

# 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 4 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.

In Issue #6 of our newsletter read about:

- 100 trees planted to mark 100 years
- Our Centenary celebrations
- The new Palm Island post cards and bookmarks featuring local artist's work
- Thomas and Clarence's story
- Our new team members, Mallory and Shaylan
- WHS training for our supervisors and the fantastic work our Greening Crew have been doing ahead of community celebrations

## 100 Trees to Mark 100 Years

2018 marks 100 years since Palm Island was first inhabited by the Bwgcolman people. While the Centenary is cause for celebration, it is also a solemn reminder of the past.

*"We must never forget the past and always remember those who we left behind. The Centenary celebrations this year on Palm Island are a great opportunity to show other communities and the rest of Australia how far we have come. Campbell Page and our Community Development Programme will be working closely with the local community to continue to help build a beautiful and thriving community throughout 2018."* – **Nathan Vinson, Palm Island Community Development Programme Manager**

To mark this significant milestone for the community, Campbell Page donated 100 trees to Palm Island on National Tree Day 2017.

These trees were planted by the Palm Island Community Development Programme Horticultural Team which is one of the many activities run on the Island.



## Palm Island Launches Centenary Celebrations

Palm Island has officially launched the Centenary celebrations with a community event held in the afternoon until the early evening.

*“The community event was held as a way to bring the whole Palm Island community together. The Palm Island Community Development Programme Arts and Culture Program set up a stall on the day to highlight the artistic talents of the participants and supervisors. It was a great way to bring together the community – everyone had an awesome day celebrating all of the great things about our Island home.”*  
– Nathan Vinson

*“In addition to the art stall set up by Palm Island Community Development Programme, there was a whole range of stalls along the newly landscaped foreshore as well as entertainment for everyone. The entertainment was amazing with traditional dancing, plus storytelling and singing to the back drop of didgeridoos and clapping sticks. It was a beautiful sunny day with the aqua blue sea, palm trees swaying to a gentle breeze and children out in the shallows enjoying the whole experience.”* – Peter Sherry Palm Island CDP  
**Activity Manager**

To conclude the celebrations, a fireworks display lit the night sky.



## Palm Island Artwork Featured on Post Cards and Bookmarks

As a part of the Palm Island Centenary celebrations, Palm Island Community Development Programme and Campbell Page have developed post cards and bookmarks.

The post cards and book marks feature artworks from Ian Palmer and Robert Nugent and will be on sale throughout the Centenary celebrations.

*“The post cards and bookmarks are the first ever produced on the Island so we are very excited.”* – Nathan

It is hoped that in the future more post cards and bookmarks will be developed with other artists on Palm Island and sold to tourists and locals alike.

The Campbell Page CEO, Natalie Turmine, was thrilled when she saw the final products and has even made a few purchases in her recent visits to the Island.

All profits from the sale of these post cards and bookmarks will be returned to the artist.

## Palm Island Locals Reap the Rewards for their Hard Work

Clarence and Thomas have both lived on Palm Island for the majority of their lives. They have both been apart of several of the Palm Island Community Development Programme activities in the last 18 to 24 months.

Late last year they were apart of the nine participants who completed their Certificate III in Rural Operations – now they have both been jobs with Hutchinson Builders.

*“Because Clarence and Thomas were so keen to get their formal qualification, no one on Palm Island was surprised they were offered the jobs with Hutchinson Builders.” – Nathan*

Both Clarence and Thomas have partners and five children each, so when they were offered the opportunity to upskill and gain their Certificate III in Rural Operations last year, both men were very keen to get involved and give themselves and their families a head start.

Clarence and Thomas’ new jobs mean that both men will be able to work and live on Palm Island while providing for their families as Hutchinson Builders have been contracted to build and develop the new Health Precinct on Palm Island.

*“We couldn’t be prouder of Thomas and Clarence! Their hard work and determination is proving to be the key to their success.” – Nathan*



## Meet Mallory and Shaylan

We are pleased to welcome our two new team members Mallory Morgan and Shaylan Haines who are a breath of fresh air for the Community Development Programme Team.

Mallory was born in Gympie and went to school in Brisbane but is now living on Palm Island with her family.

Mallory has mentioned that working with Campbell Page, as a CSO, is exciting but challenging and every day is different.

Shaylan Haines has lived on Palm Island all his life but was very lucky to receive a scholarship through the Cathy Freeman Foundation, which allowed Shaylan to finish his schooling in Townsville.

Shaylan works as our new Administration Assistance and has been doing a fantastic job and thoroughly enjoys his new role and the friendly staff he works with.



## WHS Training for Staff

Congratulations to all our Palm Island Community Development Programme Activity Supervisors who have just recently successfully completed their WHS Course for Managers and Supervisors.

The course was run by Total Management & Training in early March on Palm Island and conducted over two days.

In total 12 of our Activity Supervisors completed the course.



## Greening Crew Success

William Marpoondin's Greening crew recently cleared and mowed over 1.5 kms of pathway in preparation for the start of the Palm Island Centenary Celebrations.

Williams' team have done all of this with only a couple of push mowers and whipper snippers for the completion of the task. They have been up against the elements with heavy rain and winds, fought off wild horses and over friendly dogs. **Awesome work team!**

