

Palm Island Voice

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Lifting our spirits!

Bwgcolman: many
tribes, one people

Being our best!

Palm Island Spring Festival Friday 6 September 2019

from 10am to evening @ Fred Clay Park





Recommendations

A discrete and holistic **Palm Island Youth Strategy** (PIYS) be developed which should:

- be led by a community controlled consortium of young Palm Islanders;
- include holistic Bwgcolman public health interventions to address drug, alcohol and substance misuse;
- be informed by local Palm Island human services information evaluation to help build youth services;
- include Indigenous research capacity building for Palm Islanders;
- include ongoing research where the survey is repeated every two years; and,
- include a formal Palm Island youth voice representation at Local Government level and other key organisations so Bwgcolman youth can actively participate in their future direction.

Youth survey results are in and under discussion

The results of a survey aimed at examining the social cost of substance use have been taken back to community, James Cook University Researcher Dr Lynore Geia says.

She said the survey, carried out in 2015-16 by young people themselves, was an important step towards developing a longer term Palm Island Youth Strategy, and was in line with the current Palm Island Health Action Plan.

She said late last month she presented the results to a group of young Bwgcolman people.

“The main messages of the survey

findings were young 14-24-year-old Bwgcolman said identity and culture were important to them,” Dr Geia said. “Living with family and family relationships and finishing year 12 of school, to make getting a job easier, were also important.

“The survey also showed high rates of cigarette smoking in this age group, and that alcohol use was still a concern and stress was a big issue in their lives.”

But, she said, a high number of young people were also proactive in accessing the local health service.

“There are some strengths here,” she said.

“We need to build on them, and also look more closely at how we can deal with tobacco, alcohol, drug use and stress”.

“We had ten recommendations with seven of those voted by the young people themselves as a priority.

“Overall it was clear they enjoyed hearing and talking about the findings, and they were positive about moving forward and developing a Youth Strategy.

“It is also clear they want to have their own voice on these issues.”

Dr Geia JCU partnered

with Townsville Aboriginal & Islander Health Services (TAIHS), Ferdy’s Haven and Community Action Mentoring Services Network (CAMSNS) on the project.

Valmae’s excellent adventure!



Valmae Doomadgee-Anderson – pictured top with Gangalidda Women Noreen George, Eunice Diamond & Estelle George – was lucky to attend the Gulf Frontier Days Festival in Burketown earlier this month and was keen to share her journey with families, some of whom she hadn’t seen for several years. Pics of Murradoo Yanner & Alec Doomadgee, and the Bumaji Dancers from Doomadgee with thanks to Wayne Quilliam.

Young people urged to get on board with survey

Interviews for the Palm Island Youth Survey will continue until the end of this month, researchers Dr Lynore Geia and Rachel Cummins say.



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Small Business Entrepreneur Grants Program

The Queensland Government’s Small Business Entrepreneur Grants Program Round 5 is now open for applications and will close **TOMORROW** Friday 30 August at 5pm. Matched funding of up to \$5,000 (excluding GST) are available to help small businesses engage a consultant, advisor or business coach for up to three months and businesses choose their own consultant or advisor to work with. More information: <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/starting-business/advice-support/grants/entrepreneur-grants>

