

Palm Island Voice



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Search for Yarrie men ongoing
Five boats and 16 Palm Islanders joined in searches for three men missing at sea from Yarrabah over the past fortnight.

Palm Island Mayor Mislam Sam said everyone felt for the families of the men, who have yet to be found.

“Big thanks to Moira & Loretta Baira, who initiated and coordinated this much-needed and appreciated help for our nearest neighbours.

“Thanks also to the Servo and PICC who helped us out with fuel.

“These men will remain in our thoughts.”



We're famous Palm Island!

Last night the Palm Island leg of Australia's Amazing Race went to air with plenty of laughs, fun and goodwill from the community to the racers, and in return.

“Thanks to everyone involved behind the scenes and those who participated, they were the real champions of the

whole thing,” Mayor Mislam Sam said.

“I'd particularly like to thank Murielle Morgan and

and judges Tanya Haines, Jermaine Bulsey, Raoul Miller, Harry Reuben and David and Corrina Geia, and all the football houses!

“There was a lot of secrecy around all of it, so it was on very short notice for most of them, but we did ourselves proud – we were in the media for all the right reasons which was good, it was good to show a different side to Palm Island.”



all our staff for the work they did to bring it all together.

“Special mention also to Allan Palm Island and Richard Cassidy for their Traditional Owner welcome for the cast and crew,

We'll have a full set of pics and feedback in our next issue – watch this space!!!

Doc Francis' last word...

I hope 2021 has been kind to you so far - the start of the new year is typically a time we think about setting new goals and aspirations.

One common aspiration I'm sure we all have is the end of this pandemic.

The recent situation in Brisbane and now Perth, remind us that this is not over.

While we wait for the vaccine (which is imminent), it is important that we keep our vigilance and take our COVID precautions:

- not sharing smokes and drinks,
- coughing into elbows,
- physical distancing, and
- masking in situations when we cannot physically distance.

It also reminds us of the importance of getting tested if we have even the slightest of symptoms.

Most of us will have health goals for the new year, I find a good starting point is reflecting on what I have done through the past year to see what changes I will need to make in the new year.

Whether it is eating healthier, losing weight, exercising more, taking my medications regularly or even just getting a health check.

Keep your goals simple and realistic and you can build up on them as the year progresses.

2020 was a difficult year for many of us but there have also been a lot of positive outcomes.

Let's focus on the positives and start the new year in good spirits.

Finally, this will be my last post while working on Palm, it has been a pleasure working here, meeting an amazing community of people and working in your beautiful health centre.

I will truly miss the experience and all the amazing people I have met.

I look forward to visiting the Island sometime in the future.



CURRENT VACANCY

Operational Services Officer

Joyce Palmer Health Service – Palm Island

Employment Status: Casual

Salary: OO2, \$32.83 to \$35.60 per hour

This position will:

- Maintain a clean, safe and accessible facility through which health services are delivered to the Palm Island Community.
- Provide a range of services such as cleaning, mopping, vacuuming, food preparation, maintaining cleaning supplies, laundry, driving hospital vehicles and maintenance of facility grounds.

Is this the opportunity for you?

- Applicants must reside on Palm Island.
- Hold a current 'C' class drivers licence.

Applications close: **Monday 22 February 2021**

Enquiries to: **Adam MacSween (07) 4752 5100**

APPLY Online via

<https://smartjobs.qld.gov.au/jobs/QLD-TV362955>



CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Chylesiah Baria-James and Tina Yasserie who were named as 2021 school leaders at Blackheath and Thornburgh College, Charters Towers. Chylesiah is the Sports Prefect and Tina is the Bacon Bacon House Captain.



Chylesiah and Tina are exceptional young ladies, and we are very proud of all that they have achieved.

Both are excellent leaders in our Boarding House and are

fantastic role models for our younger students.

We are very fortunate to have them as students at our school.

Images by Sally Batt Photography

Pics from the 2019 Bill Coolburra Shield



NQ Cowboys have announced that the

Bill Coolburra Shield

(Army vs Palm Island Skipjacks) will be played as the curtain raiser to the NQ Cowboys VS Canberra Raiders game during the ANZAC round on

Saturday 24th April 2021

VET CLINIC REMINDER

Friday 12, 19 & 26
February

FREE VISITS in February (don't wait)

****Fees apply for surgery**

Desex surgeries only \$55

To book surgery email:

vetonpalm@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au

or Ph: 4776 1572

We're at the Old CDEP Building, Farm Rd

REGISTER AND MICROCHIP FOR FREE !

Remember ONLY TWO dogs per house



INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS

VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION

THE FIRST TWO (2) WEEKS ARE FOR A TRIAL BASIS,
LEADING UP TO THE STARTING DATE TO GET NUMBERS
TO START THE COMPETITION.

THIS COMPETITION WILL BRING THE COMMUNITY
EXCITEMENT, FUN AND THE PEOPLE UNITE AS ONE.

ALL GAMES ARE PLAYED ON MONDAYS FROM 6PM –
8PM DEPENDING ON THE AMOUNT OF TEAMS
NOMINATES.

STARTING DATE: 09/02/2021

ENDING DATE: 29/03/2021

- Please feel free to contact me via Email or Mobile
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CDP PARTICIPANTS ENGAGEMENT MEETING

Midday: WEDNESDAY 10 Feb: CDEP Office: BBQ

We're back to fortnightly!
OUR NEXT DEADLINE (Issue 320) will be
Thursday 18 February
for publication on MONDAY 22 February!

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