



‘Weather’ you like it or not...



...it's raining! Palm Island has experienced some weather over the past two weeks and it should finally start to ease, although perhaps not until the end of next week according to some models. Pics here are from Maryam Clay and Leah Dabea, with thanks to Townsville Storms (Facebook) for their amazing image – an enhanced version of an infrared satellite pic – of what they described as the ‘rain bomb’ last weekend! Palm Island Council is urging people not to become complacent and to keep away from flooded areas, especially St Michael’s bridge and Solomon Dam Creek.

CDP ready to change hands by July this year

CDP is coming back to community control.

Palm Island Economic Development Corporation (PIEDC), a fully owned subsidiary of Palm Island Council, has been awarded the CDP contract to commence on 1 July 2019.

We are working hard with Campbell Page on transition arrangements for staff and participants to make the change as smooth as possible.

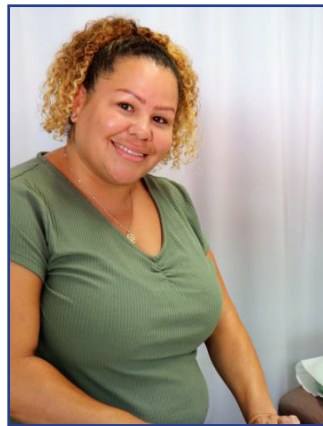
For all the latest CDP news from Campbell Page, see pages 4-5 in this issue!

Jana wins scholarship

TAFE Queensland health student, Jana Laber has earned herself a \$5,000 Advance Queensland– TAFE Queensland Pathways Scholarship to complete a Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice.

Ms Laber is an Indigenous Health Care Worker on Palm Island and her ancestors hail from Boigu Island in the Torres Strait and the Dughutti Aboriginal people of the mid-north coast region of New South Wales.

“I was over the moon when I found out that I had received the scholarship, it was like winning the jackpot!” Ms Laber said.



“My TAFE Queensland training has given me a lot of confidence, I’ve learned so much about chronic health diseases, patient care plans, clinical observation techniques, and how to calculate medication.”

Adani jobs open for expressions of interest

Adani’s Regional Content and Indigenous team visit the community to present an information session for the proposed Carmichael Mine Project to a small crowd of 25+ local community members in December.

Campbell Page said Adani’s intent was to create positions and employment opportunities for the Traditional Owners and other First Nation peoples in proposed the area of operations for the mine.

The information session was an opportunity for community members to provide resumes and qualifications to the Adani Indigenous Employment Team.

Adani Mining Indigenous Engagement Manager Paul Travers said Adani was ready to start mining and delivering on its commitments to



employ and create opportunities for Traditional Owners.

He said expressions of interest for roles on the Carmichael Project as well as work packages were now being released.

“We’re keen to get as many people from our Indigenous communities involved and benefitting from the project as possible,” he said.

“Now is the time to register on our website, or talk to our teams about how to participate.”

Job seekers and Indigenous businesses looking to get involved in the Carmichael Project are encouraged to visit www.adaniaustralia.com and register on the employment and supplier portals.



Congratulations Assan Sam!



Young artist inspired to come 3rd
Young Jai-Lahni Clumpoint has come third in the Torres Strait Islander section of the Northern Queensland Primary Health Network's (NQPHN's) inaugural Indigenous Youth Art Competition.

The competition—based on the theme of ‘health care and wellbeing in communities’—saw some inspirational artwork submitted by young and upcoming local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander artists aged between 13 and 21.

Jai-Lahni is pictured here with her work and NQPHN Board Director Tony Mooney AM and Senior Program Officer Barbra Smith.



ABOVE: More than 30 people went to hear a presentation by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) earlier this month. The Commission provided info which was well-presented by Pel'e Reuben and Sherneil Sexton. To report any issues or for more information contact the ACCC Indigenous Info line on 1300 303 143.

Assan Sam has graduated with his Degree in Sports and Exercise Science to a chorus of well wishes and congratulations on Facebook and elsewhere.

The Cape York Leaders Program (CYLP), who have supported him on his journey, said he has now set his sights even higher and been accepted to undertake a Bachelor in Medicine.

He starts his next six years of study next month.

“Assan is fulfilling his dreams and to be more – congratulations Assan!” CYLP said.

Here's a man who is about to be very very very busy!

There are some very very very busy days ahead for Maynard Ross with his trusty mower and whipper snipper.

After a short break due to the rain, Maynard will be able to get back to maintaining and beautifying the gardens of the newly built Medical Clinic, hopefully by the end of next week!

Maynard used to work with our Greening Crew helping to keep our parks and gardens neat and tidy, however last year he was blessed to be employed through Recruitflex and secured a 12-month contract to work at the Clinic as the groundsman.

Maynard has a big smile each time he goes to work knowing that his contribution to Palm Island can be seen by all and hopefully the younger generation will be inspired to follow his fine example.



