

Yarrabilba News

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A photograph of a man and a young girl smiling together in a garden setting. The man is in the background, looking towards the camera, and the girl is in the foreground, looking towards the camera. They are both wearing dark clothing. The background is a blurred garden with green plants.

Sustainable is attainable

Affordable sustainable display home is now open

Kindness rocks!

Community Garden's new wellbeing project

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WELCOME

Welcome to the spring edition of the Yarrabilba News

This edition we introduce you to the sustainable display home, now open in our display village on Darrau Avenue. This affordable home features a variety of sustainable initiatives that could help to reduce your energy bills!

Our local community garden (front cover image) is blooming into spring. The composting project is taking off, with over 200 kitchen caddies now in use at Yarrabilba. There's an array of herbs and vegetables as well as a new 'Kindness Rocks' initiative which is as inspiring as its name.

We introduce you to Ashleigh Thomason, Yarrabilba resident and Woodhill PCYC School Age Care coordinator. Ashleigh has been working with students and their families to learn about sustainability, and has incorporated the kitchen

caddy and composting program into their daily lives.

The new Family and Community Place, adjacent to Yarrabilba State School, is set to open in October. We update you on what this new facility will offer the community. Be sure to follow our Facebook page for details of the opening date.

The Yarrabilba Small Grants Program will be open from 24 September until 5 November 2018. This round will have a community safety focus, with grants up to \$3000 up for grabs. Put your thinking caps on for how you can make your community safer and let us know!

If you have any news or events you'd like to share, contact Julia Wood at julia.wood@lendlease.com

Award-winning local businesses

Congratulations to our friends at Thom & Ann's Restaurant and LJ Hooker Yarrabilba, both taking out awards at the recent Logan Business Awards for excelling in their respective categories. Well done!



Left: LJ Hooker Yarrabilba and (right) Thom & Ann's Restaurant were recent winners at the Logan Business Awards. Image courtesy of Logan Chamber of Commerce



Community Garden news

Spring has sprung at Yarrabilba's Community Garden. Kale, mint, rosemary, strawberry and passionfruit are just some of the produce available from the latest round of crops.

In August the garden hosted a Kindness Rocks 'rock planting day'. Kindness Rocks is a mental health and wellbeing project that invites the community to paint kind messages on rocks and share them with family and friends. A collaboration with Logan City Council, St Clare's Primary School and the Yarrabilba Community Garden, the rock planting day was well attended. The First Five Forever pop up library came along and the Yarrabilba Community Association served up snags in bread. We also gave away the 200th kitchen compost caddy!

Don't forget you can contribute to the garden by collecting your fruit and vegetable scraps for composting and depositing them at the onsite compost station.

Follow the Yarrabilba Community Garden Facebook page to find out how you can be involved and to hear about future gardening events.

www.facebook.com/YarrabilbaGarden



The Yarrabilba Community Garden has something to offer everyone. Keep a lookout for kindness rocks next time you're there!

Sustainable display home opens at Yarrabilba

The newest display home in Yarrabilba reflects some of the latest in innovation and technology when it comes to energy efficiency.

The home has been designed to take advantage of natural heating and cooling to increase home owners comfort, reduce and reuse water inside and out, and importantly reduce power consumption. Combine these features with the right insulation, design and building materials, and the three-bedroom, two-bath home has earned itself 8.9 out of 10 stars from the National House Energy Rating Scheme (NatHERS).

Equally exciting, the new display home was built by ACCESS' social enterprise, AES Building and Maintenance Solutions, a Logan-based social enterprise that upskills and trains long-term unemployed and disadvantaged groups. In part, the construction was done through the employment of participants in the Queensland Government's 'Skilling Queenslanders for Work' program.

Now open at 17 Darrau Avenue, it's open for viewing Monday – Friday 10am – 4pm and Saturday – Sunday 10am – 5pm.



