



# Palm Island Voice

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**Issue 301**

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**PALM ISLAND**



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## Staying safe priority for Palm Island - Mayor

Palm Island restrictions will ease but staying safe continues to be a priority, Palm Island Mayor Mislam Sam says.

Mayor Sam said the Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) and Council's priority was to work as quickly as possible to ease restrictions while there are no cases in the Townsville local government area.

"Announcements will be made very soon about the changes I'm working hard to deliver," he said.

He said they were keen to make sure Palm Island was treated no differently to the rest of Queensland – but safety was first.

"We must stay safe, peaceful and healthy.

"We can't afford to lose people in our community who are vulnerable to this disease," he said.

"But while we are well away from any hotspots, we should be able to move while we can – but we have to do the right thing individually.

"While easing restrictions is important everyone of us must take responsibility for keeping ourselves, our families and others safe.

"This means regular hand washing and staying physically apart from each other.

"Being an Island, Palm Island has logistical considerations to work on, on top of everything else.

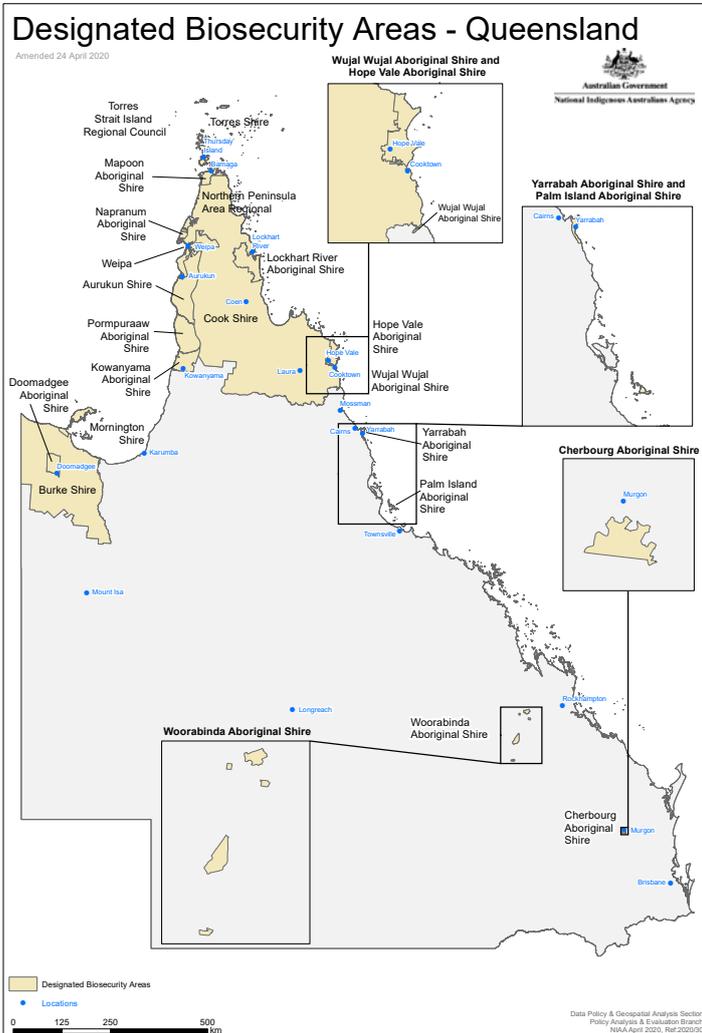
"Every day is a new round of meetings and things are changing very quickly, we ask that everyone be patient and keep an eye on notice boards and the Facebook pages.

"I intend to make sure residents can get some relief from the restrictions now – but everyone has to be responsible to keep vulnerable members safe."

He said if Covid-19 came to Palm Island, the community would be locked down immediately to protect residents and pandemic plans for isolation and quarantine, which are all ready in place and ready to go, would be enacted.



*Mayor Mislam Sam*



## A word from... Cr Andrea (Andy) Kyle-Sailor

Firstly, I would like to thank all those community people who supported me and had faith in me to represent you, new Councillor Andrea Kyle-Sailor writes...

I will try my utmost to help.

When I stood for the Election, I wanted to make the community my priority, ensure transparency, increase local employment and restore the confidence of the community in the Council.

Every Council is always faced with an enormous task.

When my mum Erykah was Mayor she and her Council were tasked with the sad Death in Custody in 2004, followed by the uprising of the community as a consequence of the treatment of our lost one.

