



# Yarrabah News

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## All the skills!

Proud Wugu Nyambil participant Gavin Murgha has earned himself a leadership award for his work in Mount Isa and Camooweal.

Wugu Nyambil has been working with the Myuma/Glencore Indigenous Employment Program based out at Camooweal and Mt Isa since 2018.

Participants in the program are trained over 12 weeks with an option to take up further opportunities at the Mt Isa mine.

Trainee graduate Gavin Murgha was recently awarded a Leadership Achievement award for his group, which was a great achievement.

Wugu Nyambil participants Tremayne Wason and Gavin Murgha have been accepted into the next phase of the program and will start a further 12 weeks of work and training

in Glencore's Mt Isa underground mine in late September.

Wugu Nyambil General Manager Robert Friskin went to their the graduation ceremony and said he was very proud of their achievements .

“These boys now have tickets and experience operating plant machinery, first aid certificates and work experience in a mining situation,” he said.

“Their skills now hold value to Glencore Mines and other employers in the mining industry.

“Yarrabah should be very proud of their success so far.”

Myuma Program coordinators said



they were keen to see more people from Yarrabah willing to commit to working and living in Mt Isa in order to enter the training program.

“There are good career opportunities available for the right candidates,” they said.

For more information see Wugu Nyambil.

Artist Stephen Schrieber is hopeful his artwork ‘White Devil Men’, representing a landside view of Captain Cook’s voyage on the Endeavour - will be chosen to represent in a Canberra exhibition next year.

Stephen worked on the piece with the help of several other artists and mentors over a two-week workshop with the Indigenous Art Centre Alliance (IACA), in the lead up to next year’s 250 year anniversary of Cook’s first visit to the east coast.

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# Yarrabah inspires new NT RATEP



Yarrabah's Remote Area Teacher Education Program (RATEP) has inspired a group of teachers from Yirrkala to launch a pilot program in the remote Northern Territory community.

In August this year a group of educational and cultural representatives from Yirrkala schools and the Cotton On Foundation came to Yarrabah to look at the program and agreed it was an excellent example of community-based training.

Yirrkala School principal Katrina Hudson said the group was really

inspired with what they saw and heard.

"We could feel the enthusiasm and passion of the Indigenous staff for their work and their study", she said.

The visit included tours of the School, Kindy and Day Care Centre, and a morning tea with previous and current students of RATEP.

She said delegates were impressed at the integration of RATEP graduates into so many aspects of the community's employment sector.

Ms Hudson also expressed her thanks to Councillor Nadine Canon, and all the staff and community members of Yarrabah who took the time to meet with the group.

*RIGHT: Calvin Hastie and his hard working team are doing an excellent job constructing railing adjacent to the parking lot at the shopping centre Wugu Nyambil coach Phil Duncan says.*

*"On the heels of completing the same job on the church grounds, this is a great outcome to help ensure this a safe area for all Yarrabah residents," he said.*

*"Calvin and his experienced workers are also providing on the job training to the younger workers.*

*"Congratulations fellas and keep up the good work."*





# LOOK

# OUT for fires!

The Yarrabah Rural Fire service has identified several places that may be affected by out of control fires, particularly around households.

“It is very important we do back burns at some of the locations we’ve identified to save lives, houses buildings and animals,”



Fire Warden Vincent Schreiber (pictured above) said.

“If community members do want

to burn and are not sure if it’s safe please call the Fire Warden for advice.

“We will be glad to help.”

## Endeavouring to tell both sides

Next year will mark 250 years since Captain Cook first sailed the east coast of Australia.

The National Museum of Australia is planning an anniversary exhibition in Canberra from April to November next year which will represent perspectives of non-Indigenous and Indigenous Australians about Cook’s voyage and its continuing and contested legacies today.

MEANWHILE between March next year and May 2021 the HMB Endeavour replica is expected to make stop in Yarrabah and Cairns as part of the the anniversary acknowledgments.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said events around voyage would

offer an opportunity to reflect on it.”

Minister for the Arts Mitch Fifield said the Government’s investment in the replica Endeavour’s circumnavigation would be managed sensitively, and would present both the view from the ship and the view from the shore



Yarrabah Arts and Cultural Precinct was invited to host a two-week arts development workshop, in partnership with the Indigenous Art Centre Alliance (IACA), the final results of which may be selected to be included in the exhibition in Canberra.

Facilitator Edwina Circuit worked with established and new artists, to create White Devil Men out of local rainforest driftwood and shells collected on the surrounding beaches.

offer new generations an insight into Captain Cook, the Endeavour and the experiences of Indigenous Australians.

“As the 250th anniversary nears we want to help Australians better understand Captain Cook’s historic voyage and its legacy for exploration, science and reconciliation,” the Prime Minister said.

