

Media spotlight on Palm's five point election plan

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council has developed a 5-point plan seeking to work with a State Government that has the conviction to make change happen, to take into account the conditions that set aside discrete Indigenous communities such as ours, and to deliver outcomes that are community driven and meaningful.

Last Friday the 5-point plan was launched with the support of the North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (ROC), which represent five Councils from the Burdekin to Hinchinbrook.

“After listening to the community this is our ‘ask’ of all the political parties in this coming election,” Mayor Alf Lacey said.

“We want all political parties to commit to doing things differently with our Shire, rather than funding for welfare all the time.

“That’s the gist of the whole document.

“We don’t want them to keep just addressing welfare, we want to be more innovative in terms of working towards jobs and economic outcomes for us instead of welfare outcomes for them.

“As candidates visit the Island, they’ll be presented with this document and we’ll be letting them know this is how we want to do business.”

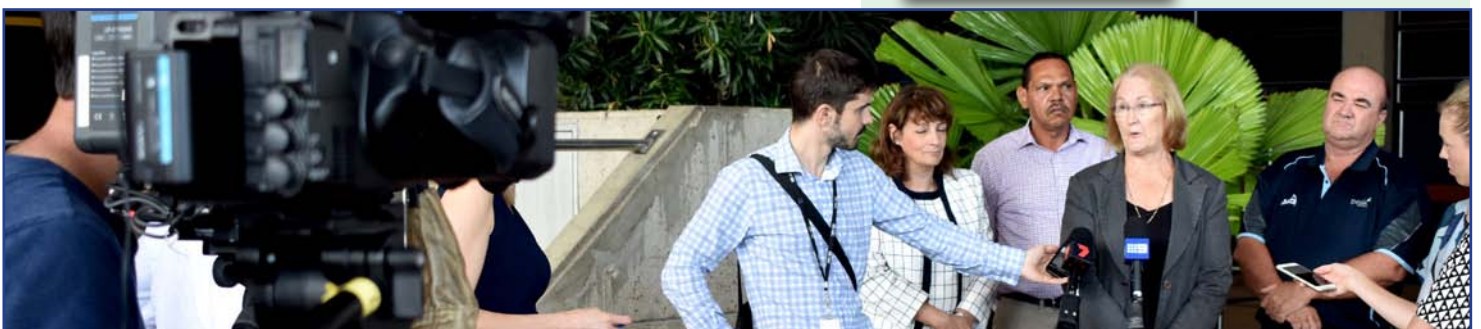


The five points are:

1. From welfare to work
2. Driving economic opportunities
3. Improving livability & upgrading infrastructure
4. Caring for country
5. Strategic funding



Copies of the plan are available upon request from Council Reception.



Mayor urges community to vote with care

Voters on Palm Island will once again have the opportunity to have a big say in who governs Queensland at the State election next weekend, with Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey encouraging the community think carefully about who they vote for.

“This is a very important election and I urge everybody to vote and vote carefully for our community as a whole,” Cr Lacey said.

“Place your vote where it matters, look at all political parties, and vote in the best interests of our Palm Island community.”

There are 89 seats in the Queensland Parliament with the Labor (ALP) and the

Liberal National Party (LNP) holding 41 each along with four Independents, two from the Katter Australia Party (KAP) and one representing One Nation.

Palm Island is one of two seats where Indigenous voters will play a big role in deciding which party wins.

Cook, currently held by controversial MP Billy Gordon, will not run again.

Palm Island voters are certain

to be vital to the seat of Townsville which is held by Scott Stewart (Labor).

There were 528 formal votes cast on Palm Island in 2015.

This year will almost certainly be a close vote, considering Palm Island voters often change parties.

“We need the community to seriously think about who will be the best for us this time around,” Cr Lacey said.

Logo competition kicks off celebrations

Logo competition entries are up and on show at the Joyce Palmer Health Centre, helping to kick off the Palm Island centenary 2018 events, which are now only a few months away.

About 40 kids and adults from across the community entered the competition, the results of which have been beautifully framed and hung in the centre to celebrate the community's achievements.

Everyone is welcome to go to the Health Centre and have a look, encourage other community members to do the same and



take visiting delegations to show them that we are on the way.

Council would like to thank to John Rallings, Jennifer Ketchell, Patricia Taylor and Jude

Townsend-Stahre for getting this off the ground.



Tourism certificates help to guarantee brighter future

Bwgcolman Community School's Year 11 students were the first of what it is hoped will be many groups to complete their Certificate II Tourism Courses at the Cairns Business College last month.

