

# WUNJA TRIBAL VOICE

*Your monthly PICC newsletter*

## A Message from Rachel Atkinson, CEO of PICC

Welcome to the first issue of *Wunja Tribal Voice*, PICC's new monthly newsletter for everyone.

Some of you have been asking what has happened to *Whichway*. The answer to that is we decided the PICC newsletter needed a renovation. PICC has changed a lot since the first *Whichway* and it is still changing, so our newsletter needed to change too. There is a completely new look, layout and structure for *Wunja Tribal Voice* – but don't worry, you can still find all the things in here that you enjoyed in *Whichway*.

Our audience has also changed. *Whichway* was designed to keep PICC staff up to date with what was happening in the company. But *Wunja Tribal Voice* is for everyone to read: PICC staff, the Palm Island community, PICC's partners, governments, other companies like us and anyone else interested in what PICC is doing. PICC is now large and well-known enough that we want to let everyone know what we are doing. We also have a new Facebook page, a YouTube channel and a completely new website to tell people about PICC and show off beautiful Palm Island.

Since our newsletter has changed so much, we decided that it also deserved a new name. As you may know, we ran a competition last month to decide on one. The Elders were so happy with your suggestions that they decided to combine two into one name. My congratulations to the winners, Tanessa Hunter and Allan Palm Island, and thank you to everyone who entered a suggestion. 'Wunja', if you don't already know, is Manbarra for 'which way' – a small way of honouring our former newsletter.

You can contribute to the *Wunja Tribal Voice* too. If you have any news, story ideas, pictures or anything else to share, we are interested in hearing from you. Contact Stacey Friday to learn more.

I hope you enjoy the *Wunja Tribal Voice*.

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## Did You Know?

By now PICC is well known in the Palm Island community for the services we deliver and the businesses we run. But there are also other benefits that PICC provides for Palm Island that many people might not know about.

PICC works only for the benefit of the Palm Island. We are a not-for-profit company, and are required by law to reinvest all our profits into what we do to help the community. PICC returns every dollar we can to Palm Island one way or another – through our services, employing and training staff, and running businesses that have items not available elsewhere on the Island.

Here are some statistics that show what we do for Palm Island that you might not be able to see:

- PICC spends over 85 per cent of our budget on Palm Island – about \$7.8 million.
- Two-thirds of PICC's budget is spent directly on wages for staff on Palm Island – almost \$6 million – which our staff use to support local families and spend in local businesses.
- Local Palm Islanders make up four-fifths of PICC's employees – more than 80 people – making PICC the Island's second-biggest employer.
- PICC spends well over \$1 million a year directly on the clients of our services.
- Every dollar of profit from the bakery, community shop, mechanic's shop and fuel station are returned to Palm Island through PICC staff wages, PICC services, PICC community businesses, sponsorships and other ways.
- PICC has provided training or professional development to most of our employees in the last year. Six people have received training at the mechanic's, for example, and ten at the bakery. These skills stay with local Palm Islanders even if they no longer work with us.
- All in all, statistics show PICC's work and the flow-on effects contribute almost \$10 million to the economy of Palm Island.

Thanks to PICC and our staff, Palm Island is a healthier, smarter and better-off community.

## Elders' Group May Meeting



Pictured at the left is the Palm Island Elders' Advisory Group meeting on 28 May.

The Elders' Group is a cherished and valued source of advice and guidance for PICC. The Elders make sure PICC is doing right by the Palm Island community, and we appreciate their time enormously.

## Cathy O'Toole visits Palm Island and PICC

Cathy O'Toole, then Palm Island's Federal MP, visited Palm Island in early May. During her visit, she was given a tour of PICC's services by our Deputy Services Manager, Roy Prior.

Amongst the services she visited, Ms O'Toole spent some time at the Children and Family Centre (CFC), and spoke with CFC staff members including Eye Health Co-ordinator Liana Miller, Local Registered Nurse Bella Walsh and Receptionist Theresa Creed.



### Competition Winners

Congratulations to winners of the Magazine New Name Competition. The winners of the competition are Allan Palm Island and Tanessa Hunter.

The new title for the PICC Newsletter is *Wunja Tribal Voice*.

Wunja was chosen by Allan, which means 'which way' in the traditional-owner language of the Manbarra tribe.

*Whichway* was the previous title of the PICC newsletter.

Tanessa submitted the title Tribal Voice.

The Elders have compiled the submissions and came up with the title.

Thank you to everyone who submitted a suggestion.

### New Domestic Violence Service

The Domestic Violence Specialist Service opened last month. It provides a single, dedicated team focussed on reducing the rate of domestic and family violence on Palm Island.

It works with both victims and users of domestic violence, and those at risk of experiencing or using domestic violence, to provide comprehensive measures supporting victims and re-educating users.

The Service also works with the new Special Domestic Violence Court on Palm Island.

The Service is based at the CFC but works at times from other PICC facilities.

For more information visit the CFC, or call 4791 4031 or 1800 725 647

# New PICC Staff

PICC would like to extend a warm welcome to several new staff who have joined our services and our company in the last few months.



