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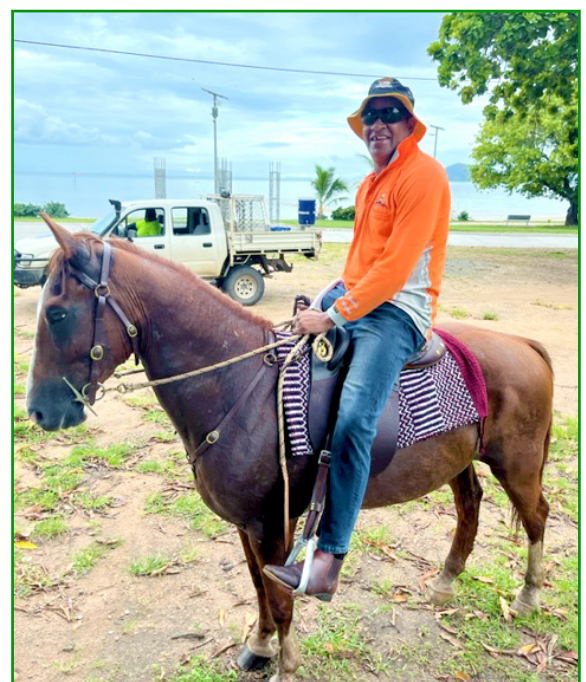
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Our future hunters



ABOVE: Our young Palm Islanders are the hunters of our future and if Steven Friday, Selwyn Kennedy and Matty Johnston keep doing as they are doing – out on the water spear fishing on the incoming tide – our culture will stay strong and our future will be in good hands.

RIGHT: Animal Control & Environmental Health Officers Raoul Sam (on horseback) and Fred Bulsey Snr (watching on in the background) do whatever they have to do to get around, so Raoul was pretty happy to saddle up his horse with new gear – the aim is to work with community members to provide solutions for our horse challenges and opportunities on Palm Island – a bit of horse sense, you might say, can go a long way!



New buildings on the way for school

Bwgc Colman Community School is looking forward to a new administration, senior kitchen and tuckshop building, Principal Karen Heales-Geia says.

“The old buildings are due to be knocked down in the upcoming April holidays and the project is estimated to be finished in six months, so hopefully by September 2023,” she said.

“Our Bwgc Colman community Elders have had a large part to play in the design, colours and features of our new buildings.

“Two very significant parts of the design are our yarning circles and event/dance stage and gathering place.

“Our senior kitchen and tuckshop will have all the modern conveniences such as commercial fridges, dishwashers and stainless steel benches.

“Our secondary students in particular love participating in our Hospitality and Catering courses, and this will enable them to gain the skills to work in the

hospitality industry.

“We are very excited for the changes and please have patience with us as we move and shift the school around at various stages to fit in with our builders.

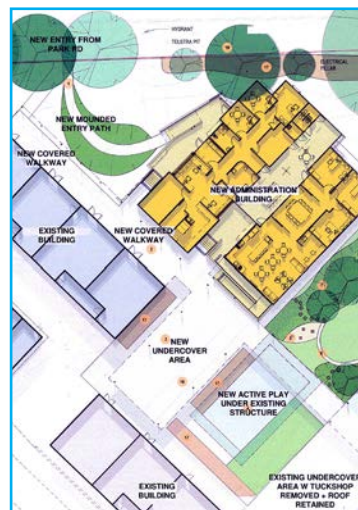
“Our opening of the new buildings will be tied in with our 50th Anniversary celebration later on in the year so we look forward to seeing you all there.”

MEANWHILE last year Bwgc Colman Community School made it into the top 20 biggest improvers in the state when it came to NAPLAN scores.

“We have been working hard to improve our access to technology for every student in our school,” Ms Heales-Geia said.

“Our Naplan preparation has been very good and our kids now enjoy the challenges that Naplan brings.

“We are also implementing a targeted approach to phonics called PLD and this will enable our students to gain momentum with their reading and comprehension over a number of years.”



TOP: the plan; ABOVE: New kitchen building (left) and admin building (right)

OUR NEXT DEADLINE*



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FOR OUR ELDERS

2-9 JULY 2023

MEETING POSTPONED

13/02/2023

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Please be advised that the NAIDOC meeting for the 13th of February has been postponed until Monday 20th February 2023.

This will coincide with Establishing the Palm Island Sports and Event Advisory Group.

This will be held at the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council Chambers, 12.00pm to 1.00pm

We will have open discussions on all upcoming sports and events for 2023.

Interested community members, Organisations and Sports Members are invited to attend.



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