I want to walk in my mother's shoes, however, I cannot fit them.

We, the Council now are faced with an enormous task of the pandemic which is



*ABOVE: Cr Andrea Kyle-Sailor (right) with her dearly Mum Erykah Kyle (RIP) who was the first Aboriginal Shire Council Mayor for Palm Island from 2004 to 2006.*

causing frustrations, financial burden and the pain of missing loved ones.

This with the added burden of some financial and other matters we have inherited.

But we will soldier on.

I would like the community to know we are trying to be fair and honest to all, and thank you once again.

## Ferry design inspired by local artwork



Sealink recently reached out to Palm Island artist Susan Pryor to create artwork that could be incorporated into the design of our new ferry that is due to arrive in July.

“And we are in love with her painting,” they said on their Facebook page.

“It tells the story of the islands and food sources, with a guest appearance from the white whale, Migaloo, as he is a special visitor to their sea.

“Such a beautiful piece of art with such a strong connection for the Bwgcolman people of Palm Island.

“Stay tuned for a sneak peek of the new ferry design inspired by this beautiful artwork!”

# Pregnancy/family app on track for Spring launch

We at the Palm Island Primary Health Care, Child and Maternal Health, are excited to give you an update on the progress of the Pregnancy on Palm (POP) mobile app, currently being designed for ladies and partners on Palm Island.

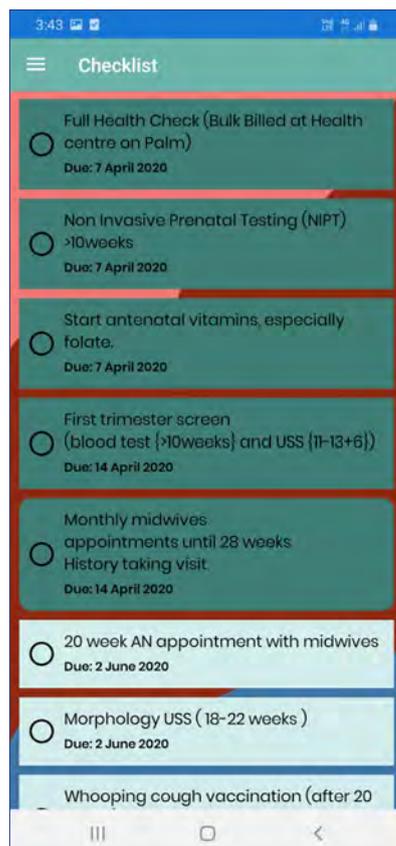
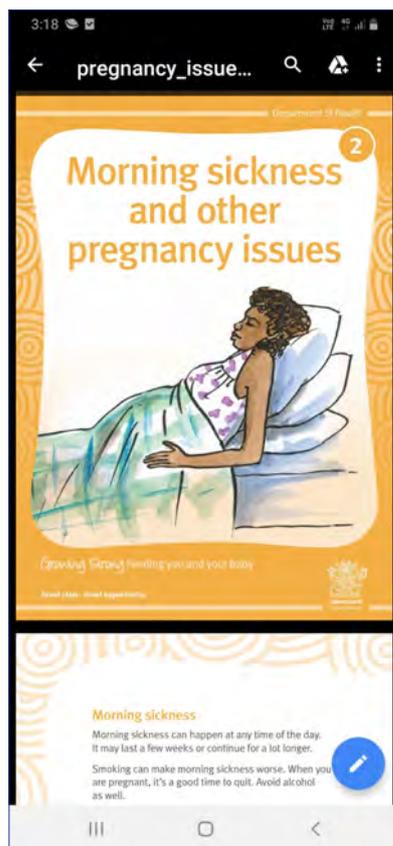
We are making a lot of progress on the design app which will be used by the ladies and their partners throughout their pregnancy.

We are now at the stage of looking and reviewing the prototype application, which has been downloaded for testing and feedback, so we have been consulting with ladies to get their opinions on the app progress and to see if they would have some changes made.

We have signed with Agnes Wotton to have her art work for beautification and to signify the cultural importance of the app to the families on Palm Island who will use it.

We have found some fantastic links to resources for our new parents to learn all they need to know about their pregnancy and having a newborn at home.

At this stage of the development we are hoping to have the app up and fully functional in couple of months.



