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2022 YEARBOOK





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BOYS YEAR OF 2022



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Charlie Peterson Naawi
Johoiakim Kawangka
Romin Dean
Abraham Namai
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Aiden Morris
Walter Satrick
Emmanuel Mosby
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Ned Mosby
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Aiaba Satrick
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Brian Koko



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Walter Elu
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 Preston Anau Guiga
 Blaze Deeral
 Jimmy Lifu
 Jermaine Ahmat
 Renato Amagula
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 Massilas Lalara

Iothamo Boyd
 Kai Koomeeta
 Kalvin Mamarika
 Kamal Tranby
 Grayson Norman
 Cornelius Durilla
 Deleashjon Hobson
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 Moses Narjic
 Xavier Rogers
 Dominic Yougie
 Jukawuan Henderson

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 Danique Pearson
 Mark Parmbuk
 Adam Parmbuk
 Chase Loogatha
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 Tyrell Nelson



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Walter Elu
Year 7



Gavin Cobus
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Jerome Holland
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Masie Mosby
Year 10



Sig-E Marou
Year 9



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Kalvin Mamarika
Year 7



Massilas Lalara
Year 10



Tyler Durilla
Year 9



Zacharino Thompson
Year 10



Ezariah Mamarika
Year 10



Michael Ibuai
Year 8



Francis Williams
Year 7



Steven Gilbert-Kean
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Adam Parmbuk
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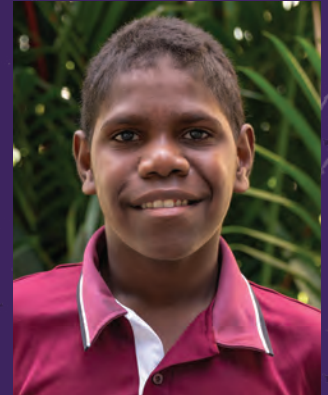
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Year 8



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Jermaine Ahmat
Year 9



Grayson Norman
Year 7



Brian Koko
Year 7



Lachlan Hobson
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Peter Dau
Year 7



Aiaba Satrick
Year 7



Edward Jacob
Year 7



Abraham Namai
Year 9



GIRLS of 2022 YEAR



Tamara Piva
Year 12



Anita Marou
Year 7



Ainsleah Satrick
Year 8



Esther-Grace Bowie-Tamwoy
Year 10



Bethalia Bigie
Year 8



Jessie-Ella Mosby
Year 7



Ranadi Nadredre
Year 8



Alice Gamia
Year 7



Lythia Marou
Year 12



Layleen Scholes
Year 12



Kathy Wymarra
Year 12



Bianca Yam
Year 12

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Edna-Grey Muhamad
Year 11



Hilda Kellermeier
Year 11



Natalie Williams
Year 10



Miriam Peinkinna
Year 8



Kaesha Kawangka
Year 10



Judy Watt
Year 9



Sheryl Watt
Year 8



Rosabella Wasaga
Year 7



Greta Woolla
Year 9



Shuntay Marpoondin
Year 9



Sylvia Lalara
Year 8



Tahila Kerindun
Year 11



Meleta (Suzie) Yunkaporta
Year 9



Shavon Moses
Year 8



Carmelita Binjari
Year 11



Mariah Lalara
Year 8

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Makita Kerindun
Year 7



Melba Wurrawilya
Year 8



Marrell Lui
Year 8



Elizabeth Kepa
Year 9



Jacklyn Kepa
Year 9



Thelrina Akene
Year 7



Taum Nona-Lifu
Year 11



Shavinta Bann
Year 10

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Year 12



Faith Babia
Year 8



Moesha Marama
Year 11



Lency Asse
Year 12



Tottsie Nona-Lifu
Year 9



Reyonce Bassani
Year 10



India George
Year 9



Elizabeth Dau
Year 9



Shigeno Wasaga
Year 10



Tanayah Mosby
Year 12



Natahlia Mosby
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Tasma Campbell
Year 12



Yehusha Lifu
Year 11



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BOYS HOUSE BOARDING LIFE

Boarding Report

Written by Kane Richter,
AFL Cape York House – Boarding Manager for Boys

2022 was a year of not only consolidation of the environment that we have been building, a place where people want to come, want to be and want to stay. An environment where you feel SAFE, but also a year to challenge us around why we do what we do. After the fantastic year of 2021 which saw 7 Graduates depart into the open world on to their next phase, we welcomed 14 new year 7 young people into our environment which was met with anticipation, anxiety and excitement while we planned for what our environment of support for these young people was.

I would like to take you into a small piece of their worlds for a moment...

You are 11 years of age, and the time has come when you have completed year 6 and primary school near where you live. Now everyone is telling you it is time to grow up. Are you ready? Are you packed? Can you handle what adults call 'Transition'? The days are counting down to where you get on that small aircraft and leave family, home, community, friends and siblings, routine, food, culture, habits and hobbies, and your true sense of BELONGING. The ONE place you feel truly COMFORTABLE

in life. Now you enter AFLCYHB Boarding, live with other boys of all ages, from different communities and potentially states, not to mention Uncle Kane and his crazy antics and new rules for living. Then you have to navigate through a new school, much bigger than you are used to, with more students than there are people back home.

Term 1 – Leadership, Routine & Transition

Term 1 2022 AFLCYHB welcomed 14 young year 7s just like you. Whilst this sounds scary, our team and environment embraced the challenge and successfully worked through the transition experiences, i.e. homesickness etc. collectively led by our well-being and education teams the young people were able to successfully work through their first 100 days. We introduced more staff to our education team with more tutors coming on board to support in schools. This assisted in enabling all 14 year 7's making it through the first 2 terms which was a credit to all involved but mostly the young people themselves. We also had a potentially strong senior group in 2022 so we concentrated on developing leadership

skills and full house feeling of community and togetherness. We held our annual Term 1 Leadership Camp at Mungalli Falls, which encouraged engagement, teamwork and leadership. Out of this our Leadership Group was formed with Johoiakim Kawangka (House Captain), Rusia Bann & Walter Satrick (Deputy Captains), Romin Dean, Steven Gilbert Kean, Kai Koomeeta and Chase Loogatha being selected by fellow young people and staff to lead the house for 2022.

Term 2 – Cultural Engagement & Attendance

This term saw the young people return with a sense of excitement of the back of a successful term 1 of school and boarding engagement. Our team of staff had worked hard to create a calm environment of support which seemed to encourage the young people to return to a place where they not just needed but wanted to be. Term 2 also was the opening of the Cairns Junior AFL Season and this year we had 3 Eagles teams entered into the local competition with the U16 Boys, U14 Boys and for the first time an U12 boys in Division 2. For the U12's this was a new experience which provided key learning

and most of all the notion of just having a go at something new. For our education team Term 2 focus was on attendance and engagement and pushing boundaries around achievement. We held a boarding camp on Fitzroy Island which was a great experience and focused on getting out of boarding and returning to home life for a weekend. We introduced our new cultural program initiatives specifically the Dance Program and a wellbeing initiative in the Music Program. Rushon George is a year 9 man from Rossville, Cape York, who in Term 1 was severely at risk due to no purpose but this term he smiled each day as he got off the bus as he grabbed the key to the music room to jam. This calmed his thoughts and created a sense of purpose. Goes alright on the guitar and mic too just quietly.

Term 3 – Encourage the positive narrative and challenge the status quo

The third term started well with the young men returning from holidays refreshed and ready to get started. However, it became quite challenging as the term progressed. High expectations within school, and boarding life brought challenging moments to everyone at AFLCYHB.



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However, the positive was that we experienced a show of resilience within our environment and were able to deliver the support required for our young people. Key events including the AFL Cape York House Foundation Function at the AFL in Melbourne was treated to a select group of Torres Strait Island and Aboriginal Dancers from AFL Cape York House performing in front of 450+ guests. The Life Experience of this event for our young people and staff was so immense that they have come back to boarding with an intense drive for more. We were able to send a group of young men away for the Chris Johnson Cup in Bamaga NPA, for the first time since COVID. This was great reward to those who were selected and gave opportunity to Rushon George, Masie Mosby, Jermaine Ahmat and Steven Gilbert-Kean to represent the house at the Flying Boomerangs Camp. With Rushon George and Masie Mosby going on to be selected in the Flying Boomerangs to play in Melbourne. Our Eagles teams continued on in the season with Finals representation and our U12's team winning the U12 Division 2 Grand Final. The experience showed them the opportunities of life experience that boarding provides.

Term 4 - Fun Celebration & School Achievement

Term 4 is still on the go as I write this, however it has been a jam packed term already with key events like our Stand Up Against Stand Up Against Domestic & Family Violence High Tea which was the best one yet. Our young men not only engaged but shone and presented a proud, strong and responsible cohort of young men. Our Rio Tinto Industry Tour was another success, and finally our AFLCYH Awards & Graduation Night which was another amazing event at AFLCYHB, where we celebrated significant achievements of our young people. Our Cultural Program took a major step up with Bernard Singleton conducting Woomera Workshops and Spear Making through Term 4, assisting with our young people's sense of identity, and we wave 'see you later' to our three graduates Jimmy, Johoiakim and Romin but look forward to welcoming our new faces in 2023 for another big year in Boarding.

Our Graduates: Jimmy Lifu - New Mapoon
| Romin Dean - Lockhart River
| Johoiakim Kawangka - Aurukun





Like all relationships, there have been ups and downs, but you have made it to the final step in your progression towards your future pathways. Jimmy at times we struggled to know where you were heading however you are an important reminder that this place is here for the individuals needs NOT those of others. Romin for an at times shy introvert, you are taking a massive leap of faith. We are excited to see where you end up after Adelaide. To our House Captain, Johoiakim, our first graduate from Aurukun, you have worked extremely hard and your engagement and contribution to AFLCYHB is extremely significant. You are a role model for those who come after you that anything is possible. With multiple pathway options open, we encourage you to follow your dreams.

To our committed team at AFLCYHB, I would like to thank you for your passion, energy and empathy across 2022. This environment cannot operate without your sustained effort and continuing to turn up aiming to be a young person's champion.

Lastly, to our young people, thank you for your persistence and resilience across 2022. At times Boarding, School and Life can get hectic and crazy busy here in Cairns. You continue to listen and work with our staff to strive for a future you choose. You are why we do what we do and we at AFLCYHB are inspired by the opportunities that are in front of you. We are only a small part of your worlds but we continue to turn up and try our best each day to support you.



GIRLS HOUSE BOARDING LIFE

Boarding Life Report

Written by Sean Hunter,
AFL Cape York House – Boarding Manager for Girls

2022 was another BIG YEAR in Boarding, not only for our Young People but Staff as well. AFL Cape York House – for Girls (AFLCYHG) was again at FULL CAPACITY. Full of Young Girls wanting to LIVE, LEARN & GROW in an environment enriched with Opportunities, Positivity and Support.

AFLCYHG is a place of stability and consistency for our young people. We had 81% of our 2021 cohort RETURN (back into Boarding for 2022), whilst excitedly in 2022, we welcomed 14 NEW Enrolments, seven (7) of which were Y7 Students; first timers in High School.

