



FREE!

Issue 410  
30 September 2024

PLEASE note there may be some images of deceased persons within this publication.

# Turning our tourism vision into reality

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council's recently completed Master Plan's framework for creating a thriving tourism industry on the island has drawn the attention of the State Government's Department of Tourism and Sport.

The Department has produced a short video explaining the plan, and what it hoped to achieve, on its website at <https://www.dts.qld.gov.au/news/latest/2024/palm-islands-big-dreams-could-become-reality-with-tourism-master-plan>

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey said their big plans could become a reality, with potential for government funding and private investment on the proviso tourism operations were led by the local community.

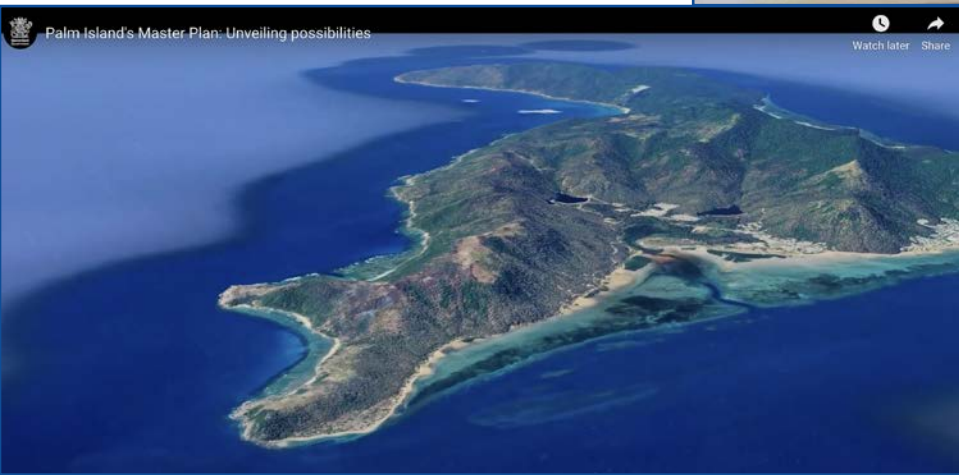
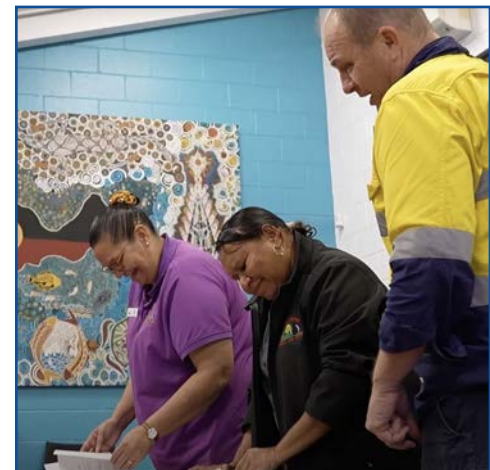
"The message to people is that the tourism plan is there, we're not far from the investment, we'll have it up and running soon and just come along and have a good time," he said.

"But it's the community that tells us look, we really want to show off our island, we want to show off our culture."

In the video CEO Michael Bissell described some of the tourism

options available for development.

"We've put some cost estimates that have got good contingencies built in there at \$3.7 million for the five walks, and then we've got nearly \$2 million for eight glamping sites," he said.



Michael Bissell  
CEO, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council





**Palm Island**  
COMMUNITY COMPANY

Palm Island Community Company Limited  
A Company Limited by Guarantee  
(ACN 640 793 728)

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Palm Island Community Company Limited (ACN 640 793 728) is to be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, 26 November 2024 on the first floor of the Retail Centre, Palm Island.

#### Business of Meeting

1. To receive and consider the Reports of the Company as delivered at the meeting.
2. To receive and consider the Statement of Financial Position and Performance of the company as of 30 June 2024 and supporting financial statements with the Directors Report and Declaration and the Report of the Auditor.
3. To consider any Nominations for election to vacant roles on the Board of Directors.
4. To confirm as auditors of the company Crowe Audit Australia.

#### General Business

1. To receive and consider any other business brought forward in accordance with the Constitution.

#### Members' Entitlement to appoint a Proxy

Members are informed of their right to appoint a single proxy under Clause 36 of the Constitution. The instrument or form appointing a proxy must be in writing and deposited with the registered office of the company at least 48 hours prior to the commencement time of the meeting.