While this year's 'Go for Broke' commemorations were put on hold due to Coronavirus, we thought we might take a look at some of the events which have marked the 1957 Strike in the *Palm Island Voice* from 2011 to the 60th anniversary in 2017.

## Planning underway for huge day of Strike 57 celebrations

**STRIKE OF 1957 COMMEMORATION DAY FOR 2011**  
**FRIDAY 3rd June 2011**  
 9am to 3.30pm

**"COME AND CELEBRATE A FUN FILLED DAY OF ACTIVITIES"**

Cheering on your local OZtag, Netball, Pool and Dart team/players  
 Battling out for the Winner of the Strike Day Commemoration Trophy  
**"UNITED WE STAND"**

Traditional Dancing  
 Traditional Games  
 Face Painting  
 Junior Art & Dance Competition  
 Storytelling  
 Slide shows of old P I  
 Tea/Coffee provided - 10am to 12noon  
 @ the Coolgaree Sports & Bar Bistro

There will be Food and drinks on sale

Contacts: Pool & Dart Comp - Zac Sam  
 OzTag - Milton Thaiday  
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TO TOP THE DAY OF A DINNER DANCE & KARAOKE COMPETITION  
 WILL BE HELD 6PM TO 11PM @ THE COOLGAREE SPORTS & BAR BISTRO

TICKETS \$30 EACH ON SALE PRIOR TO THE DANCE  
 FROM EVELYN & CDEP

WE HAVE REQUESTED FROM THE COUNCIL  
 FOR SUNFERRIES TO DEPART PALM ISLAND @ 4PM

Picture: 1952 - Beach huts in front Palm Island

Above & Below are from Issue 79 (19 May 2011)

### A day of celebrations and activities to commemorate the 1957 Palm Island Strike is being organised by the grandchildren of Palm Island's strikers.

Friday 3 June has been declared a public holiday on the Island as a day to remember the Strike of 1957 when the people of Palm Island met in silence to fight for better wages and living conditions. As a result of these meetings seven men were branded as leaders and troublemakers. While they may have all passed on now, the families of Willie Thaiday, Albert Geia, Eric Lyburner, Sonny Sibley, Bill Congoo, George Watson and Gordon Tapau, are working to ensure they will not be forgotten. These men and their families were rounded up by police in the early hours of the morning and forcibly removed from their homes and banished from the Island.

Most of them were never to return until decades later. Mrs Dulcie Isaro, daughter of the Late Willie Thaiday will be a special guest this year, and will be visiting the local schools to talk to students and teachers. It is also hoped the last surviving widow, Mrs Alma Geia, will also be able to visit Palm Island for this special Day of Commemoration. "We should all stop and remember that day back in 1957 when these seven men and Palm Island people stood up for their rights and said no more to the Government people who controlled their life," co-organiser Evelyn Lyburner said. "This was the time when our parents and grandparents were living under "The Act"

living as slaves and living by the bell to wake up for work and down for sleep at night. "They had no say in what they can do or where they can go. "They could not meet in crowds, segregation and boundaries, children were separated from families and put into dormitories. "All were from different tribal backgrounds, and were taught and told to speak English and not their own traditional language. "We have this freedom now of choosing our own path in life. "To acknowledge this day every year is our way of healing and helping the reconciliation process between all races of people. "We are proud Bwgcman people of Palm Island."

- FULL PROGRAM**
- At the old oval opposite Council Chambers we have:**  
 9am to 10am (Formalities) - Traditional Owner Welcoming; Traditional Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander dancing; Mrs Dulcie Isaro speaking on behalf of the Strikers' families; Mayor Lacey and blessing of the day.  
 10am to 2pm - OzTag and Netball Matches and a Pool and Dart Competition playing for the Strike of 1957 Commemoration Trophy which will be used yearly for the competition and kept in the Council Chambers. Donated by Elizabeth Seibel CPA.  
 2pm - Finalist of the Junior Dance Competition performs  
 2.30pm - Presentations of Trophies for the winners of the OzTag, Netball, Pool and Dart Comp, Junior Art and Dance Competition.  
 3.30pm - Closing  
**FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE ON SALE - TRADITIONAL AND HAMBURGER STALL.**
  - At the PCYC**  
 10am to 2pm - Netball matches battling it out for the Strike of 1957 Commemoration Day Trophy for 2011 donated by the Palm Island Council
  - At the Coolgaree Sports & Bar Bistro**  
 10am to 12noon - Showing of old slides of Palm Island.  
 10am to 12noon - Elders and community - Morning tea provided and Community lunch provided @ 12.30pm.  
 12.30pm to 2pm - Pool and Dart Comp finals battling it out for the Strike of 1957 Commemoration Day Trophy for 2011, donated by Day & Day Shipping.
  - At the Mall:**  
 10am to 2pm - Children's activities (games and face painting etc) organised by Deniece Geia and the Red Cross  
 10am to 2pm - Junior Art display and Dance Competitions.

