



# Palm Island Voice

**FREE!**

## Issue 290

Thursday 5 December 2019

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



## Terminal still open for business

The bulldozers have come and gone to make way for the first stage – a covered walkway and shelter – of the new Peter Gulimbah Prior Terminal.

The Terminal was originally opened in December 2010 by family and friends in recognition of the life story of Peter Prior before, during and after the days of Superintendent Robert Curry, as told by his daughter Renarta Prior.



The site where the ferry terminal was situated was the site where Peter Prior (then native police) shot Mr Curry who had gone on a wild rampage, shooting his own family and many innocent people.

Access to the Reel Women Jetty will be temporarily closed at different times during construction so the community is asked to take note of any signs, as works will be ongoing for some weeks.

### Ferry terminal named and open for business

Late last year the new Peter "Gulimbah" Prior ferry terminal, adjacent to the Reel Women Jetty, was officially named and opened.

The site where the ferry terminal is situated is the site where Peter Prior (then native police) shot Robert Curry (the then superintendent of Palm Island) who went on a wild rampage, shooting his family and many innocent people. The unveiling was a joint community venture by Queensland Transport, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, Palm Island Community Company and the Prior family.



Pics courtesy Donna Willis & Gary Prior: Top: Jacob Baira, his wife Paula & granddaughter; Middle: L-R: Noel Rumble (DMR), Donna Willis, Renarta Prior, Charmaine Koro, Jeff Brown (CEO); Below Left: Kenneth & Heath Prior; Below Right: Mersane Oui Snr & Manny Blackman



ABOVE: Construction underway; LEFT: Palm Island Voice Issue 70 (27 January 2011, p 5): members of the Prior family celebrating the opening of the Peter Gulimbah Prior Ferry Terminal



BINDAL ALLBLACKS 2019

On this page: Clinton Burns, Lincoln Poynter, Mayor Alf Lacey, Jenny Prior, Mickeal Sibley, Milton & Kiarah Thaiday, Rothana Baira, Walter Geia and Emily Hoolihan

# Long service recognition for long serving store staff



Palm Island's Pamela Johnson-Barry and Ilikena Dabea have been recognised by remote store operator Community Enterprise Queensland (CEQ) for their 30 years of service to their community.

The 10th annual CEQ awards, were held at the culmination of CEQ's week-long Annual Conference and Trade Show, to celebrate achievements in CEQ's service across North Queensland, including its remote stores in Cape York and the Torres Strait.

The Conference, held in Cairns, focused on the theme of 'Custodians of Culture'.

CEO Ian Copeland said CEQ staff had helped achieve some outstanding results in 2019 for remote communities

across Queensland.

"The awards are a great opportunity to recognise staff and customers who have gone above and beyond this year," he said. "We've had another very successful year delivering retail services to remote communities, and this is a source of great pride to our organisation.

"This success allows us to re-invest into communities through infrastructure, affordability, employment, staff development and training

(including support office staff)."

Mr Copeland said CEQ was passionate about providing training opportunities for its employees, the majority of which are Torres Strait Islander or Aboriginal people.

CEQ is a Queensland Government statutory body responsible for providing goods and essential services to the Torres Strait, Northern Peninsula Area (NPA), and mainland Aboriginal remote communities.

# OUR PRIDE & JOYS



LEFT: Congratulations to the 2019 cohort of bright young students who graduated from the HIPPY Program (Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters). ABOVE LEFT: St Michael's celebrates. ABOVE RIGHT: Bwgcolman Community School graduates. RIGHT: Veronica has a Cert IV in Literacy and Numeracy with the Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation. FAR RIGHT: Mychael-Lei, who graduated from Year 12 at Mount St Bernards College at Herberton, is pictured with her big brother Satchin Walsh.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

selectability

## Social Wellbeing Officer (Prevention) – Palm Island –

Social Wellbeing Officer: minimum 30hrs per fortnight (flexible) – to 30 June 2020 – Palm Island-based. Engage with stakeholders and those with a lived experience in priorities for Social Health Planning on Palm Island with a focus on Youth. This Social Wellbeing Planning Role will be key to mapping the aspirations of communities in Suicide Prevention.

