



Enough footy for everyone (almost) ready for kick off!

Bwgcorman School and community reps met with several footy reps on Palm earlier this week, to try to figure out how rugby league can work more effectively with the community.

QRL Northern Regional Manager Scott Nosworthy said the Mendi Townsville Blackhawks in particular were keen to be a part of the game on Palm Island.

“Everyone at the meeting was keen to see improved outcomes, not only in relation to rugby league but also the community,” Mr Nosworthy said. “We had NRL Game Development Officer Peter Edmonds, new Blackhawks and PNG International player Moses Meninga and Townsville Development Manager Tim Nugent (*pictured right*) running clinics at Bwgcorman School in the morning.

“Peter also ran a local community member through his Coaching Accreditation.”

He said most importantly there was positive communication around the juniors continuing in Townsville.

“There is potential for under 13s to 17s to travel to Townsville to play in Townsville teams requiring numbers,” he said.

He said a meeting has been called for next Wednesday (18 March) to gauge interest in playing 13s to 17s in Townsville.

“Any person interested should contact Tanya Haines or turn up at the meeting down at the footy grounds at 5pm next Wednesday,” he said.

“On top of this the Barracudettes are playing in Townsville on May 2, as part of the Foley Shield



and Harvey Norman Women’s Championships, which is a great opportunity for players to find a representative pathway through to the Northern Marlins team.”

He also said a 4-team men’s comp would be starting up again on Palm soon.

“In regard to any senior competition, teams interested in participating are asked to send their expression of interest to either myself (s.nosworthy@qrl.com.au) at QRL or Deniece Geia,” he said.

“It is preferred that the teams nominated are currently incorporated with the Office of Fair Trading but it is not essential.”

For more information contact Tanya or Deniece.

2020 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS – THE DAY TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Voting is an opportunity to have your say and help shape Palm Island.

Voting is compulsory for all Queenslanders over the age of 18. If you have enrolled to vote and don't vote, you may receive a fine.

EARLY VOTING

DATES: Tuesday 24, Wednesday 25,
Thursday 26 & Friday 27 March

TIMES: 9am to 5pm

WHERE: Council Chambers

If you'll find it difficult to attend a polling booth on election day you can apply for a postal vote at ecq.qld.gov.au/postalvote

ELECTION DAY VOTING

DATE: Saturday 28 March 2020

TIMES: 8am to 6pm

WHERE: Bwgcorman Community School



How to vote:

Mayor – 7 Candidates

To vote for the mayor, you have the choice to vote for one, some or all candidates on the ballot paper.

This is optional preferential voting (OPV) voting system. The results of the draw for the order of candidates on the ballot paper are:

SAM, Mislam
CLAY, Alfred Thomas
GEIA, Obadiah
OUI-FOSTER, Delena
WOTTON, Lex
PRIOR, Zina
GEIA, Thomas

Councillors – 15 Candidates

To vote for councillors you must mark each box next to 12 candidates in the order of your choice. This is the first-past-the-post (FPTP) voting system. The results of the draw for the order of candidates on the ballot paper are:

HAINES, Derek
GEIA, Deniece E
LACEY, Alf
DAISY, Victor
NONA, Valentine
CHARLES, Sidney-Chicko
GEIA, Genami
BLACKLEY, Magdalena
CASTORS, Andrew James
COUTTS, Veronica
KYLE-SAILOR, Andrea
OUI, Mersane
HAINES, Dennis
MALONE, Lindsay
GORRINGE, Ruth

PoP app making good progress



We are making progress on the design of the Pregnancy on Palm Island (PoP) mobile phone app, which can be used by ladies and their partners throughout their pregnancy Keira Blackley writes...

We have been talking and gathering information from the ladies, asking their opinions and suggestions on what they would like to see on the app, and whether they would or will be interested in using it.

We have had a lot of positive feedback and suggestions.

Most of them sound extremely interested and said they would be using it once it becomes available, which should be around July–August 2020.

We are trying to keep everything local, such as including local artist's art work for the app, so we have as much community involvement as possible.

We have been looking at the preview of app and it's all coming together well, we are very eager for the day it becomes available to the public!

Palm Island Shire Council CEO position advertised

The position of Chief Executive Officer for the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council has now been publicly advertised with applications closing on Monday 23 March 2020.

The new Chief Executive Officer will be given the opportunity to work closely with the newly elected Council (March 2020) to review and develop new strategic thinking in accordance with the corporate and operational plans, the advertisement says.

There is a workforce establishment of 120 employees for the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council headed by the CEO who is supported by the Office of the CEO and the

directorates of Corporate Services, Community Services and Works Operations

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is the Council's principal staff officer, exercising overall management responsibility for the Council's operations. The main responsibility of the CEO is to act as the primary link between Councillors and the organisation and is responsible for providing assistance to Councillors in developing policy

and provides leadership to staff in achieving Council objectives.

All applications will be submitted to the newly elected Council after the 28 March elections for assessment.

To Apply: For a confidential conversation, please call Rona Horsfall or Celia Jones on 0438 943 854 at Peak Services Recruitment or interim CEO Ross Higgins at the Council.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Jetty Closure



Due to recent damage and other urgent maintenance issues, please be advised that the Palm Island Jetty will be closed off to public access outside of the Sealink Ferry Timetable.

Restricted access will be put in place as on of the repairs is the upgrading of all handrails to the Jetty area.

Closure will take place from Wednesday 4 March for the next several weeks. WE ask the community to assist during this work and refrain from using the jetty other than at ferry times.

WEATHER WARNINGS

Residents are reminded to keep an ear and an eye out for local weather updates and warnings on bom.gov pages from now and into the weekend. A cyclone is expected to form off the coast by Friday. Make sure all your belongings, especially in your yard, are secure and your vehicles are safe. At the time of going to print several warnings had already been issued for heavy rainfall and strong winds.

Be CROC Aware!

There has been at least one unconfirmed sighting of a crocodile, possibly up to 4 metres in length, swimming off the beach down in the farm area (straight out from Ferdy's).

Please warn your childrent in particular **NOT** to swim in the area and report all sightings to the Council or CrocWatch on 1300 130 372.

OUR NEXT DEADLINE (Issue 296) will be Thursday 19 March for publication on Thursday 26 March!

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