

Palm Island Voice



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Follow up surveys for youth to kick off this week

Follow up surveys to the follow up surveys after the Palm Island Youth Festival last year will be carried out by locally employed young people on the Island from tomorrow, Friday 20 May, for about nine days.

The original survey, conducted in November last year, aimed at examining the social cost of drug, alcohol and volatile substance abuse, Dr Lynore Geia said at the time (Palm Island Voice Issue 190).

“It will be another step towards supporting and informing a longer term Palm Island Youth Strategy,” she said.

James Cook University (JCU), Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Health Service (TAIHS), Ferdy’s Haven and Community Action Mentoring Services Network (CAMS) Palm Island worked together on the project.

Dr Geia said they had already known young people were facing

many challenges in life.

She said youth involvement would still be a fundamental component of the initiative.

“Youth themselves will be trained as Research Assistants by JCU College of Health Care Sciences staff,” she said.

“Choosing to do the survey is voluntary, it is confidential, no names will be taken in the survey and all information is private and treated with respect,” Dr Geia said.

“There will also be focus groups of service providers and others who

want to talk about the issue within a group setting.

“As a gesture of thanks for their time participants in the study will be offered a voucher such as a \$30 phone recharge.

“The survey is an opportunity for youth to have their say about their issues.”

More information on the Youth and Community Survey can be provided by Dr Lynore Geia and/or Ms Rachel Cummins on 0437495787 and Ms Garcia Nallajar on 47701152.

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Many tribes, one people.
Palm Island Youth Fest - where to from here?
Pic: with thanks to <http://palmislandyouthfestival.com.au/>

INSIDE: Meet Cr Eddie Walsh; stolen wages news; footy and MORE!

Out & About

Right: Maggie Walsh; Gracelyn Smallwood and family at a recent Cowboys game; Below: Leonard Noble, back row left) and Paul Parker, front row second from left, spending some time in Townsville catching up with other Palm Islanders.



Free women's clinic will be back

Townsville Hospital and Health Service nurse practitioner Jan Gale (*pictured below*) visited the Joyce Palmer Health Service last week to conduct a free clinic for women from teenagers to the elderly.

"I helped with common female health matters such as pap smears, sexual health testing and treatment and some contraception," Ms Gale said.

Ms Gale said she also offered advice in the areas of menstrual problems, gynaecological concerns and urinary problems.

"While these may be health concerns women face every day, they may indicate other more serious health problems

"My clinics involve talking about women's health related problems that might be affecting their daily life,

confidence or mental health."

The clinics will be held again on Palm Island on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week (May 23, 24, 25) and again on Thursday 7 June.

No appointments are necessary although they can be made by calling the Joyce Palmer Health Service on 4752 5100.

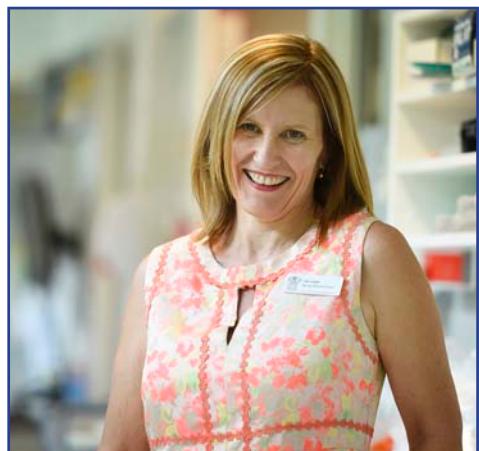
The clinic is open from 8:00am and 4:00pm and does not operate during school holidays.

Ms Gale has been the mobile women's health nurse visiting these areas since 2006.

"During this time I completed

my masters in nursing and became a qualified nurse practitioner," she said.

"Being able to work as a nurse practitioner in rural areas is important in ensuring women do not let their health fall by the wayside."



Stolen wages payouts going ahead

About 200 Palm Island men and women have once again been paid some of their outstanding Stolen Wages, Reparations Task Force member Gail Barry says.

They are amongst thousands of Indigenous people who were owed wages which were stolen many years ago when they worked as virtual slaves.

Many have died without receiving their full payments and others are frail and ill.

Ms Barry is on a Stolen Wages

Reparations Taskforce set up by the State Government.

"Around 200 on Palm Island were paid," Ms Barry said.

