

Votes are in for Palm's new jetty precinct

**OPTION ONE
GETS STAMP OF
APPROVAL**

Works on Palm Island's new jetty precinct are due to start later this year after a successful community consultation on what people were keen to see in the area.

The so-called 'Option 1' – featuring a covered walkway, ferry terminal and retail outlets – was a clear favourite, Mayor Alf Lacey said.

"It will have a coffee shop, a little sit down area and a covered walkway, right up to the ferry docking point," he said.

"That will be stage 1, and that was a clear decision which engaged more than 2000 people on Facebook and more than 100 people in a public meeting here.

"Probably the biggest thing

will be the removal of the existing Peter Gumbellah Prior Building which will be replaced by the Peter Gumbellah Prior Terminal. "We'd like to thank the community for their very positive responses and participation.

"This is about our next generation having the same sort of infrastructure you'd enjoy on the mainland.

"And that opens up opportunities for power and opportunities for local small businesses.

"It's about moving forward and having something to be proud of."



Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey with Local Government Minister Stirling Hinchliffe at the launches of the foreshore area and Centenary year last month.

*Out & About
at last
month's big
launch event.
Pics thanks to
Regina James
(IKC)*



Four generations of Fulfords
celebrate Grandmother
Erica's birthday



Never a dull moment on Palm Island!



*Well and truly
wedged! This
barge got
caught by the
tide and had to
sit it out for a
few hours...*



Pics thanks to Merlene Robertson

Heavy rains cause water discolouration

Palm Island's new water treatment plant is doing the job it was supposed to do, Mayor Alf Lacey says, and his advice is that any inundation – rain – will cause discolouration of the water.

“And that happens in every town,” he said.

“There isn't a problem with the water on the Island.

“The advice we've been given is that inundations stir up the dams and water supplies which causes the discolouration at times.

“The Council's advice to the community is to boil the water, which is common practice in small towns across the nation.

“Giru's water, for example, just out of Townsville, has had the same discolouration in recent weeks.”

He said the Council took water issues very seriously.

“We've gone from the old sand pits, which were around for donkey's years, to a more modern system to purify our drinking water,” he said.

“The treatment is done and the water is regularly tested.

“Every week samples are sent to the Townsville City Council water laboratory.

“In the case of inundations, there's always going to be things we can't control, but I can't emphasise enough our water is under as much control as we can manage.”

If households have ongoing discolouration or water problems contact Council directly on 47 700 200.



Pics thanks to Grail Films



Can we beat this? See next page!



Mayor calls for action and participation

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey is calling on Palm Island as a community to get involved with this weekend's program of commemorative activities, the first of three events hosted by the Council this year to mark the Island's centenary.

"This is about us," he said.

"Our people need to be at the forefront to make Palm shine, to make our people, especially our young people, proud.

"So I want to put a call out to all our community to participate fully – get involved, volunteer, be a part of the big picture."

Tomorrow's commemoration

placement of people on Great Palm Island.

On Palm Island there will be an exhibition at St Michael's School as well as an unofficial launch and community BBQ tomorrow evening.

On Saturday there will be a re-enactment of the first forced arrivals on Palm Island

Creek Old Cemetery restoration.

Cr Lacey said for more information contact the Council via Jennifer Ketchell or Christine Cannon.

MEANWHILE Djiru People, in conjunction with Girringun Aboriginal Corporation, will also hold a series of commemorations, including the launch of a new interpretive centre, tomorrow and on Saturday at Casuarina Park on Kennedy Drive, South Mission Beach.

"Djiru Warrangburra Aboriginal Corporation acknowledge Traditional Owners and families from within Girringun Aboriginal Corporation for the initiative in the Hull River Aboriginal Settlement Interpretive Centre construction and stories recorded here, and extend an invitation to revisit a historical moment that shaped the future for so many today," the invitation reads.

Cr Lacey said he wanted to thank Girringun and the Djiru people for their initiative and invitation.

"To any of our Bwgcolman who can't make it to Palm Island this weekend, I'd strongly encourage them to get to these events if they can," he said.



Mayor Alf Lacey speaking at last month's launches, pic thanks to Grail Films.

of Palm Island's Past provides an opportunity to reflect on the endurance and resilience of the Bwgcolman people who have lived and died on Palm Island, and whose ancestors were deported there from all over Queensland, following its inception as a penitentiary.

The date chosen for this event – the first of three – coincides with a cyclone that hit the Hull River Aboriginal Settlement on March 10 in 1918, triggering the first forced

by the Bwgcolman Community School followed by the official opening of the 'Becoming Bwgcolman' exhibition, traditional dance performances, yarning with Elders, Songs of the Past sung by Maggie Walsh and an open air cinema featuring documentaries and movies about Palm Island (weather permitting and continuing on Sunday and Monday evenings).

