



Yarrabah News

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On the (bitumen!) road to Jilgi

The Back Beach Road Bitumen Seal to Jilgi is complete with high praise coming from Project Managers Geoghegan and PNQ for the dedication and commitment of our Council road crews.

“It was pleasing to see the Road Crew take so much pride in the final outcome of the road,” SQE Manager Michael Geoghegan said.

“The Crew did a fantastic job preparing the road surface

for the bitumen seal and should be commended for their efforts.

“PNQ was also quite impressed with how well the road turned out prior to sealing.”



Corrine listening out for yarns on sore ears and hearing loss

A lot of kids – and also adults – get ear aches and ear troubles from time to time. This can make it hard for them to listen, to talk and to take part in day-to-day activities.

Corinne Walsh is a PhD student from the Australian National University, doing a research project to find out what community members in Yarrabah think about sore ears and hearing loss.



She is interested in talking to a whole range of people in Yarrabah who are over the age of 14 - especially those who have ear or hearing troubles themselves, or know somebody who has ear or hearing troubles.

Corinne arrived at Yarrabah in March 2017 and will be here for the next few months. She would like to collect stories and ideas from as many people in Yarrabah as possible such as parents, grandparents,

family members, young people, older people, teachers, doctors, nurses, health workers, police and other services in the community.

Corinne will be hanging out at a number of places around the community – such as the Gurriny

Yealamucka Health Service sites, the three Yarrabah State School campuses, the PCYC in the Rev James Noble Sports Complex and the Yarrabah Community Library.

Please feel free to come up and talk to her if you want to share your stories and experiences and suggestions about ear and hearing problems.

You can also send her an email anytime to: corinne.walsh@anu.edu.au

Stolen wages update

The Palaszczuk Government's Stolen Wages Reparations Scheme has been extended to 29 September 2017, a DATSIP spokesperson has told the Yarrabah News.

"Since the opening of the Scheme in December 2015, over \$9 million in reparations payments have been paid to 3885 eligible claimants," they said.

"The Palaszczuk Government is reviewing and processing a further 2,482 top-up claims – anyone with a query about the progress of their claim should call the 1800 619 505 or contact their nearest DATSIP regional office.

"Community members who have never previously applied for a reparations payment should make an application before the Scheme closes on 29 September 2017."

Art 'mini' Festival planned for early June

More than 15 community artists have studied their first block of Micro Business training this week.

Yarrabah Arts and Cultural Centre Manager Darrell Harris said three key areas in starting small business were covered.

MEANWHILE Mr Harris said the Yarrabah Arts and Cultural Precinct was looking forward to presenting a mini festival on Saturday 24th June from 10am to 4pm. "We want to showcase Yarrabah community cultures through visual arts and craft exhibition, food, dance, fashion, storytelling and music," he said.

"It will be a free family friendly, all-inclusive event and concert that encourages the sharing of cultural and stories, and provide a platform for education to mainstream and Indigenous audiences."

He said free entry to the Menmyny Museum and cultural activities will be the highlight of day.



Questions asked about service delivery

The Queensland Productivity Commission (QPC) is holding an inquiry into services delivered in remote and discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

QPC has been set up to provide independent advice on complex economic and regulatory issues, and propose policy reforms.

The Commission's goal is to increase productivity, drive economic growth and improve living standards in Queensland.

Professor Bronwyn Fredericks of CQ University, has been appointed a part-time Commissioner to assist with the Queensland Productivity Commission's Inquiry into service delivery in the state's Indigenous communities.

The inquiry, which recently met in Cairns, will look at:

- what the Queensland Government currently spends on services and what is delivered on the ground
- better ways to deliver existing government services and manage, coordinate and target services
- how the Queensland Government can improve services
- the best ways to evaluate services delivered in communities.

Submissions to the inquiry close on Friday 2 June 2017.
For more information see <http://www.qpc.qld.gov.au/inquiries/indigenous-services/>



Pictured left: Bronwyn Fredericks & Ruth Fagan; Below: Yarrabah Mayor Ross Andrews, Renee Williams, Bronwyn Fredericks & Cleveland Fagan



Yarrabah artists enjoyed a month of their work being on display at the Botanic Gardens Visitors Centre in Cairns over April.

Philomena Yeatman led a basket weaving workshop earlier in the month, in partnership with the Cairns-based Saltwater Creek Basketry Group and other Yarrabah weavers.

Other work on display included ceramics, textiles, paintings, woven baskets, works on paper and jewellery.



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**JANELLE MENZIES
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Netball goals close to Shennae

Yarrabah is one of four Indigenous communities in the Far North selected by Netball Queensland for delivery of an Indigenous Advancement Program.

The three-year program is funded by the State Government and will use netball to help provide improved participation, pathways, capacity, education, health and leadership opportunities for women and girls in the community.

To this end, Yarrabah's new Community Netball Officer is Shennae Neal.

Shennae said she felt blessed to be delivering hope to the younger generation of Yarrabah.

"My goal is to create a positive, safe environment that inspires young women and girls to be involved and develop a lifelong love of netball," she said.

"I will be engaging and empowering women and girls to play netball, and assisting the community with skills, equipment and programs so we can deliver and grow the sport."

Shennae will be working collaboratively with Yarrabah State School, PCYC, local service providers and the community to



implement regular development and participation opportunities.

Grades 4, 5 and 6 students will be the first to participate in weekly NetSetGo sessions from Week Six, with a netball carnival to be held in Week Ten.

"Anyone who knows me understands that I'm motivated and passionate about netball

and helping my community," Shennae said.

"I've tried to get netball running here in the past but I couldn't sustain it on my own.

"I'm very excited now to have another chance with the support of Netball Queensland and the Indigenous Advancement Program."

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