The Queensland Council of Unions has been at the forefront of the Stolen Wages campaign since the Queensland Labor Government was

elected early last year.

QCU Brisbane based Field Officer Lara Watson said it was her understanding all living past eligible

*Pictured left:
Gail Barry and
others at a stolen
wages meeting
at St Teresa's in
Townsville last year*

claimants have been paid their top up payments.

"If they haven't, they need to call 1800 619 505," she said.

"There is an independent panel setup to review past ineligible claims and new claims currently, and they will continue priority payments for those approved, paying claimants over the age of 70, have a disability or have a terminal illness first."

"They are taking applications from people claiming for a person that has past, but priority is to living claimants first."

Ms Watson said DATSIP offices are assisting people with claims and they have set up people to come to claimants, and to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations assisting claimants.



Palm Island - Opal in the Ocean

Thanks to Ruth Gorringe for the pic!

Introducing Cr Edward (Eddie) Walsh...

“I’d like to thank the community and thank everybody who voted for me to get me back in,” Cr Eddie Walsh says.

“Even if you didn’t vote for me, I’m still here to work for you.

“I want to get that message across, it makes no difference.

“Politics is we look after everybody; we try and look after everybody.

“We’re here to help everybody.”

Cr Walsh has retained an updated ‘Planning and Liveability’ portfolio and is sharing several other portfolios.

“Some of the portfolio has changed and the main one we’re sharing around is the Law and Order portfolio,” he said.

“Which is a good thing, I suppose because it affects everybody.

“It’s good to be working with the two new Councillors Bob Castors and Deniece Geia too, they’re good people to work with and pretty easy to get on with.”

He said for himself, he’d like to try to finish some of the projects started with the previous Council.

“I’d like to finish the shopping precinct we started and keep going with the housing,” he said.

“And upgrade the sports centre with putting in the running track around the side for the kids’ athletics, they’ve got nowhere to practice at the moment.

“They’re going to give us money to upgrade the rugby league field and the netball courts as well.”

He said Council had already discussed Alcohol Management Plans.

“People don’t agree with me but my own personal view is I



don’t see anything wrong with the way the AMP is being run at the moment,” he said.

“It’s good to have the late drinks in town again; I don’t see anything wrong with the way it’s been run because I must say it has changed things.

“It’s got its good points and its bad points.

“It’s my point of view, it doesn’t matter what anybody else thinks because I didn’t bring the AMP in, and I think it’s done a lot for our people, for our future.”



Cr Eddie Walsh, Queensland
Premier Annastacia
Palaszczuk and Mayor Alf
Lacey in April 2015

Don't let your animal end up here -> -> ->

Our vets -

"Paws on Palm"

- visit the vet clinic (old jail) every second Wednesday.

The next vet visit will be Wednesday 25 May.

Animal Control Officers Fred Bulsey Jnr & Raoul Miller Jnr are here and happy to help however they can in the meantime.



Palm Island's Fred Bulsey Jnr and Raoul Miller Jnr are our Palm Island Animal Control team.

They recently delivered community education to all of the students of St Michaels Catholic Primary School with the help of Council's Community Services Director Lyn Freckleton and mentor Lena Krause from the Townsville Public Health Unit.

Fred and Raoul are very experienced animal control officers and have taken up the challenge to keep the Palm Island dogs healthy and free from disease for over a decade.

Both officers have a Certificate IV in Animal Management, including micro chipping and euthanasia qualifications.

The animal health education sessions covered many important topics including how to care for your pets, vet services on island, unwanted puppies, fleas and ticks, breeding and most importantly promoting responsible pet ownership.

Students learned how to better take care of their pets so the environment and community of Palm Island stay clean, healthy and happy for all our four-legged friends.

This was the first of many more school based education and awareness programs Fred and Raoul will be delivering to the community throughout 2016.

Congratulations PIASC for working towards a healthy and safe community.



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Public & Community Notices



Don't forget!!!

The DEADLINE for
the next NEXT
PALM ISLAND
VOICE (205) is
Thursday 26 May
FOR PUBLICATION
Thursday 2 June
See our Facebook
page for a full list of
Rates & Dates for
2016

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As part of Domestic & Family Violence Prevention month - Palm Island Community Company & the Domestic Violence Advisory Group are hosting;

Bwgcolman Family Fun Day

Lets all work together to build healthy, strong, and respectful relationships in our community.