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## 57 strike inspires holiday celebrations

Strike of 57 celebrations on Palm Island are in memory of seven heroic men and is, at times, a very emotional event. As a mark of respect for the 'Magnificent Seven', the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council gazettes a day every year for the Island's own Strike 57 Commemoration holiday. For more pics and a full wrap up of the day see pages 4-7...

Above: Dulcie Isaro with Mayor Alf Lacey, Ernestine Lacey, aged 12 and Lisa-Shay Pryor, 12; Right: Erica Fulford Snr, Veronica Noble Snr, Irene Paula Watson Snr, Dulcie Isaro, Milton Thaiday

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## '57 STRIKE GO FOR BROKE

BILL CONGOO • ALBIE GEIA • ERIC LYMBURNER  
 SONNY SIBLEY • GORDON TAPAU  
 WILLIE THAIDAY • GEORGE WATSON

### COMMEMORATION • 3 JUNE 2016

**A MESSAGE FROM JOE GEIA TO PALM ISLANDERS COMMEMORATING THE 1957 STRIKE**

I am sending my love and best wishes to the families of the seven leaders who stood up to the cruelty and injustice of daily life "Under the Act" and I'm sorry I am unable to make it this year.

I am very proud that my father, Albie Geia, was one of those courageous men who stood in solidarity and said, "we will not work any longer for rations but real wages".

My father told us he was the first baby born in the Palm Island hospital. Dad was also a sportsman, a bowler, a footballer, a guitarist, brass band bass player, a conductor, pearl diver, and a leader of the 1957 Palm Island strike!

My brother Cedric was young then but remembers the night the police came over from Townsville to break the strike, bashed down the door, with guns in their hands and took the strike leaders down to the waterfront and tied the men's hands to the mast.

They and their families were banished from the Island and sent to other missions and punished as 'troublemakers'. It took great courage to stand up to the oppressive regime of the time but it is only in unity that things can change.

My father continued to stand up for human rights throughout his life. I wrote my song 'Uncle Willie'

(Uncle Willie Thaiday) as a dedication to him and my father and the other leaders after reading Uncle Willie's book 'Protected: Under the Act'.

It was written from the many stories I and my brothers and sisters grew up with about the strike.

I am a proud Palm Islander and through music try to let the world know about its beauty, its amazing community and the continuing hardships.

The words of my song still ring true today.

"We have got to fight, fight for our rights Every day and every night"

INSIDE: Our own recyclers; netball pics from Townsville and MORE!

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## 57 Strike Day 2012

"This strike story belongs to the whole Island, it is not just my family's story." Dulcie Isaro said. "The younger generation needs to know what happened."

NETBALL, darts and pool competitions were held in conjunction with the Strike of 57 Memorial Day, attracting males and females, young and not so young.

Pool players battled it out for honours at the Coolgaree Sports Bar and Grill in a hotly contested competition. Alfred Ryan managed to win the event but faced some stiff opposition from Neville Haines, Daniel Langdon, Clay Hunter, his brother Kitchener Ryan and local truck driver Irvin Armburn.

At the same venue was the darts comp contested by eight players with Neville Haines the winner.

Netball teams also battled it out for the Strike of 1957 Commemoration Day Trophy donated by the Palm Island Shire Council. It was a mixed competition with three sides - Farmers, Stealers and Strikers - fighting for honours.

Qualifying games were held at the outdoor courts next to the Barracudas football oval. The grand final was played at the Palm Island PCYC where Strikers defeated Stealers 22-20 in a cliff-hanger in front of a cheering crowd.

Results:  
 Game 1: Strikers 16 def Stealers 13  
 Game 2: Strikers 20 def Farmers 15  
 Game 3: Stealers def Farmers 16

**GRAND FINAL:**  
**STRIKERS 22 DEF STEALERS 20**

This was a very close match with Stealers catching up and leading by four goals in the third quarter. Strikers came back to win by just two points.

