



Yarrabah News

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Funding boost for Arts & Cultural Precinct



Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council (YASC) has secured \$600,000 in new funding to re-develop the Arts & Cultural Precinct.

The funding was announced by Tourism Industry Development Minister Kate Jones – also Yarrabah’s Ministerial Champion (pictured below) – last week in Cairns before being celebrated in Yarrabah.

Minister Jones met with the Yarrabah Leaders’ Forum at Djunbunji before coming out to the PCYC for Gurriny’s NAIDOC Day and visiting the Arts & Cultural Centre.

The Minister also announced funding to support Mandingalbay Yidinji Aboriginal Corporation’s East Trinity Project.

Mayor Ross Andrews commended the Government’s investment in new tourism infrastructure for the region.

“After recently completing YASC’s Economic Strategy 2017 2022 and now excitingly embarking on a Tourism Strategy for Yarrabah, I welcome the investment for infrastructure growth to leverage off the Far North Queensland tourism market,” he said.

“Whilst there is still more work to do, small steps can go a long way towards our participation in the local economy and a step in the right direction.

“The Queensland Government funding for redevelopment works at the Yarrabah Arts and Cultural Precinct will provide a vital platform for building the foundation for growth for the Arts and Cultural Precinct as a vibrant self-sufficient community asset.

“It will enhance professional artistic excellence and develop economic opportunities that will create pathways for Cultural Tourism, Small business, Employment and National and International artistic recognition.”

Arts & Cultural Precinct Manager Darrell Harris said the arts played an important role in the town.

“The arts play a major part in not only employment, but in also health and well being, bringing people together, engaging with elders, tradition and especially youth,” he said.

“So these facilities we’re hoping will cater to everyone and they will be the platform for the growth of the arts in Yarrabah.”

He said anyone was welcome to come and see him to get involved. “Come down and we’ll have a yarn about it, and if you wish to become part of the art centre we can definitely create a career pathway for you, or if you just want to come for healing, that’s fine,” he said.





YARRABAH NAIDOC 2019



ABOVE: Yarrabah's NAIDOC Day; Left & Right: Kate Jones at Gurriny's NAIDOC Day;

Pics with thanks to Raelea Connolly-Neal, Sandra Houghton, Richard Murgha & Christine Howes



Winners!



A Yarrabah team consisting of Jockton Fourmile, Alfred Mosman, Francis Maloney, Charles Mosman, Micah Fourmile and Elijah Swain has won the inaugural Kapani Cup held in Aurukun last weekend.

The aim of the Kapani cup was to run a bush skills competition between teams from Yarrabah, second-place getters Wujal Wujal, Doomadgee and Aurukun.

Governor-General David Hurley (pictured above with the team)

launched the event.

Operations Director and co-Founder of Kapani Dr Tim White said the Cup was about celebrating the communities and the strong relationship nurtured between veterans and Kapani

graduates over the years.

The Kapani Cup course included a mud crawl, stretcher carry, spearing activity, improvised trailer push, wheel change, engine repair, equipment carry, obstacle crossing and overall endurance testing.

Pictured right are some young girls enjoying the cool space and resources of the Yarrabah Knowledge Centre (YKC) over their school holidays.

MEANWHILE last week in Cairns YASC workers Pam Mundraby and Vicki Jones spoke at the Australian Library and Information Association's (ALIA's) Indigenous Matters Seminar about the deadly programs and activities delivered from the YKC. The event was a fringe event of the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) and held at FNQ TAFE.





REMOTE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE STRATEGY



Yarrabah State School students and their families took part in the Remote School Attendance Strategy (RSAS) Camp at Wungu beach over this year's winter break.

RSAS Coordinator Dixie Hari said the kids enjoyed playing games and exploring the beach.

"The camp rewarded identified students and their families who improved their school attendance during the first semester of 2019," she said.

"The camp finished with a day trip to Fitzroy Island.

"Big congratulations and thanks to our RSAS team, who worked tirelessly to make this camp a success."

Pictured are: Lockyer Keyes, Aljaz Hari & Mario Sands; and Gabrielle Hari, Nerridean Keyes, Elloise Hari, Nytari Hari & Lataysia Sands.



ABOVE: Artist Eric Orcher with the Commissioner and BELOW: Torres Strait Regional Council Mayor Fred Gela presenting at the ILF



Yarrabah artwork given to top cop

Queensland's Police Service, via Police Commissioner Ian Stewart, APM, has been the lucky recipient of not one, but two Yarrabah artworks in recent weeks.

The first was presented by Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Mayors at the recent Local Government Association of Queensland's (LGAQ's) Indigenous Leaders' Forum (ILF) in Cairns.

