

# Palm Island Voice



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## Advocating for Palm Island

One of the Palm Island Council's most important roles is to advocate for the community's priorities to governments, CEO Michael Bissell says.

Every networking opportunity counts.

"The new Council has set its strategic focus on private home ownership, tourism and economic development," he said.

"Mayor Lacey – standing third from right – is pictured at the recent LGAQ Policy Executive Committee meeting in Brisbane and we have also met with the Premier Steven Miles and Treasurer Cameron Dick in Townsville, as well as Palm Island community champion Scott Stewart and Townsville Enterprise CEO Claudia Brumme-Smith in Townsville.

"We are always working to highlight our strategic priorities and our new Councillors continue to do the heavy lifting with their focus on outcomes that will benefit the community."



*ABOVE: The LGAQ Policy Executive meeting in Brisbane; LEFT & BELOW: Premier Steven Miles, Treasurer Cameron Dick in Townsville, Palm Island community champion Scott Stewart and Townsville Enterprise CEO Claudia Brumme-Smith in Townsville.*



# School ready to enjoy new building assets

New admin and home economics buildings and a landscaped outdoor area for cultural and community use are set to be built at Bwgc Colman Community School (BCS) in a huge infrastructure investment out of this year's State Budget.

Member for Townsville and Ministerial Champion for Palm Island Scott Stewart said it was fantastic to see for the community.

"This investment will support the school's administration services and educational opportunities in home economics and food studies," he said.

"It also brings great benefit to the broader community by delivering a central place to meet and hold many beautiful community events.

"I will continue to push for projects like this for the community."

BCS Principal Karen Heales said they were grateful.

"We are grateful to receive this funding to build new facilities that will support our entire Bwgc Colman school community," she said.

"The administration building will provide modern new facilities and support our warm and welcoming

environment for staff, students and our community.

"The home economics building will provide new learning opportunities for students that will support curriculum learning, development of life skills and job readiness in hospitality.

"Our community is also looking forward to having a new meeting place to celebrate whole school and cultural events."

The new administration building and new home economics building were forecast for completion in late 2024.



## Bwgc Colman Community School

Department of Transport and Main Roads - Maritime Safety Queensland

### NOTICE TO MARINERS

312 (T) of 2024

Issued by Townsville Maritime Region on 21 June 2024

**Area:** North Queensland  
**Locality:** Yanks Jetty, Orpheus Island  
**Activity:** Obstruction - vessel partially submerged

Mariners are advised that:

A 5m half cabin vessel, orange in colour, has sunk while tied to Yanks Jetty, Orpheus Island in approximate position latitude 18°39.070'S, longitude 146° 29.183'E. The vessel is partially under water with the bow secured to the jetty.

MSQ is working with the owner to have the vessel removed as soon as practical.

Mariners are advised to navigate with extreme caution when approaching Yanks Jetty.

**Refer to notice:** none  
**Cancel notice:** none

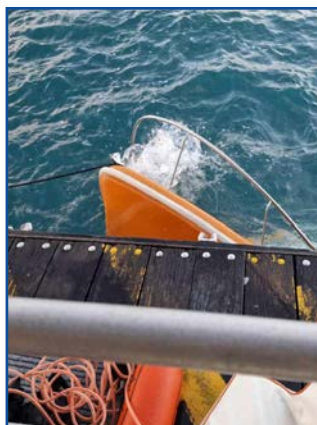
**AUS charts affected:** AUS828, AUS827  
**ENC Cells affected:** AU420146

Latitude and longitude positions are on WGS84 horizontal datum and are compatible with GDA2020 datum.

For further information about this notice, please contact:

The Townsville Regional Harbour Master's office:  
Phone 07 4421 8100 Email: vtstowns@msq.qld.gov.au

Notice authorised by: Regional Harbour Master (Townsville) - Maritime Safety Queensland



**APPLY NOW!**



**KEEP THE FIRE BURNING!  
BLAK LOUD AND PROUD**  
7-14 JULY 2024

**Applications Open**

### PALM ISLAND NAIDOC DINNER DANCE

Keep the Fire Burning, Blak Loud and Proud!

**WHEN:** FRIDAY 12 JULY 2024

**WHERE:** PALM ISLAND PCYC

**WE ARE SEEKING EOIs FOR**

### CATERERS

- » Entrees
- » Main Dinner (Catering Service)
- » Desserts
- » Volunteers

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS  
PLEASE CONTACT Tanya Haines on 0400 660 570 or Email:  
tania.haines@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au or reception@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au  
PLEASE COLLECT AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FORM FROM  
COUNCIL RECEPTION BY 26/06/2024

# Travelling to Townsville for medical care?

If you have a procedure or surgery booked at Townsville University Hospital you will get a one-way ticket from Palm Island to Townsville for you and one escort.

