

# Palm Island Voice



**FREE!**

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## Get on board!

MAMS Group Business Manager Louise Lannan is working with PIASC Open Spaces, Civil, Training and Enterprise Manager Janelle 'Nugget' Whitehead to prepare Palm Island staff for the opening of the Manbarra Road Containers for Change depot.

As soon as the site office is connected, and a roof for the workshop area installed, operations will begin!

Residents can get ready by registering for the scheme ID so when they bring their cans and bottles for deposit, their money will be paid directly to their bank account.

See <https://consumer.containersforchange.com.au/> to get on board!



*Fred Bulsey Jnr, Brent Sibley, Len Yasserie, trainer Marshall Neilson, Marc Simmons, Ian Ketchup, Ron Geia Jnr, Janelle Nugget Whitehead and Costa Sam completed their fork lift training last week! Well done!*





## Careers with Queensland Health

### Administrative Officer (Identified) Palm Island, Queensland

The Joyce Palmer Health Service is currently seeking to recruit an Administrative Officer (Identified) to their team on a fixed term temporary full-time basis, for 12 months.

#### About your opportunity:

As an Administrative Officer – Receptionist/ Medical Records, you will be the face of the Health Service, managing patient travel, general enquiries, answering the phone and directing calls. This role will provide effective and efficient, confidential administrative support.

The incumbent will help in making a difference to the health outcomes of people on Palm Island by supporting health workers, doctors and nurses at Joyce Palmer Health Service. Joyce Palmer Health Service will provide you with the required training to assist you in this role, so that you will be familiar with all administration systems, and help in general training to support career progression.

#### What's on Offer?

Generous remuneration package value up to \$73,625 p.a. comprising salary range of \$2131.30 to \$2473.40 p.f. (AO2), 17.5% leave loading, 12.75% employer contribution to superannuation. *Other employment benefits may include:* professional development, salary sacrificing options, shift and locality allowances, corporate discounts, wellness programs and the EAP.

#### Role Requirements:

- Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander to work with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community.
- The appointee must be able to source own accommodation on Palm Island.
- The Administration staff usually provides service from 8:00am to 8:00pm Monday to Friday. The successful candidate is required to participate in the roster covering these hours. During Public Health Concerns May be required to work weekends on a rotating basis.
- Employees must maintain vaccination protection and provide evidence confirming they have received the prescribed number of doses of COVID19 and Vaccine Preventable Diseases (VPD).

#### Why make the change? Palm Island

Palm Island is a dynamic and growing community and on this island you are likely to commute to work on foot, living in walking distance from the Joyce Palmer Health Service. There is little traffic, and the rainforest powers on the town's fringes. Palm Island has its own schools, general store, service station, butcher, post office, and youth centre. Locals take regular trips to the mainland, to take advantage of shopping and entertainment opportunities in nearby Townsville.

#### Interested..?

For a confidential discussion please contact Veronica Harapeet on 07 4752 5104.

Applications close on Sunday 4 September 2022.

Unsolicited resumes from recruitment agencies will not be accepted.

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You can apply online at [www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au)

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.



## Does your child start kindy or school this year?



Palm Island's Bwgcolman Community School State-delivered kindy program is an early education program for children aged 3½ to 4½ years, and operates for 15 hours per week Miss Gabby says.

“Regular attendance is important for establishing a sense of belonging and increasing opportunities to achieve well at school,” she said.

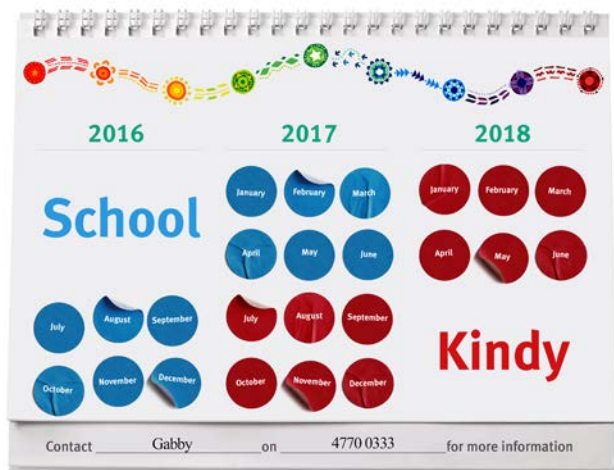
“Give your kids the best start to their education by having them attend kindy regularly.

“They will have fun playing and learning lots of great skills to help them prepare for Prep.

“Come and meet our friendly team Miss Jahcinta Kris, our amazing teacher's aide, and Miss Gabby James, our early years teacher, to get your enrolment started.

“We look forward to meeting and working with lots of children and families in 2023.”

**Born in blue, school is for you.  
Born in red, it's kindy instead.**



You can also use the kindy calculator to see when your child starts kindy or school.  
[www.qld.gov.au/kindycalculator](http://www.qld.gov.au/kindycalculator)

# PIASC & CDP teams hard at work for their community



PIASC's Water & Sewerage Team has been 'under the pump' both ways with several updates and changes in place.

The sewerage treatment works is in the midst of some serious concrete works in readiness for future expansion.

Our Civil team's Bobby Ryan, Valentine Fulford and Greg Walsh are pictured above with truck driver Josh Geia completing two of four new pads at the depot.

MEANWHILE Council has purchased a new vacuum truck to help the team out at the, er, other end of things.

Pictured above right is Micah Geia clearing blocked pipes with the new truck. Portions of the concrete footpath had to be removed to access the affected area.

You're doing a great job Team, thank you!

RIGHT: CDP participants have been enjoying work experience with Luke and Charlie from Hutchinson Constructions.

BELOW: PIASC's Parks & Gardens team have been providing regular maintenance around the community and park areas, as they do. Below left is Daniel Langdon and Tim Asai hard at work clearing the creek near the hospital.



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## COVID-19 CAN AFFECT EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Even those that are young and healthy can get sick from COVID-19.



For more information call 1800 020 080.

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## I HAVE COVID-19. WHAT SHOULD I DO?



Report your result to your local health authority if you used a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT)

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## KEEP TWO BIG STEPS AWAY FROM PEOPLE

Help keep our communities healthy.



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## LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

The Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council is offering a \$500 prize, winner takes all, for the best design logo for Council to use to promote the inaugural:

# PALM ISLAND

# TRIBAL NINES

## RUGBY LEAGUE

## KNOCKOUT

## TOURNAMENT

The tournament will 'KICK OFF' NAIDOC WEEK 2023 celebrations on Palm Island

There will be significant prize money on offer, and we want to see teams from all the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Queensland that now call Palm Island home.



# WEDNESDAY

# 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

# BILL COOLBURRA SHIELD

PALM ISLAND SKIPJACKS



RLFC

VS



THE ARMY AUSTRALIAN

## Palm Island Sports Grounds

# OUR next DEADLINE\* (Issue 359) will be Thursday 1 September for publication on **MONDAY 5 September!**

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Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council has 5,115 'followers' on Facebook!!!

