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The Yarrabah Community

Yarrabah is located approximately 60km by road southeast of Cairns. The coastline runs east from False Cape around Mission Bay, past Cape Grafton and Kings Point and then south to Palmer Point. The total coastline is in excess of 60 kilometres.

Geographically, the area is bounded in the west by the Murray Prior Range and in the east by the coast. It has an overall length of about 30 kilometres and is about 2.5 kilometres wide in the south, but broadens out to almost 8 kilometres across the northern part. It has an area of about 154 square kilometres.

The township of Yarrabah is for the most part located adjacent to Mission Bay. Originally, European influence began in earnest with the establishment of an Anglican Mission on 17 June 1892. Over the years, subsequent state government administrations forcibly relocated aboriginal and some South Sea Islander people to Yarrabah.



Because residents cannot have freehold title, there is no rate base for the Council. The community has an official population of 2,120 people, as confirmed by the 2001 census, however, this figure is suspected of being less than accurate due to a degree of floating population between communities and non-registration during times of census taking. Council tends to make plans based on a population closer to 3,000 persons.



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Seahawks history

From the 1930's to the present day, Yarrabah has celebrated the 17th June each year which is when the Anglican Mission had been first established. It was on this day that men, women, youth and elders participated in sporting and cultural activities in the community.

To enable recognition of natural sporting ability, foundation committee organisers rewarded individuals with small purse prizes, trophies/medallions and certificates. The highlight of the event was the 88 yards and marathon race from Wungu Beach to Jilji Beach, a distance of approximately 15 kilometres of sandy beautiful beach. Yarrabah has prided itself on producing so many gifted athletes over the years, and this continues to be carried on to the present generation. Since the early 1970's Yarrabah has produced several aged champions in track and field events.

From the early 1940's saw the emergence of rugby league as the dominant sport in Yarrabah. Games were included in the Foundation Day events every year amongst locals, which proved very successful. Later on the foundation day organisers extended invitations to sister indigenous communities throughout the region to help promote the day in Yarrabah where the sporting prowess of the community had been on display.

When the Cairns District Rugby League clubs began competitions in the early 1970's, Yarrabah combined with the Babinda Football Team to provide



player support to the Club to enable individuals to continue involvement in the game. Later on, the community also provided players to other clubs competing in the CDRL competition. It was during this era that many of the elders and dedicated individuals began to lobby to have Yarrabah enter the Cairns Rugby League Competition as an independent entity.

This dream became reality when Babinda Football Club folded to make room for the newly formed club Yarrabah Seahawks Rugby League Football Club and Sports Aboriginal Corporation

and was included in the CDRL competition. Since the inclusion into the competition in the year 2000, Yarrabah Seahawks football players from the junior and senior levels, have celebrated many successes.



Pictured Above: Early Yarrabah teams from the outstation and farm. Left: The inaugural Yarrabah Seahawks Committee in 2000. Top L-R: Anthony Sexton, Leon Yeatman, Farran Willett & Jeffery James. Seated L-R: Avril Yeatman, Lucrecia Willett, James Canuto, Helena Ambrym & Edna Ambrym

President's Message: James Canuto



It gives me great pleasure once again in presenting this report informing the community on our progress throughout the 2007 season.

I believe that sport is a great opportunity for kids to display their talent in the sporting arena and share in the adventure of life through, as I perceive it, a great personal developmental tool. This year had been a success for the club in which we managed to secure the Club Championships. This is a third time we have achieved this honour, and I am confident that there will be many more to come in future years if we all stick together. All grades were successful in reaching the finals. The A Grade Team qualified fourth, whilst our Reserve Graders were one game away from reaching the grand final. Our Under 18's were Minor Premiers and were just pipped at the post in the grand final. Never mind though, next time we'll get them, as the nucleus of the team will remain the same.

This year we embarked upon changing the culture of poor spectator support and gamesmanship. We know that this will be tough to police over the years, but as a community we need to show support to our team in a proper and sensible way. The CDRL and other teams have expressed serious concerns about our anti-social behaviour around sports and I must thank our committee for having the courage to tackle this issue and remind our support base that they must comply with the code of conduct, and that it is only a game at the end of the day. Let's all get behind our teams without swearing and using vulgar language to our opposition teams, bearing in mind that respect is a two way process.

