

Palm Island Voice



FREE!

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

Our junior footy stars play goooooooooooooooood football...



Even at ages 6–11, the home ground advantage works, as our three travelling Junior Rugby League teams discovered, a little bit the hard way, in Townsville last weekend.

The weekend before all our teams won their home games on Palm Island, a result they hoped to duplicate this coming weekend, the Palm Island Junior Rugby League committee says.

They said the 7s were able to defeat Bowen Reds, but the 9s – in a try-for-try match – went down to Bowen Seagulls,

while our 11s lost by just one nail-biting try to Townsville South Bulls.

They travelled with 34 players and 12 volunteers.

This year the Palm Island Junior Rugby league has six grades competing but they are in desperate need of more volunteers – especially team

coaches and managers.

They would also love to have more players, especially for the 8s, 9s and 11s.

Training is every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 5–6:30pm at the Clubhouse footy ground. PICC's Safe Haven program can assist with transport home after practice.

SATURDAY 7 MAY 2022

Players of the Matches

7s - Neville Bonner
9s - Steven Friday Murgha
11s - Ariza Prior-Bounghi

Coaches

7s - Kristyn Morgan
9s - Austin Walsh
11s - Roy Prior

PIJRL Committee

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LET'S KEEP OUR MOB SAFE FROM FLU

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LET'S KEEP OUR MOB SAFE FROM FLU IN 2022

THIS YEAR, IT'S EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO GET THE FLU VACCINE

Influenza on Palm Island

- We have a summer flu outbreak on the island
- We can PREVENT the spread of flu:
 - Wash your hands
 - Cover your coughs
 - Stay away from people if you are sick

What are symptoms of Flu?

- Fever (high temperature)
- Cough
- Muscle or body pains
- Fatigue (Tiredness)
- Headaches
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose

→ GO TO THE CLINIC →

Flu can be a serious illness, especially for:

- young children
- old people
- pregnant women
- people with other illnesses (like breathing problems or diabetes).

Vaccination is the best way to reduce the risk of getting flu and its possible complications.

The INFLUENZA vaccine is FREE for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and over.

For further information contact:

Townsville Public Health Unit

Phone: 4433 6900

or call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84)

or online:

<http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/217/82/influenza-the-flu>

English

2022

Available at PICC - walk-ins accepted for vaccinations

Last Friday there were 7,040 new COVID-19 cases recorded in Queensland.

Of Friday's new cases, 101 cases were Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people and there were 1,862 active COVID-19 cases in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people in Queensland.

In Queensland during the pandemic, 13 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people have died of COVID-19. (Source: QAIHC)



POSITIONS VACANT GIRRINGUN ABORIGINAL CORPORATION MINGGAMINGGA RANGERS



Girringun Aboriginal Corporation is auspicing the Manbarra Elders Council funding from the Department of Environment and Science for a Ranger program.

Location: Based at Palm Island, with operations at Orpheus Island and in Manbarra Sea Country.

SENIOR RANGER x 2

18 MONTH FIXED TERM CONTRACT
38 hours per week.
\$31.36 to \$35.18 per hour plus superannuation and salary sacrifice/
1 position requires finance and administration experience.

These are all physically demanding positions.

MALE RANGER

* THIS IS AN INDIGENOUS MALE SPECIFIED POSITION *
\$25.87 to \$28.38 per hour plus superannuation and salary sacrifice.
Full-time - 38 hours per week.
To be eligible for the position you need to identify as a male Indigenous Australian.
Please note: Being a man is a genuine occupational qualification for this role, under Section 25 of the QLD Anti-Discrimination Act.

FEMALE RANGER

* THIS IS AN INDIGENOUS FEMALE SPECIFIED POSITION *
\$25.87 to \$28.38 per hour plus superannuation and salary sacrifice.
Full-time - 38 hours per week.
To be eligible for the position you need to identify as a female Indigenous Australian.
Please Note: Being a woman is a genuine occupational qualification for this role, under Section 25 of the QLD Anti-Discrimination Act.

Applicants are required to obtain a copy of the selection criteria and to address each item for their application to be considered. To obtain a copy of the position description and selection criteria, email hr@girringun.com.au or phone 4066 8300.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 2PM - 20 MAY 2022

Our junior stars and their teams!



Don't forget, the Federal Election is on Saturday 21 May, 2022. Polling will open from 8am and close at 6pm sharp. Polling booth: Palm Island PCYC, Main Street, Palm Island.



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

jcu.edu.au



"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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