Deadly 7 Best Players were Eva Pearson, Thomasina Morgan, Sam Courts, Ben Castors Jr, Shannon Morgan, Alinah Geia & John Sibley.

"As usual it was a pleasure to cook for our elders and community here on Palm," head chef Danielle Sinn said. "I found it very humbling being in company with some of the survivors of such a horrible time in their lives. Coming from a white upbringing, I had never even heard of the Strike or even dormitory days or Phantom Island. It saddens me, how those people were treated, and I hope we are on our way to bettering our relations with Indigenous Australia. But a wonderful day was had by all!"

Left: centrespread coverage from June 2012 - part of several pages of pics; Right: Planning underway for 2013 events.

## Strike '57 planning underway

Every year the Palm Island community remembers their fallen heroes and leaders on the special anniversary of the 1957 strike, known as "Strike '57".

The day commemorates a time the whole community came together to fight for better wages and living conditions. Evelyn Lyburner, who is the daughter of striker Eric Lyburner, said. "This made the authorities angry and knew that they needed to do something to disband the gatherings before it got out of hand," she said.

"Because of fear for their family and life, the community unwillingly gave in but seven men stood strong, holding their ground and not adhering to the authorities - they were 'going for broke'."

"The seven - Albie Geia, Willie Thaiday, Eric Lyburner, Sonny Sibley, Bill Congoo, George Watson and Gordon Tapau - were rounded up in an early hour dawn raid and forcibly removed from Palm Island on 14th June 1957, along with their wives and children.

"They were taken in handcuffs onto a boat in rough seas to the mainland Townsville and sent to other missions such as Cherbourg.

Shire Council has arranged an officially declared public holiday for Palm Island. "No more in silence, the whole community comes together each year participating and remembering the achievements and success we have today because of the Strike of 1957."

**STRIKE '57 COMMEMORATION DAY**  
 Monday, 3rd June 2013  
 'A TIME TO REMEMBER AND BE PROUD'  
 Honouring our Past Leaders of this Community and the Seven Men who did not stand down 'Going for Broke'.

Albie Geia  
 Willie Thaiday  
 Eric Lyburner  
 Sonny Sibley  
 Bill Congoo  
 George Watson  
 Gordon Tapau

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## We should all remember

Mixed emotions marked this year's Strike '57 Day for organiser Delphine Geia. "Mixed emotions - excitement, pride, sadness, grieving, victory, triumph, inspiration, beauty, scenic beauty in people as well, the beauty of meeting people of different backgrounds and coloured skin, coloured hair, shape, sizes, height, kids, old people and still knowing what the drill is because you believe in the same thing," she said.

"That's what this weekend was about." She said guests on the Friday included the wife of East Timorese Ambassador to Australia, Anna Gutierrez, in the true spirit of reaching out to people.

"What will keep us going is that spirit - and the spirit, from my point of view because it's the way I can explain it as a Christian, is the spirit that drives you to look for the truth and to live by it," she said. "It was lovely to have Anna here, because we need to reach out to people. I could see that in Scott Stewart; the local Member for Townsville. I could see that in the union guys; they're not Christians I don't think, and people might wonder what do Christians have to do with, what do union guys have to do with old ladies. "But that's that beauty right there. "And when I see how this thing was evolved, it was really DIY. That's fine by me because you know you've got the genuine people there to help you and that's the only way you can build something solid that's going to last. "And I believe that's why the drive and the spirit has lasted from the Strike through Dulcie Isaro because she was an eye witness to now. Everybody else that was there might have been able to say: "Well, I wasn't involved in this Strike", but you don't apologise for yourself because you've come from somewhere else and you met up with this person to drive that even further wherever you're going to go, and I believe that's what's happening here, it's gathering momentum."

A strong theme of speakers for the day was that Strike Day was not just for the families of those involved, but for all Bwgcman. FULL STORY INSIDE!!!

It is 60 years since the Strike of 57, during which Willie Thaiday, Albert Geia, Eric Lyburner, Sonny Sibley, Bill Congoo, George Watson and Gordon Tapau, all of whom have passed on, fought for justice, better conditions and rights for their people. The seven men were branded as troublemakers and were removed from Palm Island on June 14 of 1957.

