

# Palm Island Voice



**FREE!**

## Issue 371.1

20 March 2023



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

## New funds boost to Palm's 'circular' economy

The Queensland Government will provide \$3 million to the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council to build a circular economy centre and waste and recycling facility, including a green shed, a men's shelter, and a men's diversionary program.

Palm Island Mayor Cr Mislam Sam said the new waste and recycling facility would support the Council's aspirations towards caring for Country.

"This new modern waste and recycling facility will support Council's integrated focus on caring for land and sea country and growing our circular economy," he said.

**CONTINUES ON Page 2...**



*Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council's CEO Michael Bissell (left) and Mayor Mislam Sam (right) with local MP Scott Stewart.*

## Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council Request for Tender



PIASC are calling for Expressions of Tender for the Lease of the Palm Island Bistro.

Please call into the office for a Tender Document.

Please forward to your relevant contacts who may be interested in applying.

Reception number: 4770 0200.

Request for Tender (RFT)	Lease of the Palm Island Bistro
RFT Number	202301
Tender Closing Time	4pm, Friday 28 April 2023.
Contact for Tender Documents	Greg Constantine - Manager Finance, Governance and Administration, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council Greg.Constantine@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au

## FROM PAGE 1...

“With support from DES, Council has completed a major metal recycling project on Island, which saw over 500 tonnes of scrap metal taken off Island,” Mayor Mislam Sam said.

“We have placed twenty new metal public bins around the Island with waste management, sustainability and caring for country messages on them that were designed by the local school kids, that are seeing an additional 2000 litres of waste removed from public spaces each week.”

CEO Michael Bissell said the investment was welcome.

“The investment will create several local jobs during construction and support ongoing employment opportunities once operational,” he said.

“This modern waste and recycling facility will be a wonderful addition to our critical

infrastructure on Palm Island and will be built adjacent to our new ‘Palm Island Circular Economy Centre’, that incorporates our Container Deposit Site, Men’s Shed and Green Shed.

“This will enable community members to significantly increase their reuse and recycling efforts and ensure we maintain our pristine environment on Palm Island.

He said Council’s two waste management objectives for the community were:

a) all waste goes off the Island and there are zero discharge to land and waters; and,

b) a commitment leading practice and innovative waste management solutions that drive reuse and recycling, and keep waste management costs and risks low.

Environment Minister Meaghan Scanlon said Palm Island had environment and cultural value which was why the community was

keen to reduce waste, recycle and look after Country.

“Right now, all waste on Palm Island is put into the same bins and shipped back to the mainland, which isn’t a cheap exercise,” she said.

“This will give the community and council the ability to sort waste on the island, ideally recycle and repurpose and reduce the amount of rubbish heading to landfill. There’s also a really good opportunity not just in the waste space but in creating jobs during construction.”

Ministerial Champion for Palm Island and local MP Scott Stewart he and the Council had advocated for these projects for a long time.

“It’s important to have more services like this on Palm Island as not only do they help create good jobs but also help ensure people are supported in the community,” he said.

**CREATE A SCHEME ID**

**IT'S AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3**

**INELIGIBLE CONTAINERS**

**ARE YOUR CONTAINERS ELIGIBLE?**

**STEP BY STEP - IT'S EASY!**

**SEE PAGE 4 FOR MORE INFORMATION!**



On 22 February 2023, Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk MP introduced the Path to Treaty Bill 2023 to Parliament.

As part of the process of passing this Bill, a Public Forum will be held on Palm Island and in Townsville on Wednesday 22 March, to allow stakeholders and community members to submit their views.

All members of the local community are invited to attend these public forums.

### Community Yarn Session

<https://tinyurl.com/ms7b87ce>

Date: Tuesday 21 March 2023

Time: 11:30am – 2:30pm

Venue: PCYC, Cnr Mango Ave, Palm Island

### Palm Island

<https://tinyurl.com/2unz5hjz>

Date: Wednesday 22 March

Time: 9:30am – 11:00am

Venue: Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC)

### Townsville

<https://tinyurl.com/5emu9uus>

Date: Wednesday 22 March

Time: 3pm – 5pm

Venue: Rydges Townsville, 23 Palmer Street, Townsville

To RSVP for either the Townsville or Palm Island forums, please RSVP using the links above. If anyone needs any additional info they can contact Scott Stewart's office at [townsville@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:townsville@parliament.qld.gov.au) or by phone (07) 4766 4100.



### Do you bank with the Commonwealth Bank?

Bring your mob for a yarn about your bank account with the Commonwealth Bank team

9:00am-3:00pm

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
Palm Island



PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL  
1 MAIN STREET, PALM ISLAND Q 4816  
PH: 0747700200

13/03/2023

## COMMUNITY NOTICE

The Mayor & Councillors of Palm Island Aboriginal Community Council would like to invite community members to an informal community engagement opportunity.

Our Councillors will be there to hear from you, and they can also explain some of the work Council is undertaking to support the community of Palm Island.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DAY WILL TAKE PLACE ON**

**TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023**  
**FROM 9.00AM-12.30PM**

FOR BOOKINGS, PLEASE CONTACT RECEPTION ON [reception.@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au](mailto:reception@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au) or call on 47 700 200 to make a booking for a 30-minute appointment. Alternatively, you can drop in on the day and see if there are any spots available.

Kind Regards  
Mislam Sam - Mayor

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DAYS GENERALLY OCCURS 3<sup>RD</sup> WEEK ON A TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

DEPENDING ON THE COUNCIL'S WORKLOAD, THESE DATES MAY CHANGE DUE TO OTHER COMMITMENTS THAT COUNCIL HAS.

FOR ORGANISATION/GROUP BOOKINGS PLEASE EMAIL:  
[reception@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au](mailto:reception@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au)

# Containers for Change open now!

Manbarra Road Depot (turn off at Council Yellow Shed)

## 8am-1pm Monday to Thursday

### 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
  - o 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



- **There is a LOT** of plastic and aluminium on the Island, please be **patient** with staff as we work through each bag drop!



- **To find out more see the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council's Facebook page or <http://www.containersforchange.com.au/qld/>**

## OUR NEXT DEADLINE\*

(Issue 372) will be **Thursday 23 March** for publication on **Monday 27 March.**



The ***Palm Island Voice*** is published \*weekly if we have paid advertising, or otherwise fortnightly by the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council. For advertising rates and/or more information contact the Editor on 0419 656 277 or at [chowes@hotmail.net.au](mailto:chowes@hotmail.net.au) Members of the Palm Island community and local organisations are welcome to submit birthdays, community information, pics, yarns and letters to the Editor, Christine Howes. You can also follow us on Facebook! We have 2,900 'likes' and more than 3,000 followers! The ***Palm Island Voice*** is free and online at <http://www.chowes.com.au>

**Operating Hours for Palm Island Council are Monday–Friday 8am – 5pm**

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

**Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council has 5,200 'followers' on Facebook!!!**