



Special travel arrangements ready for Friday

Special arrangements to allocate ferry seating and boat departures will apply between Friday 12 June and Monday 15 to manage demand as travel restrictions from Palm Island are lifted, Palm Island CEO Adele Young says.

“It is obviously not possible for everyone to travel at once and social distancing needs to be maintained,” she said.

“Anyone wishing to travel by ferry to and from Palm island next weekend must complete the travel declaration form and submit the form to Council by Wednesday 5pm so seats can be allocated and confirmed.”

Palm Island Mayor Mislam Sam said he was grateful to the CEO and Council staff who had worked most of last weekend to make sure

this week and the weekend will go as smoothly as possible.

“There are so many layers to this,” he said. “As the CEO says, it obviously won’t be possible for everyone to go at the same time, we can only work with what we have.

“Everyone will have their opportunity, these arrangements are only in place for when we understand there will be the most demand.

“We ask that everyone be patient as we work through this process.

“We realise not everyone will get

what they want straight away, but please remember we are all working very hard and doing our best for everyone to get through this.

“And remember too, that all of this is in yours and our best interest – we want to keep everyone safe, we don’t want Covid-19 coming onto our Island paradise.

“We all know we’ve already done some hard yards on this to keep it out and we all want it to stay out.

“Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard on this.”

What you should know...

1. The Declared Travel Zone Permission for residents and their family members will be ongoing and is NOT time limited.
2. If Covid is detected in the Travel Zone all travel permission will be cancelled, and Palm Island will go into immediate lockdown - this possibility should be considered when residents and family members make their travel plans.
3. Residents and their family members who are eligible, and comply with the conditions, can travel both ways to and from Palm Island.
4. All the information and the forms you need are on the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council's webpage and Facebook.

All aboard! Where to & how from here

Sealink and Hinterland Aviation have agreed to schedule extra services because the ferry can only take 170 passengers at a time, CEO Adele Young says.

“With the Mayor approving a ‘Declared Travel Zone’ for Palm Island, Hinchinbrook and Townsville local government areas from June 12, for Palm Island residents and their family members, we have anticipated large demand for transport this coming weekend,” she said. “Palm has been in quarantine for more than ten weeks. Many residents and their family will want to travel to the mainland and similarly many who have been unable to return home will wish to come back to Palm Island (subject to conditions). Council has worked with our transport operators to ensure the new process and extra services are available to match the

needs of Palm Islanders.”

She said Sealink would provide double services on Friday & Sunday and a daily service on Saturday & Monday.

“There will be no ferry on Thursday 11 June,” she said. “Hinterland Aviation has also doubled flights from four services to eight per week-day as from June 12 and have advised they will monitor demand with further adjustments possible if required.

“All travellers, regardless of category of entry or method, to and from the Island must complete a ‘Travel Declaration Form’, which includes personal contact information for all travellers and a health screening checklist.”

The finer print...(details!)

All travellers from Friday 12 June will be obliged to fill out a 'Travel Declaration Form' and lodge it with the Council either on Palm Island or the Council's Garbutt office.

Those travelling by ferry between 12 – 15 June will need to complete and lodge the travel declaration form at Palm Island Council either on the Island or at the Garbutt Council office by Wednesday 10 June.

The Travel Declaration Form is available on the Council website and Facebook pages.

People must lodge their travel declaration form with their preferred ferry travel times to Council, so seating can be allocated and confirmed.

Residents will be advised which ferry they are travelling on after application and forms have been submitted.

First preferences cannot be guaranteed.

Priority for seating will be given to Palm Island residents and their families from 12 to 15 June.

Non-residents travelling under the Biosecurity Determination will also have to complete the travel declaration form – every traveller needs to complete the travel form and sign the declaration, which means essential workers have additional paperwork (plus the travel declaration form) under the existing system.

Travel forms will still need to be completed by all travellers from Tuesday 16 June, and presented when boarding any transportation to and from the Island.

Air travel can be booked directly with Hinterland Aviation in the usual manner.

Applications to travel on the ferry after June 16 will not need to be lodged in advance with Council, however the need for travel forms will be ongoing.

Sealink has advised due to space constraints no unaccompanied freight will be permitted.

A detailed Q and A and all relevant forms is available on the Council Website and Facebook site.

REMEMBER forms for travel on the ferry from 12–15 June need to be lodged by 5pm on Wednesday 10 June at either of the Council offices to ensure your seat!

The next Palm Island Voice DEADLINE (Issue 302) will be Thursday 11 June for publication on Thursday 18 June.

