

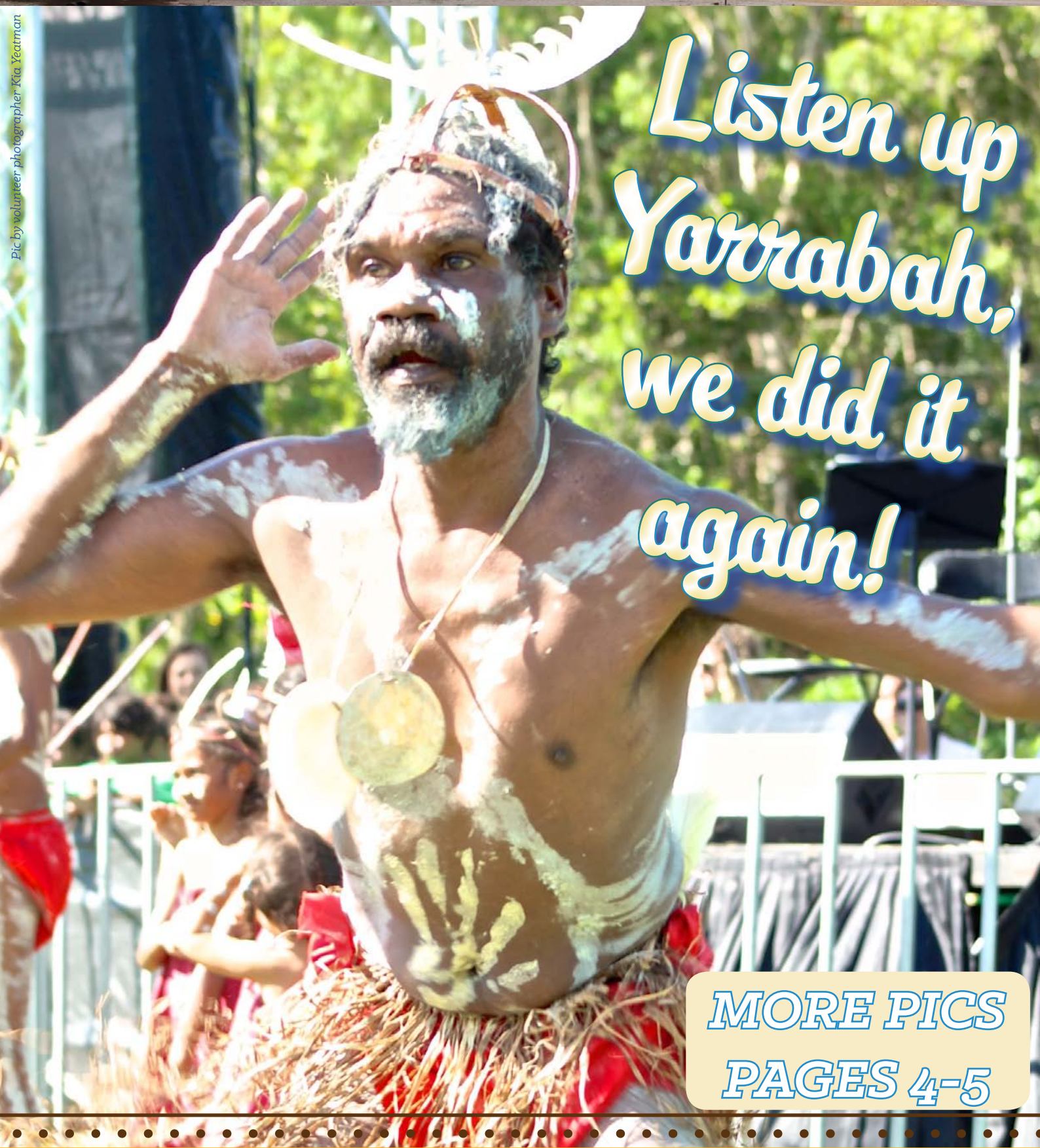


Yarrabah News

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Pic by volunteer photographer Kia Yeatman



*Listen up
Yarrabah,
we did it
again!*

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Community to benefit from funding for upgrades

Yarrabah Shire Council has secured \$2.75 million under 'Works for Queensland' for projects the whole community can look forward to in the near future, local MP Curtis Pitt says.

He said \$250,000 of that was to upgrade the Community Hall, Elders Hub and Recycling Shed.

"As well as being able to better cater for community events, these exciting improvements will enable the community to host conferences and other events by extending the existing buildings and redesigning the interior," he said.

"It's also important that facilities like the Museum and Kiosk are upgraded to provide better visitor facilities.