Of the 45 Young People that live at AFLCYHG, we have twenty-two communities represented; North of Cairns. THIS YEAR; AFLCYHG had nine (9) Y12 Students Graduate; which is the BIGGEST cohort we have had since we opened in 2019. Lency, Margie, Lythia, Tanayah and Layleen were all here when we opened in January 2019; without these girls – the place is certainly going to feel different.

In 2022 we continued the PEER LEADERSHIP tradition of appointing House Captains & Leaders to help create an ENVIRONMENT that allows ALL Young People to be:

PROUD | UNITED | COMMITTED | SUCCESSFUL

John Maxwell once wrote, “A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way” – and this year our CAPTAINS & LEADERS were described (by Peers & Staff):

POSITIVE, ROLE MODELS, RESPONSIBLE, CARING, APPROACHABLE, TRUSTWORTHY, SUPPORTIVE, DRIVEN & RESPECTFUL.





AFLCYHG 2022 HOUSE CAPTAINS:

- **Lythia MAROU** (Year 12, Cairns SHS) - from Murray Island
- **Yehusha LIFU** (Year 11, SchoolTech, TAFE) - from New Mapoon

AFLCYHG 2022 HOUSE LEADERS:

- **Lency ASSE** (Year 12, Trinity Bay SHS) - from Badu Island
- **Margie DAU** (Year 12, St Andrews CC) - from Horn Island
- **Tanayah MOSBY** (Year 12, Shoreline/JIME Program) - from Darnley Island
- **Layleen SCHOLES** (Year 12, Redlynch SC) - from Mornington Island
- **Shavinta BANN** (Year 10, St Mary's CC) - from Thursday Island
- **Marrell LUI** (Year 8, St Andrews CC) - from Yam Island



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In 2022, our STAFFING was the strongest it's ever been; we had over 45 Staff focused on providing a program that nurtures, guides and grows our young people to be who they want to be and do what they want to do and grow older positively. Our staff pass down plenty of lived and learned experiences that create conversations, memories, opportunities and pathways. Our program here in Boarding is centred around the young person and is holistic, rather than singularly academia focused. AFLCYHG provided nearly 40,000 hours of operational support; inclusive of Health & Wellbeing, Management/Leadership, Domestic & Careers & Pathway Planning; all in the hope to continue to provide positive options for students to engage in. To all of our staff - THANK YOU for all you do; for the Young People and each other.

We had some really positive results in the EDUCATION space, led by Aunty Megan and her team of Tutors/Mentors. We had 84% of our cohort assessable in Literacy and Numeracy achievements which is a direct result of our Young People's willingness to ATTEND & ENGAGE at school. AFLCYHG held a strong 82% school attendance measure for available days to attend with 15% explained absences. AFLCYHG committed over 4700 hours of Tuition Support allocated in 2022; to assist with

Curriculum-Aligned Support, One-on-One Mentoring and maintaining high levels of school engagement. This, along with our young people's desire to IMPROVE; saw 81% of Students achieve minimum passing standards in Literacy, whilst 56% were meeting minimum Numeracy Standards; relevant to their cohorts. Over 60% of our cohort maintained or improved their Literacy & Numeracy grades, in comparison to 2021 records. AS AN ENTIRE COHORT: 57% of Students average a C-Grade in English & Maths, with 22% holding a B-Grade and 8% with A-Grades. What this tells us is that "nothing is impossible to those who try."

Aunty Lu & Aunty Chantelle spent the entire 2022 year actively engaging in daily supports and life skills to better our Young People's WELLBEING. With over 350 medical or allied health appointments, 40+ hours of Cultural & Spiritual Support, 30+ hours of Education Workshops - externally facilitated; specific to Lifestyle Choices & Behaviours - we consistently created positive opportunities to learn and make healthier choices in our Young People's developing lives. It is never easy, but Aunty Lu & Chantelle always persisted to get the best outcomes and services for our Young People.

AFLCYHG role in CAREERS & PATHWAYS is to open as many doors as possible for our Young People to try, listen, learn, like and want to choose. Although Aunty Helen has moved on from AFLCYHG, we extend a sincere thank you for all her work in creating partnerships, relationships and connections for our Program. In 2022 AFLCYHG has facilitated nearly 100 days of Careers, Transition and Pathway Development; through Work Placements or Employment Opportunities; both in Cairns and within our Communities. To be ready for work or job opportunities, you need to understand purpose and outcomes; so in 2022, AFLCYHG created over 75+ hours of Leadership, Empowerment and Personal Development Opportunities for Students – to ensure when their time comes – they are ready to take their chosen pathway!

Within BOARDING our Program was FILLED with FUN EXPERIENCES. Anything from: Cultural/Leadership Camps, Road Trips to Townsville (to watch the Cowboys), Fitzroy Island, Melbourne, Weipa, Bamaga, Freshwater and Saltwater Swimming, Fishing, Hunting, Youth Group Nights, Discos, Movies, BBQ's, Rock Climbing, Tourist Activities, Laser Tag, Ice Skating and Shopping; you name it – we did it. All of our Boarding Activities are to REWARD HARD WORK and PROMOTE POSITIVE CHOICES. We hope that through all the activities we did, the Young People created memories and friendships. We hope they tried new experiences, found new passions, became closer with one another and realised that their fun was due to their effort, attitude and engagement at school. We live with consistent rules, routines, responsibilities and expectations to create familiarisation, accountability but empowerment; so that when life starts outside of School/Boarding; they are ready. What we do TODAY affects how we behave TOMORROW!

2022 was a BIG YEAR. A year that we hope have created lasting memories, plenty of rewarding activities and a journey that has provided direction, purpose and enjoyment. We bid FAREWELL to Lency, Margie, Lythia, Natahlia, Tanayah, Tamara, Layleen, Kathy and Bianca. From ALL OF US at AFLCYHG; we wish you the best in life's new adventures as an adult. Thank you for everything you have contributed to our Program and Environment.

2023 shapes to be another FUN & EXCITING year for AFLCYHG. We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable time with Family and in Community over the Christmas Holidays. Use the break as a chance to reflect, remember and recharge for 2023.

For the last time in 2022:

Cheers, Sean



BOYS HOUSE WELLBEING

Wellbeing Report

Written by Tristine Lear, Gladys Atkins,
AFL Cape York House – for Boys

2022 has been a great year at the Boys house, with some return to normalcy after the past 2 years of COVID restrictions. All Boys returning to AFLCYH settled in well and our year 7's took to boarding with minimal issues with the older boys showing them the ropes and helping out with homesickness and routine. It wasn't long before the juniors took over in being amazing with routine, readiness for school, and sometimes even showing the seniors up.

Term 1 had some hiccups with sickness and young people having to isolate. The boys, families and staff all handled this well, with regular communication with families and arranging ways for young people to stay healthy mentally and physically. QLD Health guidelines were closely monitored and adhered to in a regularly changing environment.

At the end of Term 1, I (TJ) returned to work at the Boys House after travelling for a year around Australia. I am so lucky to be able to return to the Boys House, to be able to work with such amazing young people, families and staff. It has been great to be back and working with the boys, staff and schools to ensure Wellbeing needs are being met and that the boys feel happy, safe, and supported whilst living away from their families.

Throughout the year the focus for the year has been to support the boys' Wellbeing holistically; addressing areas such as physical health, mental health, family involvement, developing a supportive community, and connection to culture.





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Wellbeing is everyone's responsibility and staff have been supporting the young people in a multitude of ways to ensure they feel comfortable, safe, happy and well supported within the boarding environment.

It is important for our young people to be physically well, with regular check-ups, to engage well in their education. Aunty Gladys has been excellent at ensuring that all boys have had their yearly scheduled 715 Indigenous Health Checks and dental check-ups. Every time a young person is unwell, or has an injury, Aunty Gladys has arranged appropriate medical treatment and ensured families of young people are kept in the loop in regards to their student's health. We even had students from JCU dental come to the house to teach the boys about good dental hygiene in an interactive session.

The boys have had opportunities to engage in multiple avenues of fitness throughout the year which supports them physically and mentally. The Boys House is lucky to have our own AFL teams and because of this, regular fitness/training throughout Terms 1 – 3. To complement AFL, and also for those boys who don't play AFL, Uncle Brendan has been amazing at engaging our young people in the Deadly Runners program; with running often being compared to meditation in regards to benefits for people's mental wellbeing and resilience.

The boys have also attended regular classes in Term 3 in a Boxing program at Redlynch Boxing Fitness, which has taught discipline and respect as well as being excellent for fitness.

Further to activities at the house, the boys have ongoing access to support through the Wellbeing team to learn how to handle stress, build resilience and assist with understanding their emotions and explore different coping mechanisms. This has been achieved through multiple ways such as regular walks in a park or at the beach as time out, going for a cruise, and one on one time to provide support for the boys.

There is always space with the Wellbeing team for the boys to relax, engage in art, or just come for a yarn after a day at school.

It has been an excellent year, with staff from all areas of boarding stepping up to provide support to the boys at boarding to engage in education, and support with all avenues of wellbeing.



GIRLS HOUSE WELLBEING

Wellbeing Report

Written by Luana Healey, Chantelle McAlonan
AFL Cape York House – Wellbeing Coordinator
& Student Support Officer for Girls

2022 was an extremely positive year for our young people and their wellbeing. As we know if we can invest in our health and wellbeing from a younger age, we can grow with good habits and routines as we get older. Our young people have really grasped the idea of health and wellbeing and are at the forefront of ensuring they are fit and healthy.

We have had many young people access support through medical and dental appointments, and further support through either physiotherapy or counselling. This initiative highlights what strong young females we have in our space.

Throughout the year AFL Cape York has engaged with many external services, building on existing relationships and even creating new ones. Health and Medical Services accessed this year include;

- Wuchopperen; for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health checks, general medical support and Rheumatic Heart Disease support around injections and education
- JCU Dental Team; Dental education around upkeep of good oral hygiene and opportunity to make individual mouthguards
- Apunipima; for sexual health education age specific (senior cohort sessions)
- Headspace; providing positive mental health education and awareness
- Mental Health and Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Service; education around substance use/misuse age specific
- Perfect Teeth - for supporting our young people with their dental work and treatment plans
- Redlynch Medical Centre - for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health checks and general medical support



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AFL Cape York House for Girls has also had the opportunity to collaborate with Firesticks Alliance to ensure our young people were engaged in Cultural activities/camps/learnings. Siobhan Singleton has been instrumental in developing sessions that are hands on and practical for our young women and can be practised in everyday life. One session included a bush food and medicine yarn and share and the other was a day out on Koah Country.

AFL Cape York House for Girls were also fortunate enough to engage in a ceramics art workshop with Susan Reys from Kgari 3 Sisters Art Gallery in Cairns.

Throughout the year our young people engaged in many activities including, visiting Yarrabah again for a Camp on country, spent time on the weekends fishing and swimming at the beach/creeks, participating and strengthening dance troupes through cultural dance practice and performances and being a

part of smoking ceremonies and blessings of the AFL Cape York House for Girls. A special thank you also goes to Aunty Elsjia for putting in her time to educate our junior cohort on puberty, friendships and relationships. We look forward to future education sessions with the Aunties.

We express our most sincere gratitude to all of the services and staff who have invested and given their time, effort and support to our young people. We thank you for being flexible, working with our team and young people, and having the patience needed at times. We look forward to engaging with you all again in 2023.