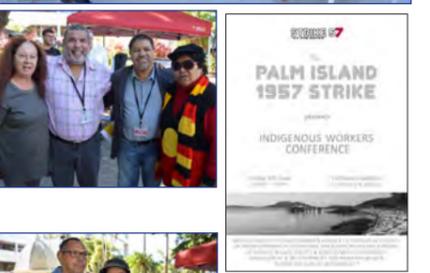
As part of this year's commemorations, a special Indigenous Workers' Conference was held in Townsville last Friday. Speakers, facilitated by Jeff McMullen, included Federal Member for Herbert Cathy O'Toole, Deputy Premier Jackie Trad and State Member for Townsville Scott Stewart. MC for the event was striker descendant Aaron Thaiday.

Several respected elders, who are sons and daughters of the strikers, gave the audience first hand accounts of the hardship they faced living on Palm Island in 1957.

They had to eat food with weevils and endure terrible living conditions, their money was withheld and subsequently stolen, and they had no rights to improve their conditions, borne out by first hand accounts of seeing weapons pointed at the strikers when they attempted to change things for the better.

After the speeches, four panels

## Indigenous Workers strikes a chord



of people discussed a wide range of issues. Members of the Congoo, Geia, Lyburner, Sibley, Tapau, Thaiday and Watson families, as a collective, organised a three-day 60th anniversary event on Palm Island this week, we'll have full coverage in our next edition of the *Palm Island Voice*.

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# ADS & COMMUNITY NOTICES

## POSITION VACANT Human Resource Manager



Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council is looking for an experienced Human Resource Manager. The position, based on Palm Island, will be offered on an above Award contract

Candidates will have relevant work experience as a Human Resource Manager, preferably in remote areas and/or aboriginal communities. A degree in human resources management, industrial relations or other relevant field would be highly regarded.

**The Human Resource Manager is responsible for the effective and efficient management and coordination of all human resource management activities and functions including;**

- Providing advice, information and support to the Chief Executive Officer, senior management team, and staff regarding human resource management matters
- Working with management and staff to identify ways to improve and enhance job satisfaction, professional development and training, and workplace health and safety.
- Manage payroll, staff recruitment, on-boarding, retention and performance review programs in accordance with sound practices and in a consistent manner.

**To be successful in this role you will have:**

- Solid experience in a HR Management role, with experience in remote areas and/or aboriginal communities an advantage
- High level of knowledge and understanding of the Industrial Relations legislation and framework applicable to Queensland local government, including the ability to interpret and apply legislation, awards, and industrial agreements
- Knowledge of, and experience in, managing a broad range of HR issues including performance management, workforce planning, employee relations, recruitment, strategic HR planning and change management
- Highly developed interpersonal, organisational and written communication skills with the ability to deal with sensitive and confidential information;
- Strong ethical, analytical and problem-solving skills with the ability to think strategically;
- Knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and demonstrated ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

Please contact Ron Fenner, Director Corporate Services, on 4770 0251 or Dennis McLeod on 47 700 248 if you would like to find out more about this role.

### How to Apply:

If this role sounds of interest to you, please forward your resume, together with a cover letter explaining how you believe you meet the requirements of the position to [Ronald.Fenner@Palmcouncil.qld.gov.au](mailto:Ronald.Fenner@Palmcouncil.qld.gov.au)

**Application will close 5pm on Monday 15 June 2020**



## COMMUNITY NOTICE

### FISHING ALLOWED

SAT 6 & SUN 7 JUNE 2020  
AT 7AM – 5PM

## APPLY NOW

MON 1 TO THUR 4 JUNE 2020  
Applications close 4 June 2020 at 5pm

THE COUNCIL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, 5 JUNE 2020 DUE TO THE PUBLIC HOLIDAY BWGCOLMAN DAY.

**MAKE SURE YOU COMPLETE AND SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION.**

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### WILL BE CLOSED ON

**FRIDAY, 5 JUNE 2020**

DUE TO THE PUBLIC HOLIDAY FOR

**BWGCOLMAN DAY**

THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN AND RESUME NORMAL OPERATIONS ON

**MONDAY, 8 JUNE 2020**

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**Your support is always appreciated, thank you.**

# Working for the community



**For Tahnee Geia, working at selectability is more than a job - It is an opportunity to help the Palm Island community.**

Tahnee has been employed by selectability as a support worker for more than three years. During this time, she has developed the skills and confidence to engage with other services on Palm and connect residents to the support they need.