"The existing Museum building will be improved with funding of \$150,000 to allow the community to really showcase and

preserve cultural history.

"Jilara Oval will finally receive a \$400,000 lighting and facilities upgrade so that the mighty Yarrabah Seahawks can train and host games at night.

"Once the lighting is completed, other planned community events could be added to the evening entertainment calendar.

"With tourism in Yarrabah already being supported by events like the Yarrabah Music & Cultural Festival, it's important to invest in improving existing assets and deliver new infrastructure to support the community create additional opportunities for sustainable

employment and industry growth."

He said more than \$1 million would be invested between Mourigan and Djenghi, with a new shared pathway providing improved pedestrian safety, as well as the installation of 20 solar street lights like the ones on the waterfront.

"These works will really complement each other and greatly improve safety and visibility for motorists," he said.

"And a new playground will be built at Back Beach Road, near Djenghi and Reeves Creek, worth a whopping \$850,000, so the whole community will have plenty of reasons to smile."

Myuma Group celebrates Yarrabah graduates

Five students from Yarrabah – Leslie Bassani, Jhinna Cedric, Brent Pearson, Daniel Yeatman-Wason and Tristan Yeatman – graduated from the Myuma Group's Dugalunji Prevocational Training Program in Camooweal last month.

The five spent three months with five other participants from North-West Queensland at the Dugalunji Camp working alongside staff from the Myuma Group, being trained in competencies that will assist them for future work in the resources industry and experiencing a general taste of life in a work camp.

They are the first cohort of participants from Yarrabah to graduate from the program.

Six of the ten graduates overall have been accepted into Glencore's Indigenous Employment Program which will ultimately lead them to full time employment at Glencore's George Fisher Mine, near Mount Isa.

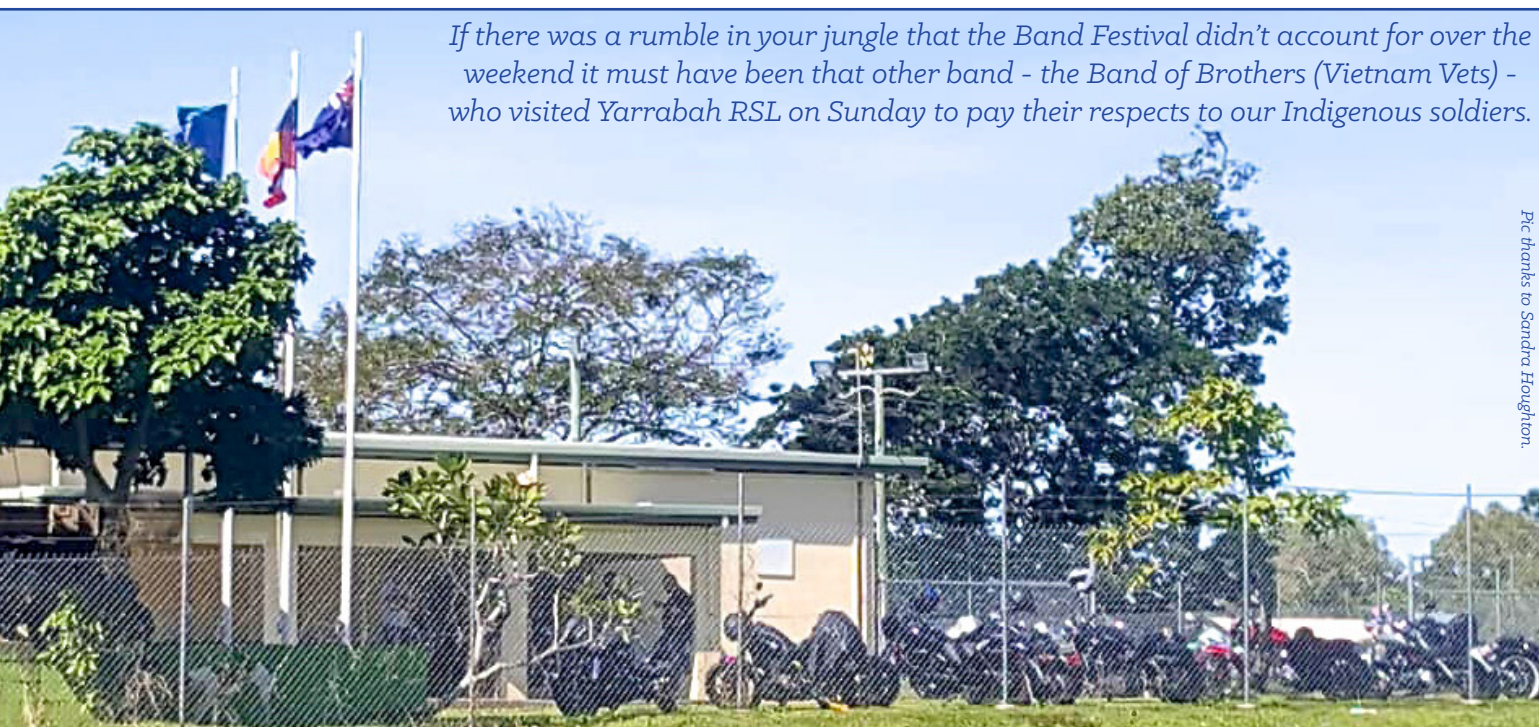
Since its inception in March 2007, the Dugalunji Prevocational Training Program graduated 789 participants over 39 courses.