To you girls- thank you from Aunty Chantelle and Aunty Lu for being amazing. Together we have conquered another year. We look forward to seeing you all back next year. Enjoy your Christmas break and most importantly time with family/friends and on country/community.





BOYS HOUSE EDUCATION

Education Letter

Written by Amanda Black,
AFL Cape York House Teacher – Boys House



2022 has been one of our biggest years yet and has presented its own unique sets of challenges for us here on the Education Team. This is also the year that we have grown the most, adding more and more capable and dedicated members to our team. This year, we have had our largest intake of Junior students in quite some time. As the number of kids grows, so does the variety of needs and demand for extra support. We have been very lucky and grateful for our new members who have been helping to support all the students in boarding here at AFL Cape York Boys House, helping to strengthen not only the education and learning skills, but a lot of their life skills as well. We currently have 12 staff recruited to help support the education of our boys here at AFL Cape York House and we would like to thank them for their continued efforts in supporting the boys.

One of the most challenging times this year was around the end of Term 1, when the threat of COVID-19 was on the rise again. Schools were getting more and

more cases reported, so we made a decision to keep the boys in house. This decision was made to ensure that our boys would stay safe, protected, and fit enough to travel home.

This meant that we had to organise activities all day for the boys as well as setting up times to complete assessment and homework before they leave for home. This week was a test of the determination for both students and staff.

One particular student had to complete about 4 assessments in that week alone. This student worked hard in that week, making sure to complete it all to the best of his ability. At the end of the week the boys were rewarded with a movie where they were given the whole theatre to themselves. That way the boys could do one more fun activity outside of the house while keeping safe.

Not only did we grow in staff capacity, but support from others has also grown. We have obtained some more Infinity brand laptops for our boys to utilise for school



work and assessments. We would like to especially thank “Uncle Niven”, who has kindly volunteered and invested many hours into supporting our young boys’ education. He has also assisted AFL Cape York House in securing some amazing new suits for our boys. We would also like to thank our partner schools for giving our boys the opportunity to further their education. We would like also to thank Clontarf for supporting our boys in their respective schools; without all the support from all these amazing people, our boys would find school a lot more difficult than they already do.

In fact, I would like to share a memory that demonstrates just one example of success that our boys experience through their education while in boarding. One day, two students suddenly called our Boarding Manager during school hours, which was an unusual behaviour from these boys. Come to find out, they had done their Math exam the week before and had just gotten their result.

Both had achieved amazing results and were clearly ecstatic, they couldn’t wait till the afternoon to share the news so they decided to call.

Lastly this is the year we will have to say goodbye to 3 of our seniors, Jimmy Lifu, Johoiakim Kawangka and Romin Dean. Both Jimmy and Johoiakim began with us in Year 8 and Romin in Year 7. These boys have spent a long time boarding with us and they all have come a long way in their journey and should be proud of what they’ve done. We wish nothing but the best to all these boys and are proud of the amazing young men they have become.



GIRLS HOUSE EDUCATION

Education Letter

Written by Megan Hooper,
AFL Cape York House Teacher – Girls House

2022; a year that has seen normalcy return to our education routines. Although 2022 started with Covid delaying our return to school and often placing us into isolation, it didn't faze our young people, many who returned early for home learning and persisted with study independently whilst in isolation. As we've been consistent in following the before school, during school and after school routines, this year has flown by with plenty of achievements and celebrations in the education space.

Both our Junior and Senior cohorts have continued to be offered study sessions twice a week and are rewarded for their efforts in attending and embracing the opportunity to improve their learning. This year some of the reward highlights have included Rock Climbing, Cairns Circa Show, Ice Cream on the Esplanade, Restaurant Visits and Gift Cards. Congratulations goes to the young people who engage with this support and have seen the benefits through improved knowledge, confidence, skills and grades.

One of the important skills to learn as a young person is how to make time for everything; school, friends, tik tok, sport, dance, family, yourself, play, study, work, exercise, water and sleep. Luckily for our girls, a strength of AFLCY Girls is the routines and staff; both these things ensure that our young people have access to it all if they choose to take up the opportunity. Well done to those girls that have seized the opportunity to learn, do and be more; it's especially exciting as we see this positive attitude from a lot of our junior girls.

Our Year 11 and 12 girls got into some Sunday study to ensure they were on top of their to do list and prepared for a smooth week come Monday. Year 12's really saw the benefit in this as they gave themselves time to hand in drafts early and get teacher feedback to improve. The result of their efforts was a few A's on their final assessments, which they should be proud of.





With nine year 12's graduating this year and 90% finishing school with their Queensland Certificate of Education we are extremely proud of their dedication and positive role modelling to our younger cohort, their families and community. We want to give the biggest thanks for the extra time spent and dedication of all teachers and our mentors that have worked closely with our girls to guide them to make great choices to succeed.

Thank you to all our key contacts in our partner schools who make the education journey smooth at AFLCYGH, thank you for your communication, dedication, flexibility, understanding and the fun that you show our girls. Enjoy a well-deserved holiday!

Lastly to our girls, school isn't about the piece of paper, this high school journey you are on or have just finished is about helping you understand the world, how to challenge the status quo, make improvements, understand bias, differentiate between true and false. Education helps give you purpose and credibility and it doesn't stop after high school. Keep listening, questioning, talking, looking, reading and researching.

Thanks for a brilliant 2022, from all the aunties in the education team.



CAREERS AND TRANSITIONS BOYS HOUSE

Careers and Transitions

Written by Peter Cushway,
AFL Cape York House Careers and Transition Coordinator
- Boys House

In 2023 we had three Year 12 students - Romin, Johoiakim and Jimmy.

Romin from Lockhart has successfully auditioned for a place in the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM) at the University of Adelaide. This is an amazing achievement for Romin and will see him relocate to Adelaide in 2023 staying with IYMP.

Johoiakim from Aurukun has completed his Assessment Day for Defence Force Recruitment and is well on the pathway to becoming an Artillery Operator in the ADF in 2023. This is a career Johoiakim has been working towards for a number of years now and it is pleasing to see that he will become a great role model for his community.

Jimmy from New Mapoon has built a solid relationship with Rio Tinto over the past two years and is working towards an apprenticeship with Rio in 2023. He has been in close contact with a number of mentors from Rio Tinto who have been influential in guiding him through the pathway to employment.

We have welcomed some new business relationships in 2022 with some great local businesses offering placements and training opportunities for our young men. We would like to thank Norweld, ACE Electrical, Half Moon Bay Golf Club, Reid Motors and Pacific Hino for their support and training opportunities in 2022.

Our Learn to Drive Program continues to be a success with all eight of our young men working through their 100 Learner Hours and Johoiakim successfully passing his P's driving test. Licencing is a crucial requirement for employers and we would like to thank Richard from Teach You 2 Drive for all his help (and patience) in preparing our boys for their driving tests.

Congratulations to our Year 12 graduates. It is rewarding to see each one of our young men departing AFL Cape York House with a solid career pathway ahead of them.



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idiom: to do something that will be remembered;
that influences the course of history for you or the world.

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CAREERS AND TRANSITIONS GIRLS HOUSE

Adapting and Achieving

Written by Helen Carter
AFL Cape York House Careers and Transition Coordinator
– Girls House

From two year 12 students to nine in 2022; It's been a mammoth year for the biggest graduating cohort in AFL Cape York House For Girls' history.

In the first half of the year our juniors enjoyed a visit from Queensland Ambulance Service Indigenous Recruitment Unit who gave them a look into the life of some of the Paramedic workers they see in their own communities. While our seniors got a taste of University life with a tour of JCU and its Science, Nursing and Social Science faculties as well as their onsite accommodation, lecture rooms and Indigenous Support Unit. They also attended a site tour of Hilton Cairns and Mondo's on the Waterfront, where they were put through their paces with mock interviews. Our girls also experienced speed interviewing with Crystalbrook. Looking ahead, they were introduced to the team from IYMP and Gavin from Tenancy Skills to explore their options for

living in Cairns after graduating, either for work or further study.

The second half of the year would see our seniors travel to Weipa to experience Rio Tinto's Amrun site for a two day site tour and industry talk - a first for our girls house cohort. We also welcomed a partnership between girls and boys houses and Cairns City Council to further assist and facilitate for our girls and boys experience and training which they can take home to community.

Our seniors chased their self-determined individual pursuits of a successful life outside of boarding. For our grade 11's the importance of licences and first jobs gained momentum with 4/5 having learners licences and Hilda Kellermeier and Edna-Grey Muhamad getting their first taste of the workforce with casual retail jobs. Tahlia Kerindun completed two weeks of Land and Sea Management work experience with Rio Tinto. Yehusha Lifu continued to back herself, completing



YAKAL. (pandanus)

A traditional word spoken locally in the Cairns region. The Pandanus plant and its importance in cultural practices for north Queensland. Collected young and prepared for use in weaving, binding and traditional adornment. Yakal connects the creatives in this space through family lines, cultural ties, traditional practices and the sharing of traditional knowledge.



her first year of work experience and her Engineering Pathways Certificate with Penske while Moesha Marama has been successful with an application to start her Certificate II in Plumbing whilst also applying herself with her driving to make sure she can finish 2023 as strong as she started with AFL Cape York in 2022.

Our headliners for the year though, are undoubtedly our incredible year 12 graduates. Lency Asse became the first girl in house history to have her Provisional Licence! In 2023, She will go on to have a permanent part time traineeship position with Sunshine Daycare as an early childhood educator. Margaret Dau, Tamara Piva and Natahlia Mosby have all been accepted into the Navy with early 2023 enlistments. Tanayah Mosby will join 2021 alumni Seaniqua Unwin in the Navy's NIDP program in Cairns. Kathy Wymarra will continue on with her hospitality role which she secured earlier in the year. Bianca Yam and Layleen Scholes will return to Kowanyama and Mornington Island to work with family for the rest of their year 13 journey. Finally, Lythia Marou, upon the completion of her Certificate III in Early Childhood Education this year will join our other 2021 alumni, Latisha Tamwoy, working fly in - fly out with Rio Tinto at their Cape Kids Daycare!

Despite the natural challenges and hurdles, the foundations have now been set for a productive, successful and proud group of graduating young women at AFL Cape York House for Girls and it has been an absolute pleasure to watch them grow and come into their own. I wish them nothing but greatness and happiness on the next steps of their journey!



GROOTE TRANSITION EYLANDT PROGRAM

An Insight into our Program

Written by Jamie Candler, Program Manager
AFLCYHF Groote Eylandt Transition Program



What a whirlwind 2022 has been so far! The Groote Eylandt Program has continued on the back of a really strong finish to 2021 with the growth of the young people that represent the Anindilyakwa people of the Groote Eylandt Archipelago being immense in nature.

The growth of student numbers from the previous year has been solidified this year with the focus being on maintaining a core group of students within the confines of the AFL Cape York House family.

As with all of our students who make the decision to leave their home communities to live at AFL Cape York House the level of resilience shown by the young men and women who make up the cohort of the Groote Eylandt is amazing. The statistics for a full year in boarding means that a young person who completes a full calendar year of boarding with us will roughly be away from the confines of their home communities for 280 days a year.

