



Palm Island Voice

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PALM ISLAND



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

Vouchers on offer for those who get tested

As restrictions are lifted and our public spaces re-open, it's more important than ever to remember the new rules around hand washing and social distancing, Mayor Mislam Sam says.

“Starting this week Queensland Health is ramping up their activities to make sure we all stay safe as the borders open up,” he said.

“And we'll keep saying this – we don't want Covid-19 on our Island.”

He said nose swabs were an important part of keeping the

community safe and those who volunteered for the test would receive a \$30 food voucher.

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Mall clean up signals re-opening(s)

Council's workforce has been hard on the job of cleaning up our public spaces now we are able to use them again. Teams of parks and gardens crew and all-round heavy lifters were on hand to polish up the pavement, lop unruly tree tops and generally catch up on maintenance of the town mall area in particular – don't forget to keep your social distances though!



ABOVE: Several videos of our workers in action can be found on the Council's Facebook page

Vouchers on offer for those who get tested

From page one...

“It’s really important people go and get a nose swab at the first sign of a tickle in the throat or a runny nose,” Mayor Sam said. “And then it’s critical they isolate themselves at home for two days until the results come through.

“Even if you’re sure its not Covid-19, make sure by going and getting it done anyway.

“Don’t wait till you are properly sick, don’t go to work, don’t go to the shop – just go to the mobile fever clinic at the Primary Health Care and get a quick nose swab done.”

He said that was all they

needed to do – get a nose swab done at the Primary Health Centre in the mobile van and they would get the voucher.

“Testing is the best way we have to keep moving forward and keep us all safe,” he said.

“It’s all part of making sure we’re keep everyone healthy, we need to monitor everyone as closely as we can.

“The next most important thing we can do is maintain social distancing, even here on Palm, especially now we have people going to Townsville and beyond. It’s time for us to take this social distancing seriously

here at home.”

He said current understanding was the virus was passed on by touch and could survive on some surfaces for several days.

“We need to continue to be careful and be aware of what we are doing,” he said.

“Get your nose swab done, now and in the future if you have even a slight sore throat – and get a \$30 free food voucher for 20 minutes (and two days) of your time.

“Keep your distance, even here on the Island, and keep washing your hands.

“You could help save a life.”



Bwgcorman Community School recently sent out a big ‘thank you’ to hard workers Rachael and Louisa for being there every day “to fill up our hungry bellies and fuel our growing bodies”. They also said the pair often went ‘above and beyond’ to clean up the school grounds too. Legends! Pic by Paula McMahon

Declared travel zones make things easier - for now

Community residents in their hundreds have welcomed – and taken – the opportunity to travel to Townsville to catch up with much-missed friends and relatives and some city shopping over the past two weeks.

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council CEO Adele Young said no forms were needed to travel within the declared travel zone

“The system is much simpler than it was,” Ms Young said.

“No forms are required to travel to or from the Island under the current arrangements.

“Residents will be asked questions by the police, on behalf of the government, to ensure they are healthy and they understand the rules.

“Visitors to Palm can choose to fill in a remote area pass which will make their travelling a little smoother.”

Ms Young said it was still ‘essential’ for essential activity workers to hold a ‘Communities Entry Pass – E’, which were available from the Council’s website.

“This is the only paperwork they need if they have come from within the declared travel zone,” she said.

She said the ‘E Pass’ was not mandatory for residents and their families if they were

travelling within the zone.

She said proof of residency letters were available from the Council as required.

MEANWHILE, announcements by the State Government this week indicated the community at large was hopefully moving to the third phase of lifting restrictions on July 10.

“This will depend on whether any COVID enters QLD once border restrictions are relaxed,” Ms Young said.

“Also, whether all the necessary health planning and swabbing is done in order for the Chief Health Officer to approve us to move to the next level.”

She asked that residents watch the Council’s website and Facebook for updates as the come to hand.





After a long, socially distant term, St Michael's School held their first whole school assembly on Wednesday 24 June 2020 to celebrate 90%+ attendees and their Gold Medal winners (they said the BBQ was delicious too!).



A word from... Cr Derek Haines

I'd just like to say a big 'thank you' to all the Bwgcorman mob here on Palm who voted for me.

I appreciate their faith in me and for giving me a chance to lead.

My portfolios include infrastructure and that's really the main thing I want to focus on, along with trying to get our young people into the workforce.

I'd like to help them get some respect back, so they can be confident in what they can achieve and what they want to do.

Like most of our mob, they're a bit shy and not sure of what they can do, but if we can get them into jobs I think that would give them the boost they need.