Acting Bwgcolman Community School Head of Secondary Lyndal Thompson said she was very proud of the seven students and their dedication to completing their new qualification.

"They are the first group to do this and have certainly made the school and their families very proud," she said.

"They have opened themselves to many opportunities into the future, and they have banked themselves four points towards their Queensland Certificate of Education.

"I look forward to the future when one of these students is potentially running a high end tourism company right here on beautiful Palm Island.

"This success is another step forward in our school's 'Bwgcolman Compact' which guarantees post-schooling outcomes for our students." Cairns Business College



Back row (L to R) Zanthia Coutts-Landers, Jesslyn Johnson, Laurissa Mundraby (Djunbunji Indigenous Ranger), Fiona Sleight (Cairns Business College Tourism Trainer), Edward Robertson, Jalun Lowatta-Creed, Henry Doyle, & John Smith. Front Row (L to R) Hannah Goringe, Jaydan Spencer-Johnson

Tourism Trainer Fiona Sleight said the Course had included Barista and Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Certifications.

"The students also had several visitors, including a presentation from Indigenous Ranger Laurissa Mundraby," she said.

"She told us about Mandingalbay Ancient Indigenous Tours and the work of the Djunbunji Rangers, who are situated about half way to

Yarrabah along the southern side of the Cairns inlet.

"Laurissa's role includes tour guiding for Mandingalbay Ancient Indigenous Tours, so it was good of her to make the time to come and talk with the students about the realities of start-up businesses and working on country tour guiding,

"I'd like to wish all the Cert II Tourism Students a bright future within the tourism Industry."

The *Palm Island Voice* offered all candidates running for the seat of Townsville to have their say in this Issue, the only one to respond was Sitting Member Scott Stewart (Labor). Here is what he had to say:

Palm Island is a great community, in such a beautiful location, with such potential for further growth in tourism and employment, MP Scott Stewart writes...

The Palaszczuk Government is investing in jobs for Palm Island through a diverse range of projects and initiatives.

For example, we will spend \$982,000 in 2017–2018 out of

a total spend of \$15.6million to upgrade Palm Island Power Station

Palm Island Primary Health Care Centre – \$7.7 million will be spent in 2017–18 out of a total \$16.5 million to complete a new Primary Health Care Centre on Palm Island, including an Adult Clinic, Maternal and Child Health Clinic and a Social and Emotional Wellbeing Clinic.

Palm Island Sports Precinct Refurbishment – \$220,000 will be spent in 2017–18 out of a total of a \$400,000 spend to refurbish the existing clubhouse facilities.

I will continue my efforts in delivering for Palm Island, and continue my regular visits to the Island to meet with the Mayor, the Council and community groups to discuss their challenges and priorities into the future.

Celebrations after long wait for service medals

After a long 43 year wait, Dennis Tippo has received the medals he earned for his service with the Australian Navy in the Vietnam War.

A presentation ceremony was held at Townsville's Anzac Park near the Cenotaph earlier this month, where 67-year-old Mr Tippo was presented with: an Australian Active Services medal 1945–75 with clasp Vietnam, Vietnam Logistic and Support Medal, Australian Service Medal 1945–75 with clasp South East Asia, Australian Defence Medal, and Return from Active Service badge.

The presentations were made by Navy Lieutenant Commander Matthew Richardson.

“I am very happy to receive the medals today after all this time,” Mr Tippo said.



Mr Tippo is pictured above with Cecilia Stanley, Cilla Pryor, right, and Linda Janetzki and below with Bonita Mabo



Career futures on the mark

A team of 14 secondary school boys took advantage of a trip to Townsville to play the inaugural Senior Magpies AFL Cup last month by taking a quick tour of future career options while they were there.

They played against Townsville High, Shalom and Kirwan.

“It was a great day in which the boys experienced the game of AFL on a full size field,” Bwgcolman Community School Acting Head of Secondary Lyndal Thompson said.

“They produced many quality plays and were very skilful even though they had very little time to wrap their heads around the game and the rules.”

She said their time in Townsville also included opportunities to speak to different companies and organisations, all of whom have a keen interest in employing



and providing post-secondary opportunities for Indigenous students.

“These included Samios Plumbing Supplies, AUSCO,

Connect ‘N’ Grow, Queensland Youth Services, James Cook University and the PCYC.

“Thank you to all the organisers and sponsors

for making this trip possible,” Ms Thompson said.

“It was a wonderful day and they enjoyed it immensely.”