As expressed in the 2021 Yearbook the Groote Eylandt Program was designed as a holistic wrap around approach to guiding the young traditional owners of

the Groote Eylandt Archipelago to “walk in two worlds”. This journey requires the young people to navigate the complexities of the modern societal landscape whilst continuing to carry the age-old customs and traditions of their country, people, language, stories and dreaming.

It is safe to say that the young people from Groote Eylandt that we are so fortunate to work with, have very much established their pathway in these two worlds. Individually and collectively the young people have developed new connections within their boarding lives as well as finding purpose and passion within their educational lives. The excitement of the students within their academic lives has been palpable with the level of progression being shown by their academic results throughout 2022.

This progression has been aided by the fantastic relationship that AFL Cape York House has been able to develop with Tropical North Learning Academy – Smithfield State High School. The strength-based approach to education adopted by the EALD



(English As An Additional Language/ Dialect) teachers recognises that for many of our students English may be their 2nd/3rd language. This recognition fosters an environment where the student is encouraged to utilise the skills and/or strengths they already possess to tackle any knowledge gaps that may exist within their prior learning. As an organization we are incredibly thankful for the staff that make up this program and look forward to developing this relationship further with the addition of more students from the Groote Eylandt Archipelago in 2023 and beyond.

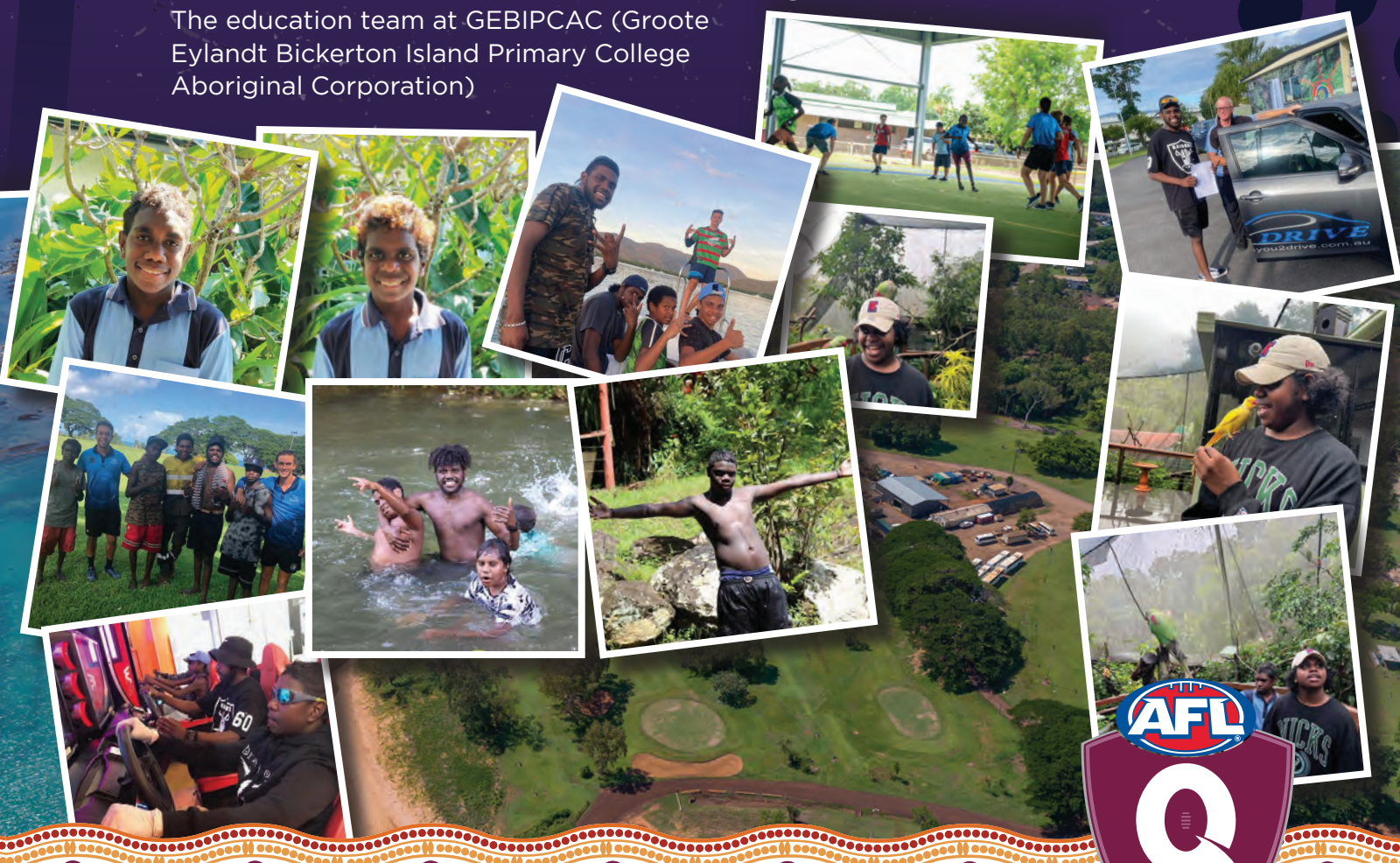
As with the nature of what we are trying to achieve within the wider organisation of AFL Cape York House – we firmly believe in the saying that it ‘takes a village to raise a child’. We are only the strength of those that we surround ourselves with and the Groote Eylandt Program is fortunate to have a significant number of stakeholders that play an important role in our young people’s lives.

The education team at GEBIPCAC (Groote Eylandt Bickerton Island Primary College Aboriginal Corporation)

lead by Josie Skelton and her team of traditional owner elders have provided an excellent sounding board of two-way communication – keeping our young people’s families and communities updated and involved in their journey at AFL Cape York House.

This support has been exemplified by our other major stakeholders on Groote Eylandt – GEMCO South32 who offered one of our Groote Eylandt alumni (Brayden Mamarika) a full-time apprenticeship opportunity for 2022 and beyond. The flexibility and support shown by Indigenous Participation Coordinator Simon Hartley and his team has been amazing as they have helped Brayden and his family navigate the transition from boarding to full-time employment.

We are excited to see the large cohort of students that we have continue to grow and experience the myriad of fantastic opportunities that life within the confines of the AFL Cape York Groote Eylandt Program have to offer.



LIFE EXPERIENCES

Learning through Life Experience

Written by Sean Hunter & Kane Richter
AFL Cape York House Boarding Managers

Life Experience is a key ingredient into the environment at AFL Cape York House both Boys and Girls. The term Life Experience is:

“An experience or set of experiences, positive or negative, that changes an individual. This is associated with hardships, problems, risk taking, effort, successes, fear and originality whereby individuals are given opportunity to stretch themselves to improve their character, talents and knowledge in becoming the person they will be.”

At AFL Cape York House – Boys and Girls we believe that learning is not just in the classroom. Here in boarding we can support our young people’s education however we cannot control the school environment. What we can drive though is,

providing an environment centred on life experience where life learning can occur regularly. This is through boarding routines, relationships, camps, careers and transition activities, St Kilda Football Club visit, Taipans basketball games, creek swims, maybe a dinner at a restaurant, a ride to school in a nice car, learning to drive, or as simple as a yarn or story time with an uncle or aunty about life itself.

These activities are not just planned, organised and conducted for participation purposes only, our staff work hard to ensure that learning takes place through reflective thinking and debriefing conversations. This allows our young people to learn through experience.





It was another great year in boarding for our young people. Our staff in boarding worked hard to develop the environment of life experience. Both houses coordinated activities throughout the year to give our young people the opportunity to build and maintain strong and healthy relationships with our partner schools, and other stakeholders within the community of Cairns.

Sporting, cultural and reward activities have really helped our young people get through each term of 2022, with the opportunity to play sports in the wider community of Cairns, participate and showcase culture through cultural dancing at NAIDOC celebrations and other significant events in various schools and locations around Cairns. These opportunities not only kept our young people busy, but allowed them to be engaged with what they love and enjoy – playing sports & doing cultural dance to help them stay connected with culture, family and community.

For us; our young people have the right to learn in a fun, safe and supportive environment. It is about creating a place where our young people want to come, want to be and want to stay. In essence the longer they stay with us the more life experience they will gain, further enriching their lives so they can draw on this learning in the future.





CULTURAL PAGE

BOYS HOUSE

Spiritual Connection Program

Written by Bernard Singleton, Anthony Satrick
AFL Cape York House Cultural Support & Boarding Coordinator

This year our students have been fortunate to have our cultural leaders/inspirators provide some great support over the year in providing ancient cultural knowledge on campus through song, dance, language and learning based activities.

Our keepers of knowledge (leaders/inspirators) Uncle Phillip Billy, Bernie Singleton Jnr and Tobias Fatnowna have led our cultural program in 2022.

The AFLCYH Dance Team along with our inspirators could not have developed into professional world class performers without the consistency in cultural leadership of our community volunteers Leroy Mosby, Patrick Vangendenbroek and McFarlane Warriá.

Our AFLCYH Dance Team with the support of all these amazing cultural leaders have been choreographing new dances which have led to sharing our culture across 8 partner schools, 3 private schools and performed at private weddings and birthday functions.

A significant highlight for the dance team was performing for St Kilda Football Club during their visit to Cairns during the captains run and being invited to perform in Melbourne at the Essendon Football Club.

Over the past 3 terms our students have attended leadership camps at Mungalli Falls and Fitzroy Island and have engaged in cultural activities such as zazi making, woomera & spear making, kup-murri preparations, ukul hunting, crabbing and fishing.

The students' pride, confidence including their social and emotional wellbeing along with cultural safety have seen a smooth transition into boarding achieving academic success through our program delivery.

Term 4 has seen an introduction of Woomera (spear thrower) and spear making workshops which allows students to craft, learn and engage through the making of traditional hunting objects. Learning to design, shape and source and use materials allows the students to think creatively and practically while establishing safe practices working with their hands and many different tools. With the students' scheduling being centered around schooling and academic outcomes we see the cultural engagements, especially through dancing, woomera and spear making, as something that has drawn the boys together and helped ground them during boarding. Expanding from this into more on country activities/programs and cultural art & crafts we are building on their enthusiasm to work with their hands and keep creating and sharing with each other, community and families while strengthening connections to culture.



CULTURAL PAGE GIRLS HOUSE

Spiritual Connection Program

Written by Leadership Teamr - Girls House

The Cultural Program at the AFL Cape York House for Girls saw great engagement over 2022. We acknowledge that keeping connected to culture, family and community is of great importance and therefore is an important component within Boarding. We have been fortunate to connect and engage with knowledgeable and culturally strong people and activities to help keep our young people engaged and connected. Our Cultural programs have greatly contributed to the wellbeing, happiness and calmness of our students. It has also provided our young people the chance to share their love, pride and passion of their indigenous culture with others, keep connected to their families and communities, and showcase their culture through song and dance.

Throughout the year we have received multiple invitations to perform at school NAIDOC Celebrations in Cairns. Our young performers received positive and insightful comments for their performances, and had organisations/schools request performances. Collectively, the troupes performed at over ten events, with the AFLCY Foundation Function in Melbourne serving as our largest event, where our young people performed for 500 guests. Our senior performers represented our cohort at this function.