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

The Palm Island Voice is free & online at www.chowes.com.au/newsletters/palmisland

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SEALINK			
PALM ISLAND FERRY TIMETABLE			
JUNE 2020			
DATE	DAY	DEP. TOWNSVILLE	DEP. PALM ISLAND
11-Jun	Thursday	No Service	No Service
12-Jun	Friday	8.00 am	10.00 am
		1.30 pm	3.30 pm
13-Jun	Saturday	12.00 pm	2.00 pm
14-Jun	Sunday	10.00 am	12.00pm
		3.00 pm	5.00 pm
15-Jun	Monday	12.00 pm	2.00 pm
18-Jun	Thursday	12.00 pm	2.00 pm
19-Jun	Friday	12.00 pm	2.00 pm
20-Jun	Saturday	12.00 pm	2.00 pm
21-Jun	Sunday	12.00 pm	2.00 pm
22-Jun	Monday	12.00 pm	2.00 pm
25-Jun	Thursday	12.00 pm	2.00 pm
26-Jun	Friday	12.00 pm	2.00 pm
27-Jun	Saturday	12.00 pm	2.00 pm
28-Jun	Sunday	12.00 pm	2.00 pm
29-Jun	Monday	12.00 pm	2.00 pm

Last updated 7th June
For further information
Live ferry departure times: sealinkqld.com.au
Freight Information: sealinkqld.com.au/ferry/timetables/palm-island

The Palm Island timetable recording is updated every Sunday or when the schedule has changed. Alternatively please visit the SeaLink Queensland website for live departure times each day. Circumstances beyond our control may cause alterations to departure times without notice.

** Indicates minimum freight service Indicates altered service

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FACT SHEET – PALM ISLAND DECLARED TRAVEL ZONE

What is changing and who can travel to Palm Island from June 12?
From Friday 12 June, permission has been granted for Palm Island Residents and their family members to travel to and from Palm Island. For other groups of people like essential workers - nothing has changed.

When do these changes take effect?
The 'Declared Travel Zone' commences at 8 am on Friday 12 June 2020.

What areas are in the Palm Island declared travel zone?
Townsville, Palm Island and Hinchinbrook Local Government Areas.
If you have been anywhere else outside these areas, you cannot travel to Palm Island until you have stayed 14 days continuously in the Declared Travel Zone.

Why only these areas?
Currently there are no known cases of COVID-19 in our declared travel zone and hasn't been for weeks.
Therefore, permission has been granted for residents and their families to travel INSIDE this zone while the Travel Zone remains COVID-19 free.

What are the conditions of travel for residents and their family members?
There are a few simple rules to make sure residents and their families stay safe, peaceful and healthy.
1. You must complete a 'Travel Declaration Form' answering simple health questions
2. You must provide details of who is travelling - this will help with contact tracing
3. For at least 14 days straight immediately before travel, you must have stayed in Townsville, Hinchinbrook or Palm Island and nowhere else.

What happens if I want to come to Palm Island and I haven't stayed in Townsville or Hinchinbrook for 14 days prior to travel?
You won't be permitted to travel to Palm Island until you have been inside the Declared Travel Zone for 14 continuous days immediately prior to entry.

What happens if COVID is detected inside the Declared Travel Zone?
Travel permission will be cancelled, and Palm Island will go into immediate lockdown. The Local Disaster Committee have detailed plans for this potential event.

Does this mean I could get stranded away from home?
Potentially yes, if COVID-19 is detected, then the island will immediately be quarantined again. This possibility should be considered when residents and family members make their travel plans.

Does this change mean anyone can visit Palm Island after June 12?
No. The new permission is only for Palm Island residents and their family members.
People who are not Palm Island residents or family members still must comply with the Biosecurity rules.

Essential activity workers and other non-residents
Workers who are performing essential activities and are not residents still need to comply with the Biosecurity rules, existing approval process and complete the travel declaration form.

Will there be extra ferry services?
Yes, there will be extra services, this coming weekend to deal with anticipated demand. Planning is underway now - including how to register - so seating can be allocated, forms completed, and social distancing rules apply.
- No unaccompanied freight will be permitted.
- Priority will be given to residents and their family members on the first weekend (June 12 – 15).

Quarantine facility at the Grand Chancellor
This facility is now closed. It may reopen if COVID is detected inside the Declared Travel Zone. However, this would be a decision for the State Government.
Council will release further information on Sunday about how to register for travel and increased services and schedules.

