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**CENTENARY
YEAR
LAUNCHED
WITH A
BANG**

See inside for more pics!

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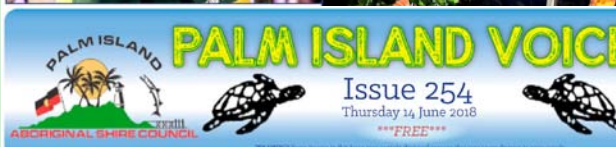
**Deadly
Didge
'n Dance
Festival
SPECIAL ISSUE!**



Dancers launch 'Past' event with a flourish



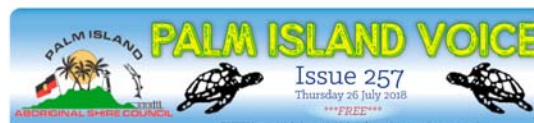
Packing some PUNCH!



Looking to DEADLY futures



**WHAT
A
YEAR!**



Dancers tie in historic dead heat

See inside
for a look
back at our
Centenary
year!



TAKING A POINT OF VIEW...Earlier this month Bwgcolman IKC partnered with Ferdy's Haven to deliver the Deadly Digital Communities program to their clients so they can access free digital literacy training. Local Champions Merina Coutts and Daphne Lawrence have been learning all different training modules to prepare in the roll out of the training. Great work ladies! *(Thanks to IKC Qld for words and pic)*



Contractor Jyren Kyle (above left) was spotted in Lockhart River last week, working with tradesman Gary Warradoo to repair the local church after a car rolled out of a driveway and into the front door.

HUNDREDS of Palm Island men, women and children are expected to be in attendance at this year's **Stable on the Strand** event, which will be held from December 18 to 22 at Townsville's **Strand Park**.

The annual event was officially launched last Thursday.

It will be the 17th **Stable**

and, as always, several Palm Island families are expected to travel to Townsville for the popular event to help

celebrate their **Christmas**.

Gospel singer Pat Morgan (pictured above right) will sing again at this year's **Stable**.

Study finds DSP access criteria 'extreme'

Researchers looking into barriers people with disabilities face when attempting to access the support pension (DSP) were on Palm Island last week to give feedback to the community about their findings.

Western Sydney University's Dr Karen Soldatic and Dr Michelle Fitts said the barriers they had found included the financial costs of accessing specialist medical care and the difficulty of keeping scheduled appointments due to the inadequacy of transport facilities for people with a disability.

"Changes in eligibility criteria are impacting the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living with disability" Dr Karen said.

The two interviewed several service providers, all of whom said they found new criteria "extreme".

"Clients who have conditions which are presumed to be treatable, such as cancer and mental illness, face significant challenges in accessing the DSP" Dr Michelle said.

The study found during the time between collating evidence for their claim, awaiting their application outcome and/or submitting an application to appeal the outcome, people faced even harder challenges, as they were often



Karen Soldatic and Michelle Fitts from Western Sydney University and Patrick McGee from Australian Federation of Disability Organisations

forced to rely on Newstart Allowance.

They said the research highlighted the need for the Australian government to engage with local service providers and incorporate their feedback into DSP reforms so it could meet the needs of people living with a disability.

"We would like to acknowledge and thank the ongoing support we have received from community members, service providers and persons living with disability, their networks and families, who participated in focus groups and interviews in Palm Island" Dr Karen said.

The research was undertaken in Townsville, Palm Island, Broome, Geelong, near Melbourne, and Illawarra, south of Sydney.

The community report can be found at: https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/1472854/Soldatic-Fitts-Disability-Support-Pension-Reform-report.pdf



Thank you from the CDP team!

What a year! 2018 has been full of hard work, success and a community of incredible people. We're looking forward to doing it all again in 2019 #palmproud **More on page 11!**



Dr Mabo's memorable legacy

Tributes flowed for Dr Ernestine "Bonita" Mabo AO at her State Funeral held at Townsville Stadium last week.

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk and Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Jackie Trad joined Dr Mabo's family and friends, dignitaries from around the country and the wider community in paying tribute to a life dedicated to fostering inclusion and effecting change.

The Premier said Dr Bonita Mabo and was one of the most prominent Indigenous and South Sea Islander activists of her time.

"She empowered her people to

speak from the heart and stand up for what they believed in," Ms Palaszczuk said.

Dr Mabo was a proud Aboriginal woman with South Sea Islander ancestry and family ties to Vanuatu.

Vanuatu's Minister of Foreign Affairs said he, his government and the people of Vanuatu shared their sympathies with the family.

"And with the people of Australia, and in particular the Aboriginal and South Sea Islander communities, for the loss of this remarkable woman," he said.

