



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.”



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CDP SUCCESS STORY

My name is Ian Palmer and this is my story:

I am a proud man, and a father of 6 beautiful kids - four boys and two girls. Before I learnt how to paint, my life was headed in a very different direction.

I was sent to prison on a domestic violence charge, after I had failed to appear at court.

It wasn't that I didn't want to go to court, my head just wasn't in a place where I could see things clearly, which was partly because I was mourning the death of my mother and brother.

Two months later I handed myself in to the police and was sentenced to five months in prison. When the judge sent me to prison I felt happy and a big relief came over me. This meant that I could have a break from life and reset my life.

During the five months in prison I learnt how to paint. My paintings gave me a way of expressing my feelings and controlling my anger issues. I completed a certificate II in arts and started to feel strong again.

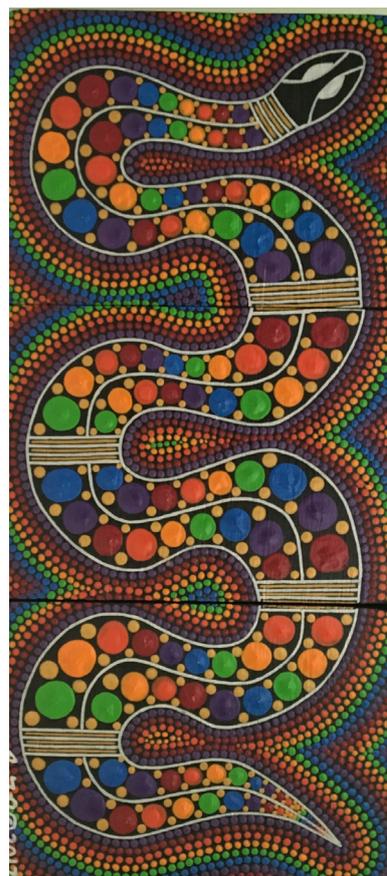
I want to show my kids and my family that domestic violence is wrong and you can do great things for your people and community.

I started the Campbell Page Arts Activity as a job seeker 4 months ago. I am now a supervisor for Campbell Page in the Arts and Culture Activity.

I am proud that they have taken me on board and have supported me with employment and my art work.

I am now hoping to use my art work as the Campbell Page branding on Palm Island and feel that this is a great connection between Palm Island and Campbell Page.

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- IAN PALMER**



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