

Palm Island Voice



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Councillors court Canberra



The new Palm Island Councillors went to Canberra for their first time last week, for the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) conference and a series of meetings to lobby for the community.

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey said it gave them some exposure to the national scene and how they could go about pursuing the issues that were important to Palm Island as a community.

“We were there with a good

contingent of First Nations councils from Queensland, including Hopevale Mayor Bruce Gibson, Kowanyama Mayor Terita Dick and Torres Strait Island Regional Council Mayor Pillemon Mosby,” he said.

“We met up with Minister for Indigenous Australians Linda Burney and a smaller delegation met with the Prime Minister’s office, including his Chief of Staff Tim Gartrell, and the Speaker of the House Milton Dick.” *Continues ->*

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From page 1 ... “We also took the opportunity to see Federal Member for Kennedy Bob Katter, local MP Federal Member for Herbert Phil Thompson and Victorian Senator Lidia Thorpe,” Mayor Lacey said.

“In terms of history, and including the history of our own community, we followed in the footsteps of many Palm Island activists by also visiting the Aboriginal Tent Embassy on the lawns of the Old Parliament House.”

He said himself and Terita were the first ever Indigenous Mayors from Queensland to sign the Speaker’s guest book.

“I think the trip highlighted that Palm is not afraid to speak up in terms of the issues that are most important to our community,” he said.

“It also allowed us to lobby and partner up and network with people who have influence, particularly at that national level, in terms of getting things done that are important to us – and housing is still our number one ticket item.

“And I have always made it a strong point that unless there is a conversation about the economic outcomes, rather than just social services, in our community, we don’t want to waste our time being there.

“It is also important that whilst we deal with day-to-day issues in our community, there’s this other work that also has to happen off the community.

“So I think it was certainly an eye-opener for the four young councillors in terms of really what happens when you go to those national gatherings – that you have to speak up and put your community on the map because the silver platter doesn’t come to us unless we do.

“We have to go and lobby for as much as we can in terms of for a better outcome for our community.”

Cr Lacey said he was pleased to have the opportunity to pass his knowledge on to the Councillors.

“They are the new generation of leaders in our community, so it’s very much about passing on and sharing that knowledge,” he said.

NAIDOC Program 2024

| | When | What | where |
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| Sunday 7/7 | 10-11am | Combined Church Service, Blessing & Acknowledgment of NAIDOC Week | Mall Area |
| | 10-midday | Clean Up Palm Island | Mission/Foreshore Fred Clay Park |
| | Midday | Light Refreshments | PI Indigenous Community Church, St Anne's Catholic Church |
| | 12pm | Ferry Departs Townsville | |
| Monday 8/7 | 2:15pm | Ferry Departs Palm Island | |
| | 9-11am | Children's Activities | IKC |
| | 9-10am | Community breakfast | Fred Clay Park |
| | 9-10am | Flag-raising & Smoking Ceremony | Monument Park |
| | 10:30am | Official Opening-PIASC & Invited Guests | Fred Clay Park |
| | 11am-3pm | Traditional Performances-Variou Local Dancers | Fred Clay Park |
| | 7:30am | Ferry Departs Townsville | |
| | 9am | Ferry Departs Palm Island | |
| Tuesday 9/7 | 10:00am | Elders Morning Tea-PICC, PCYC, | |
| | 3pm | Elders Arts & Crafts -IKC, HACCC, PICC Elders Group | |
| | 5-8pm | Pool & Darts Competition, Coolgaree Bistro | |
| | EVENT CLOSSES AT 4PM | | |
| | 9am-2.30pm | Market stalls open | BCS School Oval |
| | | School Tribal Banner March | |
| | | Children's activities-Facepainting, Balloons, | |
| | | Children's Workshops- | BCS School Oval |
| | | NAIDOC Relay -Tribal Groups, race, egg & spoon race | |
| | | NAIDOC Weaving & Workshops | School Oval |
| NAIDOC Best Design Poster Competition | | BCS | |
| 12pm | Community BBQ-PICC | BCS & St Michaels School | |
| EVENT CLOSSES AT 3PM | | | |
| 5-8pm | Nightly Pool & Darts Competition, Bistro | | |
| Wednesday 10/7 | NAIDOC SPORTS DAY, Venue: Clocktower Park/Fred Clay Park | | |
| | 9am | Market stalls open | Ceremony Ground |
| | 10am-3pm | Egg & Spoon Race | Ceremony Ground |
| | 10-11am | Wheelbarrow Race | Ceremony Ground |
| | 10-11am | Greasy Pole | Ceremony Ground |
| | 10-11am | Tug-a-war | Ceremony Ground |
| | 10-3pm | Fastest Coconut Peeling, Spear-Throwing | Beach Side of Fred Clay Pa |
| | midday | Ferry Departs Townsville | |
| | 2:15pm | Ferry Departs Palm Island | |
| | 12pm-2pm | Community BBQ, Rainbow Gateway | |
| | 2-4pm | Community Karaoke-Valmay Aplin | Ceremony Ground |
| | 2:30-3:30pm | Tribal Banner March | Ceremony Ground |
| | 2:30pm-pm | After School Program-Cultural Program | PCYC |
| | 3-4pm | Basket weaving, dyes and arts workshop | Ceremony Grounds |
| | EVENT CLOSE AT 4PM | | |
| 5-8pm | "Open Mic-Comedy Night- | Coolgaree Bistro | |
| 5-8pm | Darts & Pool Competition, Co-ordinator | Coolgaree Bistro | |
| 9am-4pm | Market stalls open -ALL DAY | | |
| 10am-3pm | Arts & Crafts Activities | IKC | |
| 10am-2pm | Spear throwing comp, Workshops at Fred Clay Park | | |
| 11am-2pm | Traditional dance | Fred Clay Park | |
| Midday-1pm | Elders Lunch & history display | HACC | |
| 1-2pm | Judging of Cooking Competition, Judges for competition | Fred Clay Park | |
| 2:15pm | Ferry Departs Palm Island | | |
| 2:30pm-3pm | OPEN MIC-Deadly Funny Stories | Winner from Comedy Night | |
| 3-4pm | Community Karaoke-OPEN MIC (Valmae Doomadgee) | Fred Clay Park | |
| 5-8pm | Finals of Pool & Darts Competition | Coolgaree Bistro | |
| THURSDAY 11TH JULY -EVENT CLOSE AT 4PM | | | |
| Friday 12/7 | 8am | Ferry Departs Townsville | |
| | 8-9am | PALM ISLAND COMMUNITY OPEN DAY | |
| | 10am-4pm | Market & Information STALLS / WORKSHOPS OPEN | |
| | 10am-4pm | Community Concert-See performance Guide for details | |
| | Midday-1pm | Boxing Weigh-in for Clash at Challenger Bay | Main Stage, Fred Clay Park |
| | 4:00pm | Ferry Departs Palm Island | |
| Saturday 13/7 | 6pm-12pm | NAIDOC Dinner | PCYC, Bistro |
| | 9:15am | Ferry Departs Palm Island | |
| | 9am-2pm | Junior Rugby League Home Games, Community Rugby League Grounds | |
| | 12:30pm | Ferry Departs Townsville | |
| Sunday 14/7 | 6:30-11pm | Clash at Challenger Bay Boxing | Palm Island PCYC |
| | 7-11pm | Extended Trading Hours | |
| | 8am | Ferry Departs Townsville | |
| | 10:15am | Ferry Departs Palm Island | |
| | midday | 2024 NAIDOC Closing Ceremony and combined church service | Fred Clay Park |
| 12:30pm | Thank you volunteers Community BBQ | Fred Clay Park | |
| 1:15pm | Ferry Departs Townsville | | |
| 3:30pm | Ferry Departs Palm Island | | |