"Her work and that of her late husband Eddie was closely followed by the people of Vanuatu, who saw this work as reflecting Vanuatu's own struggle for independence, land rights and sovereignty.

"We will miss her but are comforted that her legacy will live on and will be reflected in achievements that are still to come."

Reconciliation Australia board member Kenny Bedford said Dr Mabo – his aka (grandmother) – was a gentle and caring soul who always put others before herself.

"She was proud of her South Sea heritage and was a quiet achiever who naturally played a significant role in what eventually became the Mabo decision," he said.

"She was adored by all who knew her.

"Because of her, we can."





Well done Palm Island - a look back over 2018

It couldn't have happened without the support and assistance of those listed and photographed on the pages that follow – one of Palm Island's greatest years, and the crowning moment, of course, was winning a Townsville North Queensland Tourism and Events Award for excellence for the Deadly Didge 'n Dance Festival.



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Palm Island Voice

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If you have any questions please contact Reception on 4770 1177 or 4770 0200



POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- Part-time Safe House Support Workers
- Part-time Women's Shelter Support Workers
- Part-time After Hours Medical Administration Officer
- Casual Retail Assistant
- Full-time Diversionary Program Coordinator
- Family Participation Program Worker

Female Mental Health Worker-Steps Care Program (Full-time, temporary until July 2019 with possible extension)

If you are searching for one of these challenging and rewarding positions, contact Michael on 07 4421 4300 or email mgrasso@picc.com.au to receive an Employment Application Form and a copy of the selection criteria. If you know someone from Palm not currently employed by Palm Island Community Company who might be suitable or interested, please don't hesitate to refer them.

Applications close Friday 21st December 2018

Please be aware, to qualify for some of these roles, you must be eligible for a Working with Children (Blue Card), pass the Suitable Person history check (QLD Department Child Safety) and have a full QLD Driver's License.

HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

DATES

NEW YEARS DAY	TUESDAY, 1 JANUARY 2019
AUSTRALIA DAY	MONDAY, 28 JANUARY 2019
GOOD FRIDAY	FRIDAY, 19 APRIL 2019
EASTER SATURDAY	SATURDAY, 20 APRIL 2019
EASTER SUNDAY	SUNDAY, 21 APRIL 2019
EASTER MONDAY	MONDAY, 22 APRIL 2019
ANZAC DAY	THURSDAY, 25 APRIL 2019
LABOUR DAY	MONDAY, 6 MAY 2019
STRIKE '57	FRIDAY, 31 MAY 2019
BWGCOLMAN DAY	FRIDAY, 7 JUNE 2019
ANNUAL SHOW DAY	MONDAY, 1 JULY 2019
NAIDOC DAY	FRIDAY, 12 JULY 2019
SPRING FESTIVAL DAY	FRIDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2019
QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	MONDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2019

Palm Island Services

Yarn with these Services if too much is on your mind



Family Wellbeing Service - (07) 4791 4051
Women's Service - (07) 4791 4010
Diversion Service - (07) 4791 4072
Children and Family Service (CFC) - (07) 4791 4031

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Prime Minister and Cabinet- 1800 079 098, can link families with the National Indigenous Critical Response Service (NICRS)



Joyce Palmer Health Service

Marissa Nielsen, Social Worker - (07) 4752 5100



TAIHS Ferdy's Haven

Ed Mosby and Tracy Richards provide counselling. If you would like to make an appointment please contact our Program Manager on (07) 4770 1745.

Townsville Services

TAIHS Primary Health Clinic, Social and Emotional Wellbeing Service - (07) 4759 4001

Ask for either Aunty Erica Buttigieg (Manager SEWB), Kaylene Hale (Registered Nurse) or Denise Sheedy (Clinic Coordinator)

Address: 57-59 Gordon Street, Garbutt.



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AND HAPPY NEW
YEAR EVERYONE, WITH LOVE
& THANKS FROM CHRISTINE
& Alf (WILSON!)

The next DEADLINE for
our first PALM ISLAND
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**Thursday
24 JANUARY**