Proxy Forms are available on the PICC Web site and in hard copy at Bwgcolman House, Palm Island.



**Palm Island**  
COMMUNITY COMPANY

Palm Island Community Company Limited  
A Company Limited by Guarantee  
(ACN 640 793 728)

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF MEMBER-ELECTED DIRECTORS

Nominations are called for candidates for election as Member-Elected Directors of the Palm Island Community Company Ltd.

Persons interested in nomination for election and the Company's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 26 November 2024 can obtain the necessary form and information pack by e-mail at [picc@picc.com.au](mailto:picc@picc.com.au) or by calling (07) 4421 4300.

Nomination forms must be received no later than 5.00 p.m. on Friday, 25 October 2024.

Palm Island Community Company  
ACN: 640 793 728  
61-73 Sturt Street, Townsville Qld 4810  
PO Box 1415, Townsville, Qld 4810  
(07) 4421 4300



# Barracudas reach QMC finals



Palm Island's Barracudas played goooood football to make it to the semifinals of the highly rated Queensland Murri Carnival last week.

It was the first time the team travelled to Brisbane to take high ranking honours over 22 other teams in the the 26-team comp.

"We knocked off the competition favourite Coastal Blacks with their star studded line up," team organiser Telstan Sibley said.

"The boys played exceptionally well, fitness and injuries got us in the end.

"Stand out players for the weekend were our front rowers Tylyn Kerr and Thomas Oui Jr, our lock Issac Bulsey and halfback Tareo Pater.

"But couldn't be prouder of our whole team, they did the community proud and we will be back next year.

"Big thank you to our sponsors Bravus Mining, Palm Island Council and Chloe's Kitchen."



ABOVE: Corey Prior, Alfred Lacey Jr, Tylyn Kerr, Wasam Baira, Thomas Oui Jr. BELOW LEFT: Germaine Bulsey. BELOW RIGHT: Dwayne Rueben, Tylyn Kerr & Telstan Sibey. BOTTOM RIGHT: Corey Prior. BOTTOM: one of the run-ons in Brisbane at the Queensland Murri Carnival.





# Two new Palm Island homes ready to go into construction

Shovels are about to hit the ground on another two family homes for Palm Island as the State Government delivers its Homes for Queenslanders plan.

One three-bedroom and one four-bedroom detached homes were on the drawing board, and planned to be built with accessibility in mind, making them suitable for seniors and people with disability.

Plans for the build followed the

Government's path to homeownership announcement for residents on the Island.

Member for Townsville Scott Stewart said he knew how important homeownership was for residents of Palm Island.

"After announcing a pathway to

homeownership for Palm Island, we're now getting shovels in the ground on more homes for the community," he said. For housing assistance contact the Palm Island Housing Hub on 07 4770 1301 or call the 24/7 Homeless Hotline on 1800 474 753.

## Help us shape your clean energy future

and reduce your community's reliance on fossil fuels.



### Join us:

Thursday, 3rd October 11am - 1pm | Fred Clay Park, Palm Island

To move to renewable energy, Ergon Energy Network is planning a solar farm and a large battery storage system for Palm Island.

Come join us to learn about the plans - there will food to share, a mini presentation, and plenty of time to ask questions, and share your thoughts. It's about Caring for Country and your community.



Help us shape this energy future, have your say  
[www.ergon.com.au/big-yarnin](http://www.ergon.com.au/big-yarnin)



Part of Energy Queensland

# THE NEXT *Palm Island Voice* DEADLINE\*

(Issue 411\*) will be **Thursday 10 October** for publication on **Monday 14 October**



The *Palm Island Voice* is published \*weekly if we have paid advertising, or otherwise fortnightly by the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council. For advertising rates and/or more information contact the Editor on 0419 656 277 or at [howeschowes@gmail.com](mailto:howeschowes@gmail.com) Members of the Palm Island community and local organisations are welcome to submit birthdays, community information, pics, yarns and letters to the Editor, Christine Howes. You can also follow us on Facebook! We have 2,900 'likes' and more than 3,000 followers! The *Palm Island Voice* is free and online at <http://www.chowes.com.au>

**Operating Hours for Palm Island Council are Monday–Friday 8am – 5pm**  
If you have any questions please contact Reception on 4770 1177 or 4770 0200  
Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council has 5,400 'followers' on Facebook!!!