



Yarrabah News

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Councillors & staff enjoy local design on new uniforms

For the past week or more Council staff across the board have been enjoying their new uniforms designed by Gunggandji artist Valmai Pollard (right).

Ms Pollard said she was happy her artwork was chosen.

"It was good," she said.

"I didn't put a story to it, it was just untitled and that was the one that was chosen by the Council team.

"I was surprised because there were others there by the other artists but they liked that one."

Ms Pollard belongs to a large family of artists, her parents, Edna and Ruben Ambrym, are members of



Pic thanks to Everina Johnson

Yarrabah Art Centre which Valmai joined more than four years ago as a practicing artist.

She is the youngest artist working at the Centre.



MEANWHILE Cairns Indigenous Art Fair celebrated their tenth year this year and Yarrabah artists, photographers, designers and models once again enjoyed a high profile at the popular event. Arts & Cultural Precinct Manager Darrell Harris will have a full report about CIAF and the forthcoming Darwin Arts Fair for us later this month. *Pics left by Blueclick Photography.*



YLF taking strong message to governments

The Yarrabah Leaders' Forum (YLF) is made up of the Chairs and CEOs of 11 member organisations.

One of the YLF's key aims is to talk to government about what we need in Yarrabah.

The YLF's agenda is firmly set on creating a community that is safe, where we have employment, businesses and our children getting an education, and we're healthy – all of which is underpinned by a set of values and principles.

A new issue of Yabber News – the YLF newsletter – will be out soon.

The two previous issues can be found at www.chowes.com.au

Pictured above are members of the YLF with local MP Curtis Pitt and NT MP Warren Snowdon.



Visiting PNG artists keen to maintain ties

Four visitors from Papua New Guinea enjoyed a visit to the Yarrabah Arts and Cultural Precinct last week.

They were Chris Urio from the MoArts Association in Lae; Hillary Miria from the PNG National Museum and Art Gallery in Port Moresby; and artists Josephine Kepaku from Buin – Bougainville and Marilyn Havini from the Hako Women's Collective, also in Bougainville.

The visit was an initiative of the Aus-PNG Network at the Lowy Institute with funding support from the Australian High Commission in Port Moresby.

The group said they were keen to keep connections ongoing.

You can find out more about their work at <https://auspng.lowyinstitute.org>

Winter school students test out marine biology and law



Big congratulations to the two Yarrabah girls – Naomi Mundraby and Markeisha Kynuna – who attended the JCU Winter School last month.

Naomi (pictured left with Lecturer with Indigenous Education and Research Centre Dr Vincent Backhaus) joined the Marine biology group and Markeisha (pictured right with Lecturer with College of Arts, Society and Education Dr Vinnitta Mosby) went with the Law group. “The program offered high school students an opportunity to hear lectures, attend tutorials and participate in sporting and team building activities,” Head of Indigenous Student Services at JCU's Indigenous Education & Research Centre Virginia McHugh said. “Well done!”



New look for several buildings around town as young people engage in positive new 'Paint for Pride' program

A new 'Paint for Pride' program is the result of Yarrabah PCYC Police Liaison Officer Gwenneth Yeatman's love of art and has been responsible for several new murals on buildings around the town, including Evelyn's Shop.



Ms Yeatman said she wanted to use her passion to help our kids.

“I'm working with the council and other private businesses doing murals around the community with messages from the kids that the whole community can see,” she said.

“It's also giving the children a voice through art, the messages are about values, respect, pride and sustainability.

“I mentor them the whole way through, we think about the design on the wall and we write a simple message in the way they want to say it.”

She said their first attempt was the boomerang on the front of the PCYC building with nearly 30 kids aged 11-years-old and upwards having a go since then.

“I see them on the street and I ask them what they're doing, if they like art, and if they're interested in jumping on the Paint for Pride crew,” she said.

“I talk to them about why we're going to be doing this and the whole concept of giving them a voice and how proud they should be because people are going to look at their artwork and say 'oh look at that, so and so did this'”.

“It's all about building their self esteem and giving them community pride as well, and that's just why it's called 'Paint for Pride.’”

She said some of the younger kids had approached her about being involved, but she was unable to supervise them.

“If there's people in the community who are willing to volunteer their time and come and help me with these kids, I'm more than happy to take them all on,” she said.

“The more volunteers I get the more kids we can have spread around the community.”

PCYC is currently in discussions with the School about disengaged kids participating in the program.





Three earn places on Sharon Finnan's FNQ U13 netball side

Yarrabah students from Years 5-10 competed in the Sharon Finnan Cup over held in Cairns last month.

The girls had a fantastic day with both teams coming runner's up in their divisions.

Six students were selected to

attend a development camp the next day, where they were up against 20 other girls who were looking to be selected

for Sharon's FNQ Indigenous team for 2020.

Congratulations to Kyannah Stafford, Nyira King and Kyle Street who made it into the U13s team.

We can't wait to see them on the court with their new team next year.

Yarrabah Service Providers Day

TODAY!

**Thursday 1 August 10am-1pm
Bishop Malcolm Park**

This year our service providers include:

- IBA - Home Lending
- Thrive
- Remote Home Ownership - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Unit
- Wugu Nyambil
- Office of Fair Trading | Department of Justice and Attorney-General
- United Care
- Aged & Disability Advocacy Australia
- Human Services
- Australian Competition & Consumer Commission
- VPG

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