The next course of the program has already welcomed another



nine participants, including two from Yarrabah, who are expected to graduate in September.

If there was a rumble in your jungle that the Band Festival didn't account for over the weekend it must have been that other band - the Band of Brothers (Vietnam Vets) - who visited Yarrabah RSL on Sunday to pay their respects to our Indigenous soldiers.



Pic thanks to Sandra Houghton.

Pics thanks to Leanne Hardy & Simone Arnol

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM!

Jabu Birring (land + sea) Cultural Festival



YARRABAH MUSIC & CULTURAL festival

15 June 2019





Pics by volunteer photographer Leanne Hardy

Insight into adventure tourism

A group of young Wugu Nyambil participants recently spent two and half weeks exploring options for work in tour guiding, customer service, marketing and crewing on the boats while being exposed to the type of outdoor activities on offer when working in adventure tourism.

Trips were organised to join ExperienceCo's white water rafting on the Barron River, canyoning in Behana Gorge and stand up paddle boarding, snorkelling and sea kayaking out on Fitzroy island.

Students also participated in team building and decision-making activities at the Northern Outlook, completing a variety of activities on

the low ropes course.

In class, the students participated in online learning, experienced using technology in the workplace, explored workplace health and safety and completed fitness tests and First Aid and CPR training.

Time was also spent visiting the museum in order to gain a greater knowledge of the history of

Yarrabah in preparation to deliver an interpretive message to tourists.

For those who attended every day and put the effort in, it proved to be a very worthwhile training program, and one that will hopefully lead to a job within the adventure tourism industry.

Words thanks to Leanne Kruger



Clontarf boys kicking goals

Yarrabah Clontarf year 9 and 10 boys recently travelled to the Clontarf State Cup held in Mackay.

“The boys definitely had the ability to win the competition of 19 teams and a lot of talk was around the grounds that Yarrabah were the early favourites,” Yarrabah Clontarf Director Kelvin Caspani said.

“As the competition went on fatigue set in and they had a few narrow loses seeing them fall just short.

“This trip however was never about the football, it was about gaining new experiences and friends, building confidence and life skills and enjoying the overall journey.

“These photo's show the boys doing exactly that in Cardwell, Mackay and Airlie Beach.”





ABOVE: Some good news! Local MP Curtis Pitt met with the Elders group to discuss upgrades – including for the Elders Hub – around the community - see page 2 for full story!

Ballet to simulcast Spartacus 'epic'

At 7pm on Saturday 6 July Yarrabah is invited to become part of a state wide audience as Moscow's mighty Bolshoi Ballet returns to Australia with their grandiose epic Spartacus.

Long considered the Bolshoi Ballet's signature performance, Spartacus will be screened live from the Queensland Performing Arts Centre as part of the QPAC International Series 2019, accompanied by the Queensland Symphony Orchestra. Since its first performance in the Bolshoi Theatre some 60 years ago, this production remains the ultimate balletic tour de force and like the Bolshoi Ballet company itself, is dynamic, big and explosive.

Communities from the far north to the west will experience this spectacular production as seen from the best seats in the house and enjoy exclusive behind-the-scenes interviews prior to the performance.

The Yarrabah Knowledge Centre will be just one of several remote locations to enjoy the simulcast, including Gladstone, Ingham, Toowoomba and Mount Isa.

WANTED!

broken and/or faulty clothes

Wugu Nyambil's CDP sewing group is looking for experience in mending and altering clothes, Vikki from Dreamtime Experience says.

Anyone who has minor clothes alterations can bring them down to the group at the RTC building.

Things such as:

- **Shortening or taking in of trousers;**
- **Fix holes, tears - like holes in pockets;**
- **Hems taken up or down; or,**
- **Replacing zips or buttons.**

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