“selectability has supported me with training to increase my knowledge of mental health and wellbeing services. I can now confidently work with my community and help people improve their wellbeing,” said Tahnee.

selectability is the only service of its kind on Palm Island and works to reduce stigma and misunderstanding around disabilities and improve wellbeing across the community.

The service provides a welcoming and safe environment for people to connect, socialise and learn new skills.

**If you are like Tahnee and passionate about improving the social and emotional wellbeing of your community and want to work for a service that offers a great hourly rate and on the job training ... apply today.**

Tahnee has the skills and confidence to connect Palm Island residents to the support they need.

## Now hiring support workers!

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED. GREAT HOURLY RATE.**

If you are passionate about your community and its residents and have:

- **the ability to qualify for a Blue Card**
- **your drivers' licence**
- **the ability to get your First Aid and CPR certificates (or already have them)**

we want you on our team!

Sound like you? Send your CV to [regions@selectability.com.au](mailto:regions@selectability.com.au) or drop it into the office (49a Beach Road) - as soon as possible.

[www.selectability.com.au](http://www.selectability.com.au)  
T: 4724 6800



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mental wellbeing and suicide prevention

# Remains put to rest

Close inspection by Manbarra Traditional Owners has revealed the human remains discovered under Beach Road roadworks showed physical evidence consistent with traditional ceremonial practices.

The Manbarra Elders Counsel has distributed a statement confirming the remains were estimated by police forensics to be more than 100 years old.

“Additional Police photographic advice of remains were viewed and in a later discussion were identified by Elder Walter Palm Island as a possible ‘bundle burial,’” the statement said. “A Manbarra Ceremony, (peacemaking/safe passage or smoking ceremony) to restore our elders remains to rightful place was held on Thursday May 28 last week.

“Part of the ceremony was the restoration of relationships with representatives of the various stakeholders, these

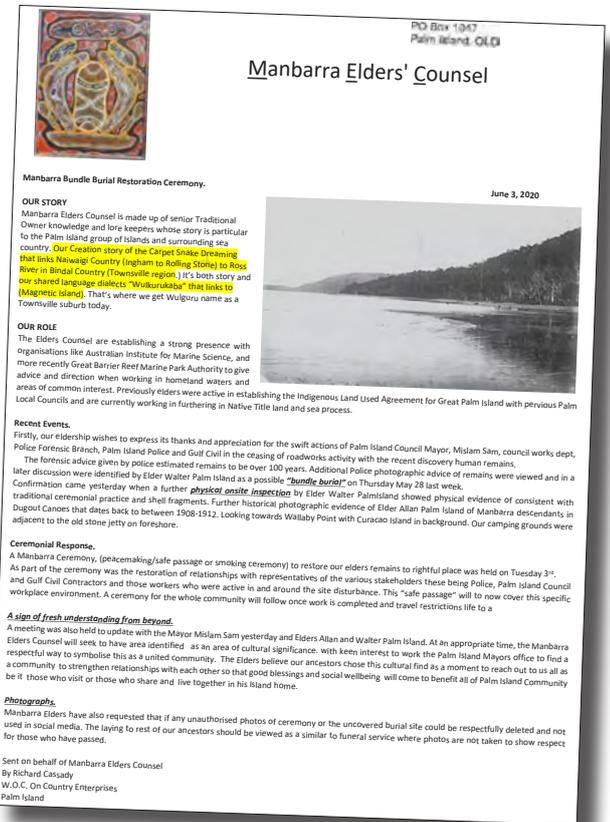
being Police, Palm Island Council and Gulf Civil Contractors, and those workers who were active in and around the site disturbance.

“This ‘safe passage’ will now cover this specific workplace environment.

“A ceremony for the whole community [*\*Covid-19 permitting*] will follow once work is completed.”

Elders have met with the new Council to request to have the area identified as an ‘area of cultural significance’ to respectfully symbolise a newly united community.

“The Elders believe our ancestors chose this cultural find as a moment to reach out to us all as a community to strengthen relationships with each other so that good blessings and social wellbeing will come to benefit all of Palm Island Community be it those who visit or those who share and live together in his Island home,” they said.



**OUR NEXT DEADLINE (Issue 302) will be Thursday 11 June for publication on Thursday 18 June!**

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