



CLOSING THE GAP AT PALM ISLAND

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Our Community Development Programme (CDP) is our remote employment and community development service. CDP has two parts; helping people find work, and allowing them to contribute to their communities and gain skills while looking for work.

Campbell Page has been operating employment programs on Palm Island since 2013, including CDP, which commenced in 2015. Since then our CDP Team has been dedicated to increasing employment and breaking the cycle of welfare dependency on Palm Island.

Within the community, Campbell Page CDP aims to develop activities that build the skills of participants and ensure they are job ready, while also being meaningful to the individual, and culturally appropriate.

"WE BUILD THE SELF-ESTEEM OF OUR PARTICIPANTS WHILE, WORKING WITH THEM TO REACH PERSONAL GOALS."

-SAMARA HANLEY, CDP OPERATIONS MANAGER



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CDP SUCCESS STORY

Corrina Ross is a 20 year old Aboriginal woman from Palm Island. Campbell Page CDP assisted Corrina in gaining work ready skills and then employment after two weeks as a CDP participant.

While receiving Youth Allowance, Corrina was determined to build her skillset, find long-term employment and give back to her community.

At the time, Campbell Page CDP was running a program through the Arts Centre. While Corrina was only a participant in this program for two weeks, she gained confidence in herself, learnt team building skills and further developed her verbal and non-verbal communication skills.

After these two weeks within the program, Corrina applied for a job with Campbell Page and got it! She came on board in November 2015 and has not slowed down since.

“I have worked across a variety of roles in the company which has given me the opportunity to develop a range of skills and learn about the business from different perspectives” - Corrina Ross

Employment with Campbell Page has allowed Corrina to stay on Palm Island, assist in developing the community and seeing it thrive. Employment has given Corrina financial security and a sense of achievement and belonging.



“I WANTED TO CONTRIBUTE TO MY COMMUNITY. GAINING EMPLOYMENT FROM THE VERY PEOPLE WHO HELPED ME, INSPIRED ME TO CONTINUE THE CYCLE.”

-CORRINA ROSS