

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.

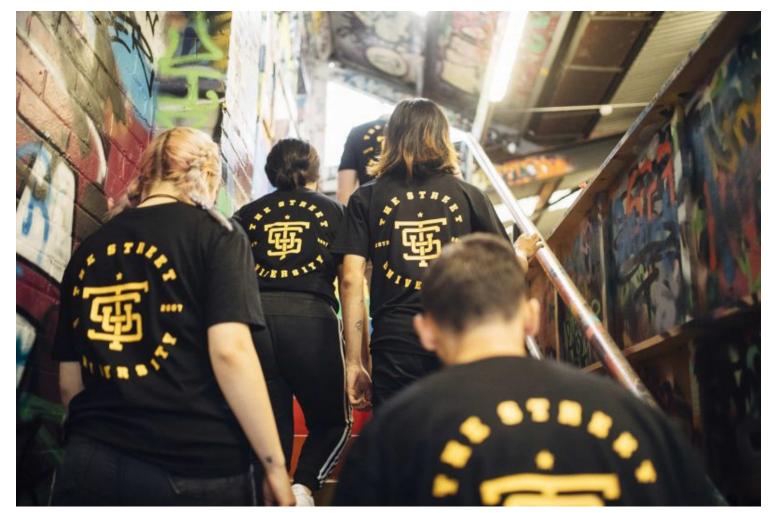
"We have four carpentry apprentices, two plumbing apprentices, two mechanical engineers and an administration trainee.

"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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for Global Indigenous Runway. Designer Victor
Baguilat, Model Tonia Burns (Agnes Joyce
Wotton Jnr's daughter!). Pic thanks to GIR.

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