The boys are pictured above: ready to AFL rumble and Left at Samios Plumbing Supplies



MORE ON JOBS AND FUTURES NEXT PAGE!

TAFE students SEE a future

Sarah Tyson and Mervyn Morgan are two young people who have 'aced' their SEE (Skills for Education and Employment) Programs with TAFE North on Palm Island.

Throughout the program Sarah's attendance, work ethic, ability to learn and attitude was excellent TAFE teacher Charles Goldsmith said.

Sarah has achieved a Certificate in Information Technology, gaining units of competency in MSWord, MSExcel, PowerPoint and operating a computer.

Campbell Page supported Sarah by funding her in a Certificate III in Business.

She is undertaking the course externally with the support of Lillian Lampton and Mr Goldsmith at the TAFE campus on Palm, and her teacher in Cairns, Sue Jackomos.

Sue was on Palm earlier this month to help Sarah with her orientation into the course.

Sarah is also busy doing some part time work with the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council at the Motel with Erica.

MEANWHILE Mervyn Morgan started with the SEE Program at the TAFE on Palm in early 2016.

As his literacy and numeracy levels increased during this time, he also completed several computer units within the SEE Program.

Mervyn successfully applied for a position with the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council earlier this year, who said they 'were impressed with Mervyn and gave him employment working on the new pathways project in the concreting gang'.

Mr Goldsmith said Mervyn's attendance and commitment throughout his studies and



work had been excellent.

"Mervyn's positive attitude, commitment and work ethic to his SEE studies has been mirrored in his employment with the Palm Island Council," Mr Goldsmith said.

"He has proven to be a great role model to the young cohort on Palm."

Mervyn has also just this week completed an intermediate Word course with TAFE, as part of the LGAQ Indigenous Capacity Program with the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, to support his current work and further work/studies.

Ms Jackomos congratulated Mervyn.

"He passed with flying colours due to attendance, work ethic and eagerness to learn, congratulations Mervyn," she said.



TOP: Sarah Tyson & Charles Goldsmith; ABOVE: TAFE SEE tutor Lillian Lampton, Mervyn Morgan and computer teacher Sue Jackomos

CDP celebrates graduates' success

Campbell Page is celebrating the successful graduation of no less than nine participants in their Rural Operations Cert III through the Palm Island Community Development Program.

“We are very proud of all nine participants who now have job opportunities in mixed farming and agricultural production, retail, agribusiness, local government, tourism, transport, construction and even mining,” CDP Manager Nathan Vinson said.

He said the course was an opportunity for all participants to gain the skills and knowledge to work in a rural setting, covering multifunctional roles in agriculture, horticulture and conservation land management, and other related industries.

It also covered other industry sectors, such as local government, tourism, hospitality, transport, construction, information technology and metals.

The course was fully funded by Campbell Page and included meals, accommodation and flights to and from Palm Island.

“In the final week of the course participants gained their tickets to operate skid-steer loaders, backhoes, chain saws, excavators and elevated work platforms,” CDP Activity Supervisor Peter Turner said.

“The participants are so proud of their achievements.”

Words thanks to Tiarne Pattison



Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator Nigel Scullion paid a quick visit to NRL Cowboys House as part of a stop-over in Townsville earlier this month.

Minister Scullion was accompanied by Senator Ian Macdonald and met the new Cowboys House Manager, Gary Cook, who provided an update on the success of their academic program.

Cowboys champion Johnathan Thurston and recently retired Ray Thompson was also there, along with their good mate Matty Bowen.



Above: Matty Bowen, Johnathan Thurston, Nigel Scullion, Ray Thompson & Senator Ian Macdonald

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organisation, may your businesses flourish, and
thank you! His spirit is now RIP.*

Expressions of Interest - Trainers in Didge and Dance required

Are you a deadly didgeridoo player? Or a deadly dancer?

The Palm Island Centenary 2018 Committee is looking for interested people to become trainers in Didge and Dance which will be used to attempt to break the Guinness World Records: "Largest Didgeridoo Ensemble" and the "Largest Aboriginal Dance".

Trainers will be required to

- participate in a train-the-trainer workshop in early December 2017;
- conduct training workshops in the community and/or at the schools throughout January to April 2018; and
- conduct training workshops for community members and visitors on 21 April 2018 (whole day) at the Deadly Didge 'n' Dance Festival.

A nominal fee per workshop will be paid to the trainers. Trainers will be required to teach the didgeridoo or dance to both students and to the community.

If you are interested please either contact Rachael Floyd-Jones on 0467 729 582 or email rachael.floyd-jones@dilgp.qld.gov.au or drop in to the Council and register your name and contact details.