The second was at the Australasian Indigenous Family Violence Policing Conference where more than 400 delegates also had the opportunity to interact with several of the Arts & Cultural Precinct staff and artists at a display and sales point in the conference foyer.

Queensland Police Service Project Officer for the Community Engagement Group Georgia Grier

said the artists' presence had made a difference.

"I wish to pass on the thanks and gratitude of the Australasian Indigenous Family Violence Policing Conference committee and delegates, to each and every member and artist of the Yarrabah Arts and Cultural Precinct for providing a consistent presence at this important and well-supported event held at the Cairns Convention Centre," she said. "It was lovely to meet so many of you, both in Yarrabah and Cairns, and work with your team. We hope you all enjoyed the experience as much as we enjoyed your creations."

Engaging youth key to their future community lives



Youth Justice is very keen to make change in Yarrabah, and has been working on bringing youth together to give back to the community, Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Education Programs Officer Justin King says.

The boys in the photos are our youth clients and/or youth engaging programs under our T2S (transition to success) program, which is a training program for young people of 15 and over who are involved in the youth justice system or are assessed as being at risk of entering it," he said.

It has been our vision over the past

few years to bring the youth together and give back to the community.

"Last week we painted the library a nice vibrant blue to stand out and we also had the boys put together a garden bed for the elders so they can grow their own vegetables for their cooking.

"Another program of ours is the motor vehicle program and it takes place in

our driving simulator, we use this for the youth to teach them how to drive/get confident in driving.

"The BBQ was for all community members and we try and do this monthly for the community.

"Youth justice is very keen on making change in Yarrabah and will do whatever we can to do this."



JT believes they can do it

Ongoing attendance at school and a fulfilled the Code of Conduct built around respect was all it took for 20 – out of potential 50 – Yarrabah State School students to win a spot at a camp in Cairns where they met JT Academy Managing Director Johnathan Thurston earlier this month.



“The JTBelieve program was designed to help kids improve their self-belief, confidence and courage in their future abilities and opportunities,” Mr Thurston said.

“The JTBelieve program includes what is essentially a set of values and tools to develop these skills.

“When the kids agree to participate in the program, which is offered in some Queensland schools, they

agree to a set of values and that commits them to being respectful of themselves, those around them and their community, both within the school and outside of it.”

He said by providing programs which helped build up the self-belief, confidence, courage and skillsets of youth, they were being offered the chance to make decisions about their future based on what

they want and what they believe they can achieve.

“The more kids we can reach at school, that we can work with to provide the tools to build confidence, self-belief and a sense of purpose, the more those kids their families and communities will all benefit,” he said.

Pics with thanks to Leanne Hardy



LEFT: Apprentice Electrician Dale Ambrym was on his fourth trip to Lockhart River with PJ Electrical when Yarrabah News spotted him in the HACCC kitchen fixing a much needed light. He said each trip had been for about a week and he had enjoyed the experience.

Yarrabah Service Providers Day



Thursday 1 August 10am-1pm
Bishop Malcolm Park

Come and have a yarn!

Service providers and stall holders are welcome to contact YASC Community Services Executive Manager Vicki Jones to book their spot on 4056 9120 or via VJones@yarrabah.qld.gov.au



They're hard to miss!

Regular drivers will be familiar with this rather clever marketing strategy which has been adopted by the school and successfully catches the attention of visitors and locals alike.

We need our sleep!

*Kids need sleep to learn!
Tiredness affects everybody!*

Tenants hosting noisy parties could be prosecuted for a number of offences!

It is a risk to our Paramedics and their patients if they have not had adequate sleep!

High volume sound can affect kids hearing!

Your music affects everyone around you in more ways than you can imagine. Council doesn't want to make more rules but we will if it doesn't stop. Think about it and think about the people around you!

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





ABOVE: Djungaal Elders Group meeting with long-term Northern Territory MP Warren Snowdon and local MP Curtis Pitt at the Elders Hub. The Elders said they were grateful to Mr Pitt for sponsoring their new uniforms, which were designed in their beautiful colours by Gurriny's Lucrecia Willett.



Uncle Bob's Qld award goes to local union reps

A massive congratulations to Aunty Robyn Canendo and Aunty Samantha Underwood who were awarded with the prestigious Uncle Bob Anderson Award for Indigenous Activism at the 2019 Queensland Council of Unions NAIDOC Awards Ceremony last week.

Both are active United Voice union representatives for Education Assistants at Yarrabah State School and across Queensland.

They are pictured here with Uncle Bob and his niece Karina Maxwell.

The school said the recognition was well-deserved and thanked them for using their voice and knowledge to build a better school and education system



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