“That voyage is the reason Australia is what it is today and it’s important we take the

of Cook’s historic voyage.

“The HMB Endeavour replica will set sail from Sydney in March 2020, and head south to Hobart before turning north to commence a full circumnavigation of mainland Australia,” Minister Fifield said.

The Endeavour replica is expected to be in Cairns from 30 June 2020 to 21 July 2020.

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# Young people stand up to health issues

More than 300 young people – including 21 from Yarrabah – went to Brisbane for the Queensland Aboriginal & Island Health Council’s (QAIHC’s) Youth Health Summit earlier this month.

The Summit was described as “a powerful day of sharing and learning, covering topics such as exercise; healthy relationships; mental health; nutrition; LGBTQI needs; support networks; and chronic disease”.

QAIHC CEO Neil Willmet said the idea of the summit was to help shape a Youth Health Strategy to support Queensland’s Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community-Controlled Health Organisations.

“We know that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people are overrepresented in youth justice, and alcohol and other drugs are at harmful levels of use,” said Mr Willmet.

“Childhood obesity, rheumatic heart disease, social and emotional distress,

and trauma are also present at high rates, and we need to do something about it.

“We need to monitor the health of our young people and support them to thrive – physically and mentally.”

He said delegates heard inspirational stories from speakers such as:

- Jack Wilson, Deadly Ninja Warrior
- Elsie Seriat OAM, Marathon Runner
- Arthur Little, former professional rugby union and league player
- Bryce Taylor, Founder of Mental

Independence Negates Damage.

Gindaja’s Learning Wellbeing Coordinator

Lyndell Thomas said the Gindaja participants had found the Summit to be rewarding and “awesome”.

“They have learnt about building strong bodies and calm minds and having a resilient spirit,” she said.

“They got to meet and yarn with the speakers above as well as singer Mitch Tambo and former-NRL player Preston Campbell.

“A big thanks to QAIHC for organising such a wonder event and special thanks to Gindaja for making it possible for them to attend.”

She said all airfares and accommodation were paid for and organised by QAIHC.

Yarrabah participants, nominated by Gindaja Treatment & Healing Centre and Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services, were: Alberta Dabah, Alyssa Yeatman, Brent Schrieber, Caleb Thomas-Schreiber, Charles Pearson, Campbell Yeatman, Carmille Pearson, Gillian Fourmile, Jacinta Lively-Keyes, Jannali Neal, Jalara Murgha, Jarlene Kynuna, Jeremiah Costello, Kyra Yeatman, Keagan Thomas-Graham, Lexeen Sands-Seaton, Letisha Mundraby, Lynley Costello, Maria Jackson, Mark Wilson, Marlene Willett, Moirin Smith, Samuel Neal, Stanley Yeatman, Tahleise Willet, Tarnie Fourmile and Timenah Underwood.



Pics supplied with thanks to QAIHC



# Daring to dream

One of the country's greatest sporting moments – the golden point moment the Cowboys won the 2015 NRL Grand Final over the Broncos – was played out again by JUTE Theatre Company's Dare to Dream crew in a performance of 'The Longest Minute' in Yarrabah late last month.

The performance was part of a 10-week tour and residency program of Queensland's remotest communities led by performer and workshop facilitator Mark Sheppard and including a five-day performance

and workshop schedule at the school.

The aim was to inspire, engage and build confidence in a safe and nurturing environment, culminating in the students' own performance version of Dare to Dream.



## DELIBERATE DAMAGE TO PROPERTIES

Head Tenants are responsible for the safe keeping of your property.

If you, a family member or guest deliberately damages the property in anyway the Head Tenant is responsible for all repairs and replacements.

You will be required to pay for damages to the property that do not apply under 'fair wear and tear'.

If there is damage to your property, contact the Works Department who will arrange for someone to inspect the damage.

You will receive a quote for the damages or replacements.

The quote must be paid for at Council prior to any works commencing, when you have paid take the receipt to Works for tradesman to be allocated the job.

You can call BAS are for emergency and general repairs.

If you have rent credit in your rental account you can contact the Tenancy Team to discuss options around using that credit towards repairs.

# YASC Housing Notes



# Netball set to take off in Yarrabah!



Yarrabah's brand new netball courts will be on show on Saturday 19 October, for the inaugural Fast 5 Netball Carnival.

Yarrabah, Mossman, Kuranda and Cairns PCYC teams have been invited to what's hoped will become an annual event, set to kick off at 10am on the day.

Cairns-based Diamond Spirit Coordinator Lauren Curtis said they were in need of volunteers on the day.

"We'll need some help with scoring, timing and umpiring," she said.

"Queensland Firebird player Mahalia Cassidy will also be there."

She said they had organised prizes for the winners.