Throughout the year we managed to secure some additional funds to assist with our development as we begin to build our capacity and make some small contributions to the community empowerment process. Funds were approved to contribute to the new construction of improved toilet amenities around Jilara Oval, a grant to assist our volunteer had also been approved to enable the committee to purchase some much needed small capital items. We also managed to be successful in getting \$20k from Department of Communities to conduct a family fun day at one of our home games next season.

Being a centenary year for the game of rugby league, we also launched our own website to allow people within the community, as well as organisations that are external to Yarrabah, to read on our progress. Our development plan had been completed recently allowing us to plan strategically for the next five years, and we now have to be committed in actioning the recommendations from this report. The Northern Pride concept now provides a career path for our aspiring footballers, with the recruitment of three Seahawks players to be provided with the honour of playing for the new franchise club in 2008. Well done to the guys. The 2008 season also provided club players with higher honours in the game with selection of Seahawks players in the Cairns Foley Shield, North Queensland U17's and U19's, Queensland Schoolboys and Under 18's Australian Indigenous Teams. We believed that this year, we had many successes to celebrate.

As we are a not-for-profit community based organisation that relies totally on voluntary support, the club managed to donate small sponsorship support to individuals as contribution towards their development and career opportunities. We appreciate the thanks and acknowledgement that families had attributed to Seahawks and look forward to assisting different families in different ways, bearing in mind that we too struggle financially in meeting our commitments of running the affairs of an incorporated club. This is why we recognize that sponsorship support is integral to our long-term survival in the competition.

Lastly, our 2nd Bishop Malcolm Indigenous Sports Carnival was a success and thank you to all that contributed your time and effort in making the weekend an enjoyable time for our families throughout the region. Thank you to all Seahawks Supporters throughout 2008 and we look forward to your vocal support for next season.

**Yours in sports and recreation
James Canuto
President**

Our Values

Pride:

We are a proud, passionate and loyal club for our team mates, our family, our friends, and our community, through good and rough times. The Maroon, white and gold colours run through our veins and we are a proud nation of athletes whose strength originates from our people in the community.

Integrity:

Integrity is the soul of how we relate to each other - we are who we say we are – “Guyala Spirit”. Through honesty and truth we are upright in our commitment to each other, our team, our club and our community, both on and off the field. We stand boldly for our ideals and will not bend!

Passion:

We have the passion to tackle the issues of the club’s affairs and remain committed to the junior development of sporting opportunities in the community. Our courage cannot be questioned and we will never ever give up.

Loyalty:

We remain loyal to our club, our team-mates, our friends, our people and our community. We stand strong and united, nothing will divide us.

Respect:

We grant our elders, leaders, team mates, families and friends respect as an integral part of our club’s development. When we compete on the sporting arena and share in the adventure of life, respect is visible and obvious.

Determination:

We aim high in our achievements in life, where determination originated from our old people. We know that our ability alone cannot get us over the line. Pride, integrity and guts are much stronger than natural talent it is a deadly element that makes us succeed.

Sportsmanship:

We accept sports as a development tool and are happy in the winning culture. We embody the principle of fair play and we will always remain gracious in defeat.

Our Vision

"to develop and foster athletes by providing sports and recreation activities which enhance healthier lifestyle choices through active participation"



Our Objectives

1. To establish a sporting club through which the principles of Unity, Professionalism, Health, Fitness, Social Justice and Reconciliation can be promoted;
2. To establish a professional sporting culture to enhance the personal, professional, physical and mental well being of community people who become members;
3. Develop programs for all sporting persons in Yarrabah;
4. Develop management guidelines between other sporting organisations in the Cairns and greater regions;
5. Develop athletes who embody the principles of fair play, professionalism and respect;
6. To co-ordinate the facilitation and participation in the broader local sporting community;
7. To work with the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council and the Cairns City Council to develop appropriate facility design requirements for competition at a local level;
8. Liaise with the Cairns District Rugby League (CDRL) and other sporting organisations for the collection, development and dissemination of information;
9. Multiple use of existing recreation and sport facilities wherever practicable.



Yarrabah Seahawks Rug Committee Members & Volunteers

James Canuto – President

James is the longest serving member of the committee to date since holding the position of President for the club in the year 2000. He is passionate about the club's future aspirations and works extremely hard in developing sporting opportunities for all in Yarrabah. James leadership represents the club's tenacity around volunteer management and his guidance around the building of the club's foundation is well recognised.