Raked ceilings, polished concrete floor and recycled brick wall are all features that assist with heating and cooling



A grid connected PV system has been installed



Above: It's always a fun afternoon for young and old at the Meet Your Neighbours Events

Did you know?

Lendlease works with ecology experts (including Austecology, UQ's Koala Ecology Group and Natura Pacific) on fauna, habitat and specific koala monitoring. This is part of our commitment to habitat rehabilitation and conservation throughout the open space in Yarrabilba.

Some of the techniques used to document our critters include bird, fish and amphibian surveys, fauna spotting and observations, radio tracking and wildlife camera footage. A total of 180 species have so far been recorded at Yarrabilba and include birds (96), frogs and toads (16), reptiles (16), mammals (15) and invertebrates (37). Evidence indicates there are likely to be many more yet to be observed. Several of these species identified are considered to be of local significance in the Logan City Council region, while only seven others are listed as pest species.

Meet your neighbours!

It was great to meet some of our newest residents at the recent Meet Your Neighbours Event. Guests enjoyed board games, a photo booth, face painting, cold beverages and good company. The final Meet Your Neighbours Event for 2018 will be held in November. We'd love to see new and old residents connecting. More details will be on our Facebook page during October.



Above: Zara the koala. Yarrabilba provides habitat for species of significance including gliding mammals, wallabies and koalas

Family and Community Place

The new Family and Community Place next to Yarrabilba State School is set to open in October 2018. There will be plenty of activities and programs for children and families, and all residents are invited to come and mingle over coffee, get to know the staff and find out more.

The plan is that over time, Stay & Play, supported playgroups, Get Set For Prep and First 5 Forever programs will roll out, providing children in the region an opportunity to get the best possible start in life. Other activities will include art, music, a toy and puzzle library plus a book exchange.

These activities are free for everyone, making it a great



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opportunity to socialise, meet other residents and really join in the fun of this growing and thriving community.

More information will come your way in the next month, including the announcement of the opening date, programs and timetables.

Everyone is welcome at the Family and Community Place and we would love to see you all there!

Further information will be available on the Yarrabilba Facebook page so make sure you like the page and check it out.



Construction is now well advanced
Image courtesy of FKG Group

Meet Ashleigh Thomason – Resident composter inspiration



Ashleigh Thomason is a Yarrabilba resident that is incorporating the kitchen caddy and composting project into her learning program, sharing the composting message with students and their families

Local resident at Yarrabilba and coordinator at Woodhill PCYC Outside School Hours Care, Ashleigh is extending the Yarrabilba Kitchen Caddy Project to her students, as part of a learning program on sustainability, reducing carbon foot print and composting.

Ashleigh explained that they have recently implemented a Sustainability Plan into their service, where children and educators are encouraged to be more proactive in their everyday routines to minimise their carbon footprint.

“We’re teaching children and families about how to be more environmentally friendly,” Ashleigh said.

“One way that we are doing this is by teaching children about the benefits of composting and what items to put into the kitchen compost caddy.”

They plan to distribute the compost to both the Yarrabilba Community Garden and their school worm farm.

Ashleigh’s own family is in on the action too. She is stepmother to four children and a proud fur parent to two dogs and a cat. “I have been living in Yarrabilba for two years now and my family and I really love it here!”

Community Grant News

Safety is Lendlease’s number one priority. When it comes to safety Lendlease takes a wide-ranging approach with the aim to create communities that are safe in all aspects – in the community, in schools, in homes and in businesses.

As part of our commitment to creating a safe Yarrabilba we’ve created the Yarrabilba Small Grants Program ‘Community Safety’ round, opening from 24 September until 5 November 2018.

This grant round encourages residents, community groups and businesses to apply for funds up to \$3000, for projects that address community safety and crime prevention in Yarrabilba.

We’re looking to fund projects that educate, raise awareness and promote long-term behavioural change around community safety. These can include initiatives that focus on cyber safety, safe school programs, first

aid skills, fire safety or safety upgrades to spaces like educational signage, security screens/cameras. We also encourage applications that build a stronger more resilient community, like ‘meet your neighbours’ events and activities.

