



Yarrabah News

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'Powerful'

A powerful exhibition of words and photographs featuring female Elders, Junior Secondary attendance incentive portraits, International Women's Day community members, local staff, Jonathan Thurston Academy community profiles, Clontarf Academy insights, Year 6 transition girls, a Mothers Day Event and Bullying No Way, was officially opened by Mayor Ross Andrews last Friday.

The exhibition is located in the meeting room off the library at the primary campus and will run until the second week of third term.

Photographer Leanne Hardy said it was a team effort to put together more than 50 photographs and the words to go with them.

"Bettina Rosser and Kerry Hardy put a lot of work into getting everyone's stories to accompany their portraits," she said.

"The stories make this exhibition powerful ... it is subject's voices that

express their aspirations for their own lives and also their hopes for the Yarrabah community.

"It makes me proud to have been given the privilege to make their portraits."

Cr Andrews said powerful was the best word to describe the collection.

"There's beautiful photography, but there's also powerful words and powerful stories that are attached to each and every one of the photographs," he said.

"So, Leanne, Kerry, Principal Jason

and the school community, thank you very much for that, and the Elders as well."

Proud father Jason Fourmile said it was the best thing that could have happened, particularly to the girls involved.

"It's showing us they've got something in common and to be proud of," he said.

"It's a stepping stone for them to go forward, instead of backwards and it's a great opportunity. "

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W4Q working for Yarrabah!

In early May Minister Jackie Trad visited Yarrabah to have a look at several Works for Queensland (W4Q) projects underway in Yarrabah, including celebrating the first sod turnover at the now nearly completed netball courts behind the PCYC.

Minister Trad also formally opened the new deck and gym at Jilara Oval.

With assistance from the Queensland Government, the first round of Works for Queensland funding saw YASC employing

more than 45 people.

Many of those people were retained for the second round which is a significant positive outcome.

YASC would also like to thank Koppens, who were engaged

to construct the netball courts, but also donated their time and machinery to do bitumen and landscaping work around the PCYC as part of their Well Being Garden project.



MEANWHILE four Diamond Spirit girls from Yarrabah attended a leadership camp in Brisbane last month.

The students were exemplary in their behaviour and willingness to step outside their comfort zone and challenge themselves on many levels.

The story bridge climb, stepping on court in front of 4000 people and interviews with Netball QLD's media team were just some of the examples of how the girls demonstrated exceptional leadership amongst the group.

Here are some of the works Council has completed through the W4Q program:

- o Improved safety
 - installation of solar street lights in Schrieber Street, along the beach front and around Red Creek
 - installation of cycle pathways in the CBD area
 - installation of CCTV cameras
- o Improved recreation facilities
 - construction of a new building at Jilara Oval which will be used to safely store equipment, gym area, new grandstands
 - new deck at the Jilara club house,
 - construction of a pump track in the town area
 - new netball court behind PCYC (expected to be complete by August)
- o Infrastructure and improved sustainability
 - Installation of solar panels on Council buildings
 - Driveways

We would like to thank Karen Howser for her ongoing commitment to Diamond Spirit and the work that has been done to support the growth of netball in Yarrabah.

For more information contact Diamond Spirit Development Officer Lauren Curtis at lauren.curtis@netballq.org.au



LEFT: Shaun Davidson and Peter Schrieber working at the RTC; BELOW is Brian Schrieber & Graham Mudu building solar light stands

Good yarns at Men's Forum

A two-day Men's Summit held at the Community Hall earlier last month (pictured above) was a great opportunity to sit down and have a yarn with each other about their issues and concerns, Mayor Ross Andrews said.

"So, there's a great time to really sit down and have really serious, as well as a fun conversation with the men of our community," he said.

"There was an opportunity to talk to men in the community about all of the pillars: health, education, employment, economic development, and many of the social challenges that we have in the community.

"We also invited the high school boys to come in and sit with the elders and other men in the community and learn a bit about what many of the older men have faced.

"It was an opportunity for these young boys to learn from them in terms of how they saw Yarrabah back in the 60s and 70s.

"We're looking for Indigenous men in Yarrabah to take the lead, there's an opportunity here for our men to step up and try to lend some cultural authority and strength to their families and their kids.

"Hopefully we'll have these meetings at least annually."

The Works for Queensland team is doing a fantastic (and very dirty) job at the RTC and Supermarket, grinding and lift the existing tiles so they can place a non-slip seal over the concrete.

This, along with the new seating areas and artwork that we are installing, will give a brand new look to this area Works and Infrastructure Manager Dawn Lake says.

"We hope you will enjoy the new areas when the team is finished by about mid-July," she said.

More tables and seats for people to enjoy the amazing views out over Mission Bay, and we will also be putting some of the fantastic steel artwork our CDP Like Art project has prepared for us around the Knowledge Centre."



Yarrabah's own Morning Star Dancers at the Jabu Birriny (land + sea) Cultural Festival last month.

Pics thanks to Leanne Hardy.





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“I said to my girl Marina, ‘this is an opportunity,’” proud Dad Jason Fourmile said of the exhibition.

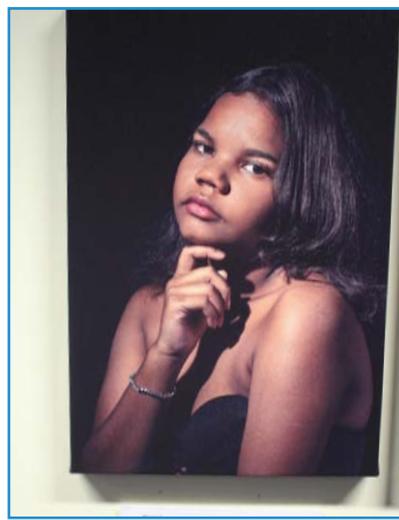


“Kids have to realise what they’ve got inside of them to make them go the distance.”

Year 9 student Marina (*right*) said it was great to see it all together for the first time, and especially the Elders involved.

“My grandparents are also in the exhibition,” she said.

“I wanted to take this experience to express how I feel and make them feel that everybody is special in a way. I think it’s pretty great.”



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Keep your music to yourselves because we don't want to hear it.

COMING SOON!
 Watch this space!



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