Lucrecia Willett – Secretary



Lucrecia was part of the history-making committee that laid the initial foundations for the strength of the club as it is today. The position of secretary enables Lucrecia to be well versed in the management of the organisation's affairs. Not only are her skills valued just around rugby league but also around the governing rules pertaining to the administration of community based organisations. Lucrecia is a fanatical rugby league and touch football supporter and her strengths as an events co-ordinator in the community is well documented.

Sue Andrews – Treasurer

This is Sue's first term as a committee member, however she has served in similar positions on other sporting and voluntary community based organisations in Yarrabah and Cape York. Sue brings to the Seahawks committee excellent skills around financial management, and has served previously on boards that addressed indigenous disadvantage such as health and education in Yarrabah. Sue is active in community development initiatives and currently serves as a member of the Gindaja Substance Abuse and Misuse Treatment Centre board. This year, the accounting system of Seahawks has been upgraded on Quickbooks enabling a robust financial management system of the club's financial affairs.



Clifford Ambrym – Committee Member



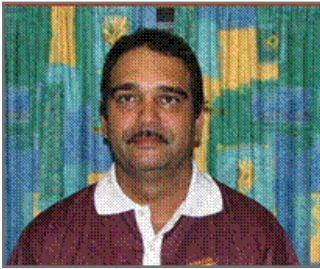
An ex-front row footballer with Babinda Colts, Clifford had shown an interest over the past twenty years to one day see Seahawks become established as an entity in its own right. He was part of a driving force in the early 80's advocating for the inclusion of Yarrabah's entry into the CDRL. This became reality in the year 2000, when the bid for entry became successful, thanks to the pioneering efforts of many. Nowadays, "Buffy" can be seen performing many voluntary tasks around the club such as local handyman jobs including his favourite role as club BBQ cook during home games.

Helena Ambrym – Committee Member

Helena served on previous committees dedicating her time as an important volunteer to the club's development over the years. Often, at times, the effort of many volunteers goes unrecognised and unrewarded. The efforts of few little people form an integral part of the club's future and visions. Helena is a keen rugby league follower and has been actively involved in the building of this young club since day one.



by League Football Club



Farren Willett - Committee Member

Farren takes on the unofficial role as the club's recruitment officer involved in recognising local talent and fostering community spirits around player retention. An inaugural committee member, Farren's strength of bonding with players is well acknowledged and an important feature of developing the Seahawks' capacity into the future.

Fiona Prior - Committee Member

A former treasurer with Seahawks, Fiona has previously served on the committee helping to build the capacity of the organisation through voluntary involvement around the club's affairs. She is also a member of the Gindaja Substance Abuse and Misuse Centre board and has been active in community development initiatives for the community.



Kerryn Canuto - First Aid Officer

Kerryn is the club's senior first aid officer, and she has worked in this voluntary position over the past few years. She is accredited by the ARL and enjoys working around rugby league where she strongly encourages health promotion as a means of preventing sporting injuries.

Ross Andrews - Committee Member

A former secretary, this is Ross' second term as committee member where he plays an important role in building the club's capacity for the future. He also serves on the Gindaja Substance Abuse and Misuse Centre board and has previously worked as Secretary/Treasure for the Cape York Rugby League and Sports Association. Ross is well versed in the operations and management of community based organisations.



Richard Murgaha

Richard has served as a committee member for several seasons representing the important view of player and coaching interests at club committee meetings. The local seahawks committee recognises the role that Richard plays in accommodating the wishes and/or concerns players may have around the club's development. Richard is a former representative player for the Cairns Cyclones, Cairns Foley Shield and a Queensland Country representative. He is also the unofficial groundsman maintaining the playing surface of Jilara Oval for competition standards during the year.

Andrew Wilson

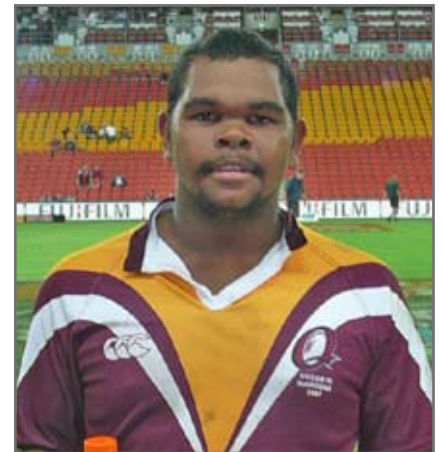
Andrew is a former forward from the Babinda Colt football days and most recent coach of the defunct "C" Grade competition during their inaugural season in the year 2000. This is Andrew's first season on the Seahawks committee, however he had also coached local football teams during the conduct of Indigenous Sporting carnivals held throughout the region. Andrew enjoys football and also takes an active interest in junior league development in Yarrabah.