Recycling king in top form

The Man-Can 'Recycle King' of Palm Island, Onslow Tanner, is Campbell Page's Recycle Supervisor and is leading the Palm Island Community in a recycling revolution.

Onslow is a cheeky member of our staff, but he also cuts a dashing figure working hard each day on his recycle run and assisting our job seekers when and where ever he can.

He and his crew have collected over 4000 aluminium cans and other



recyclables which he has delivered to the 'Cans for Change' depot here on Palm Island.

The revenue gained through the recycling of the cans has helped generated additional income for the activity, which in turn is utilised by the

activity members for their own use.

For his actions and supporting the Community over the last couple of months Onslow has been nominated for CDP's December Impact Award.

Well Done to our Recycling King!

CDP News



One special day in December last year CDP's Activity Manager Peter Sherry was presented with two special badges that he will now proudly wear on his uniform identifying him as our Palm Island Mental Health Officer.

Peter completed the course with Stephanie Childs and was nominated as the Student of Merit or SOM.

From all of us at in the Palm Island office we would like to say, 'Well Done' Uncle Pete and please keep us on the right track.

Teeing off in style!

Our very own and very talented Ian Palmer is starting to expand his painting commissions further afield.

Ian's latest commission was for the painting of golf balls for the SOS Heath Foundation end of year golf function held in Victoria.

The SOS Health Foundation focuses on mobilising allied health professionals, using our collective skills and talents, provide medical support, physiotherapy intervention, podiatry and related health services, and education to significantly and sustainably improve the health of those in remote indigenous communities.

To have one of Palm Island's most talented artist work displayed outside Palm Island and Queensland is a great acknowledgement of the work our artists are doing here on Palm Island.

The CEO of SOS has stated that they look forward to further commissions on 2019.

From Campbell Page and the Community Development Program we would like to thank Ian for the work he has been doing with our Indoors Activity and to congratulate him on the amazing artwork he has been producing.

They do us proud!



Six proud young Palm Islanders have successfully passed the initial entry testing for the Australian Defence Force and will soon be embarking into a career in the Military.

Pictured above from left to right is Penny Roberts, Terri Foster Jackson, Frederick Ross, Lawrence Walter, missing from the photo is Yisaharea Walsh-Sibley and Phillip Kidner.

Campbell Page and the Community of Palm Island wish them all the very best for the future.

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January 26 – a day for getting the message!

Motorists on Ross River Road on January 26 wouldn't have missed the message about how many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders people feel about Survival and/or Invasion Day.

On the fence outside the Aboriginal Reserve was a sign demanding land rights and human rights between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island flags.

Many of the drivers of the vehicles honked their horns in support.

More than 300 Indigenous and some non-indigenous men, women and children took part in the Townsville

Survival Day event.

Many gathered outside the Aboriginal Reserve fence where organiser Rosalind Sailor spoke.

“This is to think of all the terrible things that have been done to our people over the past 250 years,” she said.

They then participated in a Walk Of Solidarity to inside the venue.

William said he was proud to



be part of Survival Day.

Phillip Obah from Palm Island (pictured above) said it was great to see his descendants Eddie-Robin Obah, aged four, and Brayden Obah, eight, carrying the Wadja Nation Flag.

Out & About @ Stable on the Strand

Below: Jahmal Ross & Evelyn Lymburner on stage; and, Right: Gospel singer Pat Morgan.



New coaching quals to benefit juniors



Fred Bulsey and Isiah Blackman have gained Level One coaching certificates at a QRL Northern Division Summer Camp held at Townsville's James Cook University grounds last month, thanks to support from Deputy Mayor Roy Prior.

Cr Prior said they had trained with the best coaches the Cowboys and Blackhawks sides had to offer.

"We hope both will then contribute to our Junior Rugby League club come season 2019," he said.

Both Fred and Isiah confirmed they were committed.

Fred, 39, is a veteran Palm Island Barracudas forward and is highly respected by teammates.

"I am really looking forward to helping with the youngsters," he said.

Isiah, also a quality rugby league player, said he was looking forward to contributing and assisting with junior coaching.

QRL Northern Region Manager Scott Nosworthy said the two would be major assets for rugby league on Palm.

"Fred and Isiah both committed to a couple of days at the QRL Summer Camp to complete their Level One coaching course which will allow them to coach juniors and seniors on Palm Island

and the mainland as well as at Indigenous carnivals into the future," he said.

"It was a big commitment to the game and their community and I commend them on their efforts," he said.

No domestic senior rugby league competition was held on Palm Island in 2018 however Fred hopes that a comp with at least four teams will take part in local fixtures in the next months.

This year's AGM for the Palm Island Rugby League will be held in February.



*PICTURED LEFT:
The Garbutt
Magpies ready
to take on the
Goldfield Ashes
last weekend
in Charters
Towers.*