Additionally, we have held cultural events such as Cultural Camps in Yarrabah and Koah, where our young people have learned about various bush foods and bush medicines. This has made it possible for our young people (and staff) to reconnect to country and learn about the historical survival and way of life of Indigenous people. AFLCYHG invited external guests to lead cultural sessions and activities with our young people. The cultural activities/sessions have included bush medicine, bush tucker, traditional cooking, dancing, singing, weaving, and making cultural attires for use when doing cultural dance. Regular Smoking Ceremonies and Blessings of the House facility was incorporated into our routine over the year.

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to the AFLCYHG cultural events, activities, and camps. We appreciate you allowing our students to maintain ties to their families, communities, and culture while living away from home. We are grateful for the passion, dedication, knowledge, and support you have provided and shared with our young people throughout the year of 2022.



YEAR 12 GRADUATES AND AWARDS NIGHT

Our Night of Nights

Written by Sean Hunter & Kane Richter
AFL Cape York House – Boarding Managers

The 2022 Awards & Graduation Evening is our NIGHT OF NIGHTS; where we Celebrate, Acknowledge & Reward our Young People's efforts throughout 2022 in; Boarding, Leadership, Sporting, Cultural, Transition & Education.

The Awards Night is the most prestigious date on our Boarding calendar. The evening was held at AFL Cape York House – for Boys, with over 200 Guests in attendance.

On behalf of ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE we would like to thank all of the following who were in attendance:

- OUR STAFF; the Aunties & Uncles who care for the young people and create endless opportunities in a safe environment
- OUR PARTNER SCHOOLS; who allow our Boys & Girls to access Education away from our communities and help create Adult Pathways
- TO THE BUSINESS & SUPPORTERS of AFL Cape York; who invest, support and care about our Students & Programs
- OUR FAMILIES; who support their young people to be who they want to be and do what they want to do.

Both Houses would also like to acknowledge and say thank you for the support of those that could not be in attendance at the event.



Being a 'boarder' at AFLCYH's is something BIG and something that should be recognised and celebrated. A normal day includes anything from:

- consistently working on everyday life skills
- learning and absorbing knowledge in and out of classrooms
- connecting with and displaying culture with and/or around people
- pursuing extra-curricular activities, interests or hobbies
- creating friendship groups that create memories and opportunities for now, tomorrow and the future
- riding a rollercoaster of emotions; weekly, daily and/or even hourly
- leading and displaying leadership that enables others to follow, be guided or feel supported
- fulfilling rules, routines and responsibilities aimed to allow young people to live, learn and grow
- working with and alongside industry leaders or people to start carving your own pathways and identity
- and simply being a teenage living away from home in a new environment

THE LEFT is why we hold Awards Nights; to CELEBRATE special achievements across all aspects of our environment. Everyone's journey is unique and everyone shares different levels of success – so to all come together as one, is fitting.

From everyone at AFL Cape York; congratulations to all of our winners – you should all be extremely proud of your achievements. Not only have you done yourself proud, but you have made your school, your family and your community very proud. You represent a large group of people!

2022 was our biggest cohort of Graduates since both houses were established. To; Lency, Margie, Lythia, Natahlia, Tanayah, Tamara, Layleen, Kathy, Bianca, Romin, Johoiakim & Jimmy – CONGRATULATIONS. Thank you for your involvement, commitment and influence within our Program & Environment over the years. You have all matured so much since Day 1 of meeting you. Life will throw challenges at you, but remain positive, seek support from people you trust and understand that learning from a mistake is OK! Good luck in your future endeavours and remember, you will always be a part of the AFL Cape York Family!

As we close on our success for 2022, we look forward to the opportunities of 2023.



2022 AWARD WINNERS

CONTRIBUTION TO LIFE AT THE HOUSE

Girls House: Jesse-Ella Mosby, Year 7 from Yorke Island
Boys House: Brian Koko, Year 7 from Lockhart River

CAREERS & PATHWAYS AWARD

Girls House: Natahlia Mosby, Year 12 from Yorke Island
Boys House: Walter Satrick, Year 10 from Bamaga

SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR

Girls House: Margaret Dau, Year 12 from Horn Island
Boys House: Masie Mosby, Year 10 from Darnley Island

CULTURAL AWARD

Girls House: Yehusha Lifu, Year 11 - New Mapoon & Lency Asse, Year 12 - Badu Island
Boys House: Brian Koko, Year 7 from Lockhart River

ACADEMIC CONSISTENCY

Girls House: Rosabella Wasaga, Year 7 from Horn Island
Boys House: Jerome Holland, Year 7 from Mabuiag Island

ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT

Girls House: Shuntay Marpoondin, Year 9 from Aurukun
Boys House: Grayson Norman, Year 7 from Lockhart River

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Girls House: Mariah Lalara, Year 8 from Groote Eylandt
Boys House: Johoiakim Kawangka, Year 12 from Aurukun

LYTHALL FAMILY AWARD

Girls House: Natahlia Mosby, Year 12 from Yorke Island
Boys House: Rusia Bann, Year 11 from Thursday Island

2022 GRADUATES

GIRLS HOUSE:

Lency Asse
Margaret Dau
Lythia Marou
Natahlia Mosby
Tanayah Mosby
Tamara Piva
Layleen Scholes
Kathy Wymarra
Bianca Yam

BOYS HOUSE:

Romin Dean
Johoiakim Kawangka
Jimmy Lifu





OUR GRADUATES



ROMIN DEAN

FROM:

Lockhart River

SCHOOL:

Trinity Bay State High School

STARTED WITH AFLCYH IN:

July, 2018

CAREER & PATHWAY:

2023 Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music



JIMMY LIFU

FROM:

New Mapoon

SCHOOL:

Woree State High School

STARTED WITH AFLCYH IN:

May, 2019

CAREER & PATHWAY:

Land & Sea Management Program



JOHOIAKIM KAWANGKA

FROM:

Aurukun

SCHOOL:

Redlynch State College

STARTED WITH AFLCYH IN:

January, 2019

CAREER & PATHWAY:

2023 Australian Defence Force Recruiting



LENCY ASSE

FROM:

Badu Island

SCHOOL:

Trinity Bay State High School

STARTED WITH AFLCYH IN:

January, 2019

CAREER & PATHWAY:

Early Childhood Educator



KATHY WYMARRA

FROM:

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SCHOOL:

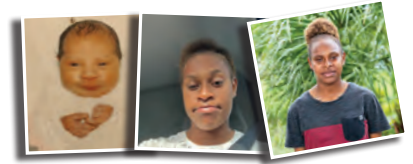
Redlynch State College

STARTED WITH AFLCYH IN:

May, 2021

CAREER & PATHWAY:

Early Childhood Educator, Cairns



NATAHLIA MOSBY

FROM:

Yorke Island

SCHOOL:

SchoolTech | Shoreline Program

STARTED WITH AFLCYH IN:

February, 2020

CAREER & PATHWAY:

2023 Navy Enlistment



LAYLEEN SCHOLES

FROM:

Mornington Island

SCHOOL:

Redlynch State College

STARTED WITH AFLCYH IN:

January, 2019

CAREER & PATHWAY:

Land & Sea Officer



MARGARET DAU

FROM:

Horn Island

SCHOOL:

St Andrews Catholic College

STARTED WITH AFLCYH IN:

January, 2019

CAREER & PATHWAY:

2023 Navy Enlistment



LYTHIA MAROU

FROM:

Murray Island

SCHOOL:

Cairns State High School

STARTED WITH AFLCYH IN:

January, 2019

CAREER & PATHWAY:

Early Childhood Traineeship



TANAYAH MOSBY

FROM:

Darnley Island

SCHOOL:

SchoolTech | Shoreline Program

STARTED WITH AFLCYH IN:

January, 2019

CAREER & PATHWAY:

2023 Navy Indigenous Defence Program



TAMARA PIVA

FROM:

Lockhart River

SCHOOL:

Cairns State High School

STARTED WITH AFLCYH IN:

October, 2020

CAREER & PATHWAY:

2023 Navy Indigenous Defence Program



BIANCA YAM

FROM:

Kowanyama

SCHOOL:

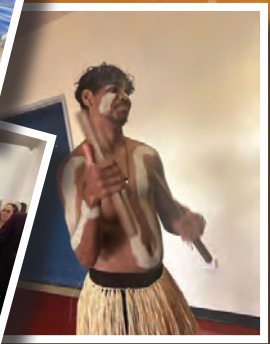
Redlynch State College

STARTED WITH AFLCYH IN:

July, 2019

CAREER & PATHWAY:

Indigenous Health Worker in Community





BOARDING ENVIRONMENT STAFF PASSION



Deadly Runners

Written by Brendan Larcombe & Megan Hooper
AFL Cape York House Staff

Hi, my name is Brendan and I work at AFLCYBH and I am one of the run leaders in Cairns Deadly Runners and Walkers. Cairns RAW is one of many volunteer running/walking groups around the country born out of the Indigenous Marathon Project started by Rob de Castella.

When I started working at AFL Cape York, I wanted to share my passion of running and educate the young people about the positive benefits mentally, physically and spiritually.

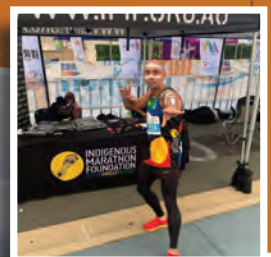
The year we began engaging our young people to attend our RAW group sessions and we have seen some amazing effort, growth and achievements.

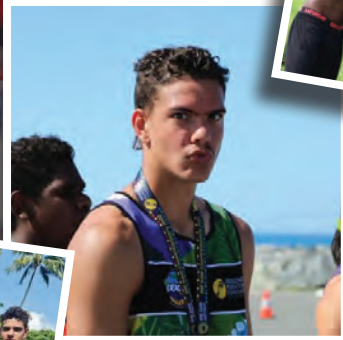
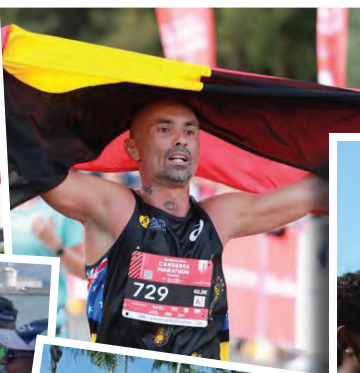
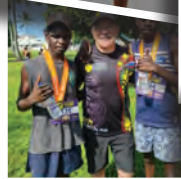
A few of our young people took a lot of motivating at first come to a session saying 'I can't run, that's not me'... Now we can't get them to stop on the track. It's been such a great learning experience for them, they've had to work hard and dig deep and now they know more about what they can do when they say yes, persist and have great support around them.

The group of young people engaged in our RAW group has grown to over 15 members from both the boys and girls house and for many of them is an integral part of their weekly routine, after a day in the classroom and then in study at the house it's been a beneficial way to release the pressure, get outdoors, be healthy and have fun.

We're extremely proud of the commitment they have all shown this year to receive their Deadly Runner Jerseys. These IMF jerseys cannot be bought they can only be earned through hard work, dedication, discipline and consistency. We look forward to 2023 and to see where their running journey will continue too.

Quotes from Coach Devicca: "The young people are going from strength to strength, they often just have the best mindset! I am so impressed and proud of their efforts and improvements. We have so much fun with them and they proper make my day".