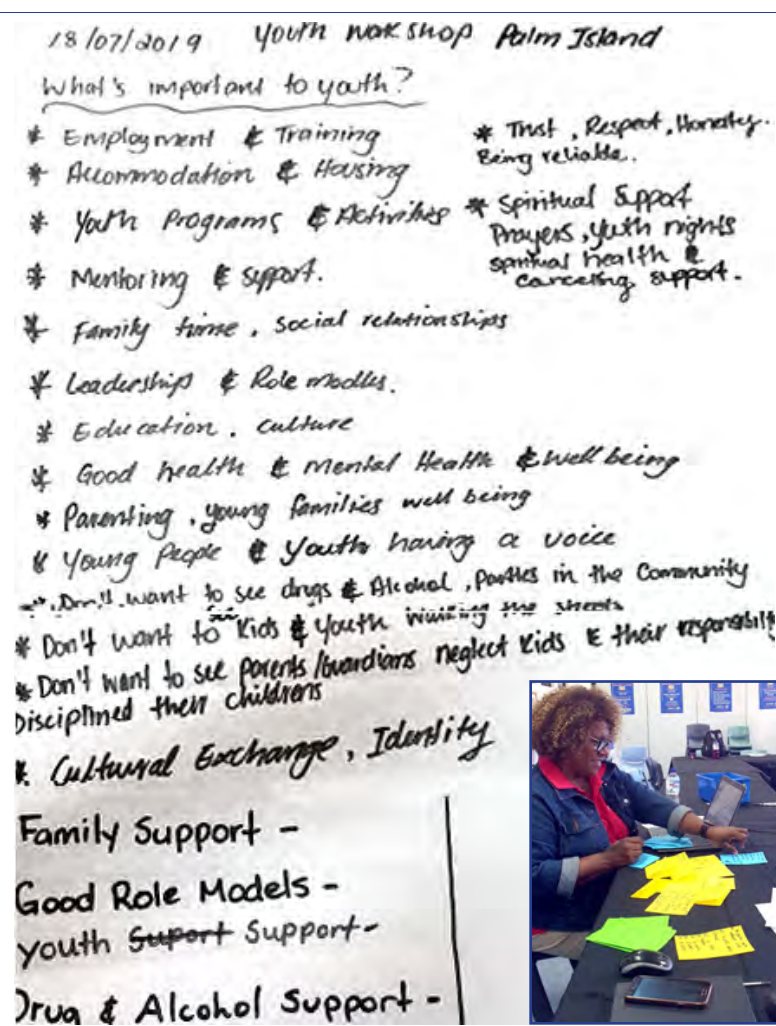
If you would like help with your application please contact Allison Rossetto in PIASC on 0438 272 725

WATER NOTICE

We still ask residents to **REDUCE THEIR WATER USE** until further notice. **PLEASE DON’T WASTE WATER!**



YOU MUST CONTINUE to **BOIL ALL WATER** even if you have filters on taps.



POSITIONS VACANT

Youth and Family Support Worker + Family Well-being Service Social Worker/Counsellor



Palm Island Community Company (PICC) is a not-for-profit organisation established in 2007 to provide a broad range of social services and community enterprises on Palm Island. It is a partnership between the Queensland Government, the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council and the Palm Island community. PICC is an Aboriginal Organisation committed to community control principles and protocols of self-determination through the provision of whole-of life services for people of the Island that reach across generations.

The purpose of the Family Well-being Service

Youth and Family Support Worker is to provide culturally appropriate services to respond to the safety needs of children, young people and their families who are witnessing or experiencing domestic and family violence.

The role provides family support and counselling, youth work and community patrol, brokerage, coordination and community capacity building.

Selection Criteria

1. Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the impacts of family violence and other family issues in the Palm Island community to run activities to help prevent family violence.
2. Demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Palm Island residents and with people in other agencies.
3. Demonstrated ability to work with families in a positive way that relates to their case plan or client service plan.

Mandatory criteria for both roles:

1. All Palm Island Community Company employees must be eligible to hold a Working With Children Check (Blue Card).
2. Hold a current "C" Class Driver's Licence
3. Demonstrated computer literacy skills.
4. Possession of a first aid certificate or ability to acquire a first aid certificate.
5. Willingness to undertake training and professional development

Remuneration: An attractive remuneration package based on experience, which includes super and salary packaging, is on offer for both roles.

How to apply: Applications close **Friday 6th September** 2019 COB. To apply for these positions, (or for a copy of the position descriptions); please email your application to Charmaine at cchong@picc.com.au

The PICC Social Worker/Counsellor is accountable to the PICC Family Wellbeing Centre Manager.

In consultation with the Manager, the Counsellor provides highly developed Counselling skills to assist families at risk within the Palm Island community. The role will also provide input into program planning and the development of service delivery strategies and provide consultation and cooperation with other services and units.

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4. Eligibility for membership or registration with relevant professional association.

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