

QUESTIONS?

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING IN THE QUEENSLAND STATE ELECTION ON SATURDAY 21ST MARCH, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU. REMEMBER, YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE, SO MAKE SURE YOU USE IT. FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION VISIT QUEENSLANDVOTES.COM.AU OR CALL THE VOTERS' HELPLINE MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8AM TO 6PM ON 1300 881 665.



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Position Vacant for Executive Assistant

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council wishes to recruit an Executive Assistant on a full time basis.

The successful Applicant will assist with the following duties:

- o Assist CEO and elected councilors with their daily enquiries
- o Management of appointment, diaries and calendars for Council
- o Schedule meetings for Mayor
- o All phone enquiries in relation to Council Decisions
- o Executive Business
- o Manage all travel, accommodation and allowances
- o Organization of future conferences
- o Contact person for delegation meetings
- o Minute taker at council meetings & other meetings as required
- o File management
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- o Councilors agenda items for meetings
- o Provide customer service when required
- o Preparation of refreshments for visitors, meetings etc.



Professional Qualities required for the Position:

- o High level of confidentiality
- o Professionalism
- o Approachable
- o Well mannered
- o Happy to assist at all times
- o Highly motivated
- o Excellent Computer skills

Send your Application to:

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MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!!

- Pre-poll voting commenced on Monday 9 March and will cease at 6pm on Friday 20 March 2009
- Postal vote applications close at 6pm on Thursday 19 March 2009
- Election day is Saturday 21 March 2009 and polling booths are open from 8am to 6pm.**

Enrolment and voting are compulsory for all eligible citizens.

Ballot papers

Every voter will get one ballot paper. If you make a mistake you can ask for another one. The ballot paper will have the names of all the candidates who have nominated for the elector's electoral district. The ballot paper will also have the name of a candidate's political party (if the party is a Registered Political Party). Voting instructions are at the top of every ballot paper.



Palm Island Voice UPDATE!

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Who will win?

In theory 980 enrolled voters will pass through the gates of Bwgcorman Community School this Saturday to cast their vote in what could be one of the State's closest elections in recent history.

In practice, many of these electors may choose to vote 'pre-poll' or as an absentee from wherever they are on the mainland on the day.

People who can't make it to the polling booth on Saturday can apply for a postal vote, but applications must be into the Electoral Commission by Thursday 19 March at the latest.

An alternative to a postal vote is to have a pre-poll vote before election day.

Pre-poll centres are located throughout Queensland and you can find your closet pre-poll centre on the AEC's website at <http://www.queenslandvotes.com.au>

In Townsville pre-poll voting is available from the Office of the Returning Officer at the AEC Offices at 3/298 Bayswater Road, Garbutt, or the Magistrate's Court Office at 31 Walker Street. Pre-polling will close at 6pm on Friday 20th March.

If you need any more information give us a call on the Voters' Helpline 1300 881 665 (8am to 6pm Monday to Friday and also 8am to 6pm on election day).

On the ballot paper for the electorate of Townsville the candidates will be listed as follows:

HURST, Murray **LNP**
PUNSHON, Michael **Family First Party**
OUI-FOSTER, Delena
JOHNSTONE, Mandy **Australian Labor Party**
STIRLING, Jenny **The Greens**

Write the number "1" against the name of your first choice. You can, if you wish, give additional preferences for other candidates by using the number/s "2", "3" and so on.

In today's issue of the Palm Island Voice Christine and Tim survey Townsville candidates for their views on liquor licensing, housing, the cost of living on the island and what they will do for the Palm Island community...

Townsville/Palm Island candidates for the 53rd state election in Queensland

CANDIDATE ↓

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Liquor Licensing

Housing

Cost of Living & Other Issues



Murray Hurst (LNP)

LNP: Murray Hurst: "My opinion on that is that Palm Island is a suburb of Townsville with a community of near 3000 people. I don't see why they don't have a liquor license, they have sufficient police there, and I'd be in support of the community."

LNP: Murray Hurst: "Housing is certainly an important issue along with education. It appears that no matter what has been done in the past it hasn't been enough and certain if I'm elected I'll be pushing for extra housing there very very quickly."

LNP: Murray Hurst: "I understand the store is government-run and that needs to be looked at very strongly. I think it's totally unfair and we should be educating the community to manage the stores and any retail precinct that might be constructed."



Michael Punshon (Family First)

Family First: Family First's website says they want to separate Councils from canteens. "Councils should be focusing on the needs of their communities without the perverse incentives of alcohol profits encouraging alcohol abuse in their Communities," they say.

Family First: The Family First website says the party believes there should be an investigation into private ownership of housing for indigenous Australians which may lead to "better housing maintenance, house proud families and better communities".

Family First: The website says they believe there is a need to "rebuild the role of families in many indigenous communities to help combat drug and alcohol abuse, disrespect for neighbors, lack of personal responsibility and the loss of basic social standards".



Delena Oui-Foster

Delena Oui-Foster: "I believe that we should have a liquor license and it should operate the normal '10-10'. I think Liquor Licensing should work with the licensee to assist them in implementing other activities. It should be like any other local government area."

Delena Oui-Foster: "I would work with the Council and other community agencies to develop a plan on how we would tackle the shortage of houses. I think there really needs to be some proper planning and strategies in place and there should also be a community housing body set up."

Delena Oui-Foster: I shop at the retail store, the first thing I'll do is look at handing the store over to the community so the profits can benefit the community...for social activities or building one or two houses a year, sports clubs, etc."



Mandy Johnstone (ALP)

Labor: Mandy Johnstone: "My stance is that I feel Palm should have the same opportunities and the same access to facilities and public amenities that any other community has so I would be working towards that licensing issue being sorted out as quickly as possible."

Labor: Mandy Johnstone: "I think only having public housing is an issue, I feel there needs to be a mix of housing but I also think that lead needs to be taken by the community to determine what kind of housing. It is not acceptable that people are living in those conditions."

Labor: Mandy Johnstone acknowledges the cost of living is a "complex" issue. "I think having real infrastructure in place to generate real economy on the Island would go a long way to solving some of these issues."



Jenny Stirling (Greens)

Greens: Policy documents say the Greens will repeal all state alcohol laws and hand full control of management to local Indigenous authorities and communities. They will also "develop healing based policies and strategies to deal with alcoholism instead of criminal strategies".

Greens: Greens policy is to: "Give top priority to and undertake urgent action to work alongside Indigenous communities to provide new Indigenous housing developments especially at places with recognized historical connections such as Mona Mona."

Greens: Greens policy is to: "implement intensive economic development projects based on Indigenous land, especially in remote communities and ensure that they have access to sustainable water, power, sewerage and telecommunication services".