

# It's (still) a success!

'Palm Island and Our People' exhibition is still on display at the State Library of Queensland (SLQ) until Monday 22 April and has been well attended, a spokesperson has told the *Palm Island Voice*.

"The community response has been positive," she said. "And the launch was a great opportunity for community to make connections to their Palm Island ancestry."

She said visitors comments, including "great" from West Australian Senator Pat Dodson, were being recorded and kept. There was also: "Proud Bwgcolman," Elizabeth Clay, Palm Island; "Wonderful to see recognition," Sue Barstow, Cairns; "Wanya Gnullum, Honour & Blessings," Kheely Bennet, Sunnybank Hills; and, "Grew up in Townsville & visited Palm Island many times. Great to know more about its history," Anita Agapow, Townsville.

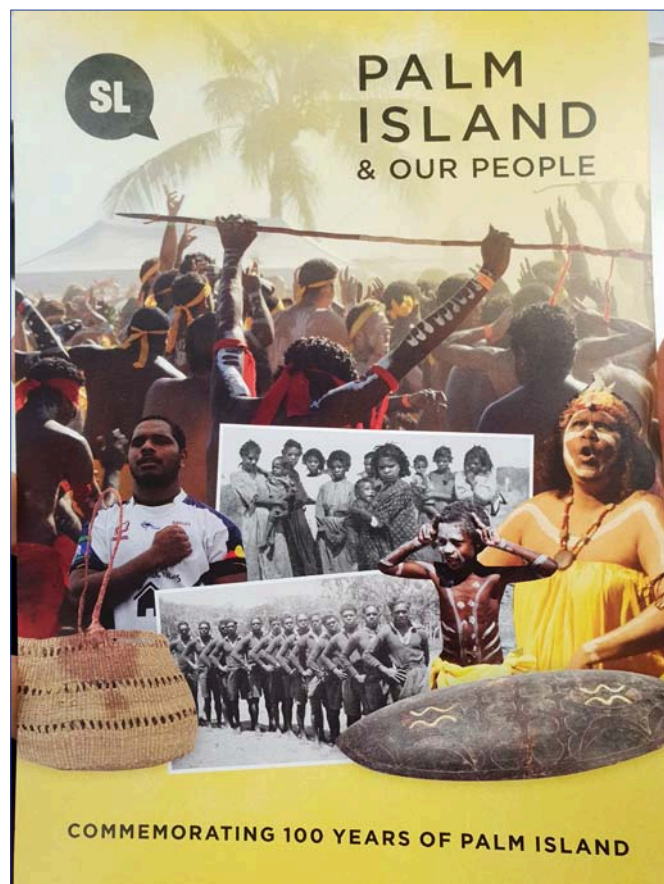
Euahlayi/Kamillaroi woman Lisa Hurle told the *Palm Island Voice* that as a Murri she was generally familiar with Queensland's shameful treatment of her forebears.

"This exhibition and tour were expertly curated to sensitively and respectfully show audiences our mobs' courage, grit, wisdom and determination to survive and thrive in the face of adversity," she said.

