



# Palm Island Voice

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PALM ISLAND



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

# Welcome!

*On hand to welcome the Coolgaree Cat to Palm Island were several crew members with Charmaine Koroi, Susan Pryor, Alan Palm Island & Sealink's Katie Lord. Archie Fraser performed the traditional smoking ceremony for its arrival.*



## DV Awareness march to go ahead this week

Every year, usually in May, Queensland marks Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month (DFVP Month) to help send a clear message that domestic and family violence in families and homes will not be tolerated.

One of the main awareness raising events on Palm Island in past years has been the DV March, which this year will be socially-distanced 2020-style and held from 4-5pm on Wednesday this week (*see p 4 for road closure info*).

Earlier this year Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence Di Farmer said events and activities had been scheduled across the state

to help prevent domestic and family violence at the local level and support survivors.

“All Queenslanders say ‘not now, not ever’ to violence in our communities as we work together to raise awareness, let victims know they are not alone and that support and help is available to them,” she said. “Activities range from a march on Palm Island to the wearing of ‘No to DV’ shirts in

Mount Isa and Doomadgee.

“There is also a launch of a women’s rugby league competition in Murgon.”

Ms Farmer said the program this year was focused on awareness-raising events in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and people who identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex or queer, young people and older people.

# CHAMPIONS!

L-R Front: Melita Murphy, Agnes Wotton & Ruth Gorringe.  
Middle: Jennifer Ketchell, Pauline Shortjoe & Harry Reuben.  
Back: Anthony James, Andrew Sharp, Mislam Sam & Caleb Blackley.

Joyce Palmer Health Service



## The Joyce Palmer Health Service is really proud to introduce our very own Covid Safe Champions to the community, Doc Francis says.

"This was a brilliant initiative by our Community Liaison officer Jennifer Ketchell," he said.  
"For more than seven months Covid-19 has officially been a pandemic and with no imminent

vaccine we need to consider our day-to-day 'new normal' and take action to prevent Covid-19.  
"We need to remember to test early and isolate if we have any symptoms, and practice safe habits like hand

washing, coughing into our elbows, physical distancing and wearing a mask when needed.

He said our Covid Safe Champions would be the interface between the

community and the health service.

Their roles include:

- Promoting Covid Safe practices to family, friends and community;
- Giving correct information about Covid;
- Helping family, friends and community put Covid Safe practices in place and follow public health directions; and,
- Being the person to take questions, concerns and suggestions from the community

to the our health services.

"Our Champions had their first training session last week and they are all very enthusiastic about their new roles," he said.

"They will be meeting regularly with representatives from the health services to discuss any suggestions, questions or updates.

"Please feel free to approach any of the Champions if you have any questions or suggestions about Covid-19 – and don't forget to stay Covid Safe!"

Townsville Hospital and Health Service

### Expressions of Interest

#### Administrative Officers and Operational Service Officers

Joyce Palmer Health Service - PALM ISLAND

Express your interest for upcoming vacancies within our Health Service. Upcoming opportunities exist for Administrative Officers and Operational Service Officers (Patient Handling, Food Services, Cleaning and Maintenance).

Status: Casual, Temporary and Permanent vacancies

Salary:

- Operational Services Officers OO2, \$2028.60 to \$2199.70 per fortnight (full-time), \$32.63 to \$35.60 per hour (casual)
- Administrative Officers AO2, \$2028.60 to \$2354.20 per fortnight (full-time), \$32.83 to \$38.10 per hour (casual)

We encourage applications from members of the Bwgcoldman community with accommodation on Palm Island

Enquiries to: [Judith Townsend-Stahre 07 4752 5121](mailto:Judith.Townsend-Stahre@health.qld.gov.au)  
Email your application to [Judith.Townsend-Stahre@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Judith.Townsend-Stahre@health.qld.gov.au)

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### CURRENT VACANCY

#### Cook

Joyce Palmer Health Service - PALM ISLAND

Status: Permanent full-time.  
Salary: OO3, \$2209.30 to \$2307.90 per fortnight (full-time)

This position:

- You will be responsible for the production and distribution of meals for Joyce Palmer Health Service ensuring compliance with Food Standards and Queensland Health Nutrition Standards.

Is this the opportunity for you?

- The appointee to this position will be required to carry out frequent and repetitive lifting, manual handling of goods and equipment. There is a requirement for the successful applicant to undertake a functional capacity assessment.
- C class motor vehicle licence
- We encourage applications from members of the Bwgcoldman community with accommodation on Palm Island

Applications close: **Monday 2 November 2020**  
Enquiries to: [Judith Townsend-Stahre 07 4752 5121](mailto:Judith.Townsend-Stahre@health.qld.gov.au)  
APPLY Online via [https://smartjobs.qld.gov.au/jobtools/incustomsearch.viewFullSingle?in\\_orga\\_nid=14904&in\\_inCounter=222061635](https://smartjobs.qld.gov.au/jobtools/incustomsearch.viewFullSingle?in_orga_nid=14904&in_inCounter=222061635)  
OR email your application to [Judith.Townsend-Stahre@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Judith.Townsend-Stahre@health.qld.gov.au)

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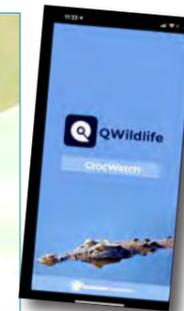
## New crocodile reporting app launched - Q Wildlife

In an emergency situation call 000 or 112 from some mobile phones.