Fashion Show
FACE PAINTING

Join us for a fun and exciting day for the whole family.

Information stalls, dancing, music, free morning & afternoon tea, activities for the kids.

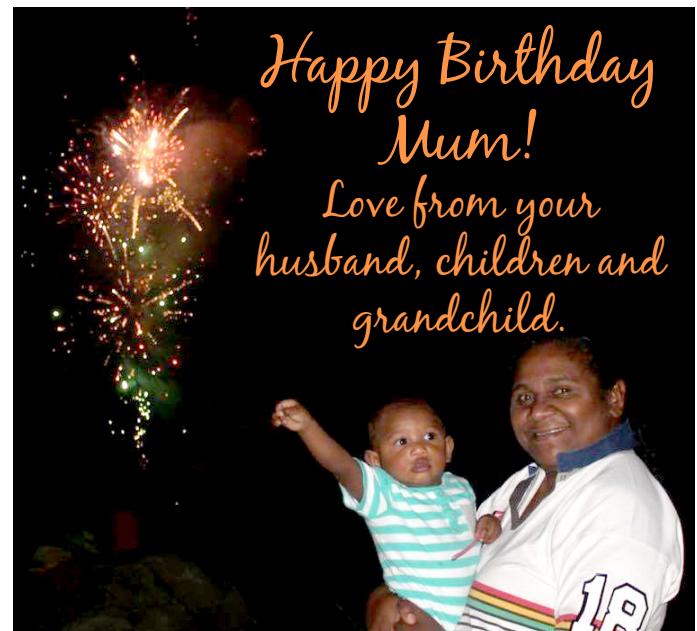
Wednesday 25th May 2016.
10am–3pm.

Centre Mall, Palm Island.

Drug, Alcohol & Violence free event.

KARAOKE
Free Bar-B-Cue

Palm Island COMMUNITY COMPANY





Operating Hours for 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 1,162 'likes' on Facebook!!!

HAPPY 70TH!!



To Winston "Moe" Bligh
Happy 70th Birthday with
love from your daughters,
grandchildren, great grandchildren
and extended families.



Professor Judy Atkinson BA(Canb) PhD (QUT)

Generational Loss

Grief Trauma for Families and the Community of Palm Island

Thursday 2nd June 2016

3:30pm – 4:30pm

St Anthony Catholic Church Beach Rd Palm Island, QLD

Professor Judith Atkinson's heritage derives from the Jiman people of Upper Dawson in Central West Queensland and the Bundjalung of Northern NSW. She has focused most of her community and academic life working in the field of violence, trauma and healing.

Professor Atkinson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Canberra, majors in Professional Writing and Media Studies (UC) and Aboriginal Studies (ANU), and a PhD from Queensland University of Technology in the area of Transgenerational Effects of Trauma in Aboriginal Studies.

Bookings are essential as spaces are limited and this valuable academic session is free of charge.

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You are invited

to commemorate
the lives that they lived
and remember them in a

*HEALING AND
REMEMBRANCE
SERVICE*



SOMETHING
BEAUTIFUL
REMAINS

The tide recedes but leaves behind bright seashells on the sand.

The sun goes down, but gentle warmth still lingers on the land.

The music stops, and yet it echoes on in sweet refrains....

For every joy that passes, something beautiful remains.



Thurs 2nd June 2016

5pm @ Palm Island
St Anthony Catholic Church
Beach Road,
Palm Island, QLD

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Indigenous Trauma and Healing Presentation
Emeritus Professor Judy Atkinson

Everyone is warmly welcome; the service will last approximately 60 minutes followed by a light supper

For more information and to RSVP for this important event, please ring:

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Shirli Congoo ~ 0400 713 819 shirli.congoo@ae.salvationarmy.org



Palm will play Bindal's 30th Allblacks this year

PALM Island Barracudas will be one of 16 men's teams to compete at the Bindal Allblacks carnival to be held from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th October at the Townsville Sports Reserve.

Palm Island is also expected to have teams in the under 16 and under 19 grades.

"Open men's will have only 16 open men's team due to having all games at Sports

Reserve," organiser Jenny Pryor said.

In what is an amazing effort this will be the 30th year running with All Blacks carnivals in Townsville.

Last year the Barracudas won the plate section of the carnival and will be highly competitive again.

Pictured above are last year's plate winners and juniors below.

