

Palm Island Voice



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Council working for a better future



The Palm Island Council has put up a plan that will save governments millions of dollars on roads and transport infrastructure in an attempt to rectify the results of chronic underinvestment.

CEO Michael Bissell said the savings could be made by concreting all of our roads and using eMesh to do it.

“Council will produce the concrete at our batch plant and having local staff involved in all aspects from concrete production, to delivery and pouring and then the finish,” he said.

He said the plan they had developed, in partnership with Enviromesh, saved money, enhanced the local environment, and created local, sustainable jobs.

“The plan shows how an investment from the State or Commonwealth Governments of \$40 million could save \$350 million over the 100-year project design life,” he said.

“This equates to \$3.5m per year and no new money is required as it will save the more than \$4m the Queensland Reconstruction Authority spends annually to repair our roads.

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Rodeo grounds progressing

Development at the Rodeo Grounds are coming along with more local employment alongside Anthony Yassarie – they have a big ‘paws up’ from local dogs, at least. Also pictured above right is Micah, Isaac and Tom putting in a new fire hydrant and providing water access for the area.



Council working for a better future

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“Housing upgrades, new or upgrade streets and roads, several parks, footpaths, carparks and driveway upgrades around the community and stormwater, waste and recycling facility upgrades, even the new netball courts, were ongoing and

part of the plan.

“Our priority was employment, training, qualifications, skills improvement and career development and expansion opportunities through these projects.

“For example, staff have added over 30 new qualifications across HR/MR tickets, loader operator, excavator operator to their skills resume.

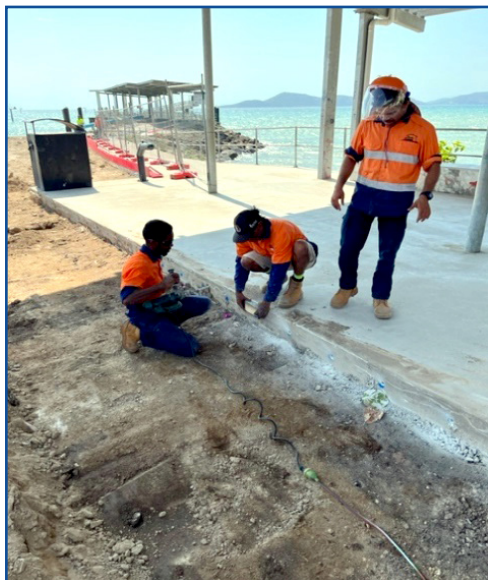
“We also worked with the National Indigenous Australians Agency to deliver a ‘trial a trade’ program through the concreting our roads initiative with 13 locals taking up the opportunity.”

He said part of the end result was a business case they developed to concrete 20kms of sealed roads on the island.



“Council is seeking a 10-year partnership with DTMR at \$4million per year to concrete all our roads,” he said. “Council also had a significant focus on sustainability and caring for country.

“We did not want to repeat the mistakes of the past so we explored our options to deliver at lower cost, enhanced environmental outcomes and maximise contribution to our local economy.”



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- Pre-employment checks will be conducted.

* Administration staff usually provides service from 8:00am to 8:00pm Monday to Friday. The successful candidate is required to participate in the roster covering these hours. During Public Health Concerns, the appointee may be required to work weekends and evenings on a rotating basis.

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