Deadline for Expressions of Interest will be Friday, 1 December 2017.

PALM ISLAND HEALTH WEEK FOR FELLAS: 4th to 8th December 2017.

Palm Island fellas aged 15 to 30 are invited to come and get a health check at the mobile clinic which will be located near Campbell Page from the 4th to 8th of December, 10am to 6:30pm daily! There are store vouchers to give away, plus two great prizes to be drawn, including a North Queensland Cowboys 2017 indigenous jersey and a signed Cowboys football! We hope to see you there!

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About the role

This is a generalist health Worker position in Primary Care Services, Joyce Palmer Health Service Palm Island. This position is part of a multidisciplinary team, participating in, and contributing to the delivery of culturally sensitive and respectful primary care to the people of Palm Island.

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- Physiotherapy clinic Wednesday- 1st, Friday 17th November
- Mobile women's Health nurse (Jan) –Tuesday 2nd, 17th, 31st November - **No referral needed, see Leah or Monica**
- Australian hearing- Adult hearing Clinic- 9th November
- Deadly Ears ENT clinic- 13th-16th November
- Optometry clinic – Monday- 20th November
- Dietitian Clinic – Tuesday 21st November
- Podiatry Clinic – Tuesday 14th November
- Chronic renal disease, in dialysis unit- Tuesday 21st November
- Paediatric Clinic –Wednesday 22nd November
- IROC- respiratory clinic-Thursday 23rd November
- Cardiac clinic- Tuesday 28th November
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PALM ISLAND Community Services Coordination

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<p>20 Youth Justice</p>	<p>21 Magistrates Court ATSIWLSNQ PIASC Land Trust Meetings Youth Justice JPHS—Diabetes, Dietitian & Podiatry Clinic Alliance Rehabilitation</p>	<p>22 PIASC Ordinary Meeting Youth Justice Magistrate Hearings JPHS—Pediatric Clinic</p>	<p>16 Gambling Help Yarning Circle DV Network Meeting Deadly Ears Clinic</p>	<p>17 CYMHS JPHS—Physiotherapy Clinic Deadly Ears Clinic</p>
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			<p>30 DATSIP</p>	<p>CYMHS (Child Youth & Mental Health) ATSIWLSNQ (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Women's Legal Service North Queensland) QIFVLS (Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service) DATSIP (Department of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Partnerships)</p>



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Island-hopping boxers on a roll

RISING young Palm Island boxing star Jase Thimble (*right*) had an impressive win in the 17-bout Sunstate Amateur Boxing League tournament on Magnetic Island last Saturday night.

The event was held at the Arcadia Hotel and run by Townsville Boxing Club Art of Strength whose trainer, Scooter Hooper, is the League President. Veteran Palm Island trainer Ray Dennis said Jase was one of four

local boxers to make the trip to “Maggie”.

“Jase looked very good and that is his second bout and he won the other one as well,” Mr Dennis said.

Brayden Nallajar lost his 51kg division bout and CJ Pearson (*left*) was beaten in the 35kg class.

“They both did well against much more experienced opponents,” Mr Dennis said.

Experienced Palm boxer Patrick Clarke could not be matched but fought an exhibition bout.

Whilst on Magnetic Island the team was driven around by former Palm Island school teacher and Skipjacks football player Jeremy Pullen.



Pics thanks to Angel Harry

FORMER Cowboys star Matty Bowen said he was impressed with the young talent on display during a visit to St Michael's and Bwgcolman Community Schools last week.

The visit was part of the Cowboys' "Try for 5" program, aimed at improving school attendances.

Matty said about 100 St Michael's Catholic students and around 80 from Bwgcolman State participated.

"There were heaps of kids and plenty of talent, and that is good for the future," he said.

Some of the students were relatives of Matty as the Bowen family has close connections between Palm Island and Hopevale.

Matty will coach Centrals Club in the Townsville and District Rugby League competition in the 2018 season.

With many close extended family members on Palm Island, we could see some Palm players lining up in Centrals colours.

Bowen has indicated he may also become captain-coach by mid season playing in the team.



Congratulations to those from Palm, or with Palm connections, who were selected for the NQ Youngoora Netball squad. These girls will be coached by former Australian Diamond Netball representative Sharon Finnan-White. Pic thanks to Leah Dabea.

- ✓ Dianne Fulford
- ✓ Giaan Baira
- ✓ Jaylah Geia
- ✓ Waisie Miller
- ✓ Raezahn Sam
- ✓ Ella Blackman
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