Sian Daisy

Mental Health Social  
Worker



Hannah Mulhull

Mental Health Social  
Worker



Elsa Morton

Family Participation  
Program Worker  
Palm Island



Charmaine Chong

HR Officer

Albert Wotton

Adult Patrol Worker  
Palm Island



Max Archibald

Research and Policy  
Advisor

Loylitta O'Neill

Support Worker at  
Women's Services  
Palm Island

Dr Nadia Powell

General Practitioner

Dr Shahead  
Chowdhury  
General Practitioner

Mislam Haines  
Retail Assistant  
Farm Enterprises  
Palm Island

Dr Sue Smith  
General Practitioner

Aida David  
Acting Safe House Co-  
ordinator

## IMPORTANT DATES

⇒ 29 May and 30 May—PICC Photography

Photographer Andrew Rankin is visiting Palm Island to take up-to-date photos for PICC, including for this year's annual report and next year's calendar. Contact Stacey Friday to learn more.

⇒ 31 May—Strike '57 (Public holiday — PICC's Townsville office will also be closed)

⇒ 7 June—Bwgcolman Day (Public holiday — PICC's Townsville office will also be closed)

# Programs and Services

PICC Services offers a wide range of everyday and special programs and services to the Palm Island community. Local residents are welcome to visit all programs and services they need.

## After Hours GP Clinic

Time: Until 9pm

When: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Where: CFC Building, Reid Lane

We welcome walk-ins, or call Bestha and Theresa on 0747 914 031



## PICC Mechanics in Townsville

The PICC Mechanic business is available in Townsville

Call and book with Shane Stewart on  
0497 170 186

### Opening hours:

Mondays: 8am to 5pm

PICC off-pay week Fridays: 8am to 5pm

Saturdays: 8am to 12pm

Address: Unit 3, 27 Hamill Street, Garbutt  
Garbutt, Qld 4814

## Men's Gathering

We invite all men to come along for a light meal and great company to discuss all topics of concern in our community.

A night of story telling, sharing and learning from one another.

When: Monday nights

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Where: Diversionary Centre

If you require transport please contact Milton or Frank by 4pm on 0747 914 070

## Youth Patrol

Time: Between 6pm and 11pm

When: Monday to Friday

Where: From CFC on Mon, Tues & Thurs

From the PCYC on Wed

*Drop offs start from 8pm*

## Women's Yarning Circle

When: Every Monday

Time: 10am to 12pm

Where: Women Shelter, Mango Ave

## Breakfast Program

Time: from 7am

When: School days

Where: Tuckshop at Bwgcolman Community School



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## Wednesday Night

### Women's Yarning Circle

Time: 6pm to 9pm

Where: CFC Building, Reid Lane

*Dinner is provided*

Call Aida David for more info on 0459 723 244

## Playgroup

Time: 10am to 1pm

When: Monday to Friday

Where: CFC Building, Reid Lane

Outdoors on Tuesdays & Thursdays

Mobile playgroup will be in various safe locations on the Island. Every Tuesday and Thursday.

*Transport and meals are provided for both children and parents.*

Contact: 0747 914 031 or 0497 656 460



## Furniture Market

When: Every Wednesday and Thursday

Time: 9am to 1pm

Address: Farm Road, Palm Island

*We now deliver to your home*

*Delivery fee of \$30*

*\$20 for pensioners*

## Night Café

Days: Monday to Thursday

Time: Between 5pm to 9pm

Where: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights at the CFC Building

Wednesday night at the PCYC

*Light meals are provided*

Call the Safe Haven on 0747 914 006

## Diversionary Adult Patrol

Adult Patrol shifts operate between Wednesday and Sunday afternoon.

Patrol Hours:

Wed—6pm to 8pm

Thurs— 5pm to 10pm

Fri—5pm to 10pm

Saturday—9am to 12pm

5pm to 10pm

Sunday—9am to 12pm

2pm to 5pm

*Should you have any problems you could reach us on our mobile no. 0491 295 342*

*Diversionary office hours are between 8.30am and 5pm Mon-Fri*

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## Fuel

*Open 7 days a week*

Trading hours: 6am to 7pm

Address: Farm Road, Palm Island Qld 4816

**Use fuel cards**

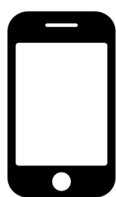
Contact no: 0747 701 653

## PICC Community Store

Trading Hours: Monday to Thurs 9am to 5pm

Friday 8am to 4pm

Address: Beach Road, next to the Pharmacy and Post Office



*Clothing new and second-hand, footwear, bags, homewares new and second-hand, reading glasses and sunglasses, prepaid phones and technology items, bric-a-brac and gift lines.*

## PICC Mechanics on Palm Island

*Opening hours*

PICC Pay week: Monday to Thursday

8am to 5pm

Friday, 8am to 3pm

PICC off-pay week: Monday to Wednesday

8am to 5pm

Thursday, 8am to 3pm

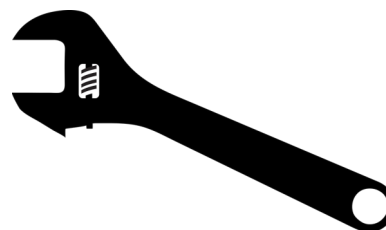
Address:

Farm Road

Palm Island, Qld 4816

Contact no:

0747 701 257



## Think Smart/New Start

### Four-week program

Open to men of all ages seeking a better way of life and a clearer understanding of the challenges we face as men on a daily basis.

*Started 6 May*

Time: 9am to 3pm

When: Monday to Friday

Where: Diversionary Centre

For more info contact Milton, Frank or Stanley on 0747 914 070 or walk in

## PICC Bakery

Trading hours: 8am to 3pm, Monday to Friday

Specials: Doner Kebabs and Ham & Cheese Croissants

Address: Farm Road, Palm Island

Contact no: 0747 701 653