EAGLES FOOTBALL CLUB

Eagles Report

Written by President Jake O'Halloran



2022 was a fantastic and successful year for the South 32 MIGHTY Cairns Eagles, with 5 teams entered into the AFL Cairns Junior Competition. 2022 was a special year as we introduced our inaugural U12's coached by Kane Richter, and they went on to win the Div2 Premiership.

Just like 2021, we had an excellent performance from all Eagles teams with 4 out of 5 teams making Finals. This is an amazing achievement for not only our players but all our officials and volunteers who helped throughout the year. The Cairns Eagles wouldn't have been successful without our volunteers, as unlike other clubs in Cairns, we don't have parental help; we rely on the amazing staff at AFL Cape York who help get these talented young athletes playing the great game of AFL.

As our Under 12 Div 2 team commenced this year we were unsure how they would go being so young, but wow aren't they talented young men! Kane had the boys so pumped before every game and the boys went through the season only losing one game. The boys played their little hearts out in the Grand Final and were awarded Premiers defeating Cairns Hawks 13.14 (92) to 0.1 (1) in very tough, wet conditions. We had numerous standouts this year with Jerome Holland receiving the League's Best and Fairest trophy for the Div 2 competition. Well done Under 12's on a successful but enjoyable season.

The Under 14 boys had a very tough, challenging but FUN year, coached by the one and only Jake "The Snake" O'Halloran. Unfortunately, the team wasn't able to make finals but they still improved week

after week. They were committed but most importantly they really enjoyed playing the game. The way the boys conducted themselves was impressive to see; their resilience was admirable. The boys ended up winning their last game of the AFL season defeating Cairns Hawks 8.10 (58) to 5.4 (34). So fantastic to see the boys' hard work and with the utmost determination to finish on such a high. Rushon George and Walter Satrick were among the best in the team's Best and Fairest count.

The Under 15 Girls were a very strong team throughout the 2022 season. This year was really special for the team, but more importantly for the football club, as we had an AFL Cape York Girls House student co-coach them. Iada Bowie (2021 Junior Coach of the Year) mentored one of our young proud and passionate students Yehusha Lifu to help coach the girls. Many of our girls had a fantastic year, including Nelly Anu (Best & Fairest) and Reyonce Bassani (B&F Runners Up). The girls unfortunately went down in the Preliminary Final by 1 point. Well done girls on an overall great season.

Under 16 Boys were unstoppable when they had their full team but unfortunately due to various reasons it was just very rare that they could get everyone on the field at once. Chris Ransom did an absolutely fantastic job with these boys; I can't praise Chris enough for his commitment and dedication to always wanting the best out of these young men. Another standout season from Steven Gilbert-Kean saw him take home the club Best & Fairest award for the Cairns Eagles. The boys were able to make finals but sadly got knocked out

in the semi-finals against Centrals Bulldogs 9.13 (67) to 13.8 (86). Well done to Chris and the boys on a positive season.

Finally, our Youth Girls team - what a year they had, coached by Super Coach Luana Healey. Luana did an amazing job with these young ladies; we had a few external new players join the Eagles including India Anu and T'Chiana Connolly, who not only boosted the team's talent but also the team's morale. The Youth Girls were full of talent but also character, which made it really enjoyable for Lu and the coaching staff. The girls had a rollercoaster year with a few hiccups with events/school holidays, but made it to the finals where they made it to the finals where they defeated North Cairns in the Qualifying Final, booking them a ticket in the big dance. We were nearly at full strength for this game and didn't the girls show it, defeating Cairns Saints 4.4 (28) to 1.2 (8) with Margie Dau dominating in her last ever game for the Eagles, winning the Best on Ground trophy.

We had several players take it to the next level with Representative Football. Hilda Kellermeier travelled down to the Gold Coast to compete in the U16 Girls 2022 Academy Series. We had 6 Cairns Eagles players in Malakye Franks, Masie Mosby, Rushon George, Steven Gilbert-Kean, Jermaine Ahmat & Nelly Anu who all got selected to participate in the AFLQ Diversity Championships held on the Sunshine Coast. Rushon George and Masie Mosby then got selected from there to represent the National Flying Boomerangs held in Melbourne, which is a fantastic achievement. Congratulations to all players who went on from club football to play rep footy.

All clubs run on volunteers and our Cairns Eagles are no different. We had numerous hands help out throughout the year, with anything as small as water carrier to as big as coaching. We were fortunate enough to get one of our own recognised in the AFL Cairns Awards. Our President Jake O'Halloran won the AFL Cairns Juniors Volunteer Award for 2022.

We held our Club Awards at the end of the season, where we introduced a new Award called the Young Club Person of the Year, which went to Yehusha Lifu. The professional way in which Yehusha conducted herself was hard to go past. She was a super determined and motivated person who did a wonderful job coaching her first year of football this year. Our 2022 Club Person of the Year was a three-way tie between Chris Ransom, Tiarna Ahwang & Iada Bowie. These three were hard to split, so as a club we had to recognise the fantastic work they all do for our club, week in, week out. Thank you all for your commitment and dedication in 2022.

The South 32 Eagles would like to thank everyone associated with the club in 2022. To all our sponsors, thank you for enabling us to keep providing opportunities for these amazing young people, helping them grow, learn and develop. We can't thank you enough for all the continued support for our club. Finally, to all players, volunteers and officials, well done on a successful but most importantly FUN season. See you next year!

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GAME DEVELOPMENT

Game Development Report

Written by Kieran Sciberras & Matt Mellahn
AFL Cape York Game Development Team

In 2022 the Game Development space was set up a bit differently to previous years with Development Coordinator Kieran Sciberras making a move to the far north and setting himself up in Bamaga with his partner, Michelle.

This move allowed Kieran to service the NPA and Torres Strait region whilst immersing himself in community, which enabled him to work closely with young people, community members and local stakeholders on a more consistent basis. This included running AFL programs across 15 islands (16 communities) in the Torres Strait. Kieran was also able to attend more community events including the NPA Show, Dan Ropeyarn Cup and the NPA Cultural Festival – where AFL Cape York was able to set up an information stall promoting our programs. This year also saw the introduction of a school and staff ‘containers for change’ recycling program – with all proceeds going towards AFL programs across the region – including the sponsoring of three high-school students in the compass club 7km and 21km running events!

On top of our annual Crusader Cups in Cooktown, Weipa and Thursday Island we added some new initiatives to our program introducing the Mitchell River Cup which saw Pormpuraaw and Kowanyama go head to head in Pormpuraaw, while Lockhart River and Coen battled it out in Coen. The Gulf Savannah region got a bigger taste of footy with Crusader Cups being held, and Georgetown, Croydon, Normanton Burketon and Doomadgee getting involved.

We had an NPA team travel down to Cairns to participate in the AFLQ Schools Cup. This was the first time a team further north of Cairns (let alone a team from 1000km north of Cairns!) had participated in the event. A mixed team of boys and girls from year 5 and 6 represented NPA State College and held their own on the field, winning three out of four games. Thanks to our partners at Hinterland Aviation, Bamaga Enterprises Limited and Community Enterprises QLD, we hope that this will become an annual fixture in our game development calendar.

Hopevale and Yarrabah got to verse each other under the lights of Cazalys Stadium as the curtain raiser for the St Kilda vs Port Adelaide match which was a massive highlight of 2022 for all involved.

We also welcomed the return of the Chris Johnson and Angie Nadredre Cup in September in Bamaga. The Under 17 carnival saw young men and women from AFL Cape York Houses, Northern Peninsula Area State College and Tagai State College compete in an exciting day of AFL action.

Another huge highlight from this year was no doubt the thrilling win that our Crusader Under 12 side had over Darling Downs on the Sunshine Coast during the Queensland School State Champs on the Sunshine Coast.

22 young people each year get selected from the Cape and Torres Strait to represent our Under 12 Crusaders side. It doesn't take long for our side to become

crowd favourites, we got so much support from people that had only just met us and that drove us to victory in our final game of the carnival, this memory will stay with us all forever.

We'd like thank all the amazing people that have volunteered their time and energy in supporting our program, the ongoing assistance we get from community members while travelling through the Cape and Torres Strait is invaluable in delivering our program to the young people of Far North Queensland.



STAFF PHOTOS



Anthony Fisher



Anthony Satrick



Simon Burgoyne



Brad Hill



Brendan Lacombe



Christopher Ransom



Daniel O'Shane



Timothy Francis



Tobias Fatnowna



Russell Wolman



Jeda Nash



Stephen Yamashita



Kampor David



Kane Richter



Luke James



Allan Takurit



Nathaniel Tamwoy



Phillip Billy



Peter Cushway



Rachel Wilson



Barton Elphick



Joseph Kearney



Gladys Atkins



Hazmin Satrick



James Candler



Otis Gowa



Tristine Lear



Lawrence Fox



Michael Hagen



Wanda Pone

Absent from photos:

Marcella Bailey, Shontelle Gallo, Jemma Stewart, Sophia Mauboy, Sarah Harrold



Sean Hunter



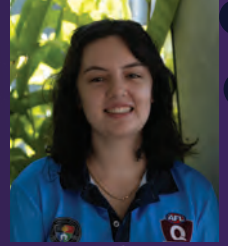
Angie Bowie



Megan Hooper



Luana Healey



Chantelle Mcalonan



Leeanne Bond



Shay Warburton



Beatrice Douglas



Miya Healey



Noella Kris



Sadiar Pitt



Shelby Grant



Eliana Leguizamon



Ruby Leete



Elsja Mosby



Lindsey Crudup



Iada Bowie



Bek Russell



Isobel Ware



Melissa Harwood



Talai Lette



Stephanie Dowdle



Leisa Toombs



Helen Carter



Sodyla Kris



Courtney Jones



Caitlin Sansom



Jasmine Ware



Morgan McCuklin



Natalie Roe



Sharman Williams



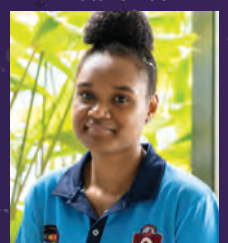
Tiarna Ahwang



Yanetta Nadrede



Hadassah Nicholson



Elly Bullio

STAFF PHOTOS

Absent from photos:

Marcella Bailey, Shontelle Gallo, Jemma Stewart, Sophia Mauboy, Sarah Harrold, Michael Reisener, Linton Enoch, Lynette Larcombe, Martha Dominguez, Ayesha Woibo, Matthew Carman



Joanna Bernier



Elli Egan



Brodie Deverell



Jake O'Halloran



Kieran Sciberras



Bernard Singleton



Matthew Fatnowna



Matt Mellahn



Mandy Carney



Brad Campbell



Joanne Caltabiano



Amanda Black



Del Lythall



Rick Hanlon



Nicole Gibson





STAFF PROFILES



FULL NAME:

JEDA: If we have to look presentable this is wrong!

KANE: Come on Jeda let's do this interview without complaint

PETER: Peter Cushway, John

KANE: Peter JOHN Cushway? Named after?

PETER: Yes middle name of my dad? Religious too, it's why I don't work on Sundays

JEDA: Jeda Hewitt Nash like Leyton Hewitt

PETER: Hewitt is a man's name?

