

Palm Island Voice



FREE!

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PLEASE note there may be some images of deceased persons within this publication.

400 tonnes!

A scrap metal and rubbish removal project started last year has taken 100 skips of more than 400 tonnes of waste off our beautiful island home.



Here are some things (according to the internet) that weigh about 400 tonnes:

- Four swimming pools
- 4,500 kangaroos
- 9,000 toilets
- Eight adult whales
- 1,500 pigs
- Eight crane barges

Covid Update

Monday 21 March 2022

Total Cases: 657

Active Cases: 20

20 in Virtual Ward

0 positive out of 17 swabs.

**Please keep testing,
and stay #COVIDalert**

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

"WASH YOUR HANDS AND KEEP SURFACES CLEAN."

Dr Ngaree Blow

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Containers for Change are on their way!



Envirotech Education CEO and founder Shelly Bengiat was on Palm Island earlier this month to catch up with locals and talk about all things environment as she visited our new recycling site.

Envirotech Education is an Australian Registered Training organisation with a vision to be a leading education provider in business technology and sustainability.

Shelly was able to chat

with Councillors and staff, CDP, trainers, Bwgcolman school and other interested community members, to yarn about several land and sea opportunities.

Phil, Garth, Shelly, Janelle, Lizzy and Terina

are pictured above – they have the new green recycling bags which are being distributed to community in readiness for the reestablishment of the Containers for Change program – soon!





New era for local workers with local training

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council's Indigenous Employment Strategy has come to life on several fronts, with Braith Haines and Paul Kidner's first day on their new jobs with Urbanscape Constructions, and another training graduate, Daniel Langdon, starting casual work.

Council has put several work contracts out to tender in recent weeks with the caveat that all must employ local workers .

It's a move that has been ad hoc in the past, but this is a way of building capacity for the future in trades work.

Braith and Daniel have both graduated with Certificates of Agriculture which give them skills in plant operation, weed spraying, chainsaw operations, working at heights, fencing, concreting and more.

Braith will be working with Paul to complete footpaths and storm water drains adjacent to Butler Bay Road and down to the kids playground at Small Bay.

The work will take two weeks.



MEANWHILE former CDP participant Daniel earned himself casual employment with Council after drawing their attention with his 100 per cent attendance record and strong commitment.

He said he was grateful to Rainbow Gateway CDP and Jenagar Training for the opportunities he has had to move from training to employment.

All three of these workers have been in training for the past 18 months and were very excited to be employed.

A great outcome for all involved.

In September last year Council called for Expressions of Interest for the use of four shipping containers that became available for pop-up businesses on the Island.

Meetings have been held over past weeks with those short listed and business cases have been prepared



for consideration at the Council meeting on Wednesday 30 March.

Watch this space for further updates as they come to hand.

Palm Island
BARRACUDAS
Junior Rugby League

QLD RUGBY LEAGUE

BARRACUDAS
CALLING ALL INTERESTED
Volunteers, Coaches, Managers etc

2022 CLUB DIVISIONS
U6s, U7s, U8s, U9s, U10s & U11s
TRAINING NOW!
Every Monday, Tuesday
& Wednesday afternoon!
FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT US.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

DON'T BE SHAME.

If you feel sick, call your local health service or ask someone you trust in the community to call for you.

Find out more information about **coronavirus (COVID-19)** by visiting **health.gov.au**

Share tips online with **#keepourmobsafe**

KEEP TWO BIG STEPS AWAY FROM PEOPLE.

Help keep our communities healthy.

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