



Yarrabah News

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Survival Day 2020



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Arts precinct welcomes new manager

Yarrabah Council and the Arts Precinct welcomes our new Manager Valerie Boll this month, after Darrell Harris announced he was moving on last week.



Mr Harris said he had resigned his position to accept the position of General Manager of the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF).

"It has been a privilege working in Yarrabah," he said. "Over the past twelve years I have worked firsthand with freelance artists and artists from the Arts Centre's network, all peak arts bodies in Australia and all of our Commonwealth and State arts funding partners.

"I was fortunate to arrive at the emergence of the FNQ Arts industry which set the foundations for IACA, UMI ARTS, CIAF and Arts Queensland's 'Backing Indigenous Arts' funding.

"The report 'I Just Want to Paint' (2006) was the dream of a group of senior Indigenous artists whose vision was to have a strong FNQ Indigenous Arts Industry.

"Many of these leaders are no longer with us and I believe it's important their dreams are not lost to history.

"I am looking forward to my new Role at CIAF and will always have the Yarrabah Artists and Arts Precinct close to my heart."

Ms Boll has worked as an independent curator in several locations including Girringun Aboriginal Art Centre.



The start of a new decade continued with a bang late last month, with Yarrabah coming together to celebrate #yarriesurvival2020.

Mayor Ross Andrews lead what was another great community event, bringing the community together and reminding us of our resilience as Aboriginal people.

We are Yarrabians.

To our elders and dancers, thank you for your support.

The team working behind the scenes did a fantastic job – again - these events only happen if we have people willing to work.

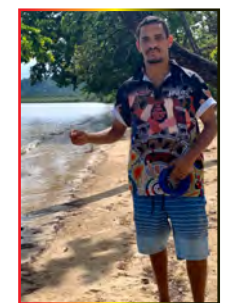
Big thanks to our service partners and

community members, your continued support and participation helped make the day another success for the community.

We'd like to acknowledge our sponsors for the prizes and items donated for the activities held on the day.

Special mention to all the contestants and activity entrants - you helped create these memories.

It was a particular pleasure to have Deputy Premier of Queensland, Jackie Trad and Senator Nita Green visit our community.



2020 calendars created by the Yaburu Bandu (young girls coming together) group at the Yarrabah State School are still on sale at both campuses - don't miss out, drop by for your copy today!

Local government candidates urged to attend free training session

Community-minded residents considering nominating for Council in March are urged to go along to a free information and training sessions to be held at the RTC later this month.

Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs Director-General Warwick Agnew (left) said the sessions were to assist people who may not be able to access the compulsory training online before nominating.

"While the compulsory training is online on the department's website, these sessions allow those people who may not have access to the online training to fulfil that nomination requirement in person," he said.

"It's vital intending candidates have a clear understanding of what is required so they can be confident as a candidate

and then as a councillor, once elected."

He said all candidates needed to be aware of recent reforms



aimed at improving transparency and accountability.

"These changes will have an impact on the requirements for candidates in the lead up to the elections, from compulsory training, to dedicated campaign accounts as well as tighter reporting obligations on expenditure, gifts and donations," he said. "Of course, anyone putting their hand up as a candidate in the elections, needs to go in with their eyes wide open, particularly in terms of their legal obligations."

The "So You Want To Be A Councillor" session will be held at the RTC from 1.30-4.30pm on Thursday 20 February.

For more information or to access the online training go to: www.dlgrma.qld.gov.au/training

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Stakeholders ready for big moves in 2020

Last year's Black Coffee meetings saw good representation from different agencies and local businesses coming together to share ideas.

The meetings included updates on new projects expected to go ahead in the new year and identifying training courses and studies for potential local employees.

Watch this space and local notice boards for the time and place of the next Black Coffee meeting.

MEANWHILE Wugu Nyambil has also hosted several construction information sessions in anticipation of opportunities in construction and labouring expected to become available in 2020.

You can follow Wugu Nyambil on Facebook or again, watch this space and other local notice boards for the time and place of the next meeting – Yarrabah is construction ready for 2020, together we can build a better future!



Errol Neal and his family enjoyed performing at the Woodford Folk Festival over the Christmas/New Year period - they were a big hit too!

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