

Palm Island Voice



FREE!

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



CONGRATULATIONS Austin & Murielle!

A bridal party of no less than 50 was on-hand celebrate Austin and Murielle Walsh's marriage on the Palm Island beach front last weekend.

We don't have room to name all 50, but on the right here is the happy couple with their family: Phoenix-James Walsh (8), Corbin-Dallas Morgan (2) & Raven-Storm Walsh (5).



Pics by Debbie Marshall From Marshall You Photo

Blue card visit pending, depending on...

Blue Card Services will bring a team to Palm Island early next month, pending Queensland Health COVID restrictions, to host a series of information sessions.

They also hope to connect with blue card applicants and relevant employer organisations to help provide information around the application process, and to hopefully assist applicants in progressing their applications.

The visit is part of a new Queensland Government initiative to offer First Nations Queenslanders better support through each stage of the application process.

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice Shannon Fentiman released the results of a review

of the Blue Card system in June.

“The Queensland Family and Children Commission’s 2017 review of the blue card system recommended a more strategic approach to our work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples seeking to work or volunteer with children,” she said.

“While the review found that Queensland’s system was one of the strongest working with children check systems in Australia, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples often

experienced barriers.”

She said the blue card system helped keep children safe by screening people who work with children and by working with organisations to be child-safe.

“Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their children often encounter the blue card system as part of their daily lives in their communities,” she said.

“It has impacts across education, employment, health, justice, identification and access to services.”

CDP participants are driving a new face lift for the chook shed, with a knock-down, clean-up in preparation for the new recycling operations shed installation. Watch this space for more!



CAIRNS/YARRABAH IN COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

Cairns and Yarrabah residents have gone into a three day lockdown after an as-yet untraced COVID-19 case was detected yesterday. Any people who have travelled from Cairns or Yarrabah to Palm Island since 29 July must get tested and isolate until further notice.

PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE!!!



9 - 11 am

BWGCOLMAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL 2022 Kindy Open Day

Come along!
Wednesday 25th
August 2021

- ➔ Enrolment forms available on the day
- ➔ 2022 Students must be accompanied by a parent / guardian



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