

Palm Island Voice



ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

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Bwngcolman Community School graduates

A Message From Deputy Mayor Andrew Castors to the Bwngcolman Community School Graduating Class of 2021 on behalf of Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council.

Graduation ceremonies are a momentous milestone in every student's life.

Not only does this event mark your dedication and success as effective learners, but it is also a rite of passage – the coming into being of a new person.

Today is not just a day for the graduates and their families, but is also one on which we celebrate the achievements of the Palm Island Bwngcolman Community School which has given you the foundation and the tools to think for yourself – which is the most important asset



Pictured: Seated: Juanita Fraser, Sarina James & Nadine Mills; Standing: Marcus Bowden & Harlen Clay. Absent: Nowella Kechup. St Michael's graduation will be start with photographs at 5.30pm on Thursday 25 November outside St Anthony's Church.

you will ever have in your life.

You already have everything you need to make it in this world.

If you believe that the senior certificate that was presented to you today is somehow the

end of your studies or a step across the finish line – then you are missing the point.

This education is a gift that you will be unwrapping for the rest of your lives.

I hope you graduates

feel thrilled, excited and of course totally ready for future challenges.

I hope that you will celebrate each other's success as well as your own as you through life.

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Careers with Queensland Health

Registered Nurse (Palm Island)

Palm Island, Queensland

The Townsville Hospital and Health Service is the largest tertiary health service in northern Australia; we are responsible for the delivery of healthcare services, education and research within a region covering over 149,500km with a population of approximately 250,000 people.

The Joyce Palmer Health Service is currently seeking Registered Nurses to join their team on a permanent full-time basis.

The **Registered Nurse** provides high quality, evidence-based nursing care to the people of Palm Island. This will include working in all areas of emergency and inpatient services.

Joyce Palmer Health Service consists of an Emergency Department, 15 bed inpatient unit, renal dialysis services and home care services. Townsville Hospital and Health Service provides oral health, community mental health, midwifery services (antenatal and post-natal services) and specialist outreach services. Joyce Palmer Health Service promotes and supports an integrated service provision across all aspects of care, aiming to achieve appropriate and timely access to care for all residents of Palm Island.

What's on offer?

- On-site single staff accommodation will be provided to the successful applicant.
- Relocation assistance.
- A Rural Area Nursing Incentive package.

Role requirements:

- Bachelor of Nursing qualification + current AHPRA registration.
- Highly desirable: extensive experience in Emergency Department and a current Adult Life Support certificate.
- Appointees will be required to work all shifts in accordance with the unit roster.
- COVID-19 vaccination requirements: It is a condition of employment for all prospective and existing health service employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19 as per Health Employment Directive 12/21 and Queensland Health Human Resources Policy B70.

Generous remuneration package value up to \$109,029 p.a. comprising salary range of \$74,281 to \$95,278 p.a. (Nurse Grade 5), 17.5% leave loading, 12.75 % employer contribution to superannuation. Other employment benefits may include: professional development, salary sacrificing options, shift and locality allowances, corporate discounts, wellness programs and the Employee Assistance Program.

Why make the move? Palm Island

Palm Island is a dynamic and growing community and on this island you are likely to commute to work on foot, living in walking distance from the Joyce Palmer Health Service. There is little traffic, and the rainforest powers on the town's fringes. Palm Island has its own schools, general store, service station, butcher, post office, and youth centre. Locals take regular trips to the mainland, to take advantage of shopping and entertainment opportunities in nearby Townsville.

Contact Details: Alison Gallagher 0427709312

Job Ad Reference: TV393103

How to Apply: <https://smartjobs.qld.gov.au/jobs/QLD-TV393103>

Closing day: Sunday 05 December 2021

You can apply online at www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au

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The **Clinical Nurse** will provide direct nursing care utilising clinical skills, education and support to patients/clients and nursing staff within the unit to ensure the provision of best practice and quality patient care. This will include working in all areas of emergency and inpatient services.

What's on offer?

- On-site single staff accommodation will be provided to the successful applicant.
- Relocation assistance.
- A Rural Area Nursing Incentive package.

Role requirements:

- Bachelor of Nursing qualification + current AHPRA registration.
- Highly desirable: Postgraduate qualifications relevant to the position or working towards a relevant qualification.
- Highly desirable: extensive experience in Emergency Department and a current Adult Life Support certificate.
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Palm Island Community Pre- Cyclone Clean Up

Mon 29th Nov - Tue 30th Nov 2021

Daily Pickup Times: 9am - 4pm

***As of 01/11/2021, There has been
250 Tonnes of Scrap Metal removed
from the Island Well done!**

**White goods, Sharp Iron and
Metal objects,**

old unwanted furniture etc.

**Please leave outside of your
yard to be collected.**

**NEXT WEEK MONDAY 29th & TUESDAY 30th
NOVEMBER 2021**

**Please complete a form at the Council
or If you require further information,
please contact the Council Office on 47
700 200 Thanks & Regards PIASC Staff**

**We know that the Delta strain
of the COVID-19 virus spreads
faster and more easily.**

In fact, in just eight weeks the virus spread from just a few to more than 4,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across many communities in one part of New South Wales this year. The best way to protect yourself and the people around you is to get vaccinated.

**Have a yarn to your healthcare
worker about getting
vaccinated today.**



FROM PAGE 1...

Tonight graduates, as you leave, with your senior certificate in hand, my wish for you, is that you continue to honour and respect each other.

You can now look after yourselves, your classmates and also contribute positively to this community around you.

I strongly recommend that you do not stop here, for there is so much more that can be accomplished.

Graduates, take the lessons you have learned at Bwgcolman Community School and apply them to your lives.

Graduates remember that you hold the keys to your own success. Always remain focused and committed, enjoy your life to its fullest and may you always be guided by the spirits of our Ancestors.

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2021, I wish you all the best in whatever it is that you wish to pursue.

*Cr Andrew Castors,
Deputy Mayor*

REMINDER: FINAL VET VISIT FOR THE YEAR!!!!!!!

VET CLINIC TIMES:

07/12/21-*Pre-Booked Surgeries 9am-12pm

Consultations 2pm-4pm

08/12/21-*Pre-Booked Surgeries 8am-12pm

Consultations 1pm-2.30pm

Book via email on

vetonpalm@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au or

07 47 761 572 or alternatively on 07 47 832 055

Find us at the Old CDEP Building, Farm Road.

Hope to see you there



OUR NEXT DEADLINE* (Issue 340) will be Thursday 25 November for publication on **MONDAY 29 November!**

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