## What happens next

- A letter confirming your appointment will be sent to the Palm Island post office or you will get an SMS sent to the phone number you provided Joyce Palmer Health Service.  
*Contact the health service if you need to update your phone number.*
- Before your travel to Townsville is booked you need to come to the Joyce Palmer Health Service to complete paperwork. You should do this at least three days before your appointment. Bring your letter or phone message with you.
- Don't forget to collect your travel documents from Joyce Palmer Health Centre to take these with you when you travel to Townsville.  
*You cannot collect your travel documents on the weekend. The Joyce Palmer Health Service is open Monday to Friday 9am - 4pm.*

## Think about the following

### Do you need to travel by plane or ferry?

#### Will you need accommodation in Townsville?

Accommodation depends on availability  
Patient travel only covers the cost for the patient and one escort

#### Do you require a taxi voucher to travel to the hospital?

Taxi vouchers are only accepted by one taxi company -Townsville Black and White Taxi

#### Do you need the Queensland Health bus to pick you up and drop you off on Palm Island?

#### If you are travelling with an escort:

Patients can only travel with one escort.  
**If you travel with any additional people, you will have to pay for their travel and accommodation in advance.**

An escort must be over 18 years old.  
You must provide the name of your escort before you travel.

#### If your child needs to travel for their health care, they can only travel with one escort.

## After your procedure or surgery

Your doctor in Townsville will decide when you are ready to be discharged from hospital and can go home. An Indigenous Hospital Liaison Officer (IHLO) in Townsville will organise for you to travel home to Palm Island on the earliest available transport, which suits your medical needs. They will also organise suitable transport to the airport or ferry terminal on the Queensland Health Day of Discharge Unit bus and ensure you're able to travel.

If you chose to stay in Townsville for any period after the earliest available transport, which suits your medical needs Patient Travel will not cover the cost of your travel or accommodation.

### If you have any questions about your travel, you should:

Call 47 525 100

Email [JPHS-admin@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:JPHS-admin@health.qld.gov.au)

Come to Joyce Palmer Health Centre between  
Monday to Friday 9 am - 4 pm to speak to the team



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# WE ARE RECRUITING

## EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Remuneration: LGO 2D - Annual Salary \$60655.40

Closing Date: 28 June 2024

### Role Overview

The Executive Assistant (EA) provides support at the Executive level to the Mayor and Councillors. In doing so, the EA demonstrates a high degree of judgement, initiative, confidentiality and sensitivity to duties. Within the organisation, the EA contributes to the effective and productive operations of governance within the Council whilst developing and maintaining the Council's corporate image.

### As Executive Assistant you will be responsible for:

- Provide Executive support to the Mayor and Councillors.
- Management of appointments and monitoring of diaries for the Mayor.
- Arrange and book travel, accommodation, car hire and conferences/meetings/events bookings for all staff and Councillors.
- Assist with the preparation of Council Agendas and Minutes.
- Assist with the development of corporate communication activities and projects.
- Assist with the coordination of internal corporate communications to staff.
- Maintain Council's Policy register.
- Maintain strict confidentiality in all matters.
- Work in a safe manner having regard for the environment, self, others and to also contribute to the implementation of Council's workplace operational health and safety policies and procedures.
- Assist in the organisation of local meetings, community consultation, community events and preparation for NQROC meetings.
- General administrative duties as requested by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer

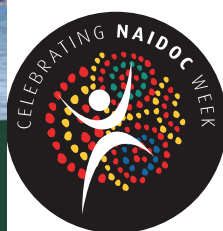
### To be successful, candidates will require:

- Have a minimum of two years' experience in a similar role, preferably in Local Government; or alternatively recognised qualification and/or experience.
- Working knowledge of local government administration.
- Ability to summarise information concisely and accurately from written and verbal sources.
- Experience in accurate data entry and record keeping.
- Ability to act in line with relevant PIASC policies, procedures and administrative directives.

### APPLY TODAY

Interested candidates are invited to submit their resume and a cover letter outlining their qualifications and experience to the Deputy Chief Executive Officer via email at: [Eva.Haines@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au](mailto:Eva.Haines@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au)

Applications will be accepted until Friday 28 June 2024 at 4.00pm.



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7-14 JULY 2024



KEEP THE FIRE BURNING! BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD 7-14 JULY 2024

**PALM ISLAND 7-14 JULY NAIDOC WEEK 2024**



Keep the fire burning!

Blak, Loud and Proud

**Main Stage: Fred Clay Park,**

**Performance Area: Fred Clay Park**

**A program of events will be out shortly**

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