STEPHEN: Stephen Yamashita

NICKNAME:

PETER: HUH, PETE short for Peter

JEDA: Nashy or Jeds or anything that sounds cool

STEPHEN: Stevo

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

PETER: Born in Sydney grew up in Adelaide

JEDA: Cairns local gal, Cairns State High School Student

STEPHEN: Thursday Island originally

ROLE @ AFLCYHB:

PETER: Careers & Transitions

JEDA: You look sooooo awkward Peter

JEDA: Student Services Coordinator

STEPHEN: Student Tutor / Mentor

YEAR STARTED @ AFLCYHB:

PETER: What year was Isaac Born (Kane's Son)

KANE: 2018

PETER: Started the day he was born July 2018

JEDA: March 2018

STEPHEN: June 2018

PETER: HEY SAMSON keep it down we are doing an Interview, Wanna come and do it????
(Jeda and Stephen laugh)

FAVOURITE PART OF YOUR JOB:

PETER: Working with the boys. (Jeda & Stephen laugh at Peters Awkwardness in front of camera)

JEDA: Engaging with the families and building the relationships with young people and the families

STEPHEN: Watching the young people learn and grow
(AFLCYHB Young Person Sig-E Marou enters)

PETER: YO SIG-E you got a question for us?

SIG-E: hahaha Nope

FAVOURITE / FUNNIEST MEMORY OR STORY HERE @ AFLCYHB:

PETER: When you (Kane) got that thing in your eye and it burst!

KANE: Thanks Peter that was an abscess and it wasn't a funny experience!

JEDA: When Bondy got slung around in the staff v young person AFL Game

STEPHEN: Recently when a young person walked out of the toilet with his study book and said he was studying on the toilet.
(Stephen laughs)

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHANGE IN YOUR LIFE, FROM BEING A YOUNG PERSON TO AN ADULT?:

PETER: I haven't made the Adult bit yet and quite happy about that fact. Adult life sounds like hard work

JEDA: Peter you're so awkward. Recently for me its becoming a mum!

PETER: You said you are struggling as a mum... All the clothes are on the ground at home!

STEPHEN: Being a role model for the boys all the time.

KANE: Peter you got a serious answer for us?

PETER: Being a role model for the boys!!! Probably what I do best!!

Announcement over PA: BLAZE AND PETER DEERAL COME TO OFFICE TIME TO GO

PETER: YELLS - BLAZE AND PETER GO NOW!!

(Jeda and Stephen laugh)

IF YOU WERE A YOUNG PERSON, WHAT WOULD BE THE HARDEST PART OF BOARDING?:

PETER: Dealing with the Staff

JEDA: Being away from Family

STEPHEN: Living with the other Young People

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU WOULD CHANGE IF YOU WENT BACK TO SCHOOL?:

JEDA: Maybe try a bit harder at school, put a bit more effort in.

PETER: What so you get a better job than this? Not happy Jeda??

JEDA: (Laughs) No well I went to school to have fun, I didn't commit myself so I encourage our boys to commit themselves and try a little harder

STEPHEN: Listen to parents more and stop thinking I knew everything.

PETER: I probably paid more attention to sport and socialising (girls) rather than school. I tell them not to be like me.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE QUOTE FROM A YOUNG PERSON @ AFLCYHB:

PETER: I have a serious one... FREDDY, When Freddy was here and I was working as a Residential Boarding Supervisor at night I would finish at 10:00pm. I would read him a story at bedtime. It would get to quarter past 10pm and I would finish the story and Freddy would say 1 more uncle. "Alright one more", this

would go one a few times then Freddy would say, "uncle one more please". It would get to 10:30pm and I would say "Freddy I gotta go, I have to see my family" and Freddy responded, "But Uncle I don't get to see mine?!" I didn't have a comeback.

JEDA: I don't have something heartfelt like that... but Blaze came to my office window one day recently after I had my hair done and he said, "Aunty you got a BALDHEAD!" (Peter and Jeda Laugh)

STEPHEN: Ummmm I cant think of one at the moment.

WHO IS THE FUNNIEST STAFF MEMBER - AND WHY?

PETER: ME... Next question hahahaha (Peter laughs)

JEDA: Allan

PETER: ALLAN AS IF... Noooo no Allan is quite funny! He is the one that said Life is like a helicopter... I don't know how to operate a helicopter. (Peter and Jeda laugh)

STEPHEN: Uncle Allan as well.

PETER: Wait, wait, did they both say Uncle Allan? What is this, a joke?

IF YOU HAD TO DESCRIBE AFLCYHB TO A RANDOM PERSON WHAT FIVE WORDS WOULD YOU USE?

PETER: Ummmmm A... F... L... Cape... York there you go that is five (5)... (Laughs)

JEDA: Oh does it have to be five??? OK - We... Are..... A.... Mazing....!

PETER: You should have paid more attention at school Jeda... That is only four (4)

STEPHEN: Argh....

PETER: Cmon Stephen we have got stuff to do!

STEPHEN: Home away from home. BOOM!

MOST CHALLENGING PART OF YOUR JOB?:

PETER: Doing this interview

JEDA: Working with Peter. 100%

STEPHEN: Everything.... Well the education part in general, trying to motivate the boys around the purpose of school!

KANE: Any parting comments to finish off the interview team?

PETER: NOPE I gotta go... These kids aren't going to get themselves jobs... I got work to do!!!



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IADAKUL

LEEANNE

RUBY

FULL NAME:

LEEANNE: Leeanne Bond

IADAKUL: Iadukul Bowie

RUBY: Ruby Lovejoy Leete

ROLE @ AFLCYHG:

LEEANNE: Cook

IADAKUL: Residential Boarding Supervisor

RUBY: Residential Boarding Supervisor

NICKNAME:

LEEANNE: Aunty Leeanne or Lee

IADAKUL: Iada, Id's, Lada, Idaho

RUBY: Ruby Dawgs

WHERE ARE YOU FROM/CULTURAL CONNECTIONS?

LEEANNE: Old Mapoon & New Mapoon. From the Teppathiggi Tribe

IADAKUL: I was born and raised in Zenadth Kes (Torres Strait). I am a proud Araganilay woman from Badhu (Badu) Island.

RUBY: Mainawa Village, Milne Bay Province, Papua New Guinea

USE THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE YOURSELF?

LEEANNE: Outgoing, Happy & Friendly

IADAKUL: Active, fun and easy-going

RUBY: Happy, Respectful & Caring

WHY DID YOU WANT TO WORK AT AFLCYHG?

LEEANNE: Different environment. I was working at the Boys House for a few years, so when I was asked if I wanted to work at AFLCYHG I said yes and never looked back

IADAKUL: I wanted a career change, something more meaningful and purposeful.

RUBY: I always wanted to do Game Development with AFLCY, but was too scared to leave home. So when the opportunity came up to work at the Girls House, I didn't think twice about applying for it.

IF YOU WERE BOARDING MANAGER FOR ONE DAY, WHAT RULE/ROUTINE WOULD YOU CHANGE - AND WHY?

LEEANNE: Less time on phones

IADAKUL: I would make some weekend activities compulsory, e.g swimming at Lake Eacham, Josephine Falls etc. WHY- young people are quick to say 'no' or they're 'too slack' to do something, thinking it will be boring but once they are made to do it, they will realise it's actually fun.

RUBY: I would trial residential clean on Friday afternoon between 5pm - 6pm to get it out of the way so students could get a full Saturday to go offsite (eg: Lake Eacham)

IF YOU WERE A YOUNG PERSON, WHAT WOULD BE THE HARDEST PART OF BOARDING?

LEEANNE: Leaving Home & Family

IADAKUL: Being away from community and family.

RUBY: I would struggle with the routine. I'd be that student going for a shower at 6:25pm, knowing dinner is at 6:30pm

WHAT WAS THE BIGGEST CHANGE IN YOUR LIFE FROM BEING A YOUNG PERSON TO AN ADULT?

LEEANNE: I was a very shy young person growing up. Always the quiet one. Now I'm not so shy or quiet anymore

IADAKUL: Paying bills. Kidding.

It was realising I had eyes on me, that I now was a role model to my nieces, nephews, community etc. It was scary

RUBY: Being 19 years old; I got my first Full-Time job at G. James Glass & Aluminium - making windows and I was the only female working on the factory floor.

IF YOU WERE A YOUNG PERSON COMING TO BOARDING, DESCRIBE WHAT YOU WANT THE ENVIRONMENT TO BE LIKE?

LEEANNE: Welcoming, fun and full of Activities

IADAKUL: Exactly how AFLCYGH is now. Safe, supportive and fun.

RUBY: I would hope that is it fun, safe and plenty of activities around sports and water.

WHAT IS ONE MEMORABLE MOMENT YOU HAVE HAD AT AFLCYHG?

LEEANNE: Surprising the girls in the amphitheatre with water bombs before they left home for School Holidays - they had no idea.

IADAKUL: I have many memorable moments at AFLCYHG but I would have to say it was being chucked in the deep end by Sean Hunter- 2021 Coaching under 15 Eagles Girls alongside Tiarna Ahwang and Hadassah Nicholson. We didn't get the result that we wanted but it was a great year, many small wins made along the way.

RUBY: Flying to Aurukun on a small plane for the first time with our Young People for School Holidays

IF YOU WERE A YOUNG PERSON - WHAT TYPE OF ROOM WOULD YOU PICK (SINGLE, DOUBLE OR BUNK) AND WHY?

LEEANNE: Single Room: privacy & personal space

IADAKUL: I would pick a single room on the top level at the end (for bigger windows). WHY- I'm particular with how I keep my space, I like things to be neat and tidy. I also like my own privacy.

RUBY: Single Room; so I could listen to my heavy metal music in peace and put posters on the wall of my favourite musicians

WHAT'S THE BEST LIFE ADVICE YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN (AND WHO WAS IT FROM)?

LEEANNE: To always respect your elders, regardless of who they are and never give up (Mum)

IADAKUL: My dad- you either gotta be learning or earning, can't be doing nothing.

RUBY: Train how you would play (Kym McPhee-Smith; Netball Coach & Role Model)

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU WOULD CHANGE, IF YOU WENT BACK TO SCHOOL?

LEEANNE: Listen more (haha)

IADAKUL: Get extra help with my English. With English being my second language, I've always lacked confidence and felt it's one of my main weakness.

RUBY: Instead of doing mainstream Y11/12; I would enrol in TAFE to become a carpenter. I loved manual arts.

IN 10 YEARS TIME, WHERE WILL YOU BE AND WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING?

LEEANNE: Hopefully, still working here!

IADAKUL: Hopefully living back home, on Badhu Island at my family's camp on the back of the Island. Hopefully I'll be learning how to, sustain and protect the land and sea as a Ranger.

RUBY: Possibly still working at AFLCYHG. Definitely doing Youth Work and probably still in Cairns.

IN ONE WORD, DESCRIBE AFLCYHG?

LEEANNE: The BEST!

IADAKUL: Opportunity (Opportunity to live in a safe and supportive environment to learn and grow)

RUBY: Whanau (Family)





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NAUTILUS AVIATION

WHY DOES YOUR COMPANY SUPPORT AFL CAPE YORK HOUSE BOARDING SCHOOLS?

Nautilus Aviation is a strong supporter of Indigenous partnerships development and training, The AFL Cape York House Boarding Schools provide an excellent environment for Indigenous students and lead from the front with great personal mentoring and social development.

