to attend a camp and meet Johnathan.



Well done Verna!

Verna Harris celebrated 25 years of service to the Council last week, most of that spent keeping our community's wheels turning in payroll. Thank you Verna!





ABOVE: Cr Colin Cedric, MP Curtis Pitt and Mayor Ross Andrews checking in on recent carpentry graduates Charles Murgha, Roy Patterson Jnr and Fred Lefoe last week. By all reports they have been busy building a bright future for themselves and their community.

BELOW: Mr Pitt also dropped in on a Yarrabah Leaders' Forum meeting last week, as did four West Australian visitors who were attending the 3rd National Social & Emotional Wellbeing Forum in Cairns. They were Megan Krakeour, Denise Kickett, Mervyn Eades and Desmond Hill. Megan and Denise are pictured below (pic thanks to Koori Mail) at the conference with Gindaja's youth bail support practitioner David Baird.



New strategy for reef protection launched

An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park was launched last week by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority after extensive consultation with Reef Traditional Owners, Indigenous organisations, tourism bodies and government agencies.

Marine Park Authority Board Chairperson Ian Poiner said it was about working in partnership with Traditional Owners.

“The ultimate goal is to keep Indigenous heritage strong, safe and healthy, which includes the natural values of our Reef,” he said.

“Containing 30 actions, this strategy will transform the approach to Indigenous heritage protection in our amazing World Heritage Area, and both the Authority and Traditional Owners are excited to be a part of it.”

More than 70 Reef Traditional Owner groups from Cape York to Bundaberg were invited to provide valuable input in developing the strategy, with more than 35 Traditional Owner groups attending workshops.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park is available online or go to www.gbrmpa.gov.au.



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Maths conference adds up to experiencing Yarrabah visit

Positive Mathematics for Indigenous Students (PM4IS) held the second day of their second ever annual conference 'Networking: Adding Communities, Multiplying Success' at the Menmyny Museum earlier this month.

More than 50 university students, principals and teaching staff from across the country enjoyed a day of touring and walking the Museum and grounds before a BBQ lunch with local community leaders and teaching staff.

The group presented the community with a symbol of pi.

PICTURED: pic above left with thanks to Delilah MacGillivray from IDX (Indigenous Digital Excellence); LEFT: Positive Mathematics for Indigenous Students (PMRIS) committee members Torres Webb, Christopher Clair, Benjamin Smith, Maria Anglim & Brendon Mcalister.

Health checks bring their own reward

Gurriny Yealamucka's annual Young Person's Health Checks (YPHCs) team (pictured right) drew in just over half Yarrabah's 15-24-year-old population.

near they are aiming higher.

HEALTH CHECK is a vital screening which assesses a person's physical, mental and emotional health.

Health Checks give an early picture of health issues which helps to identify problems early and prevent complications.

There are also an opportunity to talk with a health professional about other issues.

A Health Check tests your Health and Wellbeing by taking your temperature, weight, height and pulse; and testing your eyes, ears, sugar levels, blood and skin.

YPHCs ARE ON NOW from Monday to Thursday between 10am and 5pm until **Tuesday APRIL 16**.

You can earn a free phone credit for having a health check and a free Deadly Choices t-shirt for returning to see your results.



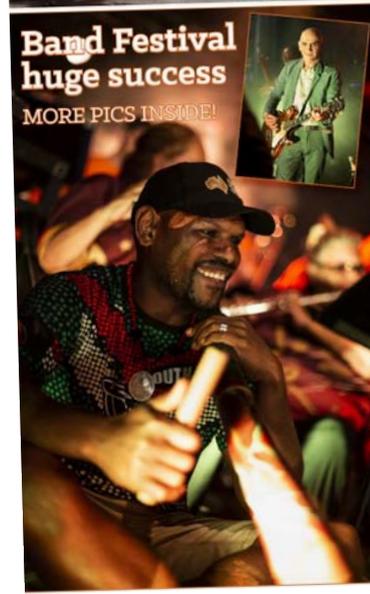
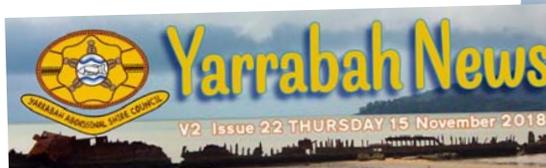


DRIVERS BEWARE!

