

Palm Island Voice



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Leadership recognised by Hall of Fame award

Palm Island's own Dr Lynore Geia was awarded an entry into the Congress of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM) Hall of Fame at their 2021 conference in Cairns last week.

The award is peer-recognition for the leadership role she has taken as an Indigenous nurse/midwife in challenging health care systems to develop culturally safe health care to Indigenous people.

Dr Geia is the Academic Lead of Indigenous Health in the College of Healthcare Sciences at James Cook University and is well-known on Palm for the work she has done – and is still doing – over the past ten years with young people.



Catching up at the CATSINaM conference in Cairns were registered nurses Lauwana Blackley, Dr Lynore Geia & Tanika Parker (Pic: Christine Howes)

She is about to launch a series of consultations and workshops on the Island as a continuance of that work for the Youth Connection to Culture Project

“I’ll be working with Bwgcolman young people and community through a youth reference group,” she said.

“That group will guide this project, we want to hear young people’s views about connecting culture, family and Elders”. “Their voice is important, we want to hear about what they do to keep

themselves strong and what matters to them.”

She said the “Bwgcolman Youth Connection to Culture Project” was an National Indigenous Australian Agency (NIAA) project due to kick off this month and run until June.

“We would like young people to be involved, as we have asked them to do in the past,” she said.

“We’re looking for ways to strengthen their lives and how that can be supported through community designed activities.”

Dr Geia can be contacted via email (lynore.geia@jcu.edu.au), Facebook, Twitter or phone, or watch the notice boards and the *Palm Island Voice* for more information.

ON PALM ISLAND TOMORROW: SEE INSIDE FOR MORE!

Indigenous Voice

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Palm Islanders will have the opportunity to have their say on the development of an Indigenous voice to government tomorrow (Tuesday 20 April).

Minister for Indigenous Australians, the Hon Ken Wyatt AM, MP, announced the co-design process that will develop models to enhance local and regional decision-making and provide a voice for Indigenous Australians to government in 2019.

To lead the process, Minister Wyatt established a Senior Advisory Group to co-design options for a model that will ensure that Indigenous Australians are heard at all levels of government – local, state and federal.

They were tasked with forming a National Co-Design Group, and a Local/Regional Co-Design Group, and oversee the process.

The Senior Advisory Group is co-chaired by Professor Tom Calma AO and Professor Dr Marcia Langton AM.

“Today there are almost 800,000 Indigenous Australian voices—from the far reaches of the top end of Australia to inner

Sydney,” Minister Wyatt said.

“I am committed to being the Minister for all Indigenous Australians, and want to make sure that all of these voices can be heard loud and clear.”

Minister Wyatt stressed the importance of engaging with the community on this issue.

“We need to get it right,” he said.

“Models will be workshoped with communities across urban, regional and remote Australia.

“The best outcomes are achieved when Indigenous Australians are at the centre of decision-making.

“We know that for too long decision making treated the symptoms rather than the cause.”

“It’s time that all governments took better steps to

empower individuals and communities, and work in partnership to develop practical and

long lasting programmes and policies that both address the needs of Indigenous Australians and ensure that Indigenous voices are heard as equally as any other Australian voice.”

The Senior Advisory Group is made up of up to 20 leaders and experts from across the country, drawing on a range of skills and experience.

Separate regional and national co-design groups have been established to develop models to enhance local/regional decision-making and a national voice to governments to test across the country.

TSV Monday 19 April: Ryder South Bank, 23 Palmer Street, 9-12pm or 5:30-8pm
PALM IS Tuesday 20 April: PCYC, Mango Avenue, 11-2pm
Register to attend at voice.NIAA.gov.au



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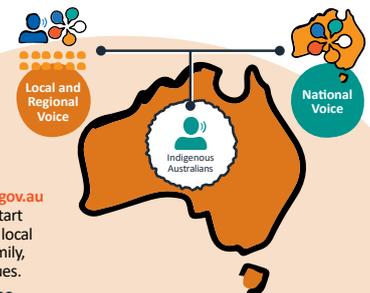
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Upcoming consultation sessions

Palm Island

Queensland Police - Citizens Youth Welfare Association
Mango Avenue, Palm Island
Tuesday 20 April
11:00am – 2:00pm

- > Head to voice.niaa.gov.au to find out more.
- > Watch the Local and Regional Voice proposal video at youtu.be/_VYReQRLLPY
- > Watch the National Voice proposal video at youtu.be/AeqKe6KdQyM

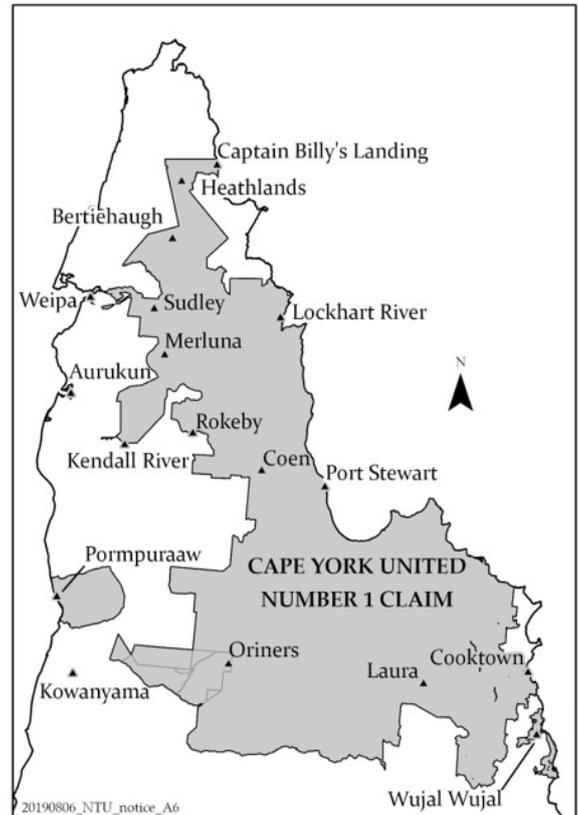


Head to voice.niaa.gov.au to learn more and start a discussion in your local community with family, friends and colleagues.
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NOTICE OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION MEETINGS Cape York United # 1 Native Title Claim (QUD673/2014)

