

Our Community. Our People. Our Stories.

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Introducing Palm Island

Campbell Page have been assisting in the development of the community on Palm Island for 3 years. In that time we have seen some fantastic stories come from the programs that we run, and now we want to share our success stories with you.

As of January we currently have 41 staff members running 10 programs for job seekers and 286 out of a possible 328 participants are attending our programs.

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Meet Joshua

Name: Joshua Watson

Position: Client Services Officer-
Participation Consultant

Started work: 26 April 2016

Nickname/s: 'Joshie', 'Power',
'Precious', 'Eyebrows'



"I wanted to work with Campbell Page because I wanted to develop my skills and I wanted a new career path. I would like to stay employed with Campbell Page for the long term.

I have been employed as a Receptionist, an Employment Consultant and now a Participation Consultant. I am the Participation Consultant for the Ferdys Gardening and Arts and Craft Activities, the Palm Island Back to Culture Activity, the SEE Program at TAFE, the Parental Engagement Activity, the State Emergency Services Activity and the Remote School Attendance Activity.

I especially like the Ferdys Work for the Dole Activities because they have a High Attendance and I enjoy interacting with the Ferdys Customers and Staff. I enjoy working at Campbell Page because I have good work mates and I like helping my community. >

My first impression of Campbell Page was I saw how well the team works to achieve their personal goals and the team goals. I find the most challenging part of working for Campbell Page is trying to get Work for the Dole required customers to participate in activities.

If I could change one thing about Campbell Page I would like a new office. A new office would make our office feel more professional and make our staff, customers and visitors more comfortable.

If there is one thing I would like people to know about Campbell Page it's how hard the staff work and the friendship between the staff and the customers. If someone were to describe me, they would describe me as an outgoing person and happy-go-lucky. "

Latoya's Story

Name: Latoya Zaro

Started Work: 08 December 2016

Position: Employment Broker

Nickname/s: Toya', 'Toy'



I wanted to work with Campbell Page because I have passion for working with Indigenous people and seeing them succeed. I am currently employed as the Employment Broker for Campbell Page, Palm Island and hope that in the future because of my experience and knowledge in jobactive and CDP that I can take on more duties.

In my position I regularly meet with employers to discuss employment vacancies and initiatives for employers to take on our jobseekers. I also work closely with our Activity Program Manager to secure Hosted Placements for our Palm Island activities.

In the near future I will be holding monthly meetings for all employers on Palm Island so that we are able to network and keep on top of what's available or upcoming on the island. So far I enjoy working with Campbell Page, we have a great team in Townsville & Palm Island who are always willing to help and support colleagues when needed."

Outdoors Activity Market Gardens- Community Story

The Market Garden team has added another skill to their growing list of expertise. Besides making tables, chairs & timber above ground garden beds, they have been making picture frames for the Arts and culture team. The team lead by Robert Vuni and Voluntary WFD Customer Peter Turner is producing high quality frames. The team has developed their skill set over a period of twelve months starting off doing timber garden beds based on a James Cook University permaculture program.

Robert and the team encourage new comers to get involved in the project which down the track can lead to employment and the added bonus of producing quality products. Work safety is paramount in the Market Garden team with tool box meetings twice a week discussing work safety issues and looking at safer methods of doing work. The team is looking forwards to the challenges ahead and helping the Palm Island Community to be involved in their exciting projects.



Activity Program Manager Hal Walsh

January has been a very busy month for the CDP Activities Team. Our WFD Activity Supervisors have shown instrumental leadership in engaging our customers in their WFD Activities.

Our WFD Activities Team has been involved in various Training and Development Courses aimed at assisting them with providing competent, safe and healthy engagement at our WFD Activities.

Our Activities have been equipped with new resources to ensure that our customers are engaged in meaningful activities and we have also re-stocked our Personal Protective Equipment supplies.

I would like to welcome back all our customers, partners and staff we look forward to working with you all this year. A very warm Palm Island Welcome to Peter Sherry our new Activities Manager.



Peter has extensive experience in CDP; we will run a story on Peter in our next Newsletter.

The weather has impacted on the Outdoors Activities ability to proceed with various projects aimed at beautifying community spaces. The holidays have also impacted on the attendance of customers at our Indoors WFD Activity.

Our data from January shows our customer participation has slightly decreased. I would like to take this opportunity to remind our customers, that if you are unable to attend your WFD Activity you must communicate your absence to your Participation Consultant or your Employment Consultant.

Our Management Team have been very busy this month attending numerous meetings with to build on our existing strong partnerships and create meaningful and enjoyable activities for our customers.

We look forward to working together to achieve positive outcomes for the Palm Island Community.

Outdoors Activity- Community Story

The Outdoors Activity- Greening Crew takes a lot of pride in their work and their community.

Under the formidable Supervision of their Work for the Dole Supervisor David Baira the Greening Crew are instrumental in the cleaning and maintenance of Public Spaces on Palm Island.

Due to the heavy rainfall the Beach Road Park area at the Bottom End was looking untidy. During the heavy rain the Work for the Dole Customers were kept very busy cleaning and servicing machinery also cleaning the surrounds of the Recycling Shed.

The sunny weather had finally arrived the crew headed out to tackle the beautiful Beach Road area, firstly cleaning up the area removing rubbish ,and then removing any rocks and rubble so mowers can have easy go at cutting the grass.

Signs were put up either end of the work area so pedestrians and drivers new that work was being done. In the end the strip looked perfect, edges trimmed, grass cut and the sun still shining great job Greening team.

