



Media Release

Federal funding to support 'QUAMPI Mara Millen Yagabili - Many hands create'

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Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) has welcomed new Federal Government funding that will support a program of activities that showcase Quandamooka artists.

The new investment, delivered through the Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund will enable the arts and entertainment sector to restart.

This project will focus on the development of opening exhibitions, product lines and cultural heritage content in preparation for the construction and opening of QUAMPI on Minjerribah (Stradbroke Island).

"QUAMPI Mara Millen Yagabili - Many hands create - is the culmination of our elder's ambitions over many years. QUAMPI will ensure Quandamooka people have the opportunity to own and manage this new contemporary cultural space – one of the few First Nations lead multi arts venues in the country," Wesley Enoch AM, a proud Quandamooka man and co-artistic Director said.

The program of activities will develop the skills and business acumen of Quandamooka artists and provide a range of artistic commissions to provide the opening exhibitions within QUAMPI.

The funding will bring QUAMPI to life with exhibitions, artworks and other visitor experiences, along with an exciting program of activities designed to engage with the Minjerribah community and the many visitors that come to Minjerribah every year.

QYAC welcomes this funding from the Federal Government and support from local member for Bowman, Andrew Laming. "This means a lot for the promotion of Quandamooka people, place and culture. We are a diverse people who have always valued storytelling and this support will help our artists and community to continue to tell our stories and recover from the effects of covid." said Wesley. It will complement support already committed by the Queensland Government and the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation.

QUAMPI is a pearl oyster that is of significance to Quandamooka people.

It represents stories, family, community, gatherings past, present and future.

In many ways the arts and cultural centre is like a Quampi – nurturing and fostering creativity like the growth rings on the shell, the rich meat inside, the grand colour of the pearl opal shell.

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About QUAMPI Mara Millen Yagabili (many hands create)

The Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) is developing QUAMPI, a First Nations owned and operated Arts and Cultural Centre on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island). QUAMPI will be built in two stages overlooking the serene waters of Deanbilla Bay.

QUAMPI Stage One will house a dedicated collection of Quandamooka arts and cultural materials, an international standard exhibitions gallery for hosting First Nations arts and cultures from around the world, and an outdoor dance circle where visitors are welcomed to Quandamooka Country through song, dance and storytelling. The design of the exhibitions gallery and outdoor gardens supports transformation into functions and performance spaces that will support exhibitions, conferences, and a wide variety of social and corporate events.

The construction of QUAMPI Arts and Cultural Centre has been funded by the Queensland Government and the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation. QUAMPI is assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body.

About Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation.

QYAC is a Prescribed Body Corporate, created in 2011 under the Native Title Act 1993, responsible for managing Native Title rights and interests of the Quandamooka People. QYAC has grown to become the largest employer on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island), employing and training over 100 Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. QYAC manages Native Title over 71,488 hectares of land and sea on Minjerribah and Mulgumpin (Moreton Island). Visit www.qyac.net.au.