

# Palm Island Voice



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

## Council working hard to get back on track

Another major step has been taken as part of the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council's two-year Reform Plan with the closure and sale of our Townsville office, Mayor Mislam Sam says.

Cr Sam said the property was sold on Friday.

"Everyone knows the financial difficulties this council faces, with a cash deficit last year more than \$7 million," he said.

"The Council's turnaround plan included selling and closing the Townsville office, which once housed a large number of staff.

"It's expensive and we couldn't justify it, so I'm pleased to say the property has been sold and \$500,000 has been recouped for Council."

He said the Council had also sold more than \$400,000 worth of surplus or unsuitable plant and equipment at auction.

"That included a near-new Prado and \$50,000 for the sale of waste metal taken off the island in recent months," he said.

"Nearly \$1 million has come back to Council, which is a great achievement.

"We also promised to cut unnecessary spending and we have.

"I'm confident the CEO and her team are well and truly on the right track with turning our finances around."

## Our water is precious!

Algal blooms in our water are normal for this time of year, as is our low dams - please be careful, our Water Treatment team asks.



The algal blooms mean processing our water to make it safe for all of us, takes longer in the summer months.

On top of that, our dams at present are at 40 per cent - we all know there is rain and storms around and, as we do at this time of year, our fingers are all crossed!

Our danger zone is less than 30 per cent.

What does all this mean for you?

Our Water Treatment team asks that you **DON'T** make too much of a **SPLASH** with our one of our most precious resources - water - we all need it!

## Have you collected your \$40 voucher yet?

VACCINATIONS are here on Palm Island again this week!

Two teams of door-knockers, mall stalls and at the Health Service are where you can collect - everyone get vaccinated!

Everyone over 12 is eligible for a \$40 voucher and free t-shirt!

Don't wait for our state or international borders to re-open!



# New business opps open for EOI

Four shipping containers, currently located at the Council offices on Main Street, have become available for pop-up businesses on the Island.

Residents may put in an Expression of Interest (EOI) to apply for the use of one of the containers and, if successful, be eligible for a subsidy of up to \$10,000 to assist with fit-out.

The EOI will be assessed against the Selection and Mandatory criteria.

Council CEO said locations for the containers could be suggested by applicants.

“But they will only be approved if the proposed use of the container at that location is lawful and accessible to services,” she said. “That includes conforming to the Council’s planning requirements.

“We’d also like to see some new and different services or products to those already available on the Island.”

She said applicants must also provide a business plan.

“We need to confirm the use and location, and the proposed business,” she said.

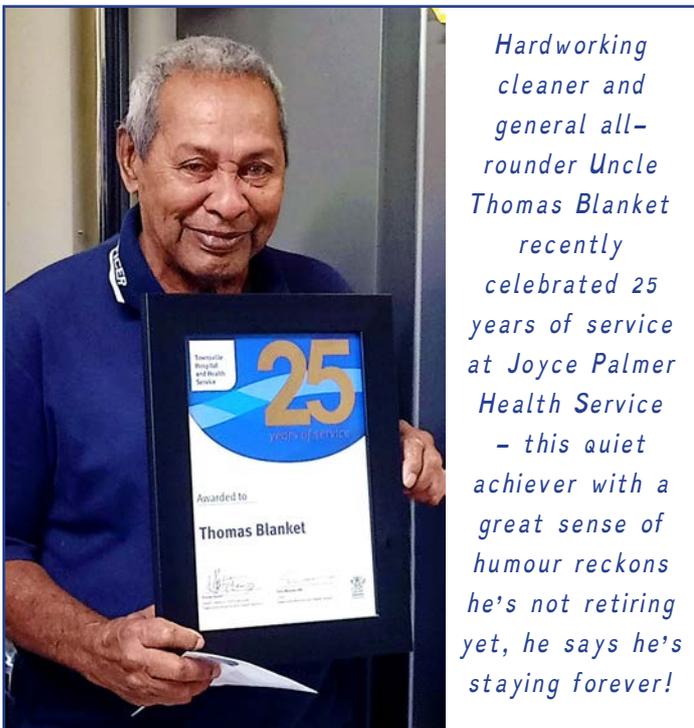
“Applicants are welcome to provide any other information which might help the Council evaluate their EOI against the criteria.”

The Licence agreement will be for one year at a ‘peppercorn’ cost of \$100 per week.

For more information regarding the EOI contact Michael Bissell on 0413 016 073 or email [michael.bissell@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au](mailto:michael.bissell@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au); or for the EOI documentation, refer to the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council’s Facebook page or webpage at [www.palmcouncil.qld.gov.au](http://www.palmcouncil.qld.gov.au).

The information and documentation will be available from tomorrow, Tuesday 19 October.

To be considered, EOIs must be submitted by 5pm Wednesday, 17 November. EOIs submitted after this time will not be considered.



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