

Palm Island Voice



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Putting their hands up to keep communities safe

Community leaders are working hard to put a stop to youth crime on Palm Island and in Townsville via a new group of local stakeholders who are forming new partnerships.

The community-led groups are calling for new work opportunities and enterprises in their respective communities.

The PCYC was instrumental in bringing together about 40 concerned stakeholders to a recent meeting in Townsville. They included HIHAT Aboriginal Corporation, Community Grow, TAIHS, Heritage Guardians Foundations Trust (HGFT), Youth Justice, police and community members.

They have formed the Townsville Youth Action Group, which includes members from Palm Island.

Spokesperson Elizabeth Doomadgee said too much Sorry Business was happening to young people in the community.

“This has got to stop,” she said. “Our young people are bored, we need new ways and jobs for our people.”

HIHAT Project Manager Terina Lim said they were dedicated to helping our young people be good leaders.

“We hope this new collaboration will bring about new initiatives,” she said. “This is not just about reducing crime but creating opportunities for these youth.

“We have to engage them, and being in a collective and supporting each other is our best chance for success.

“We all play a role in ensuring we have safe communities, it was time to bring this together.”

The meeting said they were very happy to see the return of recycling to Palm Island because it meant jobs and opportunities for locals – exactly what they were looking for.



TOP & MIDDLE: the meeting in Townsville; BELOW: HIHAT Project Manager Terina Lim pictured with some of our young people last month who are planning and looking forward to the Island's next community fashion event.

CORONAVIRUS ALERT

Our frontline staff at PICC and Queensland Health are still working hard, every day, to keep everyone in our community safe and healthy – are you boosted yet?



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.

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

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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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PIASC: working together better



Workplace Health & Safety Toolbox safety talks are about building confident service delivery and community satisfaction.

The Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council's workforce and management are in the process of restructuring, which means our operations rollout will be done a little differently in the months to come.

Communication will be key to bringing everyone together to service our community with our expertise and work professionally, so regular meetings and updates will be critical to bringing everyone together and all being on the same page.

See you at the next meeting!

OUR next DEADLINE* (Issue 350) will be this Thursday 28 April for publication on MONDAY 2 May!

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