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NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

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National Sorry Day

26 May



An award for excellence from a professional body representing local government officers in Queensland has been won by Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council deputy CEO and Finance, Governance and Administration manager **Eva Haines** for her 'Above and Beyond' work.

The Council also won statewide recognition for excellence in its work in future-proofing with a 'Resourcefulness' award.

Local Government Managers Australia (LGMA) – a leader in local government advocacy, collaborative learning and professional development – held their Awards for Excellence last week.

Eva said she was "truly honoured".

"This recognition is not just for my hard work, but also for the support and encouragement from my colleagues, friends, and family, especially my husband and children," she said.

Statewide recognition for excellence at work



"When I started this journey, I never thought it would lead to such a prestigious award. It has been a path filled with challenges, learning, and moments of success.

"Each step has reminded me of the importance of perseverance, dedication, and striving for excellence.

"I want to thank everyone who has been part of this journey, your belief in me has been a constant source of motivation.

"This award is as much yours as it is mine.

"I am inspired to keep working hard and to contribute positively to this community and beyond."



Bwgcolman Domestic Violence Prevention Month Event

Wednesday, 28 May 2025

1:30 PM: March starts at the Women's Shelter

2 PM – 7:00 PM: Event at Fred Clay Park

With guest speakers, a Kup Murri, a BBQ, activities and community stalls, and a candlelight vigil to remember loved ones at sunset.

"Wear purple to show your support!"



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Child development team on hand thanks to early years reference group



The PI Early Years Reference Group (PI EYRG) organised a team from the Children Development Services (CDS) to let parents and service providers know how they can help their children when they come to the island last month.

The team included a Speech, Occupational and Physio Therapist, and a social worker (who wasn't able to be there for that first meeting).

The team explained their roles and aspects of the work, which included:

- How children could be referred
- Confidentiality and privacy rules
- Contact and what happens on the actual assessment day
- Where reports go and what they are used for

The CDS team have been visiting the Island since 2016, when they changed their mode of delivery from therapy to assessment which could be done in a more open setting, such as in the playground, in the yard, on the verandah or in a quiet area where Early Childhood resources are plentiful.

Feedback from parents and participants included:

"The information session was very educational to understand the areas CDS work in and how they work amongst their clients."

"The information session was very useful, it was good to understand the process and what disabilities or delays CDS can identify. I recommend it to parents in the community."

"The session with the CDS was helpful because it answered questions about some of their processes. I also learned that the physiotherapist is able to see children with a variety of different issues up to the age of 16. I am looking forward to more informal sessions like this which help us to collaborate for our children."

"It was good sitting in a very comfortable informal atmosphere 'chatting with service providers for our kids. The food was great too."

The CDS team visits about seven times a year, depending on availability and demand.

The Early Years Reference Group will advertise their visits on their members' social media platforms and local newsletters.

The next information session the Group will coordinate is a FASD forum on Thursday 5 June, which is aimed at local paraprofessional and professional personnel, but anyone is welcome to attend.

Contact Ray Armit at rarmit@picc.com.au for more information.



Vision/Optometry Clinics

Monday 26 May to
Wednesday 28 May



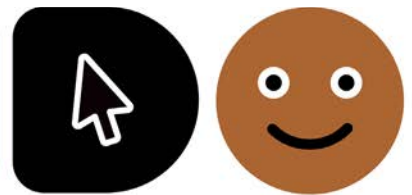
Every two years Qld University of Technology (QUT) come to St Michael's school and kindy with optometrists and advanced optometry students to screen the children's vision.

They offer free sunglasses to all the children who are screened and free prescription glasses for children who need them.

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Children can attend after their signed consent forms have been sent back to their school.

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Tues 27 May
10am to 2pm

Discover how to use digital design tools and techniques to create your own T-shirt!



WHO'S YOUR MOB?

Wed 28 May
10am to 2pm

Learn digital research skills and how to find and use records to discover your family history



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Thurs 29 May
10am to 4pm

Discover the secrets to streaming across YouTube, Facebook and more



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