

Palm Island Voice



FREE!

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



Congratulations to all our 2022 graduates!!!

LEFT-RIGHT: Pepetua Reuben, Jahcinta Kris, Jon Sibley, Valene Maloney & Malanee Tanner graduated from Palm Island TAFE last week with three diplomas and two certificates in Early Childhood – well done!

Schools and parents across the state have farewelled graduating Year 12 students on their last day of school, wishing them all the best for the future.

TAFE and university students have also been celebrating.

A recent survey shows that future is brighter than ever, with their predecessors, the Class of 2021, recording a major increase in engagement in education, training and employment after graduating.

Education Minister Grace Grace said the 2022 Next Step survey showed graduates from the North were kicking goals.

“In Townsville, total engagement in education, training and employment for the most recent graduates has risen to 89% in 2022 from 85.7% in 2019,” Ms Grace said.

“This year’s graduating Year 12 students can celebrate their success knowing a bright future of good jobs and a great lifestyle lies ahead of them.”

Member for Townsville Scott Stewart said the

survey results show the Government’s plan for economic recovery from COVID-19 was ensuring students from the North had a strong pathway to their future careers.

“The 2022 Next Step survey shows us that young people in North Queensland have been highly resilient in their learning during the pandemic, and they’re now in a position to prosper in life after school,” Mr Stewart said.

SEND US YOUR GRADUATION PICS BY NEXT THURSDAY TO BE INCLUDED IN A SPECIAL EDITION OF THE PALM ISLAND VOICE FOR OUR LAST ISSUE OF THE YEAR!

Our Water & Waste team: working hard for their community



In the picture, with the Council's new 'Ditch Witch' is: Water and Sewer Manager Micah Geia; Reform Coordinator – Water and Waste Steve Martin; Plant Operator Lloyd (Tom) Morgan; Treatment Plant Operator Brent Sibley; Treatment Plant Operator David Geia; and, Plant Operator Isaac Geia.

The Open Space team, led by Supervisor Lenin Yassari is working here with labourer Billo Wotton and getting expert advice from colleagues Steve Martin and Lex Wotton, from the Water & Sewer team, and Garry and Valentine Fulford, from the Civil team – a good example of cross Council collaboration.

Their work was part of Island-wide stormwater management and maintenance to remove debris and rubbish to prevent/minimise flooding.



All-in effort pays off in new barge ramp



TOP: Everyone working hard on the first pour.

ABOVE: The team is getting through the first pour – huge 12 hour day to get it all done; and, great team work and pleasure to work with Vlad and his team from Remote Civil Solutions.

BOTTOM: Fred doing an excellent job screeding off the pour for a perfect finish and, Val overseeing the first load with Fabian.





Now that's a fish!!!

Well-caught by Kyam Marks on Palm Island earlier this month. Thanks to Charmaine Maynee for the pics!




YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
BWGCOLMAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

OPEN DAY

November 29th	9:00AM-10:00AM
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Come visit your child's classroom and see what they have been learning this year!


Morning tea will be provided



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WARNING



CROCODILE SIGHTING

WHEN: THUR 24/11/2022
TIME: 6AM & 7.45AM
AREA: JETTY AREA, SANDBANK, COOLGAREE BAY BEACH FRONT AREA- HELIPAD FORESHORE

Council has been informed by residents of a Crocodile sightings today.

State Government has been advised as the responsible authority for crocodile management.

Residents are advised to be extremely careful, at the Beach area (Pubside, Fred Clay Park, Sapper Park/ Jetty areas).

Residents should exercise extreme caution whilst near the water and should report it so the appropriate authorities can respond.

If you have any questions, please call us 47700 200.
Crocodile sightings report to: 1300 130 372.

If you see a crocodile in Queensland report it to the Department of Environment and Science by using the QWildlife app for [iOS](#) and [Android](#), accessing the [sighting report online](#) or calling 1300 130 372 (Option 1)

Please Be Careful – and share this information.

OUR last DEADLINE* (Issue 366) for 2022 will be Thursday 8 December for publication on **MONDAY 12 December!**

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