If you see a crocodile in Queensland report it to the Department of Environment and Science via:

- QWildlife app for [iOS](#) or [Android](#)
- [Report a sighting](#) online
- call 1300 130 372 (Option 1).

Remember: crocodiles are highly mobile and the longer you take to report a sighting, the less likely it is that the crocodile will be located.



The Queensland government has launched a free crocodile sighting app available for Android and iPhone called QWildlife.

The app allows you to report crocodile sightings by placing a pin on the crocodile's location using an interactive map.

It includes handy tips and information about crocodile safety and behaviour.

## Pandemic leave payments on offer

A \$1500 Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment may be accessed by some Queenslanders who are self isolating or in quarantine during the Covid-19 pandemic after an agreement with the Commonwealth government was extended, Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk says.

The payments are also available to Queenslanders who cannot earn an income because they are caring for someone who has Covid-19.

They will not be eligible for the payment if they are receiving income, earnings or salary maintenance from work, or on JobKeeper Payments or other forms of Australian or Queensland Government income support.

"Many Queenslanders are in a situation where they have had

To claim the Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment call 180 22 66 or see [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/disaster](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/disaster) for more information.

## Numbers you should know:

If a situation is serious and urgent call 000.

Palm Island Specialist Domestic & Family Violence Service: 4791 4031 or 1800 725 647

DVConnect Womensline: 1800 811 811

DVConnect Mensline: 1800 600 636

1800RESPECT: 1800 737 732

Lifeline: 13 11 14

**For non-urgent incidents, crimes or police inquiries call Police Link on 131 444.**

to self-isolate or quarantine and have used up their leave entitlements leaving them with no income," the Premier said.

"They may be eligible for the payment and others may also be eligible if they're the parent or guardian of a child aged 16 or under who has been instructed to isolate as they are a close contact."

People can claim the payment again if their self-isolation or quarantine period is extended longer than 14 days.

Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800  
Community members can remain anonymous when reporting illicit activity by calling the 'sly grog' hotline on 1800 500 815.  
To report other crime anonymously call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

## Painting a picture of health

Finding the right person to design some artwork for a young Men's and Women's health business project kicked off after a conversation between Palm Island Art Group coordinator Ian Palmer and Townsville Public Health Unit Health Promotions manager Alex Massey.

Ian quickly identified Gabriel Gessu to be the right man for the job, Alex said – leading to another conversation.

"Soon after we started talking about it, Gabriel said he thought the Lion Fish could represent Men's Business, with its strong character and striking looks," he said.

"This was further supported from the young men on the island as being an iconic fish to the area.

"After yet another conversation with local young women the hibiscus flower was identified something that could represent Women's business as a reflection of Palm Island's tropical beauty."



He said Gabriel put paint to paper and came up with the right colours and design for the program.

"The design has been well received," Alex said.

"The artwork has been gifted from the Townsville Public Health Unit to the Palm Island Primary Health Care Centre and is on display outside of the consult rooms.

"Shirts have also been made and distributed to people who had been involved in the project.

"They will be available at the upcoming launch for a series of videos produced by young people on the island."

Watch this space for more!

#whichwayyouthandrelationships  
#strikeupayarn #gettested

# COMMUNITY NOTICE

## ROAD CLOSURE

In accordance with s69 of the Local Government Act 2009 (LGA) notice is provided for Roads Closure within the Palm Island Local Government Area.

**WHEN: 4-5pm WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER**

**ROADS: >Esplanade Road >Park Rd >Corner of Mango Avenue opposite PCYC >Main Street**

Council advises that the above roads will be closed from 4pm to 5pm on Wednesday 28 October 2020 while the Domestic Violence (DV) March is underway. Residents are asked to detour another route during this time for safety reasons.

The end of the DV March should allow the roads to reopen at 5pm.



**VOTE 1 LABOR** for Townsville

Queensland  
**Labor**



**REMEMBER**  
You **MUST**  
number every  
square.

**VOTE 1  
LABOR**

### BALLOT PAPER

- 8 MCGRAH, T
- 2 SCHWARZ, J
- 1 **STEWART, SCOTT**  
AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY
- 5 GRUMBERG, S
- 6 HATHAWAY, J
- 7 DOWLING, G
- 3 HAWKS, C
- 9 CLARKSON, C
- 4 O'GRADY, T



# Annastacia Palaszczuk & Scott Stewart

**WORKING TOGETHER FOR PALM ISLAND**

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**We're going weekly (for a bit)! OUR NEXT DEADLINE (Issue 312) will be this Thursday 29 October for publication on Monday 2 November!**

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