



Yarrabah News

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We have survived!



More pics inside!



Referendum struggle recognised with honours

Yarrabah elder Alfred Neal, 92, can officially add the letters 'OAM' to his signature, now he has been recognised for his "services to the Indigenous community, particularly to the 1967 Referendum Campaign" with an Order of Australia Medal.

The purpose of the Order of Australia is to recognise by national honour those who have made outstanding contributions that benefit their communities and, ultimately, Australia as a whole.

Mr Neal told Charlie Peel, from *The Weekend Australian*, he was glad to be recognised for his work in the campaign and in Yarrabah, but said there was still a lot of work that needed to be done to bridge the gap between Indigenous and non-indigenous Australians, and to improve relations.

"There is a big difference there," he said.

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Yarrabah's Survival Day event was a huge success, especially with the kids, despite the weather, Mayor Ross Andrews (third place getter in the coconut husking competition) says.

"We had a good turnout and lots of fun," he said.

"The winner of the coconut husking competition was Jason Fourmile, who peeled his in an incredible 53 second, and second was Giles Mundraby.

"Our fishing comp winner was Liam



Fourmile, and the damper competition was won by Valda Miller.

"The kids also enjoyed a syrup and cream on bread eating competition.

"It was good fun, so thank you to everyone who came along."



Pics thanks to Avril Yeatman



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Another north Queenslander, Ruth Hennings (known as Ruth Wallace from her first marriage), was also recognised with an OAM for work she told *The Weekend Australian*, she and Mr Neal did together.

Mrs Hennings told the *Koori Mail* earlier this year her activism was kicked off by the death of her father and a meeting in Cairns hosted by the Trades and Labour Council – a meeting which ultimately led to the formation of the Aboriginal Advancement League in Cairns.

The pair were among seven people across Australia who fought for the 1967 referendum to be awarded Order of Australia honours, *The Weekend Australian* said.

The others were Dulcie Flower, Kathleen Mills, Pamela Pedersen, Albert Pittock and Diana Travis.

Reminder for housing-hopefuls to keep up to date

The Yarrabah Housing Team is keen to remind all housing applicants to provide updates on their current living situation.

"Files have to be updated every six months or they will be archived," the team said.

"If you haven't updated, you need to make an appointment.

"And if you have turned 18, or have never submitted a housing application, you also need to make an appointment."

They said for all appointments don't forget to bring:

- Current Identification;
- Current Copy of Income Statement from Centrelink or Employer;
- Current updates/Letters on previously provided medical issues;
- Letters of support; and,
- Any other documentation you believe is relevant to your application.

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As many as 15 job seekers from Yarrabah CDP and Wugu Nyambil Employment Services have or will secure work for up to six months picking lychees and avocados on farms in the Mareeba district, YASC CDP Manager Djungan Paul Neal says.

Mr Neal said what's been called the Mareeba Lychee Project was the brainchild of himself and Alwyn Lyall, and was first established in early 2018.

He said since then they had increased the Yarrabah stakeholder positions by 15.

"We had organised with Wugu Nyambil to hold a information day that attracted more than 20 job seekers on the day, and then we organised a work induction on the Mecheli Farm, 15 minutes west of Mareeba," he said.

"Zac Rosser, Aden Kennedy, Earl

Gordon, Alex Davidson and Wesley Harris will be employed by Mecheli until early February before going on to pick avocados for the next three months.

"Kirsten Maloney and Andrew Creed started with the lychee project but have gone on to picking mangoes at the Golden Drop winery.

"As for the others, it was great to see the smiles on the faces of Alex and Valentine Davidson, Frank Koowootha and Brent Pearson Jr, all of whom were proud of their achievements in their first employment opportunity."



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