

Palm Island Voice



FREE!

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



We are on COVID alert, Palm Island's Local Disaster Management Group says.

Mayor Mislam Sam said current advice from the Queensland Health was that everyone, especially contractors, stakeholders and visitors, should provide a negative RAT (Rapid Antigen Test) before coming to Palm Island.

"We need to continue to keep our community safe as we return to business as usual," he said.

"We are very strongly advising anyone who has flu-like symptoms or is feeling unwell should visit their local health provider and get checked.

"This disease hasn't finished with us yet."

MEANWHILE as of last Thursday the requirement to check-in and be fully vaccinated in a range of

venues and events was lifted.

Vaccination and check-in requirements are still in place for hospitals, residential aged care and corrective services facilities.

To date Palm Island has recorded a total of 688 COVID cases.

You can self-report positive RAT results by filling out the form available here: <https://www.qld.gov.au/rat-positive>

Sources: <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/statistics>



BIG SHOUT OUT to our front line workers on Palm Island, especially the PICC iso team, who continue to work hard keeping their community supplied and safe through these difficult times. Pictured above are PICC staff, representing the LDMG, handing over a book donation to St Michael's principal and staff to help out families in isolation.

Pretty fly (and shy!) for an airport guy!



Recently appointed
Airport Controller
Thomas Martin,
pictured here doing
some repairs on
equipment, completed
training for his new
position last year.
Thomas also helps
Council with small
motor and equipment
repairs with mechanic
Marc Simmons.
Thanks for a couple
of jobs well done
Thomas!



Thinking of Uni?

If you haven't studied for a while and want to see if university might be for you, come along to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pathway program to give it a try.

You will attend classes on campus and take part in learning activities designed to help prepare you for the demands of university study.

The program is one week long and will be taught by the Indigenous Education and Research Centre staff, and is designed to help build your capacities in Math, English and Chemistry. These subject areas will be important to you if you are interested in, for example, studies in nursing, social work, psychology, education, business, IT, medicine, science & engineering.

During the program you will also learn about the support services available to help you succeed in your studies, meet other students who will be an important network for you, and become aware of the range of scholarships that are available to support your studies.

BEBEGU YUMBA CAMPUS, DOUGLAS, TOWNSVILLE

Monday 23rd May - Friday 27th May
9am to 2.30pm

NGUMA-BADA CAMPUS, SMITHFIELD, CAIRNS

Monday 6th June - Friday 10th June
9am to 2.30pm

For further information

Call the Indigenous Education and Research Centre on 4781 4676
or email ierc@jcu.edu.au

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"University is not just for smart people, because I never finished school. It's not just about being a smart person, it is about the 'why' you are doing this that is the main driver that will take you the rest of the way. I did this for myself, my family, and country."

Phillip Obah

BACHELOR OF ARTS-BACHELOR OF BUSINESS, GRADUATE

The program is free of charge and Residential options are available for those living outside of Cairns and Townsville



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