

# THE GIST

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**Kapu Goeyga, Debe Gerger Everyone,**

Welcome to another edition of the Meriba Ged Ngalpun Mab newsletter. It has been a busy month for MGNM and we have been putting processes in place to adapt to the new requirements from NIAA for the CDP Trialling Pathways to Employment projects across the region. The Compliance team has been working very hard with high level support and assistance from Shaun Fowler and Craig Cullinan to develop these processes and review the reporting requirements.



**In this last month alone we have:**

- *Had Cluster Coordinator Training on TI with Deanna Window from HR Dynamics for a week to build their capacity in leadership and management*
- *MGNM Management Team completed MGNM Strategic Planning in Cairns*
- *Staff change in their positions to add value to MGNM service delivery including: Yathimo Kebisu, Tela (Atelaite) Tuqiri and Robert Cloudy*
- *We've welcomed Josephine Ahmat to the MGNM Team in the Senior Support Officer role to provide administrative support to the MGNM Management team*
- *Neville Johnstone and Leon Bulgarelli attended the Premier's Queensland Energy Jobs Plan Luncheon in Townsville*
- *MGNM hosted Renae Lowry, National Program Director and Jayson Sandiford, National Market Development and Remote Services Specialist from Boosting Local Care Workforce at the MGNM Waibene office*
- *Recruited Tela to the NDIS Project Manager role to implement unregistered NDIS service delivery into MGNM*

**Congratulations to Neville Johnston for facilitating MGNM's inaugural Industry Engagement Network afternoon tea in Cairns, with support and assistance from Farina Kirk to organise the venue, flyers, invites and a high-quality presentation. This function had representatives attending from:**

- *Dept. of Employment, Small Business and Training*
- *Northern Pride Rugby League*
- *Torres Strait Regional Authority*
- *Defence Force Recruitment*
- *TAFE*
- *ITEC*
- *Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships*
- *Many Rivers*

The event was a success with the stakeholders attending wanting to plan future similar events with MGNM and collaborate further to advise stakeholders and communities of how we can work together effectively to provide services to our people.

We also want to Big Esso Dennis Fay from Salty Monkeys for making the time after finishing a night shift to deliver an information session to the MGNM staff on the Malu Development Program they are developing in collaboration with MGNM for our jobseekers to participate in. This is very exciting as Salty Monkeys are grassroots Torres Strait Islanders who are developing a program specifically for our people in the Torres Strait – watch this space!

We have the Jobs Expo on Warraber we are looking forward to participating in on April 5 and hope to deliver some useful information to the community at this event.

We are also looking forward to planning and delivering the Qld Small Business Month event on Badu in May with support from Dept. of Employment, Small Business and Training.

In closing, **I want to commend my high performing MGNM Managers who continue to work together effectively and respectfully to ensure we deliver high quality services to our people.**

**Marcella Ketchell**

**Executive Officer, MGNM**



**Peddells Ferry Service** would like to ensure that JobSeekers in the Torres Strait are aware that they are eligible to travel on Peddells Ferry Service with a 50% Concession.

**Apply Online**



✓ Please carry the approved card when travelling on the ferry.



#### EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to MGNM Employee of the month; Leon Bulgarelli!

We would like to acknowledge all of the amazing work Leon has done this month. He has been instrumental in helping develop processes to streamline our compliance processes within the compliance team and MGNM. Although he started with little experience in the CDP System, he has flourished in his role and has become a true team leader. He offers a listening ear, supports staff in their skills development and is an advocate for career progression here at MGNM.



**LEON BULGARELLI**

#### TEAM OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the MGNM TI Employment Officers for being awarded team of the month!

Thank you for being thorough, paying attention to detail and being very efficient and helpful to the broader MGNM team and Job Seekers.



**TI EMPLOYMENT OFFICERS**



## MGNM ACTIVITIES AND HIGHLIGHTS



### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR AGED CARE (ELDER'S DAY)

This month, MGNM Supervisor Bethalia Asai met with TSIRC Aged Care Worker on Poruma to discuss how we can better support our Elders with a variety of activities. A range of ideas came from this meeting, including opportunities to involve job seekers. Watch this space for future Aged Care events.



