



Yarrabah News

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Mayors pressure for more housing \$

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and his Government's decision to cease the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPAHIH) was the focus of a meeting between Queensland Mayors, local government leaders and housing experts in Cairns earlier this month.

A joint-statement from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mayors said anything less than the existing program, due to finish at the end of this financial year, would reverse gains made in Closing the Gap targets in health, justice, education and community well-being.

"The meeting also resolved to push to end the exclusion of the communities of Yarrabah, Cherbourg and Torres Shire from national indigenous housing program funding," the statement said.

Yarrabah Mayor Ross Andrews said they didn't want to compete with other communities.

"We want to encourage the Government to continue funding housing stock for our communities," he said.

"All the social determinants are affected by this issue."

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey said "argy bargy" between the State and their Federal counterparts was not helpful.

"I think it's really important that we don't want to buy into the argy bargy between State and Federal," he said.

"We're only interested in seeing houses being delivered on the ground for our people. Another round of investment from state and the federal governments is really important for our community when we look at the



Standing: CEO Janelle Menzies, Mayor Ross Andrews, Kowanyama Cr Wendy Wust and Wujal Wujal Cr Bradley Creek; Seated: Crs Michael Sands, Ian Patterson and Colin Cedric with Woorabinda Executive Assistant Leslie Purcell and CEO Emil Moul

numbers of housing needed in our community."

Yarrabah Deputy Mayor Cr Michael Sands said it was a political game.

"It's nothing new to me," he said.

"They're using us as a political football, we've got a big waiting list, 3-400, or maybe more than that, and seven to ten houses a year is not going to cater for that.

"We're going to negotiate for more land, if we're successful in getting funding for more houses.

"Housing is the main issue on anyone's agenda, because with housing, health and education comes with it. Things come out of that, health issues come out of that, then you'd have kids not going to school because they never have a good night's sleep, or they haven't got a bed to sleep in.

"It's a big social issue."





Council would like the community to be aware of several landslides and dropouts along Back Beach Road towards Buddabadoo.

Inspections are underway for repairs to be made and the community is urged to stay away from the area until the work is done



and the road is safe to drive



Can they do it again?!!!
Guyala teams are in training now - check notice boards for details!

Pride of Place comp underway this month

The Housing Office will be commencing visits to all tenants registered in the Pride of Place competition in the first week of April.

Please make sure that you have updated your contact number, as you will be notified by phone call with an appointment time.

This is to make sure that your property is in the best possible condition before the final photos are taken.

Good luck to all!

Pic by Dixie Hart



Pic by Innis Grace Haines





Yarrabah's Social Reinvestment Project group met last month at the Community Hall and will spend April and May meeting and consulting with local businesses about how they can help minimise their waste footprint.

In the meantime, after liaising with Aaron Horsey from the Clean Water Group and Tangaroa Blue, the installation of the new 'drain buddy' system - which was postponed due to bad weather - will take place today (Thursday) subject to weather conditions.

The Project's first community cleanup will be on the 23rd of May at the Mission Bay/Beach Area, and will coincide with Council's Sorry Day event.



Wednesday 5 pm
Location posted on our Facebook Page

👍 Yarrie Deadly Runners

Yarrie's Deadly Runners (pictured left) are gaining speed in the community with as many as 20 or more participants joining in the fun every Wednesday evening.

Coach Danielle O'Brien said the word 'runners' in the name shouldn't scare walkers away.

"The program caters for everyone," she said. "This is a fitness program where people can walk or run at their own pace, have fun with friends and improve their walking or running ability."

She said the Yarrabah State School had recently been invited to design some posters for the Yarrie Deadly Runners (see above). The place to find out their location every week was on their Facebook page, she said.

"I look forward to seeing you all join us for some fun!" Danielle said.

Post Office upgrade big help to locals

Post Office Supervisor Tammy Singleton and her staff are looking forward to being busier than busy now their service has been fully upgraded to what will now operate as a 'normal' Australia Post outlet.

She said it meant people could now check balances, deposit and withdraw from any bank, keycard or bankbook, pay bills such as electricity or phone, do money orders and recharge phones...just like a normal post office!

Yarrabah's QGAP agency was also back up and running and Tammy said she hoped the new service would be convenient for anyone and everyone.



Register your animals

A recent spate of complaints from the community about dogs and horses causing problems in our streets has prompted Council to appoint Milton Richards as our permanent Animal Management Officer.

Milton has been helping out in the area for some time as a casual employee, but an increase in complaints about nuisance animals means Council will now be enforcing local by-laws, some of which have already been in place for well over 12 months.

They mean any offending animals may be seized by Council and owners required to pay a fine before the animal can be released.

Council also says dogs, cats and horses must be registered annually.

Registration paid now will be valid to 31 July 2019.

Forms are available from Council's Administration Office or website.



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**YARRABAH ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL
ANIMAL REGISTRATION FORM INFORMATION**

ANNUAL ANIMAL REGISTRATION FEES 2017-2018 REGISTRATION VALID UNTIL 31 JULY 2019	Animal	Cost
Full Registration Fee - Cats/Dogs (Max 2 of each)		
Full Registration Fee – Microchipped - Desexed (Proof Required: Vets Certificate or Statutory Declaration)	Dog/Cat	\$ 30.00
Full Registration Fee - Microchipped - Entire Animal	Dog/Cat	\$ 100.00
Pensioner Discount - Full Registration Fee - Desexed & Microchipped (Proof Required: Vets Certificate or Statutory Declaration)	Dog/Cat	\$ 10.00
Pensioner Discount - Full Registration Fee - Microchipped - Entire Animal	Dog/Cat	\$ 50.00
Full Registration Fee - Horses		
Stallion (on approval)	Horse	\$ 500.00
Mare	Horse	\$ 30.00
Foal	Horse	\$ 30.00
Gelding (Proof Required: Vets Certificate of Statutory Declaration)	Horse	\$ 30.00
IMPOUND FEES (DAILY)		
Horses, Goats, Cattle per day including feed		\$ 50.00
Dogs, cats , domestic animals per day including feed		\$ 20.00
OTHER FEES:		
Replacement of Registration Tag/Collar	Tag/Collar	\$ 5.50



DO YOU LIVE IN A SOCIAL HOUSING PROPERTY AND NEED URGENT OR NON-URGENT MAINTENANCE?

You can now call your Cairns Office,

- BLOCKED TOILET?
- POWER TRIPPING?
- SMOKE ALARM NOT WORKING?
- BROKEN CLOTHESLINE?
- TAP DRIPPING?

1300 650 910 from 8am–5pm

OR after hours on 1800 808 107



OUR NEXT DEADLINE IS

**Thursday 12
APRIL**

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