IN WHAT CAPACITY DOES YOUR COMPANY SUPPORT AFL CAPE YORK HOUSE?

Nautilus Aviation provides sponsorship/donations to assist students departing or arriving in or from the Torres Strait Islands via discounted helicopter services.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS AND THE SERVICE YOU PROVIDE TO THE COMMUNITY

Nautilus Aviation provides Helicopter services across Northern Australia from bases in Townsville, Cairns, Port Douglas and Horn Island, Gove Jabiru and Darwin, our services include passenger charter, critical infrastructure support and we also supply sponsorship for community events and individuals where possible

WHEN WAS YOUR BUSINESS ESTABLISHED?

1993

IS THE BUSINESS LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED?

Yes wholly Australian owned and locally operated

IF YOU HAD A MESSAGE FOR OUR STUDENTS TO INSPIRE THEIR FUTURES, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Out of every negative experience, indirectly comes a positive, most times when something unfortunate happens it leads us down a different path that is different to the one we might usually take, quite often this leads to new connections, new experiences and greater things. So for everything negative that happens always look beyond and be ready to embrace change.



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DAVISON DEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS

WHY DOES YOUR COMPANY SUPPORT AFL CAPE YORK HOUSE BOARDING SCHOOLS?

Great programs and staff dedicated to students' development.

IN WHAT CAPACITY DOES YOUR COMPANY SUPPORT AFL CAPE YORK HOUSE?

We sponsor the AFL Cape York Eagles and the AFL Cape York Foundation, we assist with Project Management Services

TELL US ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS AND THE SERVICE YOU PROVIDE TO THE COMMUNITY

We are a project management consulting business.

We are a trusted advisor, cleverly resolving problems to deliver outstanding outcomes for our clients.

We provide the specific management skills, structure and discipline that reduce the uncertainty and risk to enable a project to be undertaken as efficiently as possible

WHEN WAS YOUR BUSINESS ESTABLISHED?

2014

IS THE BUSINESS LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED?

Locally owned and operated

IF YOU HAD A MESSAGE FOR OUR STUDENTS TO INSPIRE THEIR FUTURES, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Never Give Up, keep jumping the hurdles of life as the finish line is never far away.

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PASSIONS OF PARADISE

WHY DOES YOUR COMPANY SUPPORT AFL CAPE YORK HOUSE BOARDING SCHOOLS?

I am originally from Victoria and have always played AFL growing up and still have the passion for the game. I met Rick Hanlon 24 years ago and through Rick I was introduced to their great program and once I started with Passions of Paradise back in 2003 I approached by Rick to see if this would be something that I would like to support and Passions and the AFL Cape York House have been working together ever since.

IN WHAT CAPACITY DOES YOUR COMPANY SUPPORT AFL CAPE YORK HOUSE?

I have been supporting Rick and AFL Cape York by placing their students on programs that teach them the values in both tourism and boating right through to assisting their students in career paths for the marine industry.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS AND THE SERVICE YOU PROVIDE TO THE COMMUNITY

Passions of Paradise is a family run and owned reef tour operator that take more than 25,000 tourists to the wonderful Great Barrier Reef annually. On Passions you can snorkel, dive or sit back and relax and watch the sails go up on the way home after an amazing day out on the GBR!

WHEN WAS YOUR BUSINESS ESTABLISHED?

Passions was established in 1987 and is still going strong today. I started with the company back in 2003 and look forward to many more years ahead!

IS THE BUSINESS LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED?

Yes

IF YOU HAD A MESSAGE FOR OUR STUDENTS TO INSPIRE THEIR FUTURES, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

A few pointers here.....Believe in yourself and listen to others around you. Knowledge is no weight to carry and always ask questions. I am a firm believer in using your manners and having respect for people around you family; friends and work colleagues.



MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

We keep getting bigger & better

Written by Rick Hanlon,
AFL Cape York General Manager

It's been another positive year at AFL Cape York, particularly with the retention of students and staff.

At AFL Cape York we work hard to ensure students and staff feel safe and supported, and a good indicator of this being achieved is retaining students and staff.

A real highlight of 2022 has been the appointment of Bernard Singleton Jnr as our Cultural Support Officer, funded under our NIAA Agreement. Bernie has brought so much knowledge and cultural awareness to our organisation that I wonder how we existed prior to him coming on board. Our students are at their best when engaged in cultural activities and it has a wonderful, calming effect on all in our boarding programs.

Community engagement is always high on our agenda, and we have had a great year in bringing people together in highlighting our programs and building positive relationships. Our annual High Tea was again well represented by the women of Cairns. Guests were really impressed with how our boys engaged and hosted guests who were glued to our Guest Speaker Angela Barker, OAM. Anj's story is a tough one to hear but also tells a story of resilience, courage, and determination.

The Eagles Football Club has again enjoyed a positive season highlighted by our U/18 Girls team winning this season's Grand Final. All teams were competitive with all but the U/14 boys playing finals. Thanks to our sponsors and people that assisted Auntie Deb with canteen and running home games.

AFL Cape York Game Development Program continues to be seen as the best of its kind. Kieran and Matty have raised the bar once more, as they take the program to another level.

Our cultural sharing has been amazing this year. Our dance troupes have made many appearances at schools and private functions over the course of the year and continue to develop and demonstrate the importance of sharing culture.

Sadly, AFL Cape York will be saying goodbye to long serving employee Del Lythall who has been the rock in our administration team from the company's inception way back in the early 2000s. Del has been an extremely loyal and dedicated servant to AFL Cape York which has been recognised by naming our Administration block at the Girls House after Del.

Del's contribution would be impossible to measure, and we thank her for all she has done for our organisation and wish her well in retirement. Del's legacy will live on for many, many years.

We also welcome Mandy Carney to the family as our Business Operations Manager who Del has been supporting over the past several weeks as we transition over.

Without support from Federal, State and Corporate Business, AFL Cape York as it stands would not exist. It's important that we acknowledge our partners and thank them for trusting AFL Cape York to get the job done. We strive to be better each day and cannot do the job without the necessary support.

I am so proud of our students that call AFL Cape York Boarding, home. We have seen many successes throughout the year whether in school, sport, work related experiences, driving licences and culture.

I applaud all our families that support their young people through the education and boarding journey. It's a big deal and our young people should be congratulated. Also, the importance of our staff. Our teams do amazing work right across the business. Their compassion, commitment and professional attitude ensure real life and authentic outcomes for students, staff, and families.

This was made evident by AFL Cape York being awarded the Indigenous Business Excellence Award at the recent BEX Awards held in Cairns. It was noted that the success of the program was due to positive role models, holistic approach to young people's wellbeing and the wrap around support each person receives.

I was extremely proud to receive the award on behalf of AFL Cape York but even prouder of the fact that three of our students, Margaret Dau, Lency Asse, and Rusia Bann were on stage to accept our award as well.

The award was in recognition of all our past and present staff and their positive contribution to our programs.

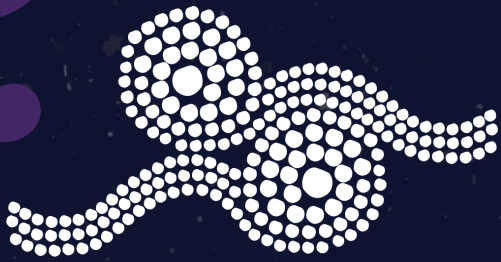
In closing I would like to show my appreciation to all our Year 12 Graduates leaving us, for their contribution to AFL Cape York, and wish them all the very best in their future pursuits. You are a life participant and family member of AFL Cape York, and we will always be here to add further support, encouragement, opportunity, care, and love, and don't ever forget it, we are family.

Regards Rick



THE MAN IN CHARGE





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AFLCY House Foundation

**Written by Rick Hanlon,
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AFL Cape York Foundation Board has grown, with former Brisbane Lions Premiership player Chris Johnson accepting a position. Chris has been a wonderful supporter of AFL Cape York for many years and travels up to Cairns each year as part of our Chris Johnson and Angie Nadredre Cup program held in Bamaga. We welcome Chris and extend our appreciation for many years of support.

Another key 2022 appointment is Nicole Gibson to the role of AFL Cape York Foundation Philanthropy Manager. Nicole comes to us with a journalism background and has experience in working in teams associated with Foundations and fundraising events. Nicole has been busy working on our Fundraising Strategy, calendar of events and writing sponsorship submissions. A key piece of Nicole's work over the next 12 months will be to implement our strategy and establish user friendly website. Welcome Nicole.

In 2019 the National AFL body supported AFLCY House Foundation by coordinating a Gala Fundraising Event at the MCG which was supposed to be a yearly event. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we were unable to have another event until this year.

This year's function was again held at the MCG and attracted a crowd of almost 400 guests including high profile AFL identities, politicians and corporate companies. Over the course of the night, we held cultural sharing and fundraising activities. During the event over \$60k was raised which flows into our wellbeing programs conducted at Boys and Girls Houses. A highlight for guests was students from our boarding houses performing cultural dancing and music.

Our annual Golf Day was again a hit with guests. Each year we like to invite an AFL guest to come along and play, and this year we were lucky enough to have Number 1 Draft choice for 2020 Jamarra Ugle-Hagan and Lachlan Johnson attend. Both men were fantastic and really engaged with our guests. As always, we held a fundraising auction in the Cairns Golf Club members area which netted just on 12k which will go towards supporting students that don't have full ABSTUDY access.

We would like to acknowledge Harriet Grant and Kaname Woodfield who recently completed Swimming the Gap, Green Island to Cairns. This is an iron women event, and they did so under extreme conditions. All money raised was donated to AFL Cape York House Foundation with proceeds going towards further wellbeing activities.



Stay posted to the Swimming the Gap as next year there is a whisper that maybe, just maybe there might be an extra couple of AFL Cape York staff giving it a go. Watch this space.

We would also like to acknowledge the wonderful donations made to our Foundation by Carter Family Foundation and Kamenar Family Foundations during 2022. This type of support is amazing, and we are honoured to have both Family Foundations connected to AFLCY House Foundation.

Our relationship with Anindilyakwa Land Council in supporting young people from Groote Eylandt and neighbouring Islands on their passage to boarding and secondary education opportunities continues to develop. We are preparing to grow the program over the next 12-18 months and are pleased to announce Dylan Burns has come on to replace Jamie Candler as Program Coordinator, with Jamie moving into a new field.

The Foundation would like to recognise AFLCY Girls House Manager Sean Hunter on the success of his book, Home Away from Home. The book focuses on life in boarding for remote Indigenous students and has seen early success in book sales, and has been recognised by the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. All proceeds from Sean's book are donated to AFLCY House Foundation. Thanks Sean and well done.

If you would like to know more about AFL Cape York House Foundation or would like to know how to make a donation, please go to AFL Cape York website

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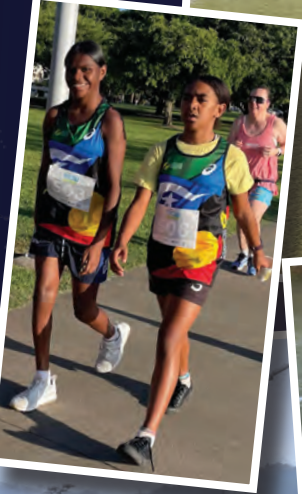


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