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TRAVEL DECLARATION FORM
FILLED BY EACH PERSON OR FAMILY GROUP GOING TO TRAVEL BETWEEN PALM ISLAND AND TOWNSVILLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA AND/OR HINCHINBROOK LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA.

KNOWLEDGEMENT (Please tick)
I, the Palm Island Declared Travel Zone is made up of the Palm Island, Townsville and Hinchinbrook Areas.
Myself and the listed travellers may not be able to leave or return to Palm Island if a case is reported in the Palm Island Declared Travel Zone.
Myself and the listed travellers must remain in the Declared Travel Zone.

FERRY TIMETABLE (Please tick preference)

Depart Townsville	Depart Palm Island
<input type="checkbox"/> 8.00 a.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> 10.00 a.m.
<input type="checkbox"/> 1.30 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.30 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/> 12 noon	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/> 10.00 a.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 noon
<input type="checkbox"/> 3.00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> 5.00 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/> 12 noon	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.00 p.m.

DECLARATION (circle response)
Who are travelling have any of the signs or symptoms of coughing, sore throat, fatigue, or chills/rigors of fever?
YES / NO
Have any travellers been exposed to human coronavirus?
YES / NO
Have any travellers been in a foreign country?
YES / NO
Have any travellers been in a foreign country, wholly or partly, for an extended period?
YES / NO
Have any of the travellers been prohibited from entering Queensland?
YES / NO
Have any of the travellers been prohibited from entering Queensland?
YES / NO

DATE: _____

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The Fact Sheet and Travel forms (above) are available on our website now!



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TRAVEL DECLARATION FORM

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH PERSON OR FAMILY GROUP SEEKING TO TRAVEL BETWEEN PALM ISLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA (LGA), TOWNSVILLE LGA AND/OR HINCHINBROOK LGA.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Please tick)

- I understand that the *Palm Declared Travel Zone* is made up of the Palm Island, Townsville and Hinchinbrook Local Government Areas;
- I understand that myself and the listed travellers may not be able to leave or return to Palm Island if a COVID-19 positive case is reported in the *Palm Declared Travel Zone*;
- I understand that while away from Palm Island, myself and the other travellers must remain in the *Palm Declared Travel Zone*.

SEALINK FERRY TIMETABLE (Please tick preference)

	Depart Townsville	Depart Palm Island
Friday, 12 June 2020	<input type="checkbox"/> 8.00 a.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> 10.00 a.m.
Friday, 12 June 2020	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.30 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.30 p.m.
Saturday, 13 June 2020	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 noon	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.00 p.m.
Sunday, 14 June 2020	<input type="checkbox"/> 10.00 a.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 noon
Sunday, 14 June 2020	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> 5.00 p.m.
Monday, 15 June 2020	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 noon	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.00 p.m.

DECLARATION (circle response)

Do you or any of those people who are travelling have any of the signs or symptoms of human coronavirus i.e. fever, coughing, sore throat, fatigue, or shortness of breath?	YES / NO
In the last 14 days, have you or any travellers been exposed to human coronavirus?	YES / NO
In the last 14 days, have you any travellers been in a foreign country?	YES / NO
Are you or any of the travellers intend to enter Palm Island, wholly or partly, for an unlawful purpose?	YES / NO
Are there any reasons why you or any of the travellers are prohibited from entering Palm Island e.g. bail conditions, court orders, etc?	YES / NO
Have you and the other travellers remained continuously in the <i>Palm Declared Travel Zone</i> in the last 14 days?	YES / NO
APPLICANT SIGNATURE:	DATE:

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NOTES:

APPLICANT / TRAVELLER 1

Full name:				
Address:				
Date of birth:		Telephone number:		
Email address:				
OFFICE USE ONLY:	Temperature	°C	Approved to travel?	YES / NO

TRAVELLER 2

Full name:				
Address:				
Date of birth:		Telephone number:		
OFFICE USE ONLY:	Temperature	°C	Approved to travel?	YES / NO

TRAVELLER 3

Full name:				
Address:				
Date of birth:		Telephone number:		
OFFICE USE ONLY:	Temperature	°C	Approved to travel?	YES / NO

TRAVELLER 4

Full name:				
Address:				
Date of birth:		Telephone number:		
OFFICE USE ONLY:	Temperature	°C	Approved to travel?	YES / NO

TRAVELLER 5

Full name:				
Address:				
Date of birth:		Telephone number:		
OFFICE USE ONLY:	Temperature	°C	Approved to travel?	YES / NO