Combined church services will lead into the launch of the Frances

Remembering Kukamunburra...

“When we saw the repatriation of Tambo there was awesome support from the community,” Mayor Alf Lacey says.

“That was the biggest community day I can remember, the community really came out in style.

In 1883, nine Palm Islanders were kidnapped by United States circus agent R A Cunningham and taken to the United States to become travelling exhibits in the Barnum and Bailey Circus. Most died obscure deaths overseas.

One of the men kidnapped from Palm Island was known as Kukamunburra (or Tambo) and in 1993, his mummified body was found in the basement of a funeral parlour in Cleveland, Ohio.

In 1994, Kukamunburra's body was repatriated from the United States and laid to rest on Palm Island with full ceremonial rites.

<https://www.qld.gov.au/atsi/cultural-awareness-heritage-arts/community-histories-palm-island>

PICTURED is Captive Lives exhibition opening at National Library, Canberra 1996.

From left to right: Alan Palm Island, Josephine Geia, Walter Palm Island, Reg Palm Island, Ernest Grant and Maurice Bligh.

Source: Photograph by Louis Seselja. Courtesy of the National Library of Australia, exhibition section. (<http://press-files.anu.edu.au/downloads/press/p301021/html/cho5.xhtml?referer=326&page=12>)



Why 2018?

Palm Island was gazetted as a community in 1918.

Prior to then, two farmers - Harry Butler and Thos Francis - held leases on the Island, and used local Aboriginal labour - as most people did at the time - to sustain their farms and businesses.

There was no 'community'. With the devastation of the Hull River Aboriginal Settlement, the government authorities chose Great Palm Island, east of Townsville, as an alternative location for the settlement.

Those who escaped the Hull river Settlement during and after the cyclone were the first the authorities sought and forcibly removed to Palm Island.

(Source: Girringun Aboriginal Corporation)



SATURDAY 10TH MARCH 2018

the

Hull River Aboriginal Settlement

South Mission Beach

Commemoration Day
1918 - 2018

Djiru

Traditional People of the Land with many others from the district including the Tully and Murray Rivers were "rounded up" inmates of the settlement. In 1916 more Aboriginal people were relocated here for "disciplinary reasons for their relief and protection" Land (conflict) and Culture (shock) with European settlers was inevitable so relocating Aboriginal people to this remote reserve was to be the answer to social problems. (Cheap labour bought with rum and opium)

The settlement was never a Mission in the religious sense although the name was derived from the locals.

Djiru people remembering and reflecting 100 years since the destruction of the "mission". The Hull River Aboriginal Settlement covered over 2900 acres of land and operated from 1914 until it was destroyed by a severe tropical cyclone on March 10th 1918. This reserve was planned and set up by the State Government under the Act for Protection of Aboriginals and Restriction of the Sale of Opium.

Save the Date!

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| Preview at C4 Friday 9 th March A Story of Survival 6.00pm Screening 8.00pm Screening | Casuarina Park Saturday March 10 Remembering 9.30am Arrival 10.00am Opening | Butterfly Park Saturday March 10 Reflection Time Take a walk through our Interpretive Centre |
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PALM ISLAND
CENTENARY 2018
SHARE OUR JOURNEY

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE

DEADLY DIDGE n DANCE FESTIVAL

20 – 22 April 2018

As part of the Palm Island 2018 Centenary, the Palm Island community, in collaboration with the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, is hosting a 3-day, 2 night Didge n Dance Festival on the 20-22 April to acknowledge "the present" period of the history of Palm Island. This event will be open for ticketed visitors.

To ensure a truly deadly event, we are seeking applications from interested persons who are willing to share, contribute and be involved with the success of your community commemoration, some roles are paid and some are volunteer.

We would love your help...

Go to <https://palmislandcentenary2018.com.au> or drop into Council reception, for all the details, available positions and application forms. Alternatively, you can contact Tony Reynolds, Event Coordinator E: tonyreynoldsevents@gmail.com or P: 0419 508 483.



Operating Hours for Council are Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm

If you have any
questions please
contact Reception
on 4770 1177 or
4770 0200



Palm Island
Aboriginal
Shire Council
has 2,138
'likes' on
Facebook!!!

New help at hand in Townsville

Northern Queensland Primary Health Network (NQPHN), in collaboration with The Salvation Army, has formally launched a new support service to help manage and reduce substance addiction across the Townsville region and beyond for adults over the age of 18.

