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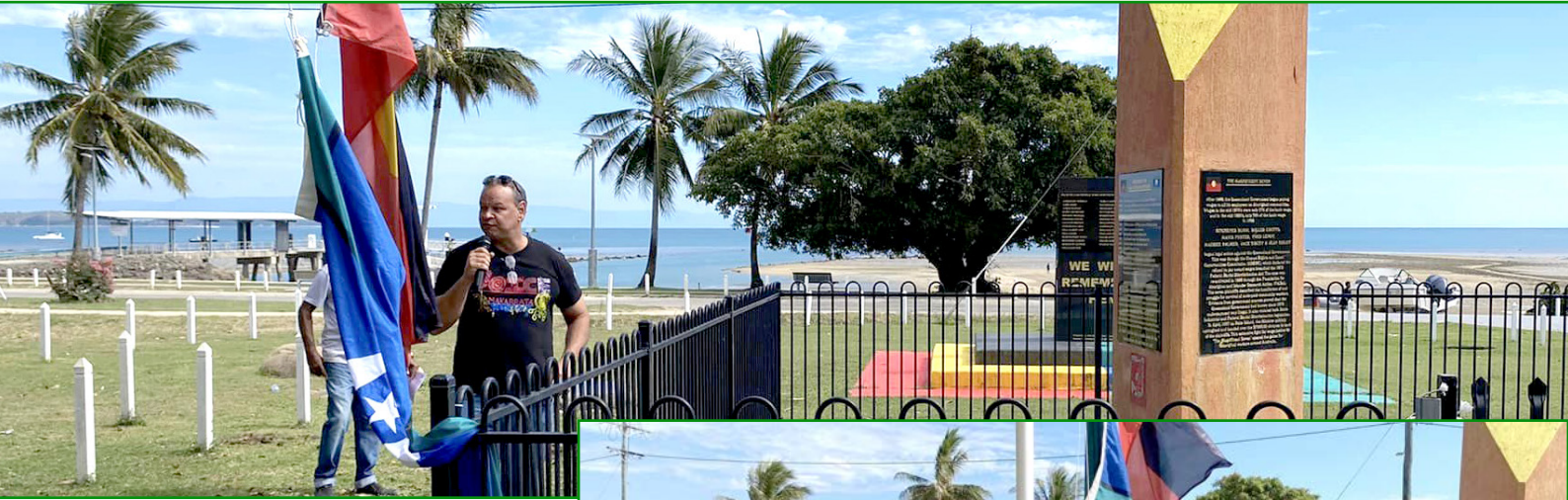
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It's our NAIDOC 'for our Elders'!



Palm Island's NAIDOC Week was launched yesterday with an opening ceremony and traditional dance, followed by a church service and community BBQ.

This morning a clean-up and community breakfast was due to be held (weather permitting) along the foreshore in preparation for a huge week of activities right through to a closing ceremony and combined church service next Sunday.

Highlight of the week will almost certainly be the always-colourful Tribal Banner March on Tuesday morning followed by a series of events focussed on our Elders including history displays, morning and afternoon teas, dinner and performances.

Market stalls, kids activities, a fashion parade, colour run, basket weaving, spear throwing, dance, karaoke, and a kup murri will be held in the lead up to a massive three-day netball competition and two-day Tribal Nines competition, both of which will finish with a presentation ceremony and community concert featuring Coloured Stone.



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Sports Bar & Bistro, PI Servo, Rainbow Gateway and the PI CDP and Sunset Snackfoods.

A full program of events and times is available on the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council Facebook page.

Danielle's work inspires award - and a new generation

Indigenous Liaison Officer at South32's Cannington Mine Danielle Kyle was named a joint winner of this year's Exceptional Indigenous Person in Queensland Resources award at the Queensland Resources Council's (QRC's) 2023 Indigenous Awards in Brisbane last week.

Danielle has been working in Queensland's resources sector since 2007 and has become a fierce advocate to increase employment opportunities for both Indigenous people and women.

She has established several programs to achieve that goal including an Indigenous Work

Experience Program and Indigenous Networking Group to create career pathways for First Nations' people in the company. Danielle's work has seen the number of First Nations' people employed at Cannington Mine double in the past 12 months alone.

Danielle – via her sister Andrea – particularly wanted to thank her mentor, Jodhi, for all he had done for her, along with the QRC, W Hotel, her supervisors, and John and Bert from the Indigenous Networking Group and Indigenous Work Experience Program.

"I am proud to accept this award," she said. "To be considered as exceptional in this industry is important to me, and I am grateful for the opportunities I have been given with South32 at Cannington Mine.

"I will continue to do the best I can to give these same opportunities to Indigenous people who are looking for

a foot in the door in our industry, so we can increase Indigenous participation and retain the deadly men and women we already have."

QRC Chief Executive Ian Macfarlane congratulated all award winners as leading examples of the workforce behind Queensland's resources sector.

"Danielle, Matthew and Chandel are making outstanding contributions to improving employment opportunities for Indigenous people in the resources sector by demonstrating that a diverse workforce is a stronger workforce," Mr Macfarlane said.

"While the resources sector is committed to increasing participation rates even further, I'm very pleased to see the progress being made by QRC member companies to equitably reflect the communities in which we operate.

"The resources sector is proudly the largest private employer of Indigenous men and women in Queensland, and we hope these awards will inspire more First Nations' people into one of the many rewarding careers available."



The QRC's latest figures show that in 2020-21, First Nations people represented 5.3 per cent of the resources sector workforce compared to 4.6 per cent of the population.

In the five years since 2016-17, there was a 73 per cent increase in the number of Indigenous employees working in resources, with nearly a third of the Indigenous workforce female.

In the past financial year, resources companies spent a record \$94 million with Indigenous businesses, representing a 13.4 per cent increase.

The average wage paid to Indigenous employees has risen a staggering 42 per cent to reach \$172,000, reflecting the increased skill level of Indigenous workers and the number now in leadership roles.

The industry survey found one in nine Indigenous employees were enrolled in an apprenticeship or traineeship.

Containers for Change officially open



27 June 2023

Bishop visit to discuss Anglican church rebuild

Bishop Keith Joseph and Arch Deacon Annette Woods have met with Council, Deacon Noel Cannon and parishioners of the Anglican church to discuss the future rebuilding of the Anglican Church.

In recent years Council had to demolish the beautiful old church on Gribble Street due to asbestos in the foundations. The visit was an opportunity to visit the library and history exhibits as well as a chance to catch up with families in the community. Fundraising to re-build a church on those grounds is underway.

Watch the Council's Facebook page for details.



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