

Palm Island Voice



FREE!

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Getting on with the job!

Palm Island's clean up and scrap metal removal project is ongoing as Allan Barry, operates our backhoe to pick up scrap metal, and Shannon Creed and David Cafe



use the oxy welder to cut apart A broken down old backhoe ready for removal. Great job fellas!



Department of Transport and Main Roads

Come see the Indigenous Driver Licensing Team in Palm Island

TUESDAY 7 TH SEPTEMBER 2021	TAFE ROOM N1.11 8:30am - 4:00pm	Licence Testing (Written & Practical), Licensing Services and all enquiries
WEDNESDAY 8 TH SEPTEMBER 2021	TAFE ROOM N1.11 8:30am - 4:00pm	Licence Testing (Written & Practical), Licensing Services and all enquiries
THURSDAY 9 TH SEPTEMBER 2021	TAFE ROOM N1.11 8:30am - 12:00pm	Licence Testing (Written & Practical), Licensing Services and all enquiries

Practical Driving Tests

It is now a requirement that the Hazard Perception Test is completed before upgrading your learner licence.

IDLU DO NOT PROVIDE A VEHICLE FOR TESTING



Deadly Ears Clinic will be on Palm Island THIS WEEK

LDMG urges Palm Islanders to get the jab!

Palm Island's Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) has issued a blunt message to our community on Facebook.

They said their advice was based on what was known now, with all eyes on rapidly developing situations across Indigenous communities in New South Wales and the Northern Territory.

"Health experts say five per cent of our population is likely to die if we aren't fully vaccinated," they said.

"Do the maths: five per cent of Palm Island is a very large number and includes children now – one single death is one too many."

They said it was just a question of time, and urged people to act now to get the vaccine before it was too late.

"Many are predicting COVID will eventually get to us," they said.

"This is the **ONLY** window we have to get vaccinated before it happens.

"Remember one single

person can take it anywhere and overnight it arrives silently and unknown.

"You infect others before you know you are sick.

"And then it's all too late.

"Get the jab."

Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (Alice Springs) head doctor John Boffa said their estimate of five per cent was conservative.

He told the *Alice Springs News* the issue was not about vaccine supply but hesitancy.

"We don't want people to think they can wait until there is an outbreak to get vaccinated," he said.

"That's dangerous for two reasons: we won't have enough vaccine to do everyone quickly at that point.

"And secondly, you're actually leaving home in

the midst of an outbreak, which puts you at risk."

He also told the *Alice Springs News* it seemed people were waiting until the risk was higher.

"That's dangerous, because there's no way of knowing when that's going to happen," he said.

He said Congress had run programs to correct misinformation around the dangers of the vaccine, and address the more "absurd" myths about microchips and toxic chemicals.

MYTH BUSTED!

The vaccine is safe for Aboriginal people. More than 2 billion people have now been vaccinated around the world including many Indigenous people.



OUR NEXT DEADLINE* (Issue 334) will be Thursday 3 September for publication on **MONDAY 6 September!**

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