

## **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





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!





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.

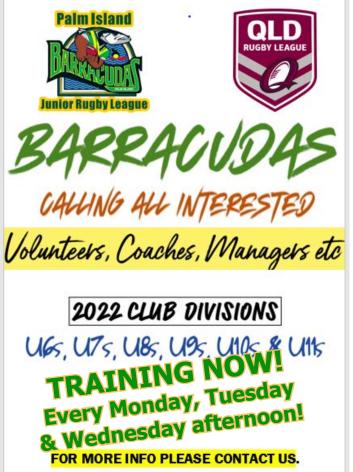
In September last year Council called for Expressions of Interest for the use of four shipping containers that became available for pop-up businesses on the Island.

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.





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