The Withdrawal Management Program has been developed in close consultation with local residents in response to the need for community-based withdrawal and rehabilitation services in the Townsville Hospital and Health Service region.

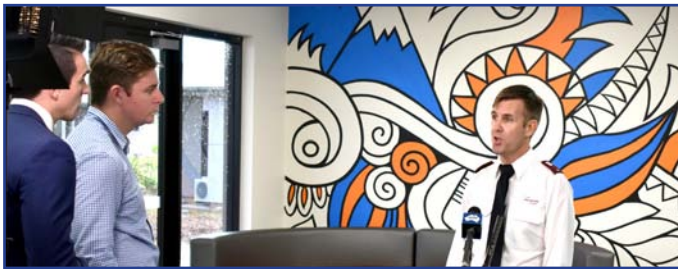
Lieutenant Brad Whittle, Centre Manager for Recovery

Service Townsville, said the Withdrawal Management Program fulfils an essential place within the matrix of drug and alcohol services and supports in Townsville.

Lt Whittle said that since opening in December of 2017, 75 clients had been engaged.

Across northern Queensland, from Sarina in the south

to the Torres Strait in the north, NQPHN coordinates and commissions primary and preventive health care – that is, the health care that takes place outside of a hospital, such as GPs, allied health, chronic disease management, aged care, mental health, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.



Left: Salvation Army Lt Brad Whittle speaks to the media; Right: Luke Duffy and Daniel Knapp at the launch of the new service.



Cowboys' new jersey unveiled

The North Queensland Toyota Cowboys unveiled their exclusive 2018 Indigenous jersey this month.

This year's unique Cowboys design – “Reef meets land” – was developed by Kalkadoon artist Luke Duffy (pictured above right), who said the design reflects his Indigenous heritage and the proud connection he has to his culture.

“The concept came to me while having a conversation with my partner, and together we came up with the design to use iconic places such as the Great Barrier Reef and the

wonderful landscapes of outback Queensland,” Mr Duffy said.

A Townsville local, Mr Duffy also won the 2015 Indigenous jersey design competition, and is excited to again represent his traditional owner group and the support they share for the Cowboys.

“Having both 2015 and 2018 winning designs is a great achievement for me personally as a Kalkadoon artist from Mount Isa,” he said.

“I am honoured that it will be

showcased on a national level and hope my design brings joy to the community and pride to the Cowboys in 2018.

“The NRL and Cowboys are doing an amazing job in acknowledging First Nation people through the Indigenous Round and by the great work they do in the community, and I am truly blessed and humbled that I won and also acknowledge all of the deadly artists who applied.”

2018 Island of Origin set to go ahead

Palm Island rugby league players will be happy to hear the iconic Torres Straits' Island of Origin Rugby League carnival is now certain to go ahead.

The carnival looked like being cancelled for 2018 after the organisers – Badu Island's Kulpiyam Sports and Youth – advised it was not going to run it this year.

In late February Cairns based QRL Northern Division's Assistant Divisional Manager Robbie Moore said the carnival would go ahead on Badu Island.

“As with all carnivals, they needed to send an application to host, which they have done, and the games are now scheduled for July 27–29 July on Badu Island,” Moore said.

Last week Kulpiyam Sports and Youth spokesman Jermaine Reuben said the running of the 2018 had been handed over to the Dhadhin Geai Warriors committee.



FLASHBACK #1: Walter Geia, Jason Bulsey and Vernon Baira at the Island of Origin in 2011

“We will inform all communities and it will be late July due to QRL sanctioning and giving the organising team and playing teams more time to apply for funds,” he said.

Over past years many quality Palm Island footballers have

taken part in the Origin including Fred Bulsey, Joiji Dabea, Walter Geia, Esrom Geia, Jason Bulsey and Vernon Baira, and for winning sides such as the Mua Razorbacks, who won the 25th anniversary carnival in 2010.

Palm Boxers ready to rumble

PALM Island boxers have been training in preparation for the next Sunstate Amateur Boxing League tournament, to be held at Magnetic Island's Arcadia Hotel this weekend.

It is being run by Townsville Art of Strength Club whose head trainer, Scooter, is also president of the League.

The tournament is being used by trainer Ray Dennis to fine tune his boxers for the big card of boxing at the local PCYC on April 7, Palm Island's 100 year birthday.

Already clubs from around North Queensland as far away as Rockhampton have advised their boxers will compete providing travel arrangements on the ferry are suitable.



FLASHBACK #2: The 2010 Palm Island Boxing team, pic thanks to Alf Wilson.

The Palm Boxing Club hopes to have 15 bouts with local lads in most of them.

A big crowd is expected for the first home tournament in several years.