

Palm Island Voice



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

Council lobbies for more housing

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey and Deputy Mayor Mersane Oui were in Cairns for the Torres Cape Indigenous Councils Alliance (TCICA) meeting last week.

Mr Lacey said it was important for them to be there.

“It’s because the collective issues that we’ve all got in our communities in terms of housing, cost of living and livability,” he said. “It was good to be there with the other mayors and councillors and we covered a lot of ground.”

He said housing was, as always, at the top of their agenda and while they were there they also took the opportunity to visit a new Q-Build facility.

“Housing is really important, we want homes on the ground in our community,” he said.

“We visited the Q-Build site and looked at the products they have on offer, and it was quite impressive.

“We need to start building homes in our community because we haven’t done that for quite some time and looking at their products gave us a sense of what can be done quickly, so it was a really good visit.”

He said they also met the new Minister for Women and



Women’s Economic Security, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Minister for Multiculturalism Fiona Simpson (*pictured above*).

“One of the other interesting things was the opportunity to have some discussion around the incoming government,” he said.

“We’ve put a paper in front of them from the LGAQ on behalf of First Nations Councils looking at an accord an accord and it looks like they will most likely convene a roundtable to have a look at the issues that are critical to us.”

Look what’s...



...coming your way!!!

The Heart of Australia heart truck arrived on Palm Island today, and it’s here for a week to offer a free BBQ meat pack for everyone who comes on board for a pre-screening check. Ask at the Bwgc Colman Healing Service to find out more!



Upcoming Community Events

Monday 11 November 2024

Remembrance Day-11am, PI Cenotaph

Monday 11-15 November 2024

RHD(Rheumatic Heart Disease Clinic & Cardiology Truck Visit to Community, Cardiology Clinic Travelling Unit ("Heart of Australia

Tuesday 19 November 2024-

20th Anniversary Community Event Mulrunji Doomadgee, Fred Clay Park

Wednesday 20 November 2024

PIASC Community Engagement Day

Tuesday 3 December 2024

PIASC Community Engagement Day

Tuesday 10 December 2024-Mayor Christmas Appeal

Wednesday 11 December 2024-Council Offices early closure at 3pm

Friday 13-15 December 2024-

Palm Island Christmas Cup

Friday 20 December 2024-Wednesday 1 January 2025-

PIASC Council Offices Closure



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EWWWWW... RECOGNISE ANY OF THIS? ---->

You might do if you have recently dropped some **wet wipes** down the **loo** lately - these little pieces of convenience are costing the Council time and money as they **clog** our sewerage systems and **trigger** maintenance calls. The pumps just don't like them. The message is put wet wipes, nappies, napkins and anything other than regular toilet paper **in the bin, not the bowl** and then everyone will be happy - especially the Council workers who have to clean up this lot!



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