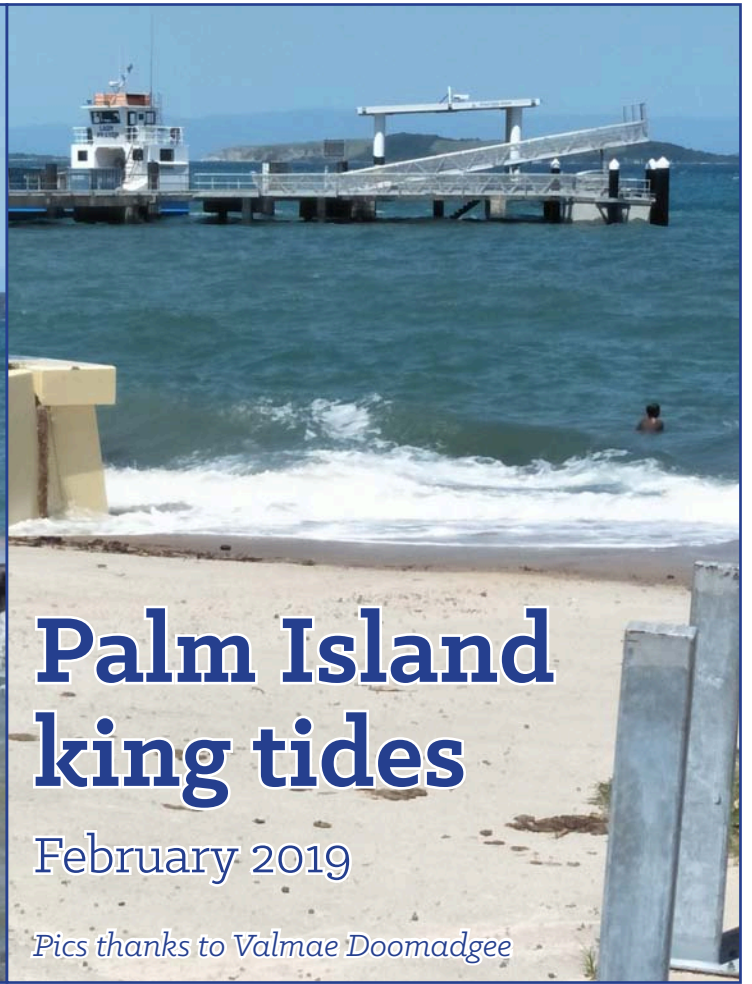
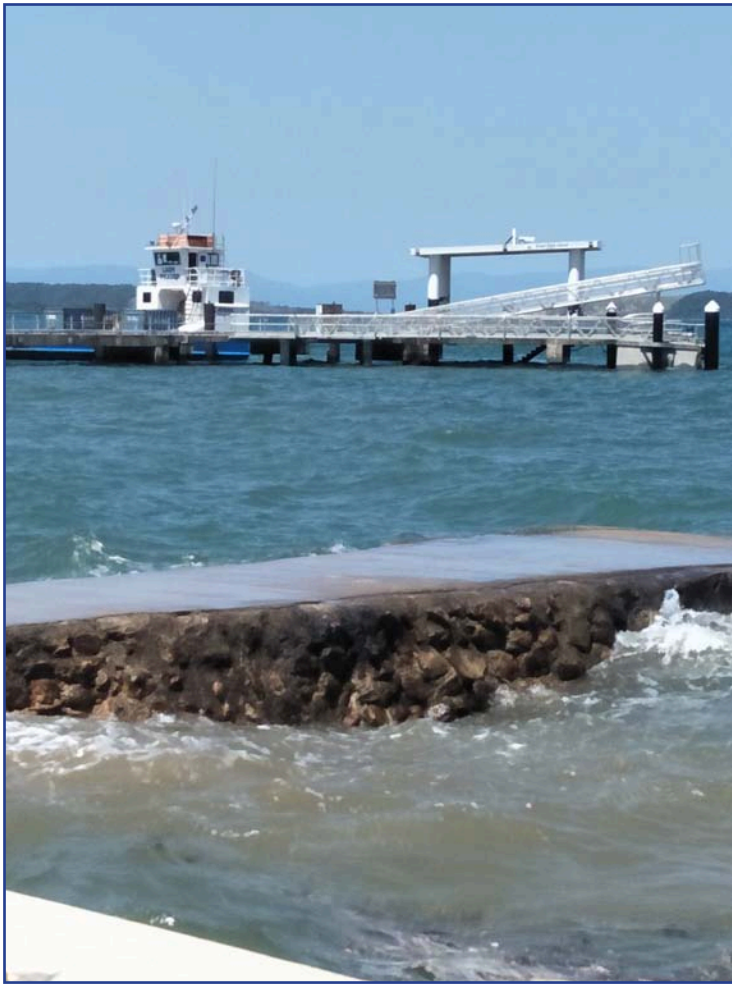
"I learned a lot about the local mobs' history and would heartily recommend this important exhibition to others."

More info is available on the State Library website at <https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/discover/exhibitions/palm-island-our-people>.

There is a recording of the launch available to watch on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/kurildhagun/videos/2154900014772499>) as well as a video of the performance by the Bwgcolman Dancers and the Nunukul Yuggera Aboriginal Dance Company.







# Palm Island king tides

February 2019

*Pics thanks to Valmae Doomadgee*



*Offering help where it was needed during the flood clean up was Jesse Wilson, Juran Mitchell, Llewellyn Quakawoot, Daniel Wyles and community leader Florence Onus, who received assistance.*



# Recognition for flood volunteers

Volunteers such as Townsville-based artists Juran Mitchell and Jess Wilson, and DJ Leonard Beckett were amongst those on the mind of former-Australian of the Year Adam Goodes as just three of the local community who have volunteered to help people affected by the Townsville floods.

