









TOP: Carpenters & Plumbing Team constructing jetty shelter & plumbing fitouts; LEFT & ABOVE: Brian Schrieber & Steven Kynuna; Peter Schrieber and Stan Sands constructing a concrete footpath from the Police Station to Djenghi Estate (W4Q Project)



To start with, let me tell you a bit more about myself new Yarabah Arts & Cultural Precinct manager Valerie Boll (pictured above with King Jaban) writes...

I was born in North-East France and came to Australia 19 years ago to follow my dream: to live with and learn from Aboriginal people.

I'm an anthropologist, a curator and also an artist, passionate about Indigenous culture, art and traditions.

I'm devoted to connecting diverse communities with arts and culture and developing quality programs, exhibitions and events that support the aspirations of Indigenous artists while educating and engaging new audiences.

I'm also a fervent environmentalist, fighting for endangered species like the Southern cassowary.

My latest achievement has been curating a very successful exhibition for the Girringun Aboriginal Art Centre in Cardwell, called "Manggan – Gather, gathers, gathering", which is now touring nationally in 5 Australian states until 2021.

It is tremendously rewarding to link with interesting and creative people and organisations.









Four new trainees have been signed up to YASC for 12-months to study for their Cert III in Business Administration.

They are: Jirrin Gilmartin; Kanika Miller (signed up through VPG); Jilara Murgha and Harley Thaiday.

CEO Leon Yeatman said the new trainees were deserving of the opportunity and already showed promise.

"These initial placements will shape their pathways for a career in Local Government," he said.

"We are confident they have the ability to complete the course work and achieve their goals."

My wish is to work with people who inspire me but I also want to inspire the people I work with.

The Arts Precinct is a vibrant place, has a lot to offer and we are calling and inviting any Yarrabah residents interested in the arts to join us.

PICTURED ABOVE: a delegation of Papua New Guinean and Indigenous Australian entrepreneurs

- all women - visited the Precinct as an early International Women's Day event



## NDIS working group: back up and running for 2020

The Yarrabah NDIS Working Group is back again this year, to ensure disabilities stay on the agenda in Yarrabah.

Discussions with parents, carers and People With a Disability (PWD) have expressed the need for this working group to remain local/grassroots in origin and membership.

The working group will follow the example of the Yarrabah Leadership Team, by allowing only local people, and businesses and organisations which are owned or operated by Traditional Owner groups and / or historical peoples of Yarrabah to join us.

Purposes of the group (include but are not limited to):

- Educating the community;
- Providing information, support and guidance to current and emerging business owners who want to become an NDIS provider; and,
- Applying for grants and funding to support the vision of creating and launching the first ever Disability Grassroots Forum for Yarrabah residents.

The working group is a way for every person to be

involved and have their voices heard!

For more information please contact Linda Sexton on 4056 9290 or Joanne Houghton on 0447 699 421.



## Clontarf kicking early goals in 2020

Yarrabah's Clontarf Academy has had a flying start to the new year with the appointment of Mick Rees as their new director.

Mr Rees has come to us from the Cherbourg/Murgon Clontarf Academy and already has some runs on the board.

"The Yarrabah boys have already been attending morning training in great numbers and school attendance is good," Mr Rees said. "They have been busy preparing for the Clontarf Footy carnival at Jones Park, after playing trials against

Woree and Gordonvale Academies in the lead-up.

"They are also looking forward to not one, but two camps this term, for our best behaved and highest attending Academy boys."

In the picture left are some of Yarrabah Academy members at the Cherbourg Ration Shed as part of their major trip last year.

Above is YASC Acting Director Manager of Works & Infrastructure Preston Andrews & QBuild Upgrade Coordinator Cameron Fourmile with the boys.

They paid a visit to Clontarf students at Yarrabah Secondary School this month, to talk to them about education, respect, encouragement and leadership.



Wugu Nyambil will be hosting an information session around the Certificate II in Hospitality at 9am on Thursday 12th of March at the RTC building. This is our first partnership with Cairns Anglicare, who guarantee job placement for graduates. Each participant will have accredited training and lots of mentoring and support during the course. Anglicare cairns have the highest success rate in FNQ (92%) of getting people into and keeping their jobs.

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## New Yarrabah Dashboard workin-progress

A new 'Yarrabah Community Dashboard' – a one-stop, phone-friendly website for all things Yarrabah - is in the design phase, YASC Corporate Services Executive Jemma Litchenfeld says.

She said it would include:

- Road closures
- Tide times
- Community notices
- Disaster information (flood, fire warnings etc)
- Weather
- Water restrictions
- Links to the Council, school and other service providers' websites and Facebook pages
- Contact numbers for the SES, Police, QBuild etc

"Six new flood sensors are going to be installed in our most flood prone areas, including Pine Creek Road, to let people know if the roads are passable or not," she said.

"If you have any other ideas about what you would like to see included on the Yarrabah Community Dashboard please get in contact with Council and let us know.

"The dashboard should be operational by early April 2020."



YASC Councillors & staff at a two-day workshop reviewing policies (statutory & regulatory) as per the Local Government Act



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