### PORUMA BEACH CLEAN UP

Poruma job seekers were busy this month, supporting their community's Clean Beach Day alongside other stakeholders and students from Poruma Ngurpay Lag.

### ENROLMENT NIGHT



We hosted an information session for Badu Job Seekers interested in completed their Cert III in individual support, aged care, or disabilities work. The event attracted a large turn out with 14 enrolments. The completion of the Certificate includes a combination of work from home tasks, classroom learning, tutorial days and work placement.





This month, the MGNM Management Team hosted the Inaugural MGNM Torres Strait Employment and Training Industry Engagement Function at the Pullman International in Cairns. Invitees were treated to a mix of networking with the MGNM Management team and connecting with other service Government Departments and NGO's. The aim of the function was multi-pronged, first and foremost to present and acknowledge MGNM as the Service Delivery Entity that provides Training and Employment functions in the Torres Strait for the CDP Contract Holder (GBK) Under the Contract Management of the (TSRA). Secondly to continue to connect with and build Strong, Meaningful and Collaborative working relationships with relevant stakeholders that will intern assist us to meet the Training and Employment outcomes we are aiming to achieve.



At our Industry Stakeholder event, Leon Bulgarelli, presented an appreciation gift to Relsie Ahboo from the Torres Strait Regional Authority, on behalf of MGNM to honour our relationship. Relsie presented at the Industry Stakeholder event, talking to the role of the TSRA with relation to the current NIAA CDP Contract.



Poruma Job Seekers helped prepare for and attended the blessing of the TSIMA Ribs facility. We look forward to supporting our Job Seekers by ensuring their voices, community stories and news are broadcasted from Poruma.



## ERUB - PBC MEETING



On Erub this month, Job Seekers attended the PBC Community meeting facilitated by Gur A Baradharaw Kod Sea and Land Council. This was hosted at the Erubam Ranger Facility and allowed all attendees to share their thoughts and perspectives.



## ERUB - INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

In preparation for International Women's Day, our Erub Job Seekers helped prepare for the community's celebration by cleaning the venue for the event and setting up the venue, alongside TSIRC and TSRA Rangers. Job Seekers also helped cook the BBQ provide coconut leaves for the weaving activities.





## EXTERNAL NETWORKING EVENTS AND MEETINGS



### NDIS Service Delivery in the Torres Strait region

Thank you to Renae Lowry - National Program Director and Jayson Sandiford - National Market Development and Remote Services Specialist from Boosting Local Care Workforce for meeting with the MGNM team about increasing and improving NDIS service delivery in the Torres Strait region.



### Leon and Neville attended the Qld Energy and Jobs Plan Luncheon in Townsville.

Earlier this month, Neville Johnston and Leon Bulgarelli represented MGNM at the QLD Energy and Job Plan Luncheon in Townsville. The event was organised by the Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP who showcased the renewable energy initiatives that will be rolled out in North Queensland. This initiative will potentially provide MGNM Job Seekers with future employment and training outcomes.



### Orange Sky Laundry x MGNM

The MGNM Management team visited Orange Sky in Albion to discuss a potential partnership to trial their services in the Torres Strait. Orange Sky offers free laundry and shower services across Australia.

You can find more info at: [orangesky.org.au](http://orangesky.org.au)





## Exciting times ahead in the MGNM Training & Programs space folks!



The Cert III in Individual Support, Aged Care, and Disabilities Work completed its first week on Waibene (Thursday Island) this month and will be making its way out to **Badhu Island 18th of April**. NDIS plans and processes are being put into place to encourage employment, micro-enterprises, and most importantly, provide care and support to improve the quality of life for our elders and people with disabilities.

### Coming soon in April and May, we have:

- Outboard Service & Trailer Maintenance Courses across the clusters.
- Pre-employment soft skills training that includes communication skills, dealing with conflict in the workplace, emotional intelligence, cultural empowerment, representing your brand, and much more.
- Basic business administration and IT.
- Deadly Drivers Program that includes driving lessons, basic vehicle maintenance, hazard perception, driving test preparation, and obtaining a Learners Permit. An information session will be held on March 23rd, 10am at the Mura Badulgal Conference Room for anyone wanting to get their Learners Permits and find out more information on moving onto the Provisional Licence.
- Aviation and Engineering training. Exciting opportunities coming up for potential Pilots and Engineers to train and work for a local airline.
- Watch this space for dates and locations coming to your community! Feel free to contact **Jillian Bowie**, Training & Programs Manager for more information via [jillian.bowie@mgnm.com.au](mailto:jillian.bowie@mgnm.com.au)

