

# Palm Island Voice



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PLEASE note there may be some images of deceased persons within this publication.

## Barracuda 'Young Guns' play goooooood football!



Rugby League Townsville & District minor premiers, the u15s Junior Barracudas team – or 'Young Guns' – have made it through to play in their first grand final ever this weekend. Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey said the semi-final was “an exciting and nail-biting” game.

“I pass on my congratulations to the Barracudas Young Guns, they have the community backing and they will go all the way,” he said. “Also a big shout to the junior league committee, parents, volunteers and sponsors who have backed them this season.”

The team will once again take on the u15 Western Lions Pride at 11.30am on Field 1 at Neil Stewart Park this coming Saturday.



Premier's Industry Collaboration Award

Queensland Training AWARDS 2024



Finalists!

PALM ISLAND DIGITAL SERVICE CENTRE

### Palm Island Digital Service Centre is a 2024 Queensland Training Awards finalist.

An initiative of TAFE Queensland, Palm Island Community Company (PICC), Telstra Australia, Rainbow Gateway, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, Back to Work, Advance Queensland—Deadly Innovation, Queensland Government Customer + Digital Group and MEGT Australia, the winners will be announced this coming weekend in Brisbane at a gala dinner.

Congratulations to all the staff and trainees for their efforts!

2024 Spring Fair Festival - full program inside!



# Council takes delivery of new excavator



*Right: driver Marc Simmons*



# Second group of horses removed

*Oscar Oui is pictured here rounding up the second group of horses to be removed from the Island in as many months in a Council-driven initiative to protect them and the environment.*







# Palm Island

## Spring Fair Festival 2024

Friday 6 September 2024

Venue: Cultural Performance Space,

Retail Dance Grounds



Bwgcorman Dancers

Time: 10am-8pm

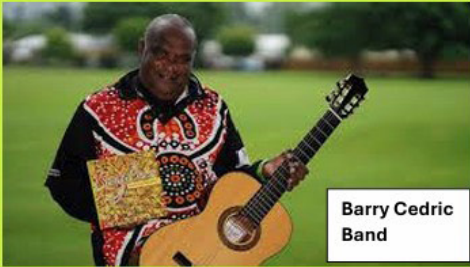


Great Northern Dancers

Poe Tiare Cook Island Dance Group



R3B



Barry Cedric Band



Yindinji Dance Group



Wulgurukaba Dancers



COLDWATER BAND





## Spring Fair Festival Program Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024 *Order Of Proceedings*

TIME	EVENT/Area	ORANISER/COMPANY
7.30am	First Ferry Service depart Tsv	Sealink
8am – 10am	Marquees, Area next to	PIASC, RGL, PICC
9.30am	<b>Ferry arrives Palm Island</b>	
10am-10.15am	Opening Ceremony: Acknowledgement & Welcome to Country	MC-Jeremy Donovan  PIASC-Mayor Lacey & Councillors,  Manbarra Elders & Mingaa Mingga Rangers
10.20am-10.25am	Acknowledgement	Minister Scott Stewart & Other visiting Delegates
ALL DAY ACTIVITIES	Weaving Workshops  Arts & Crafts Workshops  CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES  STALLS	
10:30am-11.10am	Special Visitors	Wulgurukaba Dancers
11.15am-12pm	Guest Performers	Poe Tiare Cook Island Dancers
12:05pm-12.40pm	Guest Performers	Cold Water Band (Wujal Wujal)
12.30pm	<b>Ferry Departs Tsv</b>	
12:45pm-1.30pm	Performance	Bwgcorman Dance Group
1:30pm-2.00pm	Music Performance	Barry Cedric & Band
2.05pm-2.45pm	Special Performance	R3B
2.50pm-3.10pm	Dance Performance	Yindinji Dancers
3:00pm – 3.15pm	Performance	Great Northern Dancers





3.15pm-3.35pm	Special Items: Bwgcoldman Stylin Up Contemporary Dances: Tik Tok Line Dancing/Flash Mob Dance: Zumba, Get Up Dance, Two Step	Bwgcoldman Kids
3.45pm-4.00pm	Dance Performance	TSI Descendants
4.05pm-4.30pm	Dance Performance	Pacific Flowers
4.15pm	Ferry Departs Palm Island	
5pm	Community BBQ	RGL/PIASC/PICC
5.00pm-8.00pm	Kareoke	Valmae Aplin & Performers
6.35pm – 7.50pm	Video Montage-Palm Island History	PIASC-IKC
7.30pm	Fireworks Display	PIASC /Xplosif Artworks
8PM	EVENT CONCLUDES	
5PM -11PM	EXTENDED TRADING HOURS AT COOLGAREE BISTRO	

SPRING FESTIVAL EVENT 2024 CONCLUDES

*Bwgcoldman  
Many tribes united*

## Sponsors



## Major Sponsors



**Palm Island**  
COMMUNITY COMPANY





**Palm Island**

**SPRING FESTIVAL**

**FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

**FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER  
2024**

Come along and Enjoy the show

Starting at 7.30pm

Please set up your seat along the foreshore





**NOTICE OF INFORMATION MEETING FOR THE EASTERN KUKU YALANJI, WESTERN YALANJI, YIITHUWARRA AND GUUGU YIMIDHIRR NATIVE TITLE GROUPS**

This notice is to advise that Cape York Land Council (CYLC) will be facilitating two meetings on **Tuesday 10 September 2024** on Palm Island.