Cape York Land Council will be holding important information meetings for the Cape York United #1 claim in May and June 2021. The Federal Court has set dates for two consent determination hearings for certain native title groups in November 2021. Further determination hearings are timetabled to take place in 2022 and 2023. For those determinations of native title to take place, the terms of the authorisation of the Applicant in the Cape York United #1 claim must be amended. The information meetings will explain a proposal to change the terms of authorisation. At present the terms of the authorisation require the whole of the claim group (Traditional Owners whose country is covered by the claim) to authorise each determination. The change would allow determinations of native title to take place one by one as each native title group reaches agreement amongst themselves on group descriptions and the prescribed body corporate which will manage the native title and other matters and with their neighbours on boundaries.

This change would be consistent with the principle that each native title group speaks for its own area of country within the Cape York United #1 claim area. It is very important that Traditional Owners attend these information meetings. In July, August and September 2021 CYLC will be holding a series of authorisation meetings to ask Traditional Owners whether they agree to the change to the terms of authorisation for the Applicant. All claim group members for the Cape York United #1 claim, a claim for the area shown on the map below, are invited to attend one or more of the meetings noted below. **All meetings start at 10am and finish at 3pm.**



Meeting Location	Date of Meeting	Venue
Palm Island	Wednesday, 5 May 2021	PCYC – Main Street, Palm Island
Townsville	Friday, 7 May 2021	Hotel Grand Chancellor Townsville – 334 Flinders Street
Mossman	Monday, 10 May 2021	Mossman Bowls Club - 6 – 8 Johnston Road
Wujal Wujal	Tuesday, 11 May 2021	Wujal Wujal Sports Hall – Wujal Wujal
Hope Vale	Wednesday, 12 May 2021	Hope Vale PCYC – 5 Muni Street
Cooktown	Thursday, 13 May 2021	Cooktown PCYC – 3 May Street
Laura	Friday, 14 May 2021	Laura Town Hall – Laura
Lockhart River	Wednesday, 19 May 2021	Puuya Centre – Piiramo Road Lockhart River
Coen	Friday, 21 May 2021	Coen Town Hall – 28 Regent Street Coen
Aurukun	Tuesday, 25 May 2021	Training Centre – 507 Kang Kang Road Aurukun
Napranum	Thursday, 27 May 2021	Susie Madua Room – 320 Wa-Tyne Street Napranum
Kowanyama	Monday, 7 June 2021	Kowanyama Multi-Purpose Centre – Kowanyama Street
Pormpuraaw	Wednesday, 9 June 2021	Pormpuraaw United Brothers Sports Club
Yarrabah	Thursday, 10 June 2021	Yarrabah Community Hall, Beach Street
NPA	Tuesday, 15 June 2021	New Mapoon Hall – 81 Brown Street
Mareeba	Thursday, 17 June 2021	Mareeba PCYC – 136 Walsh Street

If you would like to attend these meetings please contact Jayd Copelin or Prue Kellahan on free call number **1800 623 548** or by email jcopelin@cylc.org.au or pkellahan@cylc.org.au

Please note that there is limited funding available for travel assistance. We will make videoconference or teleconference facilities available if you are unable to attend in person, and have your own access to appropriate equipment.

The Palaszczuk Government is helping Queensland sport and recreation clubs to boost their game with \$2,000 grants from the COVID-SAFE Active Clubs Kickstart Program.

Sport Minister Stirling Hinchliffe said the Kickstart Program would help not-for-profit clubs with the cost of new equipment, training or operational expenses.

“The COVID-SAFE Active Clubs Kickstart Program offers a hand-up to buy sporting equipment or help with the cost of electricity, water or ground maintenance,” Mr Hinchliffe said.

“Clubs could also receive \$2,000 to train coaches in latest techniques to keep teams firing or support volunteer treasurers with the tools they need to grow their club’s finances for the future.

“The Active Clubs Kickstart Program is designed to help volunteers build resilience and capability to ensure local sporting and recreation clubs remain at the heart of their community’s COVID recovery.

“Since the pandemic, community sport and recreation clubs have

never been more important for keeping Queenslanders connected, active and healthy.”

Mr Hinchliffe said round one of Active Clubs Kickstart in 2020 delivered \$7.65 million to 3828 clubs and organisations to help them get through the pandemic.

“The Palaszczuk Government also rolled out a state-wide survey with more than 1,200 responses identifying resources for volunteers as one the highest priorities for clubs,” Mr Hinchliffe said.

“We’ve listened and we’re helping clubs and volunteers with the tools they need for the work they do in their communities.”

The Active Clubs Kickstart program is part of the Palaszczuk Government’s \$51.3 million COVID-SAFE

Restart Plan which has supported the sport and active recreation industry through the global pandemic.

Applications are open until Wednesday 5 May 2021. For more information, visit: www.dtis.qld.gov.au/sport/funding-programs/active-clubs-kickstart

Bill Coolburra Shield '21'

ANZAC ROUND

Saturday 24th April - 5.10pm

Qld Country Bank Stadium, Townsville

Curtain Raiser to **NQ Cowboys** Vs **Canberra Raiders**

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