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PIASC wins finalist nomination in Queensland training awards

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council was one of 224 regional finalists out of more than 800 nominations for the 2023 Queensland Training Awards.

The Council was a finalist in the North Queensland Region Medium Employer of the Year along with Cowboys Leagues Club and winner, Hillery Group, who own and operate quarries around Bowen.

“We have been overwhelmed by the quality of the nominations for this years’ awards and it’s inspirational to see how training is building up the confidence and abilities of individuals and organisations across a range of important skills and sectors,” organisers said. “Our judges interviewed an incredible shortlist of nominees in 11 categories across our seven regions.

“The chance to talk with exceptional people, organisations and projects has made this a rewarding experience for them as well.”

Palm Island CEO Michael Bissell said the Council had sourced culturally appropriate business partners and Regional Training Organisations and support staff to deliver in-community skilled trade support.

“This, along with our new Civil Open Spaces and Training Enterprises division, has helped us to grow business opportunities on the island and seen some 15 new local jobs created and accepted by the community.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT Palm Island



“We have four carpentry apprentices, two plumbing apprentices, two mechanical engineers and an administration trainee.

“Twenty of our staff have been successfully engaged in training plant operation, HR licensing, civil construction, agriculture, chainsaw operations, confined spaces, plumbing, carpentry, administration, recycling, animal control and waste management.

“Three of six management divisions are held by local people.

“We are proud of the innovations we have made and what we have achieved.”



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This week Bwgcolman Community and St Michael's Schools are in Townsville for the Garbutt Magpies AFL cup. Today they learned some history about the Magpies, visited Garbutt State School and Ausco Modular before they went to the movies to see Elemental! Pics thanks to both schools, more in our next issue!



TWO YEARS AGO THIS MONTH stunning Palm Islander Tonia Burns was on the runway for Global Indigenous Runway. Designer Victor Baguilat, Model Tonia Burns (Agnes Joyce Wotton Jnr's daughter!). Pic thanks to GIR.

SPRING FESTIVAL MEETING
3PM TUESDAY 1 AUGUST
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 Interested community members
 are encouraged to attend.



**BWGCOLMAN
 COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

**KINDY OPEN
 ENROLMENT
 DAY**

Your child can attend kindy if they are turning 4 years old by 30 June 2024.

**AUGUST
 15**
 12:00pm -
 1:30pm

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 Ray Sibley at school.



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