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Dog laws will be enforced

Over recent months the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council has received more and more complaints about dogs and horses, **CEO Michael Bissell** says.

“A focus of the community’s concern is dogs roaming freely, dogs appearing malnourished and sickly, constant dog on dog fights in the Mall and Mission Area, and the threat that stray or wild dogs present to the public,” he said.

He said in response, Council has started an Island wide engagement to educate people on Council’s role, the local animal management laws, identifying our animal control staff and to survey people on how many animals they had at home.

“Council wanted to know if people were complying with the two dogs law and if they were registering and properly looking after their dogs and horses,” he said.

“A focus was on how people were controlling potentially dangerous dogs.

“The findings from our community engagement and survey shows many households have more than two dogs, and most dogs are not registered, microchipped or desexed as required by law.

“In response, Council will be taking a more active approach to animal management on Island with an initial focus on dog numbers, dog registrations, microchipping and desexing, and removing dogs from the Mall and Mission Area.

“We thank you for your engagement and look forward to working with you to ensure we have effective animal management on Palm Island.”

The key laws community needs to be aware of, and comply with, are:

1. You can have no more than two dogs (over the age of 12 weeks) per household.
2. All dogs must be registered and microchipped.
3. All dogs are required to be desexed by 6 months of age.
4. Dogs are prohibited in public places (malls, parks, open spaces, sports fields etc), unless they are under the control (on a leash) of someone capable of maintain control of the dog.
5. Dangerous dogs must be identified and managed accordingly with appropriate enclosures, barrier fences and use of muzzle when in public.
6. A Council Authorised Officer (our Animal Control staff) may seize a dog wandering at large. The authorised officer may destroy the dog in certain circumstances, such as if they believe it is dangerous or if it is malnourished.
7. You are not permitted to have a pig in a designated town (residential) area.
8. You are not permitted to have a horse in a designated town (residential) area or on an allotment of less than 5000m².
9. A person (community member) must not threaten, insult or use abusive language towards an authorised officer (Council’s Animal Control Officers). Doing so can lead to a fine of up to \$2,875.00.

To find out more about our Local Laws regarding animal management please go to: <https://www.palmcouncil.qld.gov.au/local-laws>
You can also speak to Council’s Animal Control Officers Fred Bulsey and Raoul Miller (pictured).



It was 'pitch'ure perfect!



The Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council were happy to accept a visit from members of the Australian Festival of Chamber Music to perform a “BEACHSIDE” mini concert last week, Palm Island Council Sports & Events Coordinator Norman Bounghi says.

“There were Australian and International Performers, which also included Indigenous and proud Kalkadoon performer, William Barton,” he said.

He said they were very pleased with the Island’s hospitality.

“Thanks to Councilor Geia for her welcome to country speech,” he said.

“The visitors spent an hour walking around the mall area and also the visited Elders Exhibition set up at the HACC building.

“Rainbow Gateway Arts and Crafts got to sell off a lot of paintings, artefacts, memorabilia to the visitors.

“Also, thanks to Katie and Sealink for bringing the visitors to Palm Island for the day.”



33 PLATOON - 1 SECTION



Palm Island soldier Faith Walsh has completed her recruit training in the Australian Defence Force and is preparing for the next steps in her excellent career. The 18-year-old marched out of Kapooka with 33 Delta Platoon late last month and is ready to start a course in Artillery early next year at Puckapunyal, after starting her ADF life as part of the Australian Army’s Indigenous Program. Palm Island is very proud of you Faith, well done! Pics thanks to ADF.



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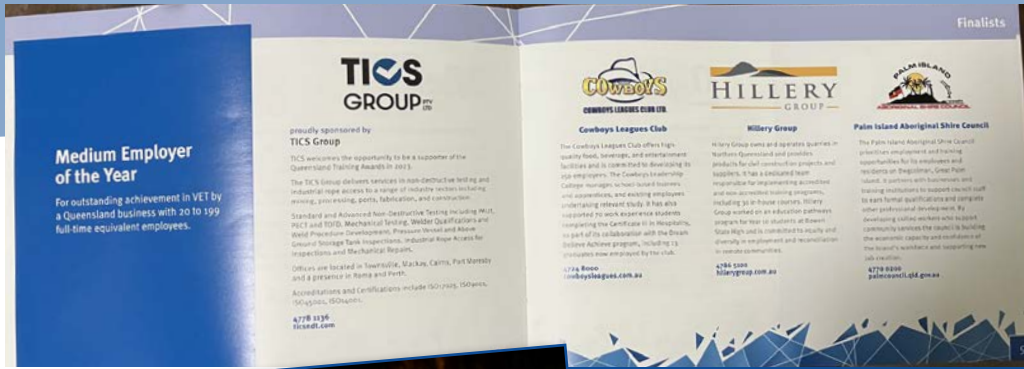
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