MEANWHILE 'Diamond Spirit' girls from Yarrabah, Bentley Park and Cairns High travelled all the way to Wungu Beach earlier this month, just for a few games of netball.

"There were no winners or losers," Lauren said. "It was just a chance to play some netball and have some fun."

She said it was a reward for students who had showed 'Diamond Spirit values' throughout Term 3.

"It was a great success, with the girls making new friends and gaining new skills," she said.

## LOST/DAMAGED/BROKEN KEYS

As the tenant you are responsible for the safe keeping of the house keys allocated to you.

If you lose them, damage them or break them you are required to have them replaced.

You will be required to pay for two sets of keys and new locking barrel if required.

If you have lost your keys, contact the Works Department, who will arrange for someone to inspect the lock and have it replaced, through a locksmith if needed.

You will receive a quote for the damages or replacements.

The quote must be paid for at Council prior to any works commencing, when you have paid take the receipt to Works for tradesman to be allocated the job.

## Stolen Wages Class Action Information Session

### CAIRNS

Bottoms English Lawyers are coming to a community near you to talk about the settlement of the Stolen Wages Class Action.

Community	Date & Times	Location of Meeting
Yarrabah	10 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 10am till 3pm	RTC Building, Noble Drive, Yarrabah

To check the Queensland-wide schedule, visit [stolenwages.com.au](http://stolenwages.com.au)

Attending an Information Session is important because will provide information about:

1. the proposed settlement of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Stolen Wages Class Action;
2. your right to object to the proposed settlement or to part of it;
3. the requirement to register by 8 November 2019 if you wish to share in the proposed settlement; and
4. if you are a newly added group member, your right to opt out if you do not wish to be part of the class action and do not wish to share in the settlement.

For copies of important documents, to check your eligibility, or if you have any questions, you should speak to Bottoms English Lawyers by:

- calling them on the Stolen Wages Hotline - (07) 4041 1641
- writing to them at P.O. Box 5196, Cairns, Queensland 4870
- visiting them at their office at 63 Mulgrave Road, Cairns, Queensland 4870



# Yarrabah Service Providers Day



Wednesday 13 November  
10am-1pm @ Djendji

This year our service providers include:

- IBA – Home Lending
- Thrive
- Remote Home Ownership – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Unit
- Wugu Nyambil
- Office of Fair Trading | Department of Justice and Attorney-General
- United Care
- Aged & Disability Advocacy Australia
- Human Services
- Australian Competition & Consumer Commission
- VPG
- Mission Australia
- ICAN
- Registry of Births/Deaths/Marriages
- ATO
- RSAS Team
- Q Super
- Energy & Water Ombudsman Qld (EWOO)
- Gindjira Treatment & Healing Centre

*Come and have a yarn!*

For more information contact YASC Community Services Executive Manager Vicki Jones to book their spot on 4056 9120 or via [Vjones@yarrabah.qld.gov.au](mailto:Vjones@yarrabah.qld.gov.au)

## BIRTH REGISTRATIONS

Victoria Bell from the Registry of Births Death and Marriages (Department of Justice and Attorney-General) is visiting Yarrabah to register births of children aged up to 12 years old. Once your child is registered, you can apply for their birth certificate. Birth certificates are needed by your children throughout life to go to school, access health services and to get a drivers licence or passport when older.

**\*\*All NEW Birth Registrations for 0-12 year olds will attract a Free Birth Certificate\*\***

DATE: Wednesday 9 October 2019

TIME: 10.00am to 4.00pm

LOCATION: Yarrabah Knowledge Centre

PARENTS SHOULD BRING AS MANY AS POSSIBLE OF THE FOLLOWING: Drivers License; Medicare Card; Centrelink Card; Bank Card/s; Official letters from Centrelink or other Government agencies (eg Tax office etc). The more identification you bring, the easier it will be to get your child or children registered and apply for a birth certificate.

ENQUIRIES: Victoria Bell (07) 3033 6762 or email: [BDMCommunityLiaison@justice.qld.gov.au](mailto:BDMCommunityLiaison@justice.qld.gov.au)

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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Wugu Nyambil

Notice is hereby given of Wugu Nyambil's forthcoming Annual General Meeting. Details are as follows:

**Time:** 3.30pm start: Thursday 24 October 2019

**Venue:** Yarrabah Leaders' Forum Office

Rural Transaction Centre Building, Noble Drive, Yarrabah

For further information or to RSVP, contact Robert Friskin at [r.friskin@wugunyambil.com.au](mailto:r.friskin@wugunyambil.com.au) or call 4056 0500 by 22 October 2019.



*LEFT: This is Year 2 student Nikiah Schreiber, who won the age champion – for Grades 1-3 – in the Arts Competition at the Cairns Show in July...nicely done Nikiah!*

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