

# Palm Island Voice



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## The New Horizons Fashion Show was fabulous!



Pic thanks to ABC North Queensland's Dwayne Wyles

## Mayor welcomes new deputy

Palm Island Mayor Mislam Sam is pleased to welcome Cr Andrew Castors into his term as Deputy Mayor, from now until April next year.

Cr Sam said each of his colleagues would take a turn in the role.

“I’d like to thank Cr Deniece Geia for her work over the past year, and welcome Andrew,” he said.

“Next year will be Cr Derek Haines’ turn, followed by Cr Andrea Kyle-Sailor.”

Cr Castors said he was pleased to be taking up his new role and looked forward to a productive year.

More in our next issue!

Palm Islanders – young and old, male and female, and including those in-between – came together to enjoy a showcase of locally designed and modelled high fashion last week, in a tribute to the late and great international Bwngcolman model Elizabeth Geia.

“My heart is full of love,” sister Lynore Geia said on Twitter.

“Everyone dressed up and enjoyed coming together, the clothes were fabulous, the beams on their faces, the styling up, the full house cheering them on.

“It was a fantastic night, all generations, children loved it, it was life-affirming for all of us.

“What a wonderful night of celebration – 40 tribes of Bwngcolman!”

Deputy Mayor Andrew Castors said the night was a huge success.

“We have had some

amazing feedback,” he said.

“Thanks to Mayor Sam for allowing us to use the retail precinct for this very special one-off event.

“This is great positive news for Palm Island.”

Organisers and sponsors for The New Horizons Fashion Show included Palm Island Rainbow Gateway CDP, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, especially Cr Andrew Castors, National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA), A Gabrielli Constructions, Jenegar Pty Ltd, HiHat Aboriginal Corporation, Avanti Designs and Echezeaux Couture.

# COVID-19 vax team ready to go



*Aboriginal staff vaccination training March this year: in the pic, starting at the back on the left, is Kevin Gounder, Staff Educator JPHS, Maisie James Indigenous Liaison Officer JPHS, Jennifer Ketchell Indigenous Community Liaison Officer Palm Island Primary Health Care, Nikki Coutts Administration Officer JPHS. Front Left is Melita Murphy, Health Worker, PIPHCC, Karina Baigrie, Educator from Cunningham Centre, Nan Sands Senior Health Worker PIPHCC, Julie Johnson Health Worker JPHS and Tamlyn Schrieber Administration Officer JPHS.*

## COVID-19 vaccinations for Palm Island will start week of Monday 10 May using Pfizer vaccine Townsville Public Health Director Dr Steven Donohue says.

Dr Donohue said it was important to be vaccinated as Coronavirus could still come to Palm Island and many people could get very sick.

“It’s really important,” he said. “Pictures of people dying overseas are not made up, vaccination is the best protection from the virus.

He said both Pfizer and AstraZeneca were effective and safe.

“Palm Island is starting with Pfizer because recent information about AstraZeneca means this vaccine is mainly for adults over 50 because of a very rare type of blood clot in younger adults.

“So now Pfizer vaccine is being offered to all Palm Islanders 18 years and over, to get most of the community vaccinated.

“AstraZeneca is available in Townsville from GPs and TAIHS.”

Pfizer vaccine clinics will run

only in these weeks at Palm Island Primary Health Care Centre:

- First jab clinic – Monday 10 May – Friday 14 May
- First and second jab clinic – Monday 7 June – Friday 11 June
- Second jab clinic – Tuesday 6 July – Friday 9 July.

He said a specially trained team would bring the vaccine from Townsville Hospital to make sure strict government guidelines are followed.

“Palm Island staff have had training so they can assist and take over more of the running of the future clinics,” he said.

“You should try to book in and do the paperwork ahead of time to avoid long waiting times.

“Local health staff can help with the forms.

Joyce Palmer Health Service Medical Superintendent Dr Bryce Nicol said people should ask

their doctor or nurses or health workers about any concerns about vaccination and their own health.

“The only people who should delay their vaccination are pregnant women but everyone else can be vaccinated,” he said.

“Getting the community vaccinated means we can have large groups again, celebrate important occasions and travel to see people outside Townsville and Queensland without the worry of catching the virus.

**Still got questions?  
The Palm Island COVID Champions have asked Dr Donohue to be in the Mall on Wednesday 28 April between 9am and 1pm to answer questions.  
Protect yourself, your family and community.  
Don’t miss out!!**





## JCU Winter School for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students

The 2021 JCU Winter School will run from 27 June to 2 July

If you are in Year 10, 11 or 12 and want to know what it's like to be a uni student at JCU, this program is for you!

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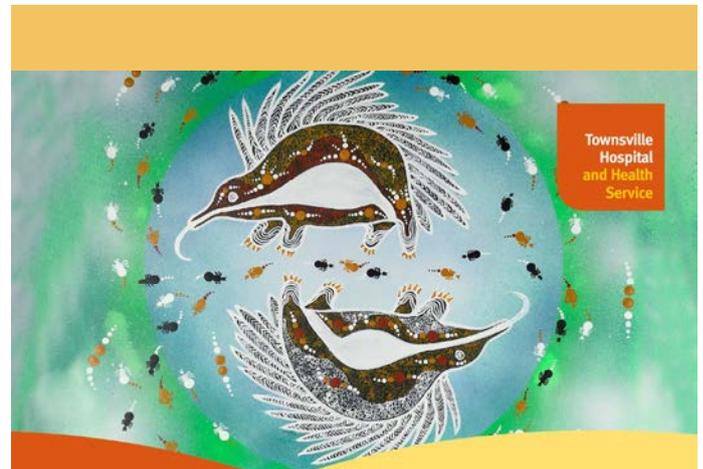
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## Vet Clinic Reminder: Wednesday 28 April

- \*Pre-booked Surgeries 8am-2pm
- \*Consultations 2pm-4pm

Old CDEP Building, Farm Road  
Book via email:

[vetonpalm@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au](mailto:vetonpalm@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au)



Townsville Hospital and Health Service

### COVID Vaccinations – Ask your questions!

Vaccinations starting Monday 10 May on Palm Island

Date	When?	What are we doing?	Location
Wednesday 28 April	9am to 1pm	Dr Steven Donohue and Helen Burns, Townsville Public Health Unit, will answer questions about vaccinations	Mall area
	During the day	Come and have a yarn with Health Workers about getting the vaccination	Mall area

### COVID Vaccinations – for 18 years & over

Vaccine : Pfizer

Palm Island Primary Health Care Centre  
Child and Family entrance

Book ahead: phone 4752 5957

Do the paperwork ahead and allow 45 minutes to get through the clinic

Date	Time	Jab
Monday 10 May to Friday 14 May	9.30am to 5.30pm (Monday 10.30am start, Friday finish early)	First
Monday 7 June to Friday 11 June	To be advised	First and Second
Tuesday 5 July to Friday 9 July	To be advised	Second

Contact Judith Townsend-Stahre with any questions on 0429 008 265

Palm Island Primary Healthcare Centre



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