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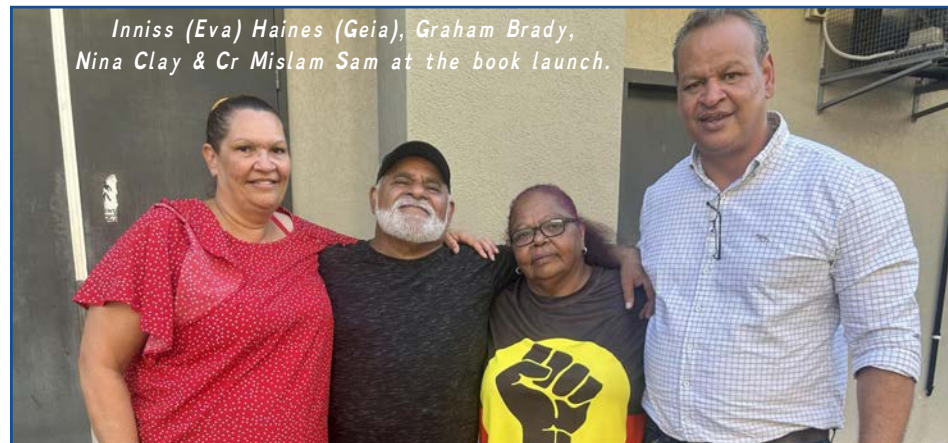
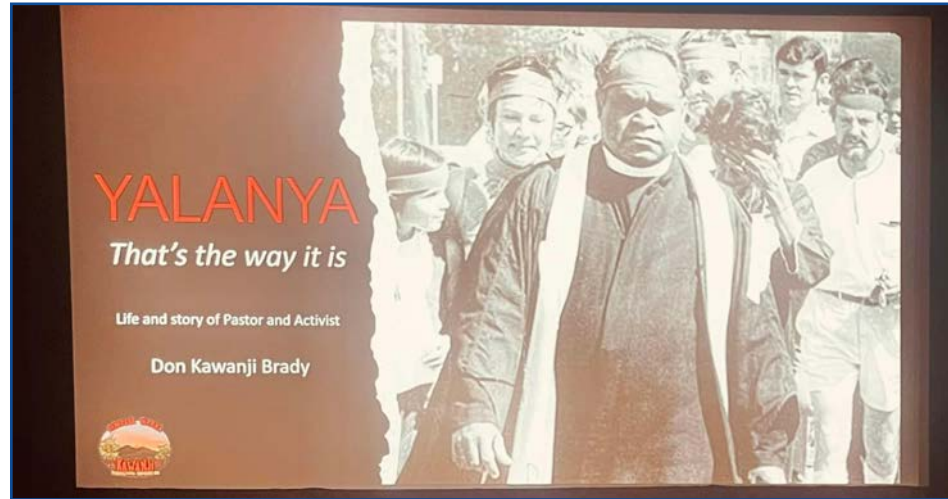
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Innis (Eva) Haines (Geia), Graham Brady, Nina Clay & Cr Mislam Sam at the book launch.

A new book sharing the life story of prominent Aboriginal leader Pastor Don Brady has been launched in Meeanjin (Brisbane) by his family.

Pastor Brady's children collaborated to write the book *Yalanya – That's the way it is*, which was released last month.

Palm Island Mayor Mislam Sam said the launch was inspiring, and an example of the great people who have come out of Palm Island.

"I've been to book launches in the past and I can say that was probably the best presentation, it was all inspiring," he said.

"I'm from a younger generation, but I spent some time with the families afterwards.

"To be there and hear firsthand,

and then to read the book, I tell you, he was way ahead of his time.

"They broke the mould in terms of leadership and getting things done for our people.

"And it's just another testament in terms of the great people that have come out of Palm – the hardships that most of the old fellows experienced during that time – but here was a genuine leader anywhere, not only in Palm, but right throughout the state and even on the world stage.

"Palm was always part of his heart."

Pastor Brady, a descendant of the Gu Gu Yalanji people from Cape York region, was a significant public figure in Brisbane in the 1960s and 1970s, but his activism eventually clashed with the heated political climate of Queensland under Premier Joh Bjelke-Petersen.

This led to the Methodist church controversially deciding to withdraw their support.

His family have long wanted to tell his life story and his contributions which live on in today's struggle for justice and equality for Indigenous Australians.



Palm Island Containers for Change manager Vaughn Charles and trainee David Fulford took part in an operator's forum in Townsville last month. The Palm Island depot is part of the Container Exchange, or COEX, network which collected a record 1.73 billion containers in 2023. The COEX team was in Townsville to provide updates on the network and was also keen to hear local insights and feedback.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

IMPORTANT UPGRADES TO MAIN ST

Work commences today, Monday 4th March, to deliver upgrades to Main St, including upgrading from bitumen to concrete, installing new stormwater systems, pits and pipes, reinstating old, and building new footpaths, and replacing a section of the water main from Mango Avenue to Beach Road.

The work will take 4 weeks (depending on weather) and there will be interruptions to traffic and water supply at times during construction.

There will be traffic management in place to divert traffic and regular additional notices will be provided when water interruptions will occur.

This will be a work site, with constant plant and machinery movement, including excavators operating, regular haul trucks moving material and concrete truck movements when the road is rebuilt with concrete.

While there will be temporary fencing barriers where possible, to ensure everyone's safety, please keep away from the work site as much as possible and ensure children are under supervision at all times around the work site.

We apologise for any inconvenience these work may cause as we upgrade important community assets.

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