I think we all need to work towards that, and that's part of what I really want to do, for young and old.

I really want there to be growth and employment opportunities for everyone.

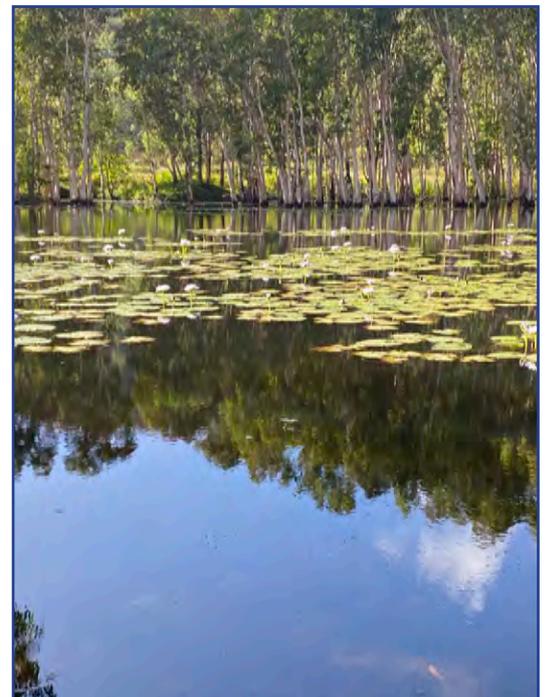
I also want to make sure we look after our



beautiful environment, that we respect it and keep it tidy and clean for our little ones and their future.

Part of that is also creating and maintaining our beautiful community, so upgrading some of our infrastructure such as our parks and gardens, and all our public areas, as well as utilising some of our vacant land, is also something I'd like to do.

Thanks again to everyone who voted, it's been a difficult start to the year, and there still might be some hard things ahead, but we have a good team here and I'm looking forward to seeing what we can do.



These two beautiful pics with thanks to Ruth Gorringe.

POSITIONS VACANT



Palm Island
COMMUNITY COMPANY

PICC is a not-for-profit organisation committed to the welfare and prosperity of the Palm Island Community through the provision of a range of social services and enterprises. PICC has been in operation since 2007 and is the second largest employer on Palm Island.

Human Resource Officer - Full Time

As the Human Resource Officer you will report to the Senior Human Resource Officer and provide administrative and general support, assist Managers and staff in relation to day-to-day human resource matters; coordinate and provide support in relation to PICC recruitment requirements, both internal and external.

- Coordinate recruitment processes, induction, licensing and compliance processes;
- Maintain HR files and records including employment agreements and other documentation; and,
- Undertake general HR administration tasks including audits as directed.

Applications close COB 5pm, Monday 6th July 2020.

Residential Support Worker (Casual) – Safe House (re-advertised)

The purpose of this position is to provide day-to-day care and supervision of the children and young people residing in the Safe House, to ensure they are safe, supported and supervised at all times. The position key responsibilities are confidential reporting of issues related to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. Provide meals, basic cleaning, safe transportation and supervision of outings. Shift work and rostered sleeping within the residence is also a requirement.

Applications close COB 5pm, Friday 10th July 2020.

Family Participation Worker – Safe House Part Time (re-advertised)

The purpose of this position is to work collaboratively with at risk families to assist them in identifying their needs using Family Led Decision Making (FLDM) framework to ensure their children are safe. The FPW will provide support to families through culturally appropriate practices that effectively engage with traditional owners, elders and families across all communities. The FPW position is also expected to build and maintain professional relationships with staff of the Department of Child Safety, Young People and Women.

Applications close COB 5pm, Friday 10th July 2020.

Family Intervention Service Worker – Safe House Full Time (re-advertised)

The purpose of this position is to provide practical support and assistance for children and families who are subject to departmental child protection intervention. This service will provide the opportunity to address child protection concerns, building capacity for children to safely remain in or return to their family home. The position has responsibility for confidential case planned interventions with families to ensure ongoing safety and protection of children and young people on Palm Island, this will include supervising contact between parents/carers, children and young people. Support may be delivered through counselling, mentoring, modelling or teaching both in individual settings or group work processes. It may be centre based or delivered through outreach to families in their homes or at another location as appropriate.

Applications close COB 5pm, Friday 10th July 2020.

How to Apply

To apply for these positions, (or for a copy of the position descriptions); please email your application to recruitment@picc.com.au.

Please note for positions that are re-advertised, applicants who recently applied are not required to re-apply.

For further information please contact HR on 4421 4300.



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