Visit www.yarrabilba.com.au for information on how to apply.

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A community safety focussed grant round will be open from 24 September - 5 November 2018

Event Guide

Yarrabilba Cultural Remix Festival

Sunday 30 September 2018, 10am - 3pm

Darlington Parklands

Live music, stalls, workshops and multicultural food trucks will make for a fabulous family friendly day in the sun.

www.facebook.com/CulturalRemixFestival

Meet Your Neighbours Event

Saturday 10 November 2018, 3pm - 5pm

Venue TBA

New to Yarrabilba? We'd like to invite you to get to know the neighbours in your area. Join us for a casual meet and greet over drinks and nibbles and take the opportunity to make new friends and find out more about what's happening in your neighbourhood. Registration details on our Facebook page closer to the date.

\$30 Groceries

Every Tuesday fortnight

Yarrabilba State School

Every delivery is different but you will always receive a box of fruit and vegetables, a box of fridge/freezer products and a box of pantry staples.

Orders are essential at www.lighthousecare.bigcartel.com.

Pick up at Yarrabilba State School between 2.30pm - 3pm.

Contact **Melinda on 0423 639 051** for more details.

Ripple Fitness

Monday - Thursday, 6pm - 7pm

Darlington Parklands

These sessions aim to increase strength, stability, flexibility and cardiovascular fitness to tone and tighten the body in a social environment. Bookings required - contact Ripple Fitness **0400 747 753**.

Bootcamp

Mid-week evenings

Shaw Street Oval, Shaw Street

Get fit with New Life Fitness - Queensland. Group fitness for all ages and fitness levels.

Bootcamp - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7pm, and Friday mornings at 9.30am. Child friendly classes.

To book or for more info phone **0452 648 708**.

Mingle Markets

2nd Friday of each month, 5pm - 9pm

Darlington Parklands

Head down to the Mingle Markets, there's food trucks, craft stalls, live music and more for the whole family.

www.facebook.com/minglemarketsyarrabilba

Parkrun Yarrabilba

Saturdays from 7am

Darlington Parklands

Parkrun is a weekly timed 5km run through Darlington Parklands. An average of 70 runners attend each week and try to beat the clock to nab themselves a new personal best. Best thing is, parkrun is absolutely free - all you need to do is register on the website prior to your first event.

www.parkrun.com.au/yarrabilba

Free Zuu Boot Camp

First Saturday of every month, 8am

Darlington Parklands

Join in the free monthly community boot camp sessions hosted by The Empire Bodyshop. Registrations required to attend.

www.facebook.com/events/1782898991829025

Yarrabilba Youth United PCYC Crestmead

Last Thursday of every month, 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Darlington Parklands

Barbecue, music, games and fully supervised.

Contact **3805 4100** for more details.



Yarrabilba Youth United has landed in Yarrabilba!

BEAT SCHOOL HOLIDAY BOREDOM!

KRANK is a Logan City Council run school holiday program for locals aged 5-17 years.

The program offers free and low cost activities to help keep busy over the school holidays.

Visit www.logan.qld.gov.au for more information.

Free study help

Did you know Logan Libraries subscribe to Studiosity Online Homework Help? Studiosity is a free, online tutoring service for students in years three to TAFE level.

You'll be connected to an expert tutor who can help with maths, science, english, assignment research, study and writing skills. Simply use your library membership card to start using this free resource. Tutors are available Sunday to Friday from 3pm - 10pm during school term. Visit www.studiosity.com/connect to sign up.

FREE Home Safety Checks

Safehome is an initiative of Queensland Fire and Emergency Services designed to assist all householders in recognising fire and safety hazards in and around the home.

This is a free service in the interest of developing a safer community. A visit should take no longer than 45 minutes.

If you would like to take the opportunity to invite a firefighter into your home for a visit, phone **13 74 68** or book online at www.qld.gov.au/emergency/safety/safehome-booking



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