



# Yarrabah News

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## Housing on top of Canberra agenda

Yarrabah Mayor Ross Andrews and CEO Leon Yeatman joined a Far North Qld Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC) delegation to Canberra this month, to take their parts in a support and advocacy role for the region.



Cr Andrews said housing was at the top of their agenda.

“I did a presentation around Yarrabah housing, each of the Mayors had their own agenda and the opportunity to speak to their own priorities,” he said.

“We saw Ministers, Shadow Ministers and Opposition Members.”

He said as representatives for Yarrabah they were also invited to by the Torres & Cape Indigenous Councils Alliance (TCICA) to participate in a meeting with Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt.

“The Minister said there

would be money for Indigenous housing, but the Torres Strait, Cherbourg and Yarrabah still have that lack of remote status to contend with,” he said.

“We’ll be taking that up again with Queensland Minister for Housing and Public Works Mick de Brenni.”

Cr Andrews and Mr Yeatman are pictured above with Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management David Littleproud and below with Opposition Member Joel Fitzgibbon.

*So what did these boys do...*



*...that was so good...?!!!*



How good is this?!!!

Kevin Neal, John Ambrym and Shaun Davidson are all proud of their mural, PCYC PLO Gwenneth Yeatman says. "It was a great day today!" she said. "This mural represents stories, language, song and dance being passed down from generation to generation. "They also painted the back wall after this picture was taken and it looks beautiful."

# Sights set on military careers

Several Wugu Nymbil participants are progressing well with their recruitment into the Army Reserve, Manager Rob Friskin says.

"They are into their second last week of their six week course which is to prepare them for a future career with the Army," he said.

"They attended an induction ceremony at the Cairns RSL at the beginning of the month which was well-attended by family members and appreciated by Wugu Nyambil staff.

"There is strong interest from other Yarrabah community members keen to be included in the next draft of recruits which will occur in March next year.

"We would also like to acknowledge and thank Jonathon Johnson for his efforts in helping prepare these participants for their experience.

"Well done Jonathon!"



# Orange Sky launches in Yarrarie

A joint-initiative between YASC, Orange Sky and Thrive Worklink has resulted in the successful local launch of a local free laundry service featuring genuine non-judgemental conversation, connection and support in Yarrabah.

Orange Sky's distinctive truck, with three large washing machines and three dryers, will work from Thrive Worklink at their premises in Smith St – an essential partnership which it is hoped will add value and provide a holistic approach to supporting people.

Thrive Services Coordinator Melissah Thomas said they were excited.

"Yarrabah Mayor Ross Andrews has been in regular communication with Orange Sky's head office in Brisbane, inviting them to come to Yarrabah," she said.

"This has finally come to fruition.

"Thrive has a wonderful team committed to supporting people

within the community with services and program and so is a natural fit for Orange Sky to partner with.

"Our staff have been enthusiastic, helpful and foundational in running shifts, helping with the logistics and spreading the word around the community.

"Orange Sky had their first trial shift last week and a great time was had by all."

She said Orange Sky will be at the site every Thursday from 9am to midday.

For more information or help with transport, please contact Melissah on 0418 686 186 or email Melissah.Thomas@thrive.org.au



Ten female innovators from India and several key business women from the local Indigenous community came together at the Yarrabah Arts & Cultural Precinct this month, as part of a unique opportunity to enhance cross-cultural employability and a global entrepreneurial mindset.

'Going Global – Indian Women Innovators Project' is part of an initiative supported by Central Queensland and Griffith Universities.

CQU's First Peoples Think Tank Director, Associate Professor Henrietta Marrie AM, said it was about cross-cultural knowledge, networking and forming business partnerships.

"This was a great chance for our participants from India and the Cairns region to learn how to work effectively in culturally, linguistically and socially different environments,"

she said. "We could even help match up Indigenous businesses with like-minded counterparts in India."

Yarrabah Arts & Cultural Precinct Manager Darrell Harris said it was a great day they were happy to host, with thanks to Nadine Cannon & Mayor Ross Andrews.



ABOVE: Cairns-based abbaCare Service Delivery Manager Ronald Fave with Cr Nadine Cannon at Yarrabah's very successful November Service Provider's Day

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



WUGU NYAMBIL  
"Holding onto Work"

## Construction Work Info Session

**9am Thursday 12 December**

Wugu Nyambil will hold an information session for people interested in working in construction next Thursday.

There are a number of opportunities coming up for people who want to work on their own country and opportunities to play a part in some of the major projects taking place in our region in 2020.

We have invited guest speakers from WATPAC and Australian Training Works (ATW) labour hire as well as Noel Gertz from On Common Country.

If you're hungry for work, have a background in construction or would like to get into the construction industry, this could be your ticket.

**Contact Deb Thomas on 4056 0511  
for more information.**

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# LET'S GET FESTIVE!

## Community Festival & Short Film Night Wednesday 18/12/19 "MENMUNY" Museum

Arts Exhibition Launch  
Arts Market Stalls and Information booths  
Fashion show - Local High School & Daycare  
Children  
Traditional dancers  
Short Film Screening  
Music & more!!!!

Pursuant to Section 4 of the Holidays Act 1983, the Minister for Education and Minister for Industrial Relations appointed the following dates for Special Holidays in Yarrabah.

- 17 June 2020 - Yarrabah Foundation Day.
- 10 July 2020 - NAIDOC Day.
- 17 July 2020 - Cairns Annual Show (public holiday).
- 26 October 2020 - Yarrabah DOGIT Day

Notification of the appointment for 2020 Special Holidays can also be found in the Queensland Government Gazette, published on 15 November 2019.



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