Bwgcolman Community OPEN DAY & NAIDOC CONCERT, Fred Clay Park

FRIDAY 12 JULY

| TIME: | PERFORMER |
|-----------------|--|
| 10.00am-10.15am | Welcome & Acknowledgement PIASC, Marbana TO & Bwgcolman Elders |
| 10.20am-10.50am | Great Northern Dancers |
| 10.55am-11.25am | Dwayne Wyles D-Dubz |
| 11.30am-12pm | Bwgcolman Dancers |
| 12pm-12.30pm | Lil Mase Budisa Bux |
| 12.35pm-1.05pm | |
| 1.05pm-1.35pm | Bwgcolman School Dancers |
| 1.36pm-1.50pm | St Michael Dancers |
| 1.55pm-2.25pm | Komet TSI Dancers |
| 2.30pm-3.30pm | Joe Geia Band |
| 3.45pm-4.15pm | Maggie Walsh |
| 3.30pm-4.00pm | Local Performers- Dives |

EVENT CLOSSES

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Palm Island NAIDOC BALL

Special Performers

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When: FRIDAY 12TH JULY 2024 Where: Palm Island PCYC Arena
Doors Open at 5.30pm

TIME: 6PM-11PM Entry Fee: \$25.00 for a Buffet
Style Dinner & Desserts

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PUNQ OPENING EVENT - 1 AUGUST



PUNQ OPENING EVENT // Save the date 1 August 2024, for the official PUNQ Opening Event: 'Gundil Released' by Big Eye Theatre and Wulgurukaba Walkabouts.

This major new dance work illuminates a site of Cultural significance located on 'The Strand Promenade' where, pre-colonisation, a series of lagoons existed.

Through this work, the Wulgurukaba people intend on sharing true name and history of the lagoons which were a ceremonial and gathering site where fresh water was in abundance. It is here where

their ancestors performed the brolga (gundil) dance and song, which is recorded in early colonial sketches. In recent years, Wulgurukaba Walkabouts have been performing this dance once again.

'Gundil Released' will see this First Nations' history and connection to the water and land performed for the first time on this site in over 100 years. This

work has been commissioned by PUNQ and supported by Regional Arts Services Network - RASN NQ.

Image: Mason Saltner, Charmaine Koroi, Ashley Saltner & Akira Barney, 'Gundil Released', 2024, Performance and installation. PUNQ 2024 Commission.

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WHERE: Blak Arts Markets. Strand Park, Gurambilbarra / Townsville.

WHEN: Entertainment from 5:30pm. Find out more: www.punq.org.au

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