YSRLFC Representative Players



Left to Right: Ezron Murgha, David Sands, Keegan Graham, Brian Murgha & Charles Murgha who played for Innisfail-Eacham



Clockwise from Top Left: Lance Gibson - Cairns U17s, Farran Willett Jnr - Cairns U19s, Anthony Yeatman Jnr - Cairns U19s, North Queensland U19s & Queensland U19s, Shaun Kynuna - Cairns U19s, Theeran Pearson-Yeatman - Cairns U17s, North Queensland U17s, Queensland Schoolboys & Australian Indigenous U18s, Sam Bann Jnr - Cairns U19s, North Queensland U19s, Queensland Schoolboys, Australian Indigenous U18s



Not Pictured:

Pedia Mudu - Cairns U17s, Menmunny Murgha - Cairns U17s, Merton Richards - Cairns U19s

SOME OF OUR SUCCESS STORIES

Miss Seahawks: Kelly Ambrym



NAME:	Kelly Ambrym
Date of Birth:	14 th November, 1990
Nickname:	Kay or Kel-Val
Title:	Miss Yarrabah Seahawks
Favourite Food:	Chips-n-Gravy or Home Cooking
Favourite Drink:	Coke or Powerade
Why I Became Miss Seahawks?	Because I just wanted to challenge my-self
Favourite NRL Player:	Cameron Smith
Favourite Seahawks Player:	Leslie Ambrym (My Brother)
Other Sports:	Netball and Touch
Likes:	Playing sports and spending time with my family and friends
Ambitions in Life:	To complete year 12, hopefully get a job and make my family proud



Prides of Yarrie: Noel, Hezron & 'Jack'

Three of Yarrabah's most exciting players have flown to the nest of the Northern Pride to be based at Barlow Park in Cairns, leaving the club with a large gap to fill come 2008. However, all three 'excitement machines' have signed dual registration that allows them to play for both the Northern Pride and the Yarrabah Seahawks.

Noel Underwood (below left), Hezron Murgha (bottom left) and Farran 'Jack' Willett Jnr (below right) have all been offered contracts to play for the new franchise team as part of the QRL state-wide league concept.

All three are familiar with representative football, as they played in the Cairns Marlins Foley Shield Squad throughout 2007.



Hezron has been a regular member of the Marlins since graduating from Under 18's over several seasons. He is a strong defensive Centre and has been a try scoring machine for the Seahawks throughout 2007, whilst Noel's versatility in the second row/cum centre and wing has left defenders in awe of his natural playing ability. He also possesses a hard running game where he was also a standout during club footy.

Noel has also experienced state league footy where he previously held a scholarship with the Brisbane Broncos feeder club Aspley Broncos. Jack was the 2007 winner of the CDRL U18s Gold Medal acknowledged as the best and fairest player in the comp. He's a ball-playing second row/cum lock forward and has a great future in the game.



SUCCESS STORIES . . .

Jeraymus flies over to the United States

Another promising sporting prospect to come out of Yarrabah is none other than Jeraymus Myngha who recently came back from the "big-old" United States of America on an athletics tour. The tour is the same tour that "Our Golden Girl" Cathy Freeman went on as a youth. Jeraymus did very well on his trip over to America. Jeraymus coach also submitted article to the Yarrabah News which starts like this.

After the long flight to Los Angeles we spent the first day travelling around the city and visiting famous places like Venice Beach, Santa Monica Pier and Hollywood. The next day we travelled down to Tijuana in Mexico for some sightseeing and shopping before heading to Yuma in Arizona for our second night.

Our next stop was Laughlin in Nevada where we were to compete in a Cross-Country race called the Laughlin Invitational. On the way to Laughlin we followed the Colorado River for a long way through cities like Lake Havasu City where the original London Bridge is now located after being dismantled and then rebuilt, brick by brick, after an American Businessman bought the bridge.

