

Decision pending on underwater museum pieces and location

A decision on the design and location of Stage 2 – the Palm Island stage – of the Museum of Underwater Art (MoUA) is pending, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council Economic Development & Grants Officer Allison Rosetto says.

Ms Rosetto said the decision would be based on three criteria.

“The decision on the design and location will be based on community recommendations to the Board, clarity of water, and design and engineering considerations taken into

account by marine scientists and the key artist,” she said.

“The Palm Island installation is expected to be constructed over the coming year and installed in early 2021.

She said there had been more than 25 meetings with community members about the project.

“Some community members have also travelled to Townsville to see the construction of stage 1 of the project and there have been a number of opportunities to meet the scientists

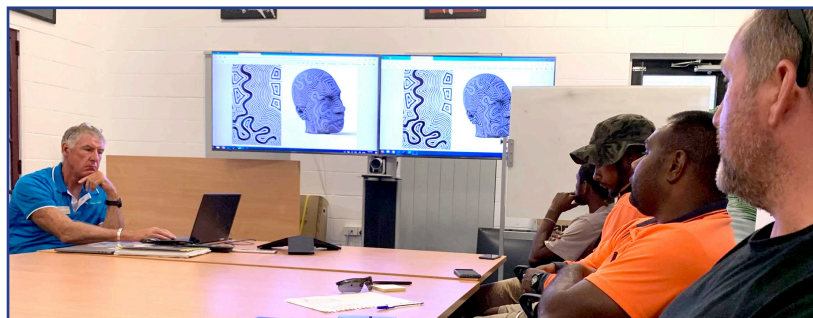


and artist involved,” she said.

“The two parts to Stage 1 of the MoUA, which are the Ocean Siren off the Strand in Townsville and the Coral Greenhouse at John Brewer Reef, are both in the water with the Coral Greenhouse due to open to divers later this year.”



BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Ikanau Conway, Shona Friday and Rannietta Lind for being selected to play for the Australian Budgies Netball side.
Well done!!!



If anyone would like further information on the Museum of Underwater Art they can contact Allison at Allison.rosetto@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au



Townsville Hospital and Health Board Chair Tony Mooney is asking the Palm Island community to have their voices heard and join the Townsville Hospital and Health Service's Consumer Advisory Council (CAC).

The CAC has been meeting for six months to provide advice to the Townsville Hospital and Health Board about consumer engagement, ideas and preferences about health care delivery.

Mr Mooney said feedback from the Palm Island community was invaluable.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients and consumers represent a large portion of our inpatient, community and emergency presentations within our health service," Mr Mooney said. "It is so important our CAC represents all the communities where we deliver our services, and Palm Island is a big part of that. We want to know what we are doing well, where can we improve, and continue to Close the Gap. Our health service is committed to healthy communities and providing world-class health care, so I encourage all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members with an interest in health care to consider joining our Council."

CAC meets every two months and council members are paid for their time. Pictured above is Stacey Vann, CAC Chair James Wong, Townsville Hospital and Health Board Chair Tony Mooney, Iman Abdul Salik and Lorraine Clive.

Expressions of interest close on Sunday, 9 February 2020. For more information visit <https://www.townsville.health.qld.gov.au/support-us/stakeholder-engagement/consumer-advisory-council/> and apply online, or phone 4433 0939.

Diabetes yarning workshops looking to change lives

Staff from Diabetes Queensland are keen to kick 2020 off with a 'meet and greet' event at Fred Clay Park on Monday week, followed by more serious diabetes education sessions over the next few days.

The team said they would be on the Island from 10–14 February.

"Come down and meet the team from Diabetes Queensland," RN and diabetes educator Jenny Turner said.

"We'll be working to upskill health workers from the Palm Island Primary Health Care Centre and we'll also be conducting diabetes education sessions with community members in the Diabetes Yarning Workshops.

"We would love you to come along to our workshop on Tuesday or Wednesday from 10am but first come and meet us on Monday 10 February at 4pm at Fred Clay Park."

She said all four of them were keen to yarn with locals over free tasty snacks.



ABOUT THE DIABETES YARNING WORKSHOPS

These three-hour, community-based workshops provide culturally appropriate education about the impact of Type 2 Diabetes in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities as well as helping people discover solutions to their personal and community issues.