Mr Goodes was in Townsville to lend his support to victims as an Ambassador for a group called **STAND – Support Through Australian National Disasters** – program which raises funds to help with disaster preparedness, response, recovery and resilience.

The Salvation Army's Shirli Congoo said Mr Goodes visit was brief, but appreciated.

"Adam is a very respectful man and acknowledged all the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander volunteers," she said. "He said he was pleased to be involved with such a worthwhile cause for communities impacted by disasters."

Volunteer Juran said he was from the Gudjal tribe around Charters Towers and Jesse was a Kalkadoon man from Mount Isa.

They share a workshop in Vincent, which was also inundated with water.

"We heard of all the people who needed help so decided to get out and offer some," Juran said.

Juran said the pair assisted around 20 people many of whom had furniture stacked 1.5m high on their footpaths.

They were helped by Daniel Wyles and received great praise on Facebook and in local print media, who referred to them as the Didgeridoo Boys.

Mr Beckett drove around in his light truck offering to help anyone he could.



*ABOVE: Jesse Wilson, left, and Leonard Beckett who helped during the floods; BELOW: Townsville Faithworks Corps Officer Bronwyn Lithgow, Terrence Whyte (Salvation Army Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children & Youth Specialist), Adam Goodes and Shirli Congoo (General Manager Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministry, Program Administration, The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory)*







*LEFT: Late last year we saw our first volunteers start with Orange Sky. Orange Sky is a wonderful organisation, which has its roots beginning in Melbourne helping people wash their clothes and household linen. Over the past couple of years, the organisation has taken up the call outside Melbourne and has had its foot print placed in all parts of Australia, including Lockhart River and Palm Island.*

We in the Community Development Program are very proud of our staff and like to see ourselves as a big family.

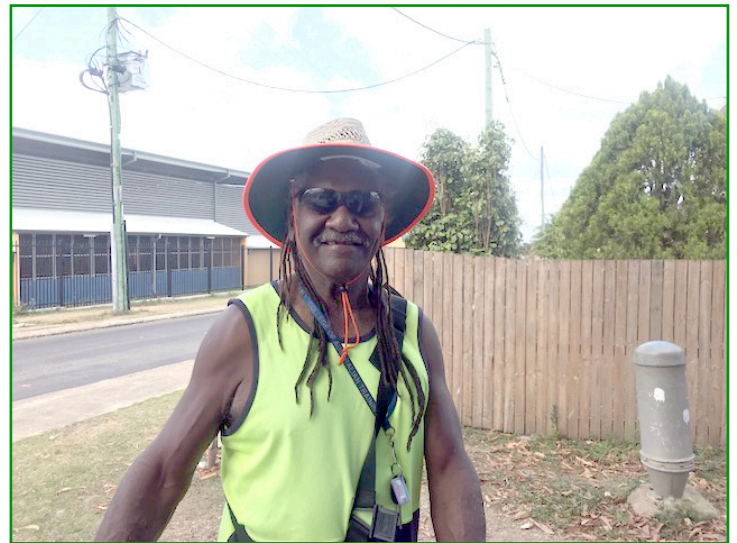
Thus, this week we would like to introduce another of our family, David Baira, who is a Palm Island legend from his football playing days too his love of working hard.

David is one of CDP's most reliable and hardworking Activity Supervisors, he works hard with his team five days a week maintaining the Palm Islands parks and gardens, waterways & cemeteries immaculate, which is no easy task.

David has been with Campbell Page and CDP since Campbell Page gained the CDP contract.

He looks after all his grandchildren with his partner Irene and he is a caring and devoted grandfather.

His strong work ethic is second to none and he leads by example, which has been passed onto his co-workers.



David leads a healthy life style through physical hard work, careful eating and his love of the outdoors is a perfect example for all of us to follow.

He often mentions his gratitude to Campbell Page who's caring, family feeling focused approach to staff makes coming to work a pleasure.



Well done to three of our job seekers, Craig Inkerman, Leighton Sam (pictured left with Peter Sherry) and Zach Oui and Frank Conway from the Palm Island Community Company who successfully completed their Basic First Aid Course, which was sponsored by Campbell Page and the Community Development Program.

