

Palm Island Voice



FREE!

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



CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

is here!!!



It's taken two years of COVID lockdowns and waiting for supplies and installation, but the dream of having a Palm Island 'Containers for Change'

Recycling Project and squad in operation has finally become a reality.

Pictured above: Info sharing by leadership team Costa Sam, Henry Mossman, and Tajah Bulsey with COEX WHS Manager Phillip Gordon and COEX Regional Manager Krystoff Wijacha.



Sorting table thanks to the PIASC carpentry crew!

All hands were on deck for day one of Palm Island's Containers for Change depot opening - 3,000 cans in three hours - FULL STORY INSIDE!!

“We are online and open at the Manbarra Road depot,” Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council (PIASC) Civil, Open Spaces & Training Manager Janelle ‘Nugget’ Whitehead said.

“Hard work and persistence has paid off.

“Many thanks to our team and partners including the Department of Environment and Science, MAMs group, headed by Louise and her husband Rob who have supported the team with on and off site training and operational support, and the COEX (Container Exchange) team Krystoff, Phil and Albertus.

“Also Hoff, Tajah and Ian, our open space champion, for a long, hot but rewarding day on

opening, and Greg, Tania and admin central, thank you for your support with printing and supplies.”

Container Exchange (COEX) is the not-for-profit organisation created to establish and run the Containers for Change scheme in Queensland, and the Palm Island depot is a PIASC initiative.

She said the opening, held last Wednesday, was well supported with more than 3,000 containers deposited in the first three hours.

“The first truck load of containers arrived for counting, followed by bag drops from other community members, which was consistent throughout the day,” she said.

“The team were on the ground to roll cans down the counting tables, which was a great success .

“This is a milestone for PIASC and our community.”

WATCH THIS SPACE for more funding announcements in our next Issue!



LEFT ABOVE: 1. Signing up is easy, as Len James found out at the depot last Wednesday! MIDDLE: 2. Allan Bonner learning what's eligible and what's not from the poster available at the depot. RIGHT: 3. Then you're good to go – grab a bag and be in the money! BELOW: Forklift training has been part of this essential project as we will be moving and transporting to the barge every week.





LEFT: First customer: Thaddeus Sam with Krystoff, Tajah and Phillip. 3,000 cans were deposited in the first three hours of operations! ABOVE: Sandy Boyd Elders were happy to hear about the new initiative for the Palm Island community.

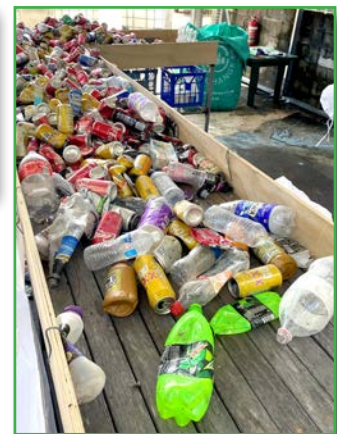
Containers for Change open now!

Manbarra Road Depot (turn off at Council Yellow Shed)

8am-2pm Monday to Friday

What you need to know:

- There is NO CA\$H
- You need a Container Scheme ID number
 - o For registration and bag drop please have ID
 - o Help is available for those not yet signed up
- You need your bank account details
 - o All transactions will be directly deposited into your bank account
- Please make sure you only bring containers eligible for refund
 - o cans, plastic bottles and fruit poppers are ok
 - o no milk, spirit, cordial or orange juice bottles
- If we are busy, please be patient, we are keen to help you as best we can as soon as we can



• To find out more see <http://www.containersforchange.com.au/qld/>



International Women's Day
8 March



Palm Island Small Business Information and Support Day

Are you a sole trader, small business owner, or wanting to start a small business? The Department of Employment, Small Business and Training can offer you support. Come have a yarn with us to find out how we can help.

Venue: TAFE, Palm Island
Date: Wednesday, 15 March 2023
Time: Between 10.00 am and 1.30 pm

- Meet the Small Business Financial Counsellor, learn how this service could help you
- Meet with organisations that support Indigenous small business - the National Indigenous Australians Agency, TAFE One Business, Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Rainbow Gateway will be available to have a yarn about their services
- Gain valuable insights into Social Enterprises
- Visit any time between 10.00 am and 1.30 pm, no appointment necessary!

For more information
Email: jeanie.mcintosh@desbt.qld.gov.au or phone: 0428 864 257

www.business.qld.gov.au



Come along & find out what services/programs are available right here in your Community!

Tuesday 14th March, 10am-3pm
Fred Clay Park, Palm Island
(Or PCYC ARENA IF RAINING)

Information stalls, Local Markets
For more information contact
Joanne Morrison 0428 116550

Palm Island Markets & Services OPEN DAY

SPEAK WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM:

- Government Departments (Local/State/Federal)
- Community Based Organisations
- Small & Medium Businesses

Market Stalls proudly Sponsored & supported by Rainbow Gateway

Free BBQ Transport Provided

OUR NEXT DEADLINE*

(Issue 371.1) will be
Thursday 16 March
for publication on
Monday 20 March.



FOR OUR ELDERERS
2-9 JULY 2023

RESCHEDULED
NAIDOC Meeting Monday 13th March

MEETING RESCHEDULED DUE TO SORRY BUSINESS ON
WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH

This will be held at the Council Chambers
12.00pm – 1.00pm

Interested Community members and Organisations and Local performers are encouraged to attend

Supporting our community

PALM ISLAND JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

Nominations are now open for SENIOR MENS, WOMENS and MIXED LEAGUE TAG Teams.

This competition will be held every Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 5.30pm.

Teams to pay a \$2.00 per person game fee. Come form your own team or join a team, socialize and be active.

Canteen will be available.

PALM ISLAND RUBBISH TRUCK SCHEDULE – FROM MONDAY 13TH MARCH 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:30AM – 07:45AM VEHICLE PRE-START CHECK	VEHICLE PRE-START CHECK	VEHICLE PRE-START CHECK	VEHICLE PRE-START CHECK	VEHICLE PRE-START CHECK
7:45AM – 10:00AM RODEO GROUND and KITCHENER BLIGH	SUNDOWNER RIDGE and BUTLER BAY	RODEO GROUND and KITCHENER BLIGH	SUNDOWNER RIDGE and BUTLER BAY	HARD WASTE ACROSS ISLAND
10:00AM – 10:30AM SMOKO	SMOKO	SMOKO	SMOKO	SMOKO
10:30AM – 12:00PM SOLOMON, COCONUT GROVE and FARM	BUSINESSES and GOVERNMENT	SOLOMON, COCONUT GROVE and FARM	BUSINESSES and GOVERNMENT	HARD WASTE ACROSS ISLAND
12:00PM – 13:00PM LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
13:00PM – 16:30PM MISSION	BUSINESSES and GOVERNMENT	MISSION	BUSINESSES and GOVERNMENT	WORK AT TRANSFER STATION
16:30PM – 17:00PM CLEAN VEHICLE and REFUEL	CLEAN VEHICLE and REFUEL	CLEAN VEHICLE and REFUEL	CLEAN VEHICLE and REFUEL	CLEAN VEHICLE and REFUEL

You know you're a parent when...
The wheelie bin goes out more than you do.

Council has a new rubbish truck that looks like this

The rubbish bins now get picked up from the side, here

You need to put the bins to the kerb like this

PUT YOUR BIN OUT BY 7AM ON PICKUP DAYS

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If you have any questions please contact Reception on 4770 1177 or 4770 0200

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