The workshops empower people to manage their condition to reduce the risk of complications of diabetes, and to educate and encourage family and friends to lead a healthier lifestyle.



Community-minded residents considering nominating for Council in March are urged to go along to one of three free information and training sessions to be held in the Palm Island Council chambers next week.

Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs Director-General Warwick Agnew (*left*) said the sessions were to assist people who may not be able to access the compulsory training online before nominating.

"While the compulsory training is online on the department's website, these sessions allow those people who may not have access to the online training to fulfil that nomination requirement in person," he said. "It's vital intending candidates have a clear understanding of what is required so they can be confident as a candidate and then as a councillor, once elected."

He said all candidates needed to be aware of recent reforms aimed at improving transparency and accountability.

"These changes will have an impact on the requirements for candidates in the lead up to the elections, from compulsory

training, to dedicated campaign accounts as well as tighter reporting obligations on expenditure, gifts and donations," he said.

"Of course, anyone putting their hand up as a candidate in the elections, needs to go in with their eyes wide open, particularly in terms of their legal obligations."

The "So You Want To Be A Councillor" sessions will be held at the Council Chambers on:

- Wednesday 5 February at 12pm–2pm
- Wednesday 5 February at 5pm–7pm
- Thursday 6 February at 12pm–2pm

For more information or to access the online training go to: www.dlgrma.qld.gov.au/training

Have you enrolled to vote yet?

Do you need to update your details? Has your address changed?

It is compulsory for Australian citizens aged 18 and over to enrol and vote in federal elections only, however, the next Local Government elections are being held on the 28 March 2020.

Here's how you can have your say on who gets in on your local Council.

You can enrol online (<https://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/>)

or change details via this link:

<https://forms.aec.gov.au/Enrolment/Form/Apply/83056040-0525-4745-bc91-a04d00a11c5d?mode=Wizard>

or pick up an enrolment form at any Australia Post, Centrelink or AEC office.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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INVITATION

OFFICIAL LAUNCH

PALM ISLAND RETAIL & BUSINESS PRECINCT

11am Monday 17 February 2020
Palm Island Retail Precinct, 1 Main Street, Palm Island, Qld

Showcasing the new retail and business precinct.

On behalf of the Palm Island Council,
We welcome and invite all community members to attend this important and auspicious occasion.

Held at 11am Monday 17 February 2020, at the Palm Island Retail and Business Precinct on 1 Main Street, Palm Island.

Community BBQ will be provided for all.

 **BUILDING OUR FUTURE**

Palm Island Indigenous Research Officer

DETAILS

Part time capacity building position from Feb to Dec 2020, working with Reef Ecologic Pty Ltd to collect environmental and social information and undertake further consultation for Museum of Underwater Art project

DESIRABLE

- Snorkeling or SCUBA skills
- Communication skills
- Knowledge of coral reef, culture and tourism
- Project management

LOCATION

Palm Island and/or Townsville

IF INTERESTED SEND COVER LETTER AND RESUME TO:

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national diabetes services scheme

diabetes queensland
ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES

DIABETES YARNING WORKSHOP

Resources and Merchandise Gift Packs
Morning Tea and Lunch Provided



Delivered by Jenny Turner RN and Erich Barkmeyer from Diabetes Queensland.

You're invited to come along and meet our team and yarn about diabetes - what it is and how it affects us, how to manage it, or what we can do to reduce our risk.

Where: Palm Island Community Meeting Place, opposite Fred Clay Park

When: Wednesday 12th February 2020

Time: 10:00am to 1:00pm

For more information about this free event see
Chris Gorrington, Nannette Sands or Jennifer Ketchell at
Palm Island Primary Health Care Centre



Diabetes Queensland acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples of Australia and we pay our respects to their Elders both past, present and future.

Diabetes Yarning is funded by the NDSS. The National Diabetes Services Scheme is an initiative of the Australian Government administered with the assistance of Diabetes Australia.

TODAY! (Thursday 30 January)

Regional Tourism Strategist, Experience Developer and Marketer and Indigenous Tourism Specialist Russell Boswell will be on Palm Island holding one-hour, one-on-one consultations for anyone who is interested.

Contact Allison Rossetto on 04138 272 725 NOW if you want to take the next step!

OUR NEXT DEADLINE (Issue 293) will be Thursday 6 February for publication on Thursday 13 February!

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