

Our Community. Our People. Our Stories.

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Introducing Palm Island Community Development Programme – Supported by Campbell Page

Campbell Page have been assisting in the development of the community on Palm Island for 3 years, but it is the people on the Island who should be credited with the successes that we see each and every day. A new logo has been produced to reflect this.

The new logo was created with roots of Palm Island's first people and the beauty of the Island itself in mind.

Ian Palmer was chosen to develop a piece of original art to reflect these values (pictured below).

'Night Sky' is the artwork produced by Ian.

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This is the original artwork that Ian produced for the logo. Below is the digitally recreated version, with a quote from Ian, that inspired the new logo.



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Acknowledgment of Country

At Campbell Page our ambition is to help people find great jobs and a brighter future, by placing our communities at the heart of what we do. This means embracing the various communities we work with and our Acknowledgement of Country is a dedication to the traditional Elders of all the lands we work and meet on.

Our Acknowledgement of Country is also our way of symbolising our respect to our Indigenous team mates, participants and communities. We commissioned our very own Ian Palmer, a resident from the Palm Island Community and an Activity Supervisor for our Community Development Programme, to produce the art work representing our acknowledgement.

Ian produced the painting "Our Hands" with the following inspiring message in mind: *"As the Artist of this Painting I would like to put my interpretation forward on how Campbell Page is helping our community. "The Hands" represent how Campbell Page is supporting and helping our community to branch out and connect with others. "The Dots" represent our communities and how we are all connected. "The Background" is the Night sky. This is my dreaming and how I see our people moving toward a better future with the help of Campbell Page."* -Ian Palmer.



9 Newly Qualified Graduates on our Island

The Palm Island Community Development Programme has just seen nine participants complete the Rural Operations Cert III and the whole Campbell Page team couldn't be prouder.

This course has provided the opportunity for all participants to gain the skills and knowledge to work in a rural setting and covers multifunctional roles in agriculture, horticulture and conservation land management, and other related industries.

The training was conducted by Industry Training QLD over four weeks. The first two weeks of the course were theoretical lessons based in Palm Island and the second two weeks were hands on in Townsville. The course was fully funded by Campbell Page, which included meals, accommodation and flights to and from Palm Island.

"We are very proud of all nine participants who now have so many job opportunities." – Nathan Vinson, CDP Manager

Supporting local Rugby League Teams

On the 16th of October, the Townsville Sports Reserve was filled with players and supporters alike for the two day Bindal Sharks All Blacks Rugby League Carnival.

Campbell Page sponsored two teams in the carnival, including the AJA Boys, who won the men's Grand Final at the carnival and the Under 18s Keegan Ross Memorial Team, who just missed out on a Grand Final victory.

The Keegan Ross Memorial Team was established for the carnival by the Gullin-Bull Warriors in memory of Keegan, who passed away aged 24 in 2015. Keegan was born with Spina Bifida and Hydracheplus which left him in a wheelchair, however, his condition never stopped his love of sports, and in particular, Rugby League.

The aim of the Bindal Sharks All Blacks Rugby League Carnival is to promote the importance healthy lifestyle choices, teamwork, respect and commitment to the young indigenous men in the surrounding communities.

Campbell Page became aware of the carnival and its purpose when the cousin of Keegan Ross approached us asking for sponsorship.

"For us it is about bringing the community and individuals together through sport." – **Nathan Vinson**

Mr Vinson continued by stating that, *"...the Bindal Sharks All Blacks Rugby League Carnival is a great initiative. Sport is important to encourage a healthy lifestyle from a young age. This is a significant event for all communities across Queensland and for Palm Island."*

In addition to the AJA Boys and the Under 18s Keegan Ross Memorial Team, two other Palm Island teams participated in the carnival – the Palm Island Barracudas Gold and the AJA Girls. The Barracudas put up a great effort but it was the AJA Boys who defeated them in the Grand Final, and the AJA Girls also came out with a win.



Spotlight on our Artists: Robert Nugent

"My names Robert Nugent, I'm thirty-six years old and was born on Palm Island.

I still live home with my Mother Anna, we are very close.

When it was time for me to go to school, I felt shy and withdrawn, so it was a difficult time for me.

Then as a teenager, I became wild, and acted in dangerous manner. I had no respect and broke the law, so I found myself in jail, angry and stressed about what had happened.

I was a lost soul searching for answers...
It was like a bolt out the blue when I picked up a paint brush and began creating art.

I felt uplifted - I felt at peace finally.

My themes when painting are of our animals that live on the island and bush tucker food with combination of coloured dots."



BEST Awards

The **2017 BEST Awards** were hosted earlier this month to recognise our customers, partners, communities, and teams for their extraordinary efforts in the past 12 months.

The BEST Awards took place in Lillianfels in the Blue Mountains, NSW, where all recipients and nominees were greeted by Marbi and Shenay of Waradah Dancers who delivered a Welcome to Country and held a smoking ceremony before the day's activities took place. All attendees were then shown around the area and visited iconic areas such as the Three Sisters in Katoomba.

Our Community Development

Programme based on Palm Island took out the Business of the Year Award due to their dedication to making a difference in their community. the team on Palm Island were always going above and beyond to ensure that each participant of the activities run through the program felt their needs were being met and that they were supported. This could not happen without a very committed and driven team.