**Meeting 1** is for any of those Eastern Kuku Yalanji, Western Yalanji, Yiithuwarra or Guugu Yimidhirr people who reside on Palm Island who wish to be provided with an update in relation to the progress of the Cape York United #1 Claim (CYU#1 Claim) and the proposed native title determinations over the areas shown in pink on the map below.

**Meeting 2** is for any of those Eastern Kuku Yalanji people who reside on Palm Island who wish to be provided with an update in relation to the group description, by descent from apical ancestor, of the Eastern Kuku Yalanji Native Title Group. The first meeting was held in Cairns and this meeting is to be held on Palm Island for those residents of the community who were not able to travel to the meeting in Cairns. CYLC will not be providing travel assistance for this meeting.

**Purpose of Meeting**

**Meeting 1:** The legal representative of the Applicant will provide an update of the progress of the CYU#1 Claim to Eastern Kuku Yalanji, Western Yalanji, Yiithuwarra and Guugu Yimidhirr Native Title group members who reside on Palm Island.

**Meeting 2:** This meeting is for Eastern Kuku Yalanji Native Title Group members only. This meeting is a further meeting following the group description meeting in Cairns on 16 and 17 July 2024. This meeting is taking place on Palm Island to provide opportunity for discussion about group description to Eastern Kuku Yalanji People who were not able to travel from Palm Island or surrounding areas to the meeting on 16 and 17 July 2024.

The purpose of this meeting is for the legal representative of the Applicant in the CYU#1 Claim to provide information to the Eastern Kuku Yalanji Native Title Group about the following matters:

1. The progress towards determination of the area associated with the Eastern Kuku Yalanji Native Title Group towards a consent determination in May 2025; and
2. The draft native title group description, by descent from listed apical ancestors, for the Eastern Kuku Yalanji Native Title Group.

The legal representative of the Applicant will be seeking feedback on the draft native title group description. The Independent Genealogist (Family Tree expert) will be present at the meeting and will have availability to meet with family members as requested.

There will be a further meeting in October 2024 where the Eastern Kuku Yalanji Native Title Group will be asked to make a decision about the apical ancestors for the Eastern Kuku Yalanji Native Title Group.

**Who is invited to attend the meetings?**

**Meeting 1:** All members of the Eastern Kuku Yalanji, Western Yalanji, Yiithuwarra and Guugu Yimidhirr Native Title Groups residing on Palm Island are invited to attend the meeting.

**Meeting 2:** All members of the Eastern Kuku Yalanji Native Title Group residing on Palm Island are invited to attend the meeting.

**Confirmation of attendance**

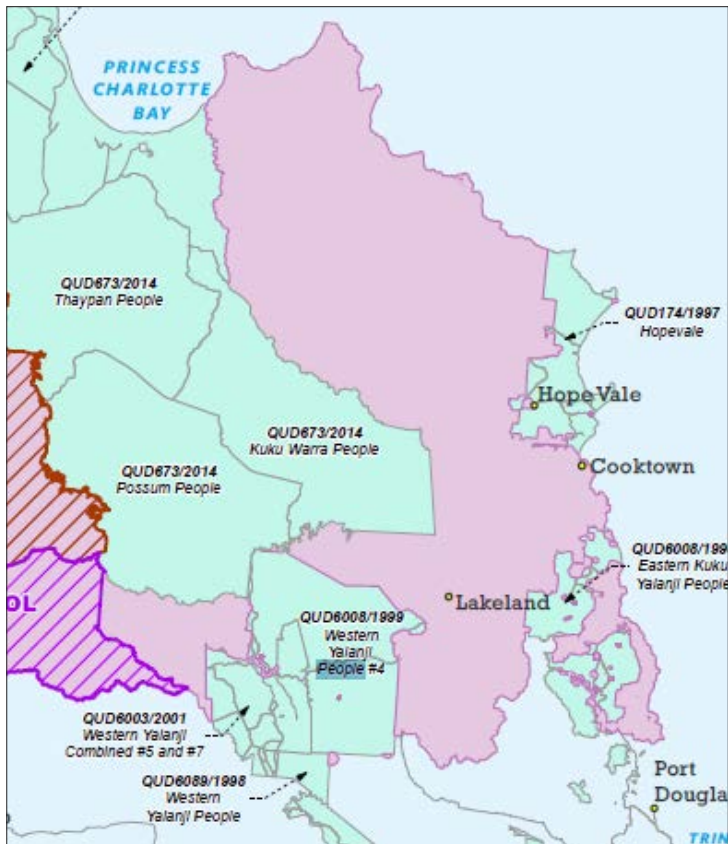
Please contact Lee Ann Miller to confirm your attendance by 4 September 2024 on free call number 1800 623 548 or by email [lmiller@cylc.org.au](mailto:lmiller@cylc.org.au). This is important so that CYLC can make arrangements for catering.