## STUDY AND UPSKILLING



**HLT40113**  
**Certificate IV in**  
**Aboriginal and/or Torres**  
**Strait Islander**  
**Primary Health Care**

Where: Cairns | When: 05 Jun 2023  
Duration: up to 18 months

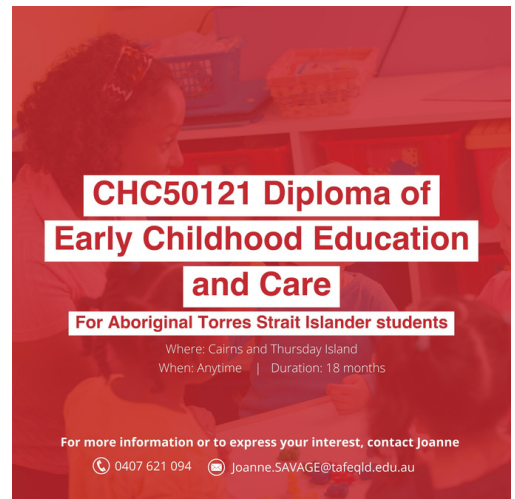
For more information or to express your interest, contact Joanne  
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### HLT40113 Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care

This course will see you gain the skills to work with patients, clients, and visitors to hospitals and health clinics, and assist in arranging, coordinating and providing health care in community health clinics. Our core units will teach you to provide first aid, perform health assessments, and provide nutritional guidance for specific health care outcomes. With elective units in intervention and support for alcohol and drug impact, and care strategies for chronic health conditions, there is sure to be an area of community health that you are passionate about.

### CHC50121 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care

This course will give you the skills and practical knowledge to design and implement early childhood programs by understanding the emotional, physical, cognitive, and social needs of young children. Our highly-experienced team of industry professionals will give you the support you need to succeed throughout the course of your studies.



**CHC50121 Diploma of**  
**Early Childhood Education**  
**and Care**

For Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander students

Where: Cairns and Thursday Island  
When: Anytime | Duration: 18 months

For more information or to express your interest, contact Joanne  
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Calling everyone who needs a drivers licence

**DEADLY DRIVERS**  
**INFO SESSION**

Deadly Drivers Program delivers driver training and testing services and road safety education to regional, rural and remote communities across far north Queensland. The program will focus on delivering a learner licence mentoring program to community members.

Barry Lea  
Founder and Facilitator

**Thursday, 23rd March**  
**10am - 11am**

Mura Badulgal Conference Room

MORE INFORMATION  
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**DEFENCE FORCE**  
**ENGAGEMENT**  
**SESSIONS**

Learn about the benefits thousands of Aboriginal Australians and Torres Strait Islanders enjoy, including financial security, rewarding work and personal development in jobs that include representing and mentoring in communities.

**03-08 April 2023**  
Warraber Sports Facility  
(Career Expo)

**12-18 June 2023**  
Badu Island - Career Stall during  
Island of Origin

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## JOB VACANCIES

### Apprentice Carpenter

TSIRC

**BASED AT ANY TSIRC  
DIVISION IN THE TORRES  
STRAIT**

**Full Time Position**

Applications Close: 31 Mar 2023

### Apprentice Plumber

TSIRC

**BASED AT ANY TSIRC  
DIVISION IN THE TORRES  
STRAIT**

**Full Time Position**

Applications Close: 31 Mar 2023

### Line cook in a busy kitchen

PJ & AM MORGAN PTY LTD

**THURSDAY ISLAND QLD**

**Full Time Position**

### Carpenter

Mark Milbourne Constructions  
Pty Ltd

**THURSDAY ISLAND,  
CAIRNS & FAR NORTH  
QLD**

**Full Time Position**

### PBC ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Kaurareg Native Title Aboriginal  
Corporation RNTBC

**THURSDAY ISLAND QLD**

**Full Time Position**

### Sustainability Compliance Officer/Environmental Health Workers

TSIRC

**BASED AT ANY TSIRC  
DIVISIONS**

**Full Time Position**

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