In the race in Laughlin, who was one of our youngest boys in the race, ran in the 5km Junior Varsity race and finished in 10th place. After the race we headed off to Williams in Arizona and this town is known as the "Gateway to the Grand Canyon". The next day we drove up to the Grand Canyon and travelled around the South Rim of the canyon and looked at the canyon from different lookouts. The Grand Canyon is 1.6km deep, between 800m and 30km wide and over 400 km long so it really is a "grand canyon". We also visited the Imax Theatre in a nearby town where a movie about the Grand Canyon is shown on a movie screen that is over three stories high.

We stayed in Williams for another night before travelling to Las Vegas for the next six days and we had to race three times in Las Vegas. The first race in Las Vegas was on Tuesday 25th September at The Meadows School against four teams from local high schools. This was a 4.4 km race and unlike Laughlin where the races were split into Varsity and Junior Varsity, this race saw all the boys from Junior to Senior all running together. Once again, Jeraymus ran very well in hot conditions to finish 18th out of 48 runners. The second race was the next day at Lorenzi Park in Las Vegas and this was a 4km race against another four high schools. In this race Jeraymus came 36th out of 63 runners. This was a much tougher race than the day before



as the schools competing at Lorenzi Park had some best runners in the district in their teams and once again Jeraymus was one of the youngest competitors in the race.

We then spent a couple of days shopping and sightseeing in Las Vegas before the final race on Saturday 20th September in the Angel Park Invitational. This race was run in age groups depending on what year you are in at school. Jeraymus ran very well to finish well in 10th place in a very tough race that saw Australian boys fill eight of the top ten positions. With the race now over it was time to head back to Los Angeles and along the way we stopped at "Buffalo Bills" to ride a roller-coaster called the Desperado. This roller coaster was the highest and fastest roller-coaster in the world when it was built back in the mid-1990's. After a night of rest in Los Angeles we went to Disneyland on Sunday 1st October & then Universal Studios on our last day in the USA on Monday 2nd October before flying home to Australia that night. It was a long trip to be away from home and Jeraymus handled it well and showed that he has potential to be a very good cross-country runner (Ray Marvin-Coach).

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School's first for Sam Bann & Theeran Pearson-Yeatman

Getting school "out of the road" so they can be free to continue their careers in football is high on the agendas of year 12 students Sam Bann (18) and Theeran Pearson-Yeatman (17).

The two have recently returned from New Zealand where they played in an international tournament for the Australian Indigenous U18s team.

It was Sam's first time overseas.

"First time overseas, it was pretty good to see the scenery and I was just impressed with the team and how quickly we jelled," he said.

"We got some support from the Seahawks and our community but especially family."

Theeran, who went to New Zealand last year as well, said the squad of 20 players from all over the country didn't get to know each other as a team until they were all there together.

"We had a few bond sessions where we put the team together, the first game was a bit rusty but the second game we bounced back and took the Centenary Trust out," he said.

"It was a good experience for all the boys, it was my second time over there and it was just good to see indigenous players being successful in our sport especially."

Theeran has his hopes up for next year's NRL competition.



"I'm with Newcastle Knights, I move down there next month for pre-season training, fingers crossed I'll do the hard work and hopefully it will pay off," he said.

"We have good support here in Yarrabah and the club's been behind us all year, I'm just taking it step by step and will keep progressing from there."

Sam, who has a scholarship with St George, said he was also keen to finish school.

"I try not to worry about that yet, I've got to try and finish school this year, get that out of the road and (then) set my mind to my career," he said.



Yarrabah's Junior Origin Series

by Malcolm Canendo



The Yarrabah Junior Origin series was seen as an initiative for the Under 14 boys, keeping them positively active during the school holidays. On my team list I have realised that I had over thirty players with over ten of these boys being unregistered with the club due to lack of documentation (birth certificates). Nannette Burns as a Member of the Queensland Health, was given indemnity forms by participants, which entitled those who were not registered with the club to play at their own risk.

These Friendly games were also seen as an initiative for other youths in the community aged 15 - 17 to participate in the U17's fixture (4-5 17 year olds allowed in each team). Majority of these boys have not played football in as many years due to the collapsed of the Yarrabah Seahawks Junior Rugby League Football Club in previous years. I would like to make mention of one of the boys Ashley Fourmile who I believed opened the eyes of many onlookers who were one of the best players in these games.