The work will involve forming strong partnerships with key stakeholders including the general public, community groups and government agencies – especially Disaster Recovery Agencies.

Attributes:

- Self-motivated and able to work autonomously;
- Excellent communication skills and ability to reach an isolated audience;
- Excellent organisational and time management skills with an ability to prioritise;
- Understanding of working with people who have been bereaved by suicide or who have a lived experience of suicide;
- Demonstrated experience and understanding of working with people in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities;
- a current drivers' drivers licence (minimum P2); and,
- From time to time out of hours work will be required including travel.

**Closing Date COB Monday 16th December**

More information:

<https://www.seek.com.au/job/40505915?searchrequesttoken=02e9131b-02bc-4ece-977d-9f623f4b5729&type=standout>

The Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council has just gone through some significant changes which has necessitated the implementation of a new organisational structure and is seeking to recruit 2 new Directors, who will drive change and provide strategic leadership and direction for their teams. These positions are responsible for managing a range of multi-disciplined units and ensuring that Council's Strategic Plans and objectives are achieved.

We are seeking to appoint suitably qualified and experienced Directors for the following positions:

- **Director of Corporate Services**  
(includes a financial management focus)
- **Director of Works Operations**

To be successful in these roles applicants must have a 'can-do' attitude, a strong community focus, experience in senior management, leading organisational change, providing customer focused services and in delivering results. An attractive remuneration package circa \$180,000.00 is being offered for each position.

Palm Island, also known as Great Palm Island, or by the Aboriginal name Bwgcolman, is a tropical island approx. 65 kilometres of the coast of Townsville, Queensland. Located within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, Palm Island is home to about 5,000 people and is the main island of the greater Palm Group, consisting of small bays, sandy beaches and steep forested mountains.

The Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council (PIASC) is the local government on Palm Island and is the primary employer for residents on the island. Dedicated to promoting and encouraging a safe and healthy community, Council provides all normal local government services to the community, supports future economic opportunity whilst respecting and preserving the Aboriginal culture and traditions of the Great Palm Islands.

This is an exciting opportunity to join a unique Council and contribute to the future development and ongoing success of the area.

If you are interested in applying, please obtain an information package from Council's website [www.palmcouncil.qld.gov.au](http://www.palmcouncil.qld.gov.au)

Applications close on Monday 16 December 2019 at 5.00pm.

Ross Higgins, Acting Chief Executive Officer

[WWW.PALMCOUNCIL.QLD.GOV.AU](http://WWW.PALMCOUNCIL.QLD.GOV.AU)



PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL  
1 Main Street, Palm Island Qld 4816  
Ph: 07 47700 200  
ABN: 68 799 811 816  
Website: [www.palmcouncil.qld.gov.au](http://www.palmcouncil.qld.gov.au)  
Facebook: Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council



**Water Notice**

**Latest Update 26.11.2019**

Council urges the community to turn taps and sprinklers off, especially water usage at the Butler Bay area.