The course was delivered by Mark Male from All About First Aid who has been a regular supporter of the Community Development Program. Learning First Aid can improve your overall employability and job prospects, and 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.



# CDP News



Over the past couple of weeks our local Palm Island artists have been in consultation with Gabrielli Constructions Strategic Planning and Operations Manager, Maddalena (Maddy) Gabrielli (pictured above).

Maddy has been seeking support from our artists to help design and to present various concepts for the external and internal art work for the new Bwgcolman Retail and Business Precinct, which is due to commence construction in March this year.

Our artists have been asked to present their designs by the last week of March and the successful artists will be commissioned soon after. Gabrielli Construction is hoping to commission 20 local Palm Island artists to help complete the contact by the end of December 2019.

This will be a fantastic

opportunity for many of our job seekers to gain recognition for the amazing art work they have been producing over the last two years.

We at Campbell Page and the Community Development Program wish our artists the best of luck in gaining a commission and to future opportunities.

**MEANWHILE** Young Anthony Bourne, who is a member of the 'Lost Artists of Palm Island' has just completed a commission for the Community Enterprise Queensland (CEQ) General Store here on Palm Island.

Anthony was commissioned to paint

one of three murals for the store with the focus of celebrating the Palm Island Centenary (see below).

Anthony's art piece is mixture of Torres Strait and Aboriginal cultures.

Anthony is a proud father of a one-year old boy, Hussein, and he cannot wait for his art work to be placed on one of the CEQ stores walls, where his young son, his family members and close friends can see that great things can happen on Palm island if you put your mind to it and be persistent.





# Palm Island Voice



Public &  
Community Notices



The next DEADLINE for  
the PALM ISLAND VOICE  
(271) will be

**Thursday  
7 March**

FOR PUBLICATION

**Thursday  
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# POSITIONS VACANT



- **2 x Casual Bakery Assistants**
- **Part-time Women's Shelter Support Workers**
- **Full-time Diversionary Program Coordinator**
- **Full-time HR Generalist**

Please be aware, to qualify for some of these roles, you must have a full QLD Driver's License and may require a Blue Card/Working With Children Check and a criminal history check.

The HR Generalist position requires a candidate who has some experience and qualifications in HR or business.

Full training is provided for the Bakery Assistant roles but qualifications in hospitality or food safety/handling are desirable.

## Children & Family Centre

- **Part-time After Hours Medical Administration Officer**
- **Full-time Early Childhood Teacher and Program Coordinator**
- **Full-time Female Aboriginal Health Worker**

Please be aware, to qualify for some of these roles, you must have a full QLD Driver's License and may require a Blue Card/Working With Children Check and a criminal history check.

The Early Childhood Teacher and Coordinator role requires an applicant who has degree qualifications in Early Childhood Education.

The Aboriginal Health Worker requires a candidate with Nursing or Aboriginal Health qualifications.

## Applications close 22nd March 2019

To apply for one of these positions, [or for a copy of the position description], please email a completed application form, copy of your resume, qualifications and ID to Michael at [mgrasso@picc.com.au](mailto:mgrasso@picc.com.au). 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.

PICC will only accept an application for one only role per applicant and not multiple roles, so please chose carefully which role you would like to apply for. Applications missing any of the required documents will not be accepted.

# Boxers punching above their weight



**EXTREME** heat and flooding have not prevented Palm Island boxers Patrick Clarke, Darryl Richardson (*above*), Musa Prior and Raymond Haines from training hard for a Sunstate Amateur Boxing League tournament in Townsville on Saturday.

Trainer Ray Dennis said veteran Clarke would have a bout in the 67kg division.

“It has been very hot here, and temperatures have reached well into the 40s, but the lads are very keen,” Mr Dennis said.

Richardson will contest a super middleweight division bout if an opponent can be found.

Unbeaten in two fights, young Prior will line up in a 35kg bout.

The trio fought at Palm’s 100 year celebrations tournament at the local PCYC last June.

Trainer Dennis Haines snr will be in the corner of Raymond Haines and will also have another younger boxer looking for a bout.

Palm boxers will also

compete at several other away tournaments in coming months.

On March 23 Knuckles Club will host a tournament at Townsville’s Ross Island Hotel with organiser Matty Rooney wanting to attract as many Palm boxers as possible.

A week later on March 30 several Palm fighters are expected to travel to Mareeba.