

Palm Island Voice



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Key partners launch new Palm Island digital call centre



The launch of a new Palm Island Digital Call Centre, which includes a Telstra Call centre, at the community retail centre on Friday was the result of some hard yards of lobbying for community development between Council and the Palm Island Community Company, the State Government and Telstra.

Palm Island Mayor Mislam Sam said it was a good day for the community and would mean significant benefits.

“Council has been working with Telstra for many months,” he said.

“The Palm Island Call Centre will eventually employ up to 30 locals, commencing with an immediate ten local employees, with all training and ongoing support to be provided by Telstra.

“Palm Island Community Company will run it and Rainbow Gateway will assist with identifying local employees”.

“We’ve also had some great support from the State Government – especially Chris McClaren and Duncan Kerr.”

Additionally Palm Island

residents will soon benefit from faster and more reliable mobile phone coverage with federal funding through the Regional Connectivity Program.

Federal Member for Herbert Phillip Thompson said just over \$1 million would go towards upgrading Telstra’s existing 4GX macro base station at Palm Island North, increasing the bandwidth of the connection with the mainland.

Telstra Regional General Manager Rachel Cliffe said

the project would boost digital inclusion, leading to improved education, health and business outcomes for the Palm Island community.

“This upgrade is critical in future-proofing telecommunications on Palm Island, ensuring the community has access to high-speed, reliable mobile services,” Ms Cliffe said.

The Call Centre and the upgrade should both be up and running by the end of the year.





Kindy is a place where children make friends, explore new environments, build confidence and have fun learning.



Kindy offers meaningful experiences and interactions that support the child's early learning, wellbeing and development, now and into the future.

Attending kindy everyday helps the children develop routines and independence and build on prior learning experiences.

They feel safe/supported and secure in their environment as they build relationships with staff and other children.

Kindy prepares children for entry into Prep school. To settle and feel secure and successful children need to come every day.

Children who attend kindergarten are more likely to have greater academic, social and emotional success.

Kindergarten provides experiences for children to grow and develop through play and interaction.

The play-based programs allow children to develop physical, social, intellectual, language and emotional abilities.

Children will have opportunities to learn how to: use language to communicate ideas, feelings and needs, make friends and cooperate with other children.

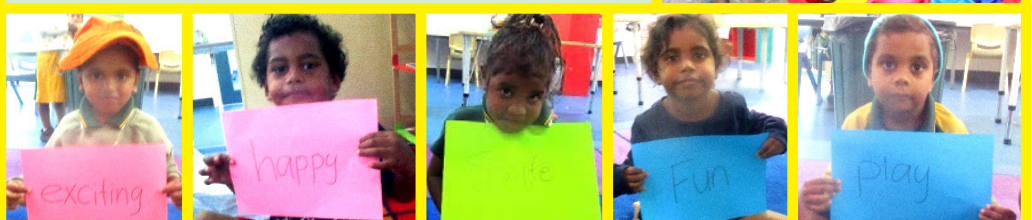
To attend kindy in 2024 your child must be at least 4-years-old by 30 June.

Enrolment packages are available at the school front office.

When you enrol you may be asked to provide:

- the child's name and address, and details about their parents, carers or guardians
- details of any special requirements (eg disability or food allergies)
- proof of date of birth (eg birth certificate)
- health and immunisation status
- details of the people allowed to pick up your child.

Pictured are some of the play-based fun activities your children can be part of at Kindy.



Bwgc Colman-run bistro due to re-open today!



Vern and Janelle Daisy have officially taken over the Palm Island Bistro and are the first 'born and bred' Bwgc Colman to run the Council-owned – but not operated – establishment.

"We are working extra hard to provide a service to our community, in providing an enjoyable, safe meeting place for all," they said.

"We are asking for positive community support please."

They said the pub was due to open today, with the bistro opening to be advised.

Palm Island Mayor Mislam Sam said Council was committed to local employment and business development.

"Vern and Janelle made a top shelf response to the Council's request for Expressions of Interest to run the bistro," he said.

"Their submission included some great ideas on how to enhance the experience at the Bistro for locals and visitors alike.

"Council very much looks forward to seeing them put their plans in place and reinvigorating the 'pub'."



Careers with Queensland Health

Cook FIFO & Residential (Joyce Palmer Health Service) Palm Island - Townsville Hospital and Health Service

About your opportunity:

Fixed term temporary full-time. (6 months with a possible extension up to 12 months). The position will be responsible for the production and distribution of meals for Joyce Palmer Health Service.

This position is based on Palm Island. FIFO arrangement with flights from Townsville + onsite accommodation is provided for the successful applicant.

Generous remuneration package value up to \$6,255 p.m. comprising:

- Salary range of \$2413.90 to \$2521.70 p.f. (003)
- Annual leave with 17.5% loading
- 12.75% employer contribution to superannuation.

Mandatory requirements

- Highly desirable: Food Safety Supervisors Certificate or ability to acquire this certification within 6 months of engagement.
- Highly desirable: Qualifications in commercial cookery or similar
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.
- Pre-employment checks will be conducted.

For a confidential discussion please contact **Glenn Carey** on **0457 531 862**,
Glenn.Carey@health.qld.gov.au.

Applications close on **3pm Monday 3 July 2023**
<https://smartjobs.qld.gov.au/jobs/QLD-TV492862>

You can apply online at 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.



Bwgcorman hosts remote school workers



Palm Island's Remote School Attendance Strategy (RSAS) staff recently hosted a conference dinner for colleagues from Mornington Island and Yarrabah at the Bwgcorman Community School.

"We had a good couple of days to tackle attendance and engagement in Indigenous communities," RSAS Palm Island Coordinator Raymond Sibley said.

"We shared ideas and focussed on the positive for a good outcome for our children's future.

"Thanks to Mornington Island Coordinator Sam Huisman and Yarrabah's Tara Lui for organising the trip, and to Cr Deniece Geia for her Welcome to Country, and to Miss Gabby and the Bwgcorman Kindy Kids for their welcome and coconut dampers."



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