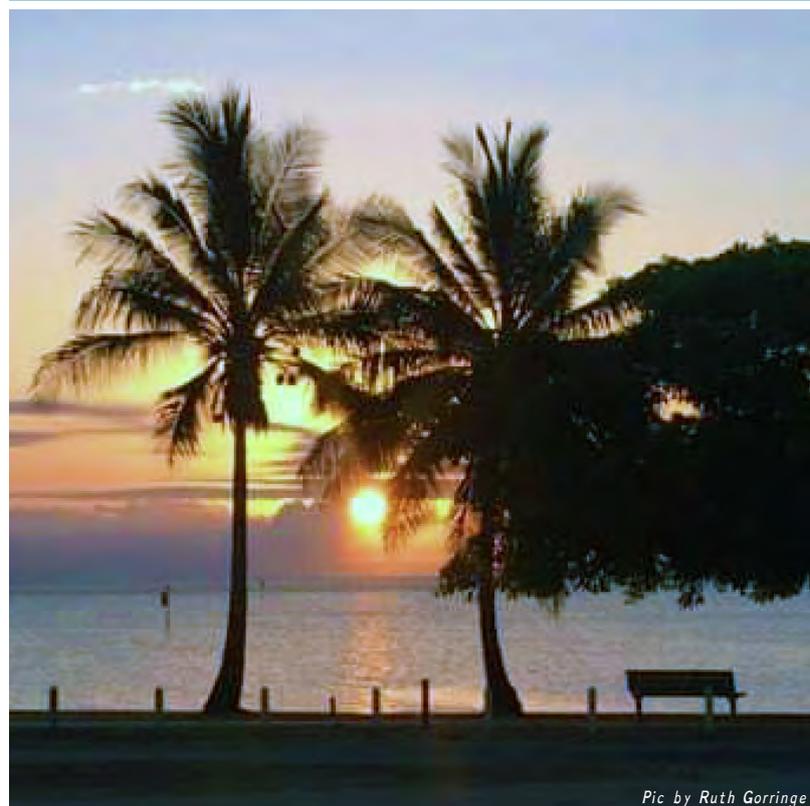
Community members are Urged to

**REDUCE YOUR WATER CONSUMPTION.**

Council is just covering consumption levels.

For this reason, we still ask community to continue to **REDUCE WATER CONSUMPTION DURING THIS DRY PERIOD.**

Please share this message, tell all your families, friends and neighbours.



Pic by Ruth Goringe

# Palm Island Alcohol Restrictions

The carriage limit restrictions on Palm Island have changed. The maximum amount of alcohol a person can carry in the restricted area is still 11.25 litres but now allows for other liquor with a concentration of less than 4 per cent.

The changes mean you can still carry up to 30 cans x 375ml of midstrength beer, but as well as beer you can now carry pre-mixed midstrength spirits like rum and cola, bourbon and cola, etc, as long as it is below 4 per cent alcohol concentration.

Examples are:



One carton (30 x 375ml cans) of midstrength beer;

Five “six packs” of midstrength pre-mixed spirits (such as rum and cola or bourbon and cola);



Three 10-packs of midstrength pre-mixed spirits;



Or a combination of any midstrength spirits and/or beer up to a limit of 30 x 375ml cans.



# APPLY



# TODAY

## Senior Protective Security Officer

Queensland Police Service

### Why join us?

- Shift work - 24/7 rosters / 12 hour shifts / work 4 shifts / rest 4 days;
- Paid 38hrs per week + allowances;
- 5 weeks paid recreation leave;
- Comprehensive health, welfare and career support services.



### You must:

- Have formal Identification e.g. driver licence, birth certificate, marriage or divorce certificate, or passport;
- Before starting you will be required to complete an Employment Screening Form which will allow you to self-disclose if there is any relevant information you must provide relating to your criminal history;
- Complete all necessary training, commencing in 2020.

Provide your resume to the Community Development Program office or the Officer in Charge, Palm Island Police Station by December 7, 2019. We will visit Palm Island from December 11 to 13 and look forward to meeting you!



### Post Office hours:

Monday

9:00am - 12 noon  
1:00pm - 3:00pm

Tuesday - Thursday

8:00am - 12 noon  
1:00pm - 3pm

Friday

8:00am - 1:00pm

**The Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council Office will be closed from Monday 23 December 2019 until Tuesday 2 January 2020 for the Christmas/New Year period.**

Council Office will re-open and resume regular operations on Thursday 2 January 2020.

**The on-call register will be provided as normal on Friday 20 December 2019 for staff at work during this period.**



Pic by Ruth Gorringe

## NEXT DEADLINE (Issue 291) THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER for PUBLICATION on THURSDAY 17 December

The **Palm Island Voice** is published fortnightly by the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council and edited by Christine Howes. Members of the Palm Island community and local organisations are welcome to submit birthdays, community information, pics, yarns and letters to the Editor. You can follow us on Facebook! We have 2,539 'likes'! We accept paid advertising. For rates and/or more information contact the Editor on 0419 656 277 or at [chowes@westnet.com.au](mailto:chowes@westnet.com.au)

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 3,473 'likes' on Facebook!!!