**Travel Assistance:** Travel assistance will be limited for this meeting, as the purpose is for consultation with members of the Eastern Kuku Yalanji, Western Yalanji, Yiithuwarra and Guugu Yimidhirr group residing on Palm Island. CYLC will provide lunch. To RSVP to this meeting, please contact Lee Ann Miller by 4 September 2024 on free call number 1800 623 548 or by email [lmiller@cylc.org.au](mailto:lmiller@cylc.org.au).

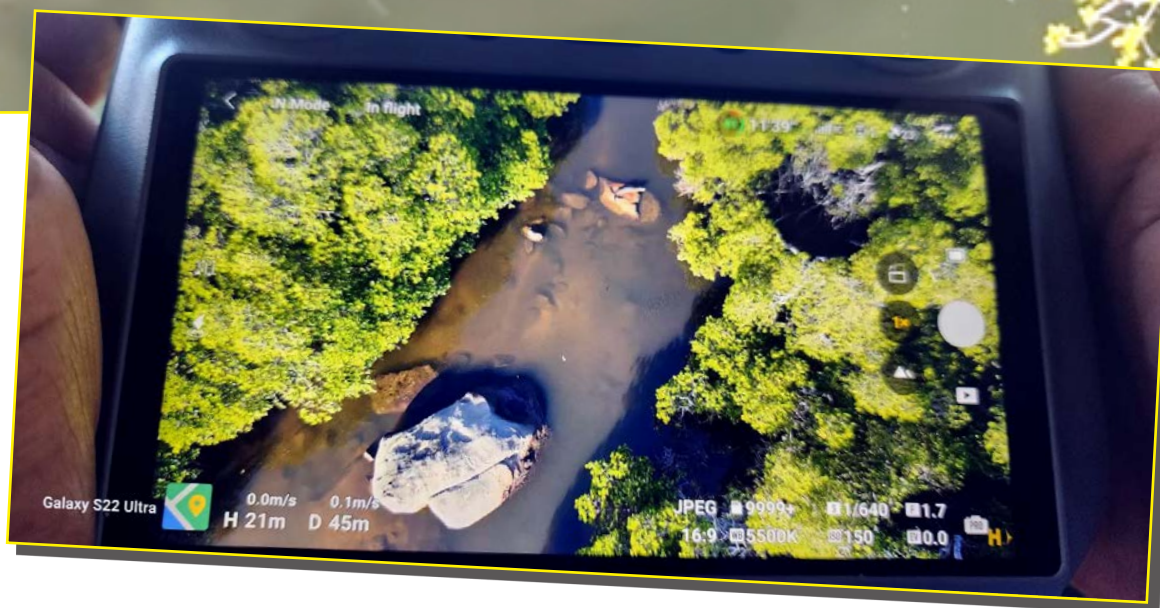
**Questions about this meeting or about this notice** If you have any questions about this notice or the meeting, please contact Grace Underwood on free call number 1800 623 548 or by email [gunderwood@cylc.org.au](mailto:gunderwood@cylc.org.au).

**Meeting 1:** CYU#1 update for Easter Kuku Yalanji, Western Yalanji, Yiithuwarra and Guugu Yimidhirr Native Title Groups  
 Date: Tuesday 10 September 2024  
 Time: 9.30am – 10.30am  
 Venue: Palm Island PCYC, Mango Ave, Palm Island

**Meeting 2:** Eastern Kuku Yalanji Native Title Group meeting to discuss apical ancestors  
 Date: Tuesday 10 September 2024  
 Time: 11am – 4pm  
 Venue: Palm Island PCYC, Mango Ave, Palm Island



# Croc warning for Francis Creek



Pic above by Sondra Gorringe,  
left by Derek Haines Snr

Residents are warned to keep well away from Francis Creek, where a 2–3 metre crocodile sighting has been confirmed.

Rangers will work with the QPWS to trap and remove the animal in the coming days. Council has issued strong warnings to the community – especially children – to stay out of the water in the area.

Never swim in water where crocodiles may live even if there is no warning sign present. When fishing, stand at least a few metres back from the water's edge and

never stand on logs or branches overhanging the water. Never clean fish or discard fish scraps near the water's edge, around camp sites or at boat ramps. Never provoke, harass or interfere with crocodiles, even small ones, and do not feed crocodiles – it is illegal and extremely dangerous to do so.

## THE NEXT *Palm Island Voice* DEADLINE\* (Issue 409\*) will be Thursday 12 September for publication on Monday 16 September



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