

Palm Island Voice



FREE!

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

FEATURED THIS ISSUE: The amazing work of our Civil & Open Spaces crews!

They are:

Fred Haines

Simione Dabea

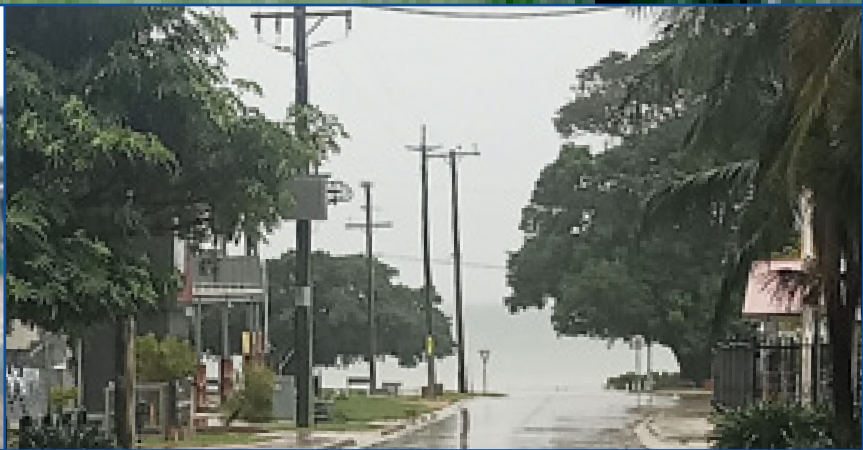
Naqarn Oui

Tim Asai

Nilbi Yasserie

Billo Wotton





As the rain continued (and continued...and continued...) Rainbow Gateway organised a BBQ for the community over four days to help support those affected. Thanks Rainbow Gateway!

The transformation of Wallaby Point – from washout to repair (temporary) –



FIVE tipper trucks of rock were needed!!!

Badge day for St Michael's





St Michael's student leaders received their badges in front of parents, carers and friends on Friday.

School Captains, Phoenix and Opal, will lead the school's Student Representative Council.

Vice captains were Te'aroha and Lennox, sports captains Ahzariah and Christian.

The SRC representatives were Sylviette, Elizabeth, Dianne, Clint and Athalia.

In the first meeting Year 6 leaders were reportedly very enthusiastic to have a say in how the school could be improved.

Everyone is looking forward to a fantastic year with these new student leaders.



TOWNSVILLE AND PALM ISLAND

Commissioner Kiss is visiting **Townsville and Palm Island** for her Informing the Agenda project.

Townsville

Date and Time:

Where:

Palm Island

Date and Time:

Where:

**To be
confirmed
soon!**

The project seeks to **collate and communicate the perspectives of First Nations Peoples** across Australia on the key issues affecting their lives, and to ensure First Nations voices are elevated in national conversations relevant to the fulfilment of their human rights.

This event provides an opportunity to Inform the Agenda of the Social Justice Commissioner, and **to tell us what you think is required for a fair and just future for First Nations**. We encourage everyone to help spread the word and invite all members of the community to join us in this important discussion. Your participation will contribute to shaping a meaningful dialogue.

If you would like to speak to someone about this event (including help to register) or the ITA project you can call (02) 9284 9615 or email informingtheagenda@humanrights.gov.au

For more information about the Social Justice Commissioner or ITA project (including other events and locations) scan here or head to <https://humanrights.gov.au/our-work/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-social-justice/informing-agenda-consultations>



Murrup Family BBQ At St Michael's School



Wednesday
26th February

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Lucky Door
Prizes

Come and meet your
children's teachers.

If you need a lift please let the office know.
Ph: 4770 1147



Community Reminder

Tree removal, pothole and road repairs will be ongoing throughout the community over the next several weeks.

Please follow directions of staff and drive with caution around these areas.

Thanks, PIASC Operations.

MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL PROUDLY PRESENTS



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**PALM ISLAND
BWGCOLMAN
PCYC HALL**

**FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY
4.30PM WORKSHOP – 7.30PM SHOW**

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Assistance for residents of Palm Island



Activated locations: entire LGA

If you are suffering hardship or require emotional support as a result of the North and Far North Tropical Low, help is available. You may be eligible for financial or other assistance to help you get back on your feet.

People are encouraged to apply for financial assistance grants online at www.qld.gov.au/DisasterHelp or by calling the Community Recovery Hotline on 1800 173 349.

When completing grant applications online, please ensure your personal details are entered exactly as they appear on your driver's licence (e.g. spelling of your name) and Medicare card. If you have dependants, list them in order as stated on your card.

State and Commonwealth Grants

Assistance provided through the jointly-funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Emergency Hardship Assistance[^]

\$180 per person (up to \$900 for a family of five or more) for people who are unable to meet their immediate essential needs for temporary accommodation, food, essential clothing and medication. It can take up to five days for payments to reach your bank account.

Essential Services Hardship Assistance[^]

\$150 per person (up to \$750 for a family of five or more) for people who have experienced the loss of one or more essential services for more than five days. **This grant will only be made active after five days without services.**

Essential Household Contents Grant ^{**}

One-off payment for households who are uninsured or unable to claim insurance as a contribution towards replacing or repairing essential household contents.

Up to \$1,765 for single adults and up to \$5,300 for couples/families.

*Income Test

Your gross (before tax) weekly income must be less than or equal to:

- individual adult: \$1,179 (\$61,322 per year)
- couple: \$1,630 (\$84,782 per year)
- sole parent, one child: \$1,632 (\$84,842 per year)
- couple, one child: \$2,021 (\$105,125 per year).

For each additional child, add \$391 per week. For each dependent adult, add \$451 per week.

[^]eligibility criteria applies

More information



Apply online at:
www.qld.gov.au/DisasterHelp



Call the Community Recovery Hotline
on 1800 173 349



Scan the QR code to access more
information about this disaster event
or visit the website referenced above



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