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Wow! What a year it has been for PICC!

Merry Christmas and a huge thank you for everything you have done to contribute to the development and growth of the Palm Island Community Company. And more importantly, for your contribution to making Palm Island a better community for all of its residents.

It has been a busy year but one that has seen some fantastic achievements that we call all be proud to have played a part in.



Some of these achievements include the establishment of a self-funded, private bulk-billing health service. For the first time in its history, residents now have the choice of medical service providers, which is a fantastic result.

It is programs like this that are signalling the beginning of sustained generational change that will help close the gap. Another great project has been the opening this year of the much-needed Community store with our partners at Rotary Club of Ingham. Residents now have the opportunity to purchase retail and fashion items without leaving the island, which is another first for Palm Island.



'As a local returning to work on Palm Island, I am proud to be part of the PICC team that is helping to close the gap for Indigenous Australians'
Dr Raymond Blackman PICC HEALTH

Managed by PICC, the community shop is delivering to the people of Palm Island access to retail choice



The School Breakfast Program attracts around 100 kids every school day

A highlight of 2014 has been the launch of the School Breakfast Program through our Safe Haven service. Up to 140 children attend the program each morning and it is helping to increase attendance, improve behaviour and engagement at school.



'I thank and congratulate PICC on their professional delivery of their Breakfast Program at our school. It is having a significant impact on improving attendance, behavior and concentration'

Jeff Jones BWGCOLMAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

These are just some of the highlights of 2014 for PICC but I know there are many more. I would like to acknowledge the PICC board and partners including the Council, Elders Group, Rotary of Ingham, Bwgc Colman Community School and many others. It is this collaborative approach to community building that has contributed to our success.

But we could not have accomplished what we have done without our hard-working and dedicated staff. You should all be proud of your efforts to help deliver the vital programs provided through PICC for the Palm Island community.

We can all take pride in our hard work and demonstrated success this year but we all know there is still much more to do. I look forward to working with you in 2015 to help create a better and more prosperous future for Palm Island.

Rachel Atkinson - General Manager

I wish you a safe and merry Christmas and a happy New Year

SEE YOU IN 2015!



PICC Christmas Party