The Match fixtures saw the best out of three games series which consisted of two teams in the Yarrabah community in both the U14's and U17's age group.

These teams were:

- The Eastern Bulldogs which consisted of players from the Yarrabah Bay area to Pottery Hill, and
- The Western Brumbies which consisted of players from the Reeves, Mourigan, Djenghi etc.

The Game resulted in the U14's Western Brumbies side winning the series 2- 0 and the U17's Eastern Bulldogs side winning the series 2-0.

Negatives - The game was intense with some of the boys in both games putting some niggling and late hits which led to some close encounters but Cyprian Mossman handled both the U17's games well.

Positives - Most of the boys enjoyed themselves and left any incidents that happened on the field, on the field, and I believe that this program was a good initiative keeping majority of these boys active. This also helped the young men to build self-confidence and self-belief with some of these participants playing outside their comfort zone.

Youths who contributed to these events - The Under 14 team, Anthony Yeatman, Tallowah Prior, Cameron Noble, Ashton Schrieber, Theeran Pearson-Yeatman, Mimo King, Jablum Mundraby, Shakira Thaiday, Steven Fourmile, Ross Maloney, John Yeatman and all of the boys who participated in the Under 14's and 17's matches.

Adults who contributed to these events were Robyn Canendo, Ana Canendo, Carmel Canendo, Nannette Burns, Cyprian Mossman, Duncan Hegarty, Cathy Noble and Clifton Burns.



Seahawks website launched

On Wednesday 11th April 2007, the local Yarrabah Seahawks Rugby League Club officially launched its website. The honours were delivered by the President James Canuto who was very proud by the historical occasion.

"The club embarked on a local communication strategy where we intended to make not only our local people aware of our developments, but to external bodies outside of the community" he said with a grin. "I feel very much privileged in launching the website because it has made a lot of people aware of our journey in the CDRL and how we can improve as a club.

"You will be able to find a lot of information on the site including the local competition fixtures, our position on the table each week, and the strategic directions for the future. Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services Aboriginal Corporation have also supported our endeavours in enabling us to link into the Men's Group Program to help facilitate a better relationship between each organisations.



"Thanks must also go to my fellow Seahawks committee members who contributed towards the website contents and the time and effort in making the site as user friendly as possible. I would also like to thank NICE1 Studio and Design on their technical expertise in building the site layout and graphic design component."

You can log onto the Seahawks website by typing in the following:

www.yarrabahseahawks.com.au

Projects & Grants 2006-07

The committee have been active throughout the calendar season and managed to secure additional funds to assist with capacity building and community development. Successful projects which have enabled Seahawks development included the following initiatives:

Funding Provider:	Amount:	Purpose:
Department of Communities	\$20, 000.00	Family Fun Day
Department of Local Government, Sports, Recreation and Racing	\$130, 650.00	To construct new toilet amenities at Jilara Oval
Department of Local Government, Sports, Recreation and Racing	\$7, 500.00	To complete Development Plan and Business Plan
Department of Families and Community Services	\$3,000.00	Volunteer Small Equipment Grant
Queensland Health	\$5, 100.00	Event Support Program (ESP) Playing Uniforms

YSRLFC Awards Night Presentations

Under 18s

Most Improved
Most Consistent
Best Forward
Best Back
Best & Fairest

Tulowah Prior
Roy Patterson (Jnr)
Farran Willett (Jnr)
Theeran Pearson-Yeatman
Pedia Mudu

A Reserve

Most Improved
Most Consistent
Best Forward
Best Back
Best & Fairest

Willy Mooka
Connie Richards
Kevin Canendo
Landon Kynuna
Landon Kynuna

A Grade

Most Improved
Most Consistent
Best Forward
Best Back
Best & Fairest

Joey Cook
David Sands
Milton Richards
Hezron Murgha
Shaun Davidson



A Message from Honorary Club Patron Bishop Arthur Malcolm

2007 was an exciting year of football for players and spectators, whether we had a win or loss Yarrabah can be proud of our football teams. On the field or off the field the boys worked hard to be role models in the community and those who played representative football proudly promoted our community every time they ran on the field. The fantastic result in the CDRL competition and the opportunities that many of our players were offered in 2007 is a true testament to the depth of talent in Yarrabah.