There are new SPEED BUMPS around town.

Look out for them on Beach Road, Mourigan, Djenghi, Oombunghi, Wungu Road and Noble Drive.

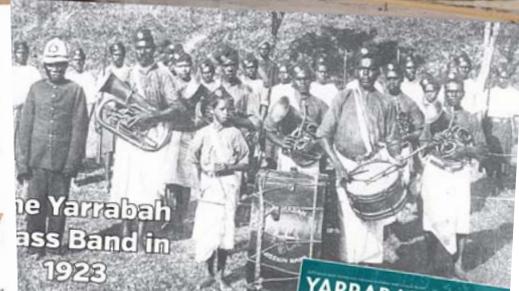
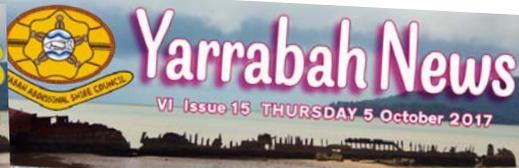
Motorists are urged to drive with extreme caution.



Band Festival huge success
MORE PICS INSIDE!

It hardly needs to be said this year's Queensland Music Festival's Yarrabah Band Festival was a huge success with thousands of people making their way over the 'bump' to enjoy a laid back day of music, dance and culture.

"We had a lot of visitors, family and friends come from throughout far north Queensland and even from our Torres Strait communities," Mayor Ross Andrews said.
"The highlight for me was just seeing all the artists get up and perform from our local artists through to the more prominent musicians - there was a lot of talent on show."
"I particularly want to thank Minister Kate Jones for her attendance and support for the event which I think is about reconciliation and how we can unite people through music, art and culture."
"I also want to thank our local member Curtis Pitt and Bob Katter, and Mayor Eddie Newman from the Northern Peninsula Area."
"We believe it was a very successful event and continues to be bigger and better every year."



Yarrabah Brass Band in 1923



Large turnout expected 2017 Band Festival
The Queensland Music Festival (QMF) is set to return at the end of this month with some of its finest musicians to present the fifth Yarrabah Band Festival.
Music star Troy Cassar-Daley will headline the full-on jazz sensation and all-round entertainer son, multi-Golden Guitar Award-winner Sara Storer, multi-platinum country singer James Morrison, and local acts including The House Party, KLP and local band Brandy Barry Cedric and the Night Owls, Blackberry Johnson Band, St Augustine's College Big Band, Jun Jarra Bay Boys and Sharmaine Stafford.
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Music festival on again soon!

Four paid positions have been advertised widely around the community for this year's Yarrabah Music Festival, to be held on Saturday June 15 this year.

The positions offer between 10 and 18 hours of work each and are for:

- Stalls Coordinator;
- Elders Coordinator;
- Volunteers Coordinator;
- VIP Coordinator

If you have any questions or would like some more information, please contact Elverina Johnson on 0451090458.

Time to HUSTLE for the MUSCLE...

Men's Strength & Conditioning

What Weight Training Sessions
When Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays from 6PM
Where Yarrabah PCYC
Contact Mat De Rose
Sport & Rec Officer
4056 9112
Matt.derose@pcyc.org.au

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Building safer, healthier communities through youth development

Public Notice

Subject: POWER OUTAGE
Date: THURSDAY 11th APRIL 2019
Time: 8:30AM – 2:00PM

Please be advised that Ergon Energy will be in the Yarrabah Community to work on replacing power poles.

There will be a power outage within the Community for this period.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me on 40569 120.

Janelle Menzies
Chief Executive Officer

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

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