

Palm Island Voice



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

BREAKING NEWS: Waste water tests negative for COVID remnants - let's keep it that way and keep getting our jobs, Mayor says ...SEE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE...

20 tonnes out, 480 to go in Palm Island's BIGGEST ever clean up

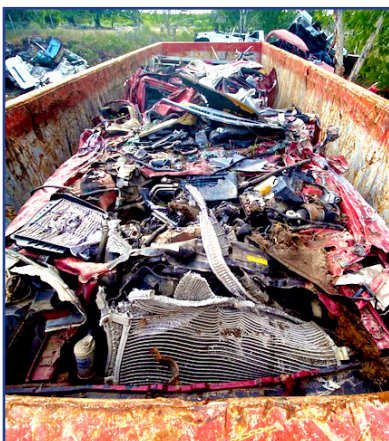
Council has secured grant funding to remove 100 skips of waste metal from the Island over the next ten weeks as part of the biggest clean up drive in the Island's history, Palm Island Mayor Mislam Sam says.

"We all know there is a lot of junk on the island that can and should go," he said.

"It means more than 500 tonnes of waste will be cleaned up from this beautiful location and be gone.

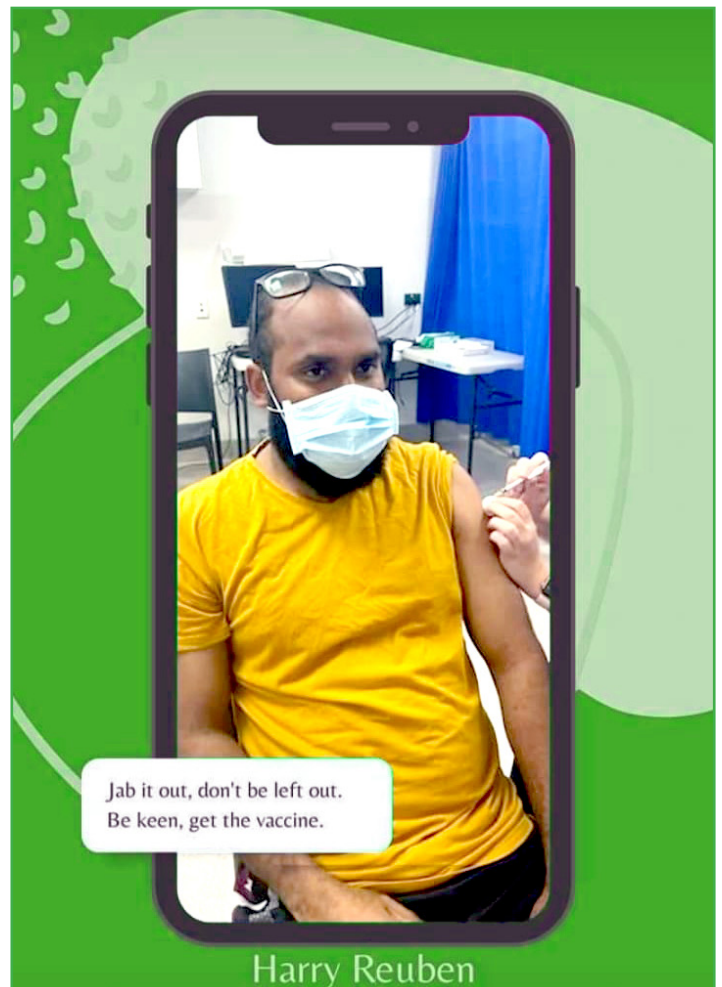
"Our first four skips of scrap metal were taken off the island last week – a total of about 21.08 tonnes.

"This means virtually every scrap car body can permanently be removed – these eyesores have been years in the making."



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LEFT: One of four skips of waste metal taken off the Island last week.



Palm Island Mayor Mislam Sam said those first four skips were a great start.

“Only 480 tonnes – 96 skips – to go to ensure we keep Palm Island looking great,” he said.

Ms Young said several waste and recycling initiatives were now underway.

“The waste metal drive includes old cars, white goods, boat and car trailers and any other scrap,” she said.

“We will come and pick these items up free of charge if you use the booking form available at Reception, Works Department or from the Council’s Facebook page.”

She said they were also targeting general rubbish.

“We have 20 new metal bins to install in August, when they get here we’ll work with the schools to get them painted up before they go into our parks and mall,” she said. “And there will be some signs installed by the end of August as well, to encourage proper disposal of waste to keep our Island beautiful and safe for everyone,” she said.

Cr Sam said from here on in, it was up to us.



“It’s up to everyone,” he said.

“Once this 500 tonnes of metal waste is removed, we should all work to keep our environment, yards, homes and public spaces clean, neat and safe.”

Mayor’s video pushes for visitors to vax

Palm Island Mayor Mislam Sam has been vaccinated himself and has sent a video message to everyone, especially those who travel to and from the island – to get vaccinated.

“I can’t stress and urge the importance to get vaccinated,” he said.

“This is all about protecting our community, and more importantly our elders.

“For who haven’t, or are undecided, I can’t encourage you enough to get out there and get vaccinated...”

“This is all about protecting

our way of life and our community.”

He said those who travelled regularly were asked to show leadership and get vaccinated.

“This is all about limiting the risk in exposing us to this virus,” he said.

“The only safeguard we’ve got is the health advice and

the health advice is quite clear – get vaccinated.”

He said he and his colleagues were available to discuss their request, which is based on Indigenous health advice and Queensland Chief Health Officer Dr Jeanette Young.

https://fb.watch/v/P8fnnWf_/

They did it – for all of us!



Barbara and Ralph Baira are just two of more than 800 people to have received their COVID-19 vaccinations during our COVID Clinics on Palm Island.

They told staff they were excited.

“We are happy to be vaccinated, our grandchildren should get the needle too,” they said.

“We had it!”

Just over 800 people

have received their first vaccination and 376

people have received both vaccinations.

Townsville Hospital and Health Service said it was a good start but people needed to get both injections to be

fully vaccinated.

All Palm Islanders are eligible to get vaccinated and no one has been turned away.

Pregnant women can be vaccinated at any stage of their pregnancy.

Dates for the next vaccination clinic in August will be advertised soon.

Here are some things (according to the internet) that weigh about 20 tonnes - the amount of waste metal we moved last week!

- A loaded coach bus
- 12,800 bricks
- Three fully-grown African elephants
- A small wooden sailing yacht
- A fire truck
- An average-sized adult whale shark
- An empty garbage truck
- The amount of microplastic floating around in the Atlantic Ocean
- 30 cattle
- 250 people
- 4,000 cats



Mariners are advised the Port Lateral Mark No 4 (Latitude 18°44. 105' S Longitude 146°34.362'E) has been knocked over and the stub is submerged during high water. The beacon stub is a hazard to navigation and is marked by a unlit poly buoy. A special mark (yellow) buoy Fl Y 2.5s is installed close by 18°44.107'S 146°34.335'E. Mariners are advised to proceed with extreme caution at minimum safe speed in the vicinity of the hazard.

Chantaleigh Fraser is the very proud Mum of Neil who was born last week (6 July) on Palm Island, weighing in at 2.19 kilograms – he was in a big hurry, but by all reports Mum and bub are both doing well.



SEVERAL members of our CDP teams have been accredited with their chemical tickets. Jenegar Pty Ltd trainer Phil Murray is pictured right training our participants in chemical handling, weed spraying as part of the agriculture accredited course, heavy vehicle plant operation and fencing. It is hoped some small business might be developed with these newfound skills.



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