



# Yarrabah News

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## Yarrabah governance: on board and up to speed

Several Yarrabah organisations, including the Seahawks, Gunggandji-Mandingalbay Yidinji Peoples' PBC and Gurriny Yealamucka, joined Wugu Nyambil to participate in an Indigenous governance program aimed at directors and board members last week in Cairns.

Wugu Nyambil Acting General Manager Robert Friskin said the three-day course was about improving governance processes across the board.

"Not just for us, but for all Yarrabah organisations," he said.

Facilitator for the Australian Institute of Company Directors Peter Marin said the course was critical for corporations and their directors.

"Yesterday focused on the role of the director and the board and an introduction to board meetings and governance," he said.

"Today, we're dealing with finances, so we're understanding how to read financial statements.

"And tomorrow, we're looking at those governance issues of strategy and risk, which are really critical for corporations and directors."

Mr Friskin said the course offering a basic introduction to corporate governance was a huge benefit.

"I think getting the basic introduction to corporate governance, to make sure that they're meeting their legal and moral obligations as a director and as a board, is an immense benefit for all our organisations," Mr Friskin said.



# School opens Land Sea Sky exhibition

Last week the Yarrabah State School Junior Secondary students participated in the official opening of the 'Land Sea Sky' exhibition at the Arts Precinct.

Councillor Michael Sands opened the exhibition, Nathan Schreiber took the stage as MC and students Rayaenna Burns, Marina Fourmile, Ontayah Donovan, Kunjarra Noble and Jerome Stafford thanked the many people and organisations who contributed their time and/or resources to help make the event such a success.

Nathan and the Junior Secondary dancers kicked things off with a vibrant and expressive performance.

Representatives from CIAF and fashion designer and curator, Grace Lee who mentored our students for the accompanying fashion parade were also in attendance.

Part of the show featured the girls parading designs by Yarrabah artists on the grounds of the Museum with a backdrop of music, art objects and a smoke machine for effect.

The Land Sea Sky exhibition will finish on Friday 7 June.

*Pics with thanks to Leanne Hardy*



## Proud to be YASC!



I'm Milton Richards and I'm the Animal Management Officer for the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council.

Where are you from? Yarrabah.

Best & Worst things about your job?

Best is working alongside animals, and travelling and working with other Indigenous communities and making friends.

Worst is making tough decisions about the fate of animals.

What do you hope for in the future? To work together with animal owners and their kids to educate about responsibility and accountability to ensure the safety of our community.

Favourites

Music: Country, 60s to 90s

Team: Manly and Seahawks

Colour: blue

Food: pizza

Bush Food: everything, especially turtle.



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Here is what some of the students said:  
 'I thought the models looked beautiful and the dresses very elegant'. (Sylvia Dangar Year 9)  
 'The event was creative and I saw a lot of craft, the ladies were very pretty too' (Araluen Kyle Year 7)  
 'I liked the way the models walked on the bridge over the pond and around the two groups of student sitting on the grass. And how they were each given a feather and bowl by Jerome and Kunjarra'. (Jacqui Marrott Year 8)  
 'I felt proud to see my artwork and photography hanging in the exhibition'. (Aaliyah Cedric Year 10)

## Researchers look to review Wugu Nyambil's first year

Introductory workshop, especially developed for people living in Yarrabah, has been offered today and by Murawin Consulting, who are part of the team evaluating Wugu Nyambil over the next several weeks.

It was a chance for the community to learn about program and some of the research methods used to conduct them.

Research Centre researchers Ros, Karen and Ian have been in Yarrabah since Monday this week looking to speak with community members about their thoughts and experiences with Wugu Nyambil.

"We hope to also generate interest from the community to participate in the research, that's the priority for us," Ian said.

Participants may be eligible to be paid for their efforts.

"If you are interested in talking about your thoughts and experiences or if you have any questions, give us a call."

To organise an interview you can contact him on 0497 916 559.

## Local courts, support and players

Netball is growing in popularity and spirit by the day in Yarrabah, as new courts go in next to the PCYC and Community Spirit Development Officer Lauren Curtis visits the community every week.

"There are lots of growth in Yarrabah and netball is growing time with the new netball courts being built," Lauren said. "We are working at ways of promoting the netball and celebrating our successes."

Queensland's Diamond Spirit has

been supporting the growth of netball in Yarrabah for the past two and a half years.

"One of the key objectives is to upskill local women to be able to deliver netball in community."

"We always need volunteers to help with

training at the school and at upcoming carnivals.

"Once volunteers have committed ten hours of their time, Diamond Spirit will cover the cost of coaching and umpiring accreditations."

For more information you can contact Lauren on 0438 940 482 or on email at [lauren.curtis@netballq.org.au](mailto:lauren.curtis@netballq.org.au).

# Seahawks sport new jersey for DV Awareness month



The Yarrabah Seahawks have taken on a new jersey to mark this year's Domestic Violence Awareness month.

The launch week, played in Mareeba, was also Mother's Day and the Women in League round of the Cairns and District Rugby League.

Seahawks Senior League President Sam Bann Snr said the response from the Mareeba crowds was very positive.

"A lot of people in Mareeba congratulated us for our efforts," he said.

He said he wanted to thank their sponsors – local MP Curtis Pitt, Fix-it and Yarrichino – for their support.



Pictured top: Under 18s in Mareeba earlier this month; Above: In Yarrabah last weekend was Senior League President Sam Bann Snr, Junior League President Gillian Bann, Yarrabah Woman Shelter Chair Thelma Yeatman, Cr Nadine Cannon, Member for Mulgrave Curtis Pitt and Mayor Ross Andrews; Left: the new jerseys.



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