I would like to congratulate the Yarrabah Seahawks Committee for the tireless effort they have made through out the season. It is all too often that the community either forgets or does not understand the hours that these committee members put in to ensure that we can have our own team and own football grounds. I would also like to thank the Committee for their ongoing support and commitment to developing players, both athletically and in terms of empowering them to take responsibility and make positive decisions in their lives. It was fantastic to see the Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services Men's Group linking with the football club to provide support to players through out the season. The 2007 Bishop Malcolm All Blacks Carnival was a huge success – it was wonderful to see the communities bringing teams to Yarrabah and a great opportunity once again to showcase our community.

Congratulations to the 2007 Seahawks Football Players and Committee – Well done!



Perpetual Trophies Award

**Brian Fourmile
Merton Richards
Brian Murgha
Samual Bann Jnr
Farran Willett Jnr
Joey Cook
Hezron Murgha**

**Club Man of the Year
Most Tries Scored (24)
Overall Highest Points Scorer
Representative Player of the Year
Hawk of the Year
Rookie of the Year
Seahawks Player of the Year**



SECOND ANNUAL BISHOP MALCOLM INDIGENOUS SPORTS CARNIVAL

By Cairns Correspondent for Koori Mail Christine Howes. Story appears courtesy Koori Mail 21/11/07

WITH no less than five local teams entered, it was almost certain to be Yarrabah victory at the second Bishop Malcolm Rugby League Carnival at Yarrabah on 27-28 October.

But the Townsville Sharks and the Barkey Warriors made certain the finals weren't all local.

The Barkey Warriors took local favourites the Seahawks out of contention in one of the semi-finals, but Bukki Buna - who won the Cairns All-Blacks Carnival the week before - ensured a Yarrabah spot in the finals by defeating the Sharks in the other semi-final.



And what a final it was. Fans were on edge as the Warriors and Bukki Buna slugged it out. The Townsville Warriors crossed the line late in the match to come within scoring distance of taking the shield. But it wasn't to be, with the siren cutting short the Warriors' final fling. Bukki Buna won 30-26. Barkey Warriors captain Justin Tourney said it was a tough game. Coach Phillip Oliver said his team had done themselves proud.

"Thanks Bukki Buna for a good game. Our boys played well and fellas, you gotta hold your heads up, you've stood up for yourselves," Oliver said.

Bukki Buna captain Milton Richards put his team's victory down to discipline.

"You must have discipline in the game at all times, if you haven't got discipline in your game you'll never win. Our boys from Yarrabah have that discipline," he said,

Coach Vince Schrieber said Bukki Buna deserved to play in the final.

"They played well all weekend and showed a lot of people that they can stick with the best," he said.

Yarrabah Seahawks Rugby League Club president James Canuto said as their major fund-raiser for the year, the event had been a success. "We have to look after the Bishop as well, he's the heart and soul of the club, and the club patron," he said, referring to Bishop Arthur Malcolm for whom the event is named after.

The Bishop agreed. He was happy with the results and the weekend as a whole.

"It was beaut to have ten teams. We've really enjoyed it and we hope the next one will be an even bigger occasion," he said.

"Today is a big day for all of us and I must thank all the officials

and all the players from north and south who came today to make it a success.

"If it wasn't for you people, the players and your coaches, we would never have a carnival, we all came together as one big team."

Results:

Semi-Finals, Barkey Warriors d Yarrabah Seahawks, Bukki Buna d Townsville Sharks.

Grand final, Bukki Buna 30 d Barkey Warriors 26.

Rookie of the Carnival, Theeran Pearson-Yeatman (Burri Kummin, Yarrabah).

Best Tackle, Bert Harris (Bukki Buna, Yarrabah).

Most Tries, Bill Oui (Townsville Sharks).

Most Points for the Carnival, Justin Torney (Barkey Warriors, Townsville).

Best Back of the Carnival, Aldone Creek (Coen).

Best Forward of the Carnival, Jermaine Prior (Barkey Warriors).

Best Forward of the Grand Final, Greg Braico (Bukki Buna).

Best Back of the Grand Final, Stephen Murgaha (Barkey Warriors).

Player of the Grand Final, Fenton Murgaha (Bukki Buna).

Best & Fairest Player of the Carnival (David Lilley Memorial Trophy), Fenton Murgaha (Bukki Buna).



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