

Keeping it safe with style



ABOVE L-R: Trailer stars Marcus Ketchup, John Barry, Liam Gibson-Kerr & Phillip (Malcom) Kidner

The **WHICHWAY** young people, sexual health and relationships trailer will be published online this Thursday, Townsville Public Health Unit Health Promotions manager Alex Massey says.

“The set of clips we have is a result of months of working with young people to identify what young people want to know about sexual health and relationships,” he said.

“It has a variety of information from prevention to testing but more importantly, also explores what young women and men on the island themselves have told us they want more information on.

“We then spent three days filming a mixture of talented actors to develop the clips which are a mix of generational advice, yarning

and short scenarios that people on Palm Island actually experience.

“Healthworkers, Community Liaison Officers and the wider community have all been involved developing the clips, so the messages they hold about the importance of health in history and culture are their own.”

He said the trailer would be accessible on Facebook

and Instagram from Thursday onwards.

“The social media clips will be released one at a time on Facebook for young people to watch and enjoy our local talent, along with the rest of the world,” Alex said.

“Watch out for the **WHICHWAY** flags around the island which will pop up in various locations – we’ll be playing the clips and giving away our shirts.

“Use the online tags above and let’s make this healthy yarn go viral in a good way!”





ABOVE: L-R: Team Leader Phyllis Bulsey, Regional Manager Janelle Whitehead, Caseworker Mallory Morgan & Operations Manager Nerida King with Case Workers Rhiannon Friday & Joyce Tapp

CDP 'bouncing back' from tough times

After six months of reduced servicing and no mutual obligation activities, including a three-month lock down, Palm Island CDP is back, Manager Janelle 'Nugget' Whitehead says.

"CDP provider Rainbow Gateway Ltd, worked through these tough times, with a full contingent of staff and supervisors working normal hours," Nugget said. "We offered ongoing service to the community under the Covid-19 safe rules with regular communication between ourselves, the Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) and Queensland Health.

"We also had a small group of volunteers who worked throughout to support the program and keep our services to our elders, community, and local organisations going.

"Several unemployed local people gained employment during this time, which is what we're all about – local jobs for local people."

Joyce Palmer Health Service Director of Nursing Judith Townsend-Stahre said they had been happy to see the CDP workers and volunteers continue their work, even though they were not obliged.

"We were more than happy to give them a go with ongoing yard maintenance, lawn mowing and cleaning opportunities," she said.

"The work was there to be done and they stepped up to do it.

"They did a great job and we are continuing to work closely with CDP/Rainbow Gateway."

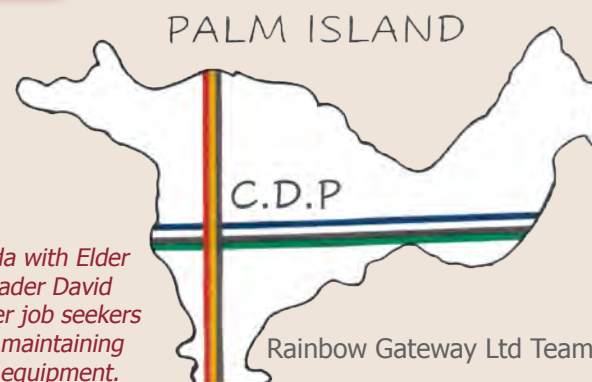
Nugget said they were happy to have new uniforms for staff (see above!), along with new signage.

"Our staff have been proud to market and promote their services," she said. "Lots will be happening in the training and enterprise space up until Christmas including opportunities in construction training, plant operator tickets, online learning, arts and crafts, life skills, and men's and women's groups, all working under Covid-safe conditions."



ABOVE: Ralph Doomadgee & Ian Ketchup working on Mango Ave walkways and centre island;

BELOW: Nerida with Elder and team leader David Baira, and other job seekers cleaning and maintaining mowers and equipment.



Administrators of the Stolen Wages Settlement Distribution Scheme have appointed Cape York Partnership to provide financial counselling services, referrals and information to claimants and registered representatives receiving a Stolen Wages payment.

Financial counsellors help with budgeting, saving and dealing with debts.

They can also provide advice about Centrelink payments and basic tax questions.

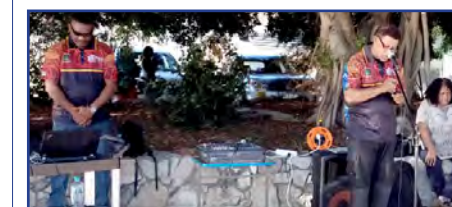
If you have questions about how to save or spend your Stolen Wages payment, a financial counsellor may be able to help you.

Cape York Partnership are visiting Palm Island TODAY, tomorrow (Tuesday 3 November) and later this month (Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 November) to provide face-to-face financial counselling services.

More information, including an information flyer is available on their website, www.stolenwages.com.au under the Updates and Documents tabs.

For information about debts, saving and money questions, or to make an appointment, call Cape York Partnership on 0497 473 589 or The National Debt Helpline on 1800 007 007.

Last Wednesday Palm Islanders came together to say NO to Family and Domestic Violence in our community. With thanks to PICC for the pics.



The Palm Islander, Friday 29 December 1978



Navy honours Palms Sailor
Coordination
Able Seaman Marine Technical Propulsion Diesel :
Roy Thomas Prior
R66955

The Chief of Naval Staff commends Able Seaman Roy Thomas PRIOR for his initiative in starting the engines and generators of the HMAS LABUAN when three LCI broke adrift from HMAS MORETON during a violent tropical storm on the afternoon of Friday 16th December 1977.

During this severe storm HMAS BRUNEI, HMAS LABUAN and HMAS WEWAK broke adrift when doubled-up lines parted on the inboard LCR in heavy, gusting winds, rain and hail.

Able Seaman PRIOR was directed to start the engines and generators of HMAS LABUAN in complete darkness after shore power cables were carried away. Able Seaman PRIOR acted in the best traditions of the Service in starting the engines and generators – initially under supervision and subsequently at his own initiative and by his own skill – in complete darkness.

(Signed)
Chief of Naval Staff

With thanks to Maryam Clay

Extra ferry services for Christmas

Good news! Extra ferry services scheduled between Council and Sealink have been approved by Translink and are due to be announced this week.

Confirming the timetable early will allow all residents to plan their Xmas trips and travel.

DID YOU KNOW: Council is funded by the State Government an extra six ferry services per year at times of highest demand.

Translink has the approval rights for the extra services and the scheduling is developed in conjunction with Sealink.



Palm Island Rubbish Collection Mondays to Thursdays



Bins out by 8am

Changes to Council Meeting Dates for 2020



In accordance with Section 254B (3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 Council advises Land Trust and Ordinary Council meetings for the months of November to December 2020 are now on the same days, as per below:

- Wednesday 25 November 2020
- Wednesday 16 December 2020

Meetings are held at the Council Office on Palm Island. Please note Covid-19 restrictions apply to attendance.

We're going weekly (for a bit)! OUR NEXT DEADLINE (Issue 312.1) will be this Thursday 5 November for publication on Monday 9 November!

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