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**Thursday
31 January**

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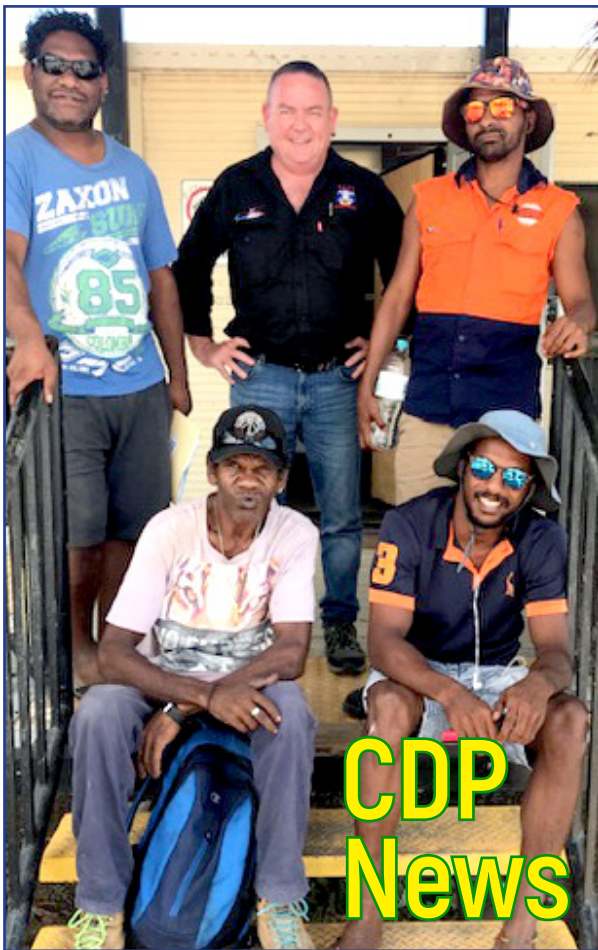
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Monday Evenings
4:30pm to 8:00pm

Private buzzer entrance
Behind the HACC building
South end door at
Joyce Palmer Health Service





Well done to three of our job seekers, Craig Inkerman, Leighton Sam and Zach Oui and Frank Conway from the Palm Island Community Company, all of whom successfully completed their Basic First Aid Course, sponsored by Campbell Page and the Community Development Program.

The course was delivered by Mark Male from All About First Aid.

Learning First Aid can also improve your overall employability and job prospects.

It is essential for workplaces to have employees that are trained to administer First Aid.

As such, these workplace First Aiders are required to complete a nationally accredited training course like the Provide First Aid.

By completing First Aid training, it can improve your opportunities in securing a new job or meeting the requirements of an existing position that may require you to have these qualifications.

New date for Cherbourg footy

THERE has been a change of date for the game between Palm Island Skipjacks and Cherbourg to Saturday 12 January.

Skipjacks will travel to Cherbourg for two games against the home side.

"We had to change the dates to 12th of January and we're hoping to play two games on the day and they will be for a couple of memorial shields," Skipjacks spokesman Alex Morgan said.

The Skipjacks Club is one of the oldest clubs on Palm Island, formed more than 80 years ago.

Many Skipjacks have family connections to Cherbourg and players have been training hard in preparation for the clash.

"We will be taking a lot of young fellows down there," Skipjacks coach Fred Bulsey said.

He said they would include Clarence Nugent, Robbie Snyder, Fred's sons Isaac and Fred jnr and others.

Isaac Bulsey has already started pre-season training in Townsville with the Blackhawks under-20 team, who will contest the Statewide Intrust Super Cup comp later in the new year.

For the past 11 years Skipjacks have played an annual match against the

Australian Army Thunder for the prestigious Bill Coolburra Memorial Shield.

The lads will be looking to start the year on a winning note but will face a tough task against Cherbourg, who will enjoy huge home support.

Moves are underway to form a new domestic rugby league competition in 2019 despite many players lining up for clubs in the Townsville and District comp.

Fred snr also said he was looking to organise a Palm team to compete at next year's Dan Ropeyarn carnival in Bamaga.

Standing tall

After putting the brakes on a runaway try or two, some good sprinting skills displayed by Oswald Poynter recently won him a spot on the **NQ Cyclones Touch Football Development Squad for Under 12's**.

The talented 10-year-old played against kids who had travelled from as far away as Mount Isa, Cloncurry, Charters Towers, Ayr and Ingham to have a go at gaining a spot on the 25-man squad.

Oswald was named Shalom Christian College's Sportsperson of the Year for 2018 and has also played winger for the Sharks' Under 11's Touch Team in the Townsville Summer Competition this year.

"Oswald enjoys his sports and off the field he's learning all the time," proud stepmother Desree Shepherd said. "I encourage Ossy to be a great player and we often discuss the importance of preparation. That means we eat healthy, train well, stay positive and have a good's night sleep every night. It also means keeping positive thoughts and things like team work, playing fair, having a good attitude and being respectful at all times to the opposition and referees. He is naturally talented, so I know he will succeed in his sports but it's those values learnt off the field that will make him succeed in life."

The squad is required to attend four training camps before the final 14-man team will be selected in February next year to represent the region at Bundaberg in August for the Queensland Junior Touch Championships.

In the meantime, Ossy will be attending the Australian Budgies Netball trials in Melbourne next month – to watch his sisters Summah and Savanna Beale represent for Queensland and try for a spot on the Australian Budgies Netball Team.

