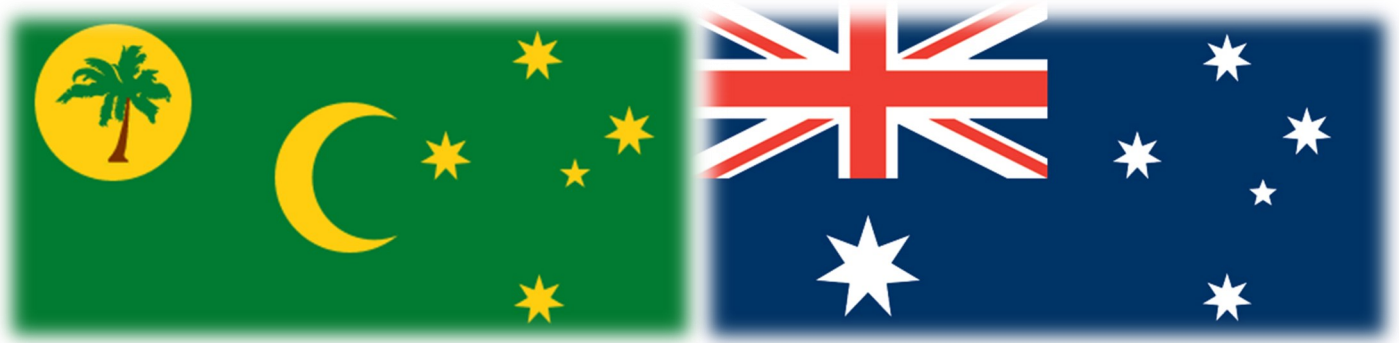


# "THE ATOLL" COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Friday 2nd December 2022 – Thursday 15th December 2022



The Cocos (Keeling) Islands comprises of 27 coral islands forming two atolls—situated 2768km north-west of Perth and 3685km due west of Darwin—and is an isolated speck in the Indian Ocean.

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Our neighbouring island (Christmas Island) red crab came all the way to say hello.

Photo By: Shak Keegan



The Shire of Cocos Keeling Islands hosted the International Day of People with Disability on Wednesday, 30th November.

Photo By: Shire of Cocos Keeling Islands





**Saturday 10th December**  
**10am to 12pm**

*Food - Christmas gifts - Art/ Craft*

**Contact the CRC to book your FREE table**

**P: 9162 7707**

**E: [info@cocosislandscrc.cc](mailto:info@cocosislandscrc.cc)**



**Registration forms must be completed for food stalls**

**Proudly Supported by**



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Regional Development

## Rainfall Stats

Latest to 2 December 2022:

November Statistics

**0.6mm**

(not accurate)

Latest 2022 Statistics:

**1717.2mm**

(not accurate)



## LATEST WEATHER

[www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)

BOM have advised that rainfall is currently not being recorded. Does anyone want to start recording backyard rainfall?

## Emergency Contact List

AFP	9162 6600
VHF	Ch20
IOTHS WI Clinic	9162 6655
IOTHS HI Clinic	9162 7609
	VHF Ch24
DFES HI	9162 7788
DFES WI	9162 7777
VMRS	VHF Ch20
Shire HI	9162 6649
Watercorp	9162 6722

## Thumbs Up

- 👍 To Shire for hosting the International Day of People with Disability.
- 👍 To Cocos Club for a great November.
- 👍 To students for another sensational end of year concert!
- 👍 To Brian Sorenson for fixing the lights at Trannies Beach.
- 👍 To Year 10's Graduating.
- 👍 To Shire for putting up the Cocos Christmas Tree.
- 👍 To Sea Shephard and volunteers for another hard work of cleaning up our shores.

Feel free to email your thumbs up to the CRC for inclusion.





**HEY KIDS, WE'VE SPOKEN  
TO SANTA AND HE WOULD  
LOVE TO RECEIVE A  
LETTER FROM YOU!**

**THE CRC STAFF WILL MAKE  
SURE IT GETS TO THE NORTH  
POLE, AND YOU MIGHT EVEN  
BE LUCKY ENOUGH TO GET A  
REPLY!**

**SANTAS MAIL BOX CAN BE  
FOUND ON THE CRC VERANDAH.  
MAIL CLOSSES**

**MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER**  
**MAKE SURE YOU INCLUDE  
YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS!**





## CEO update

### From the CEO's Desk 02 December 2022

The last month has been a challenging and yet rewarding one for the Shire. On a positive note, our building team have been progressing very well with the upgrade of the retail precinct on Home Island and our roads team have been working very hard to complete another section of roadworks in the Kampong. The long-awaited completion of two new houses has occurred and we will be doing a hand over of keys very soon. On West Island our works team are gearing up to complete remediation of some sea walls where the sandbags have given way and some mitigation works to stop further erosion of the beaches.

On a less positive note, for the tourism sector, we had to close South Road again due to tidal inundation and flooding. Whilst I empathize with the tour operators that operate out of the South end of the Island, the Shire must take all risk factors into consideration into account when flooding occurs. I would like to invite all tour operators and anyone else interested to attend a meeting at 5.00 p.m. on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at the West Island Shire Office to discuss the way forward for the south end of the island.

Council held a dual meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November for the October meeting that we were unable to have a quorum for and the Ordinary November meeting. It is pleasing to see some community members attending our Council meetings and I encourage anyone interested in what is happening with the Shire and Local Government to come along to our monthly meetings. Due to the resignation of one of our Councillors, we only have 5 elected members now. Council passed a resolution at the November meeting to have the West Australian Electoral Commission hold an election for the 2 positions currently vacant. An extraordinary election is going to be held on Saturday 25 February 2023 and this will provide any residents interested an opportunity to stand for election.

Waste management – The Shire is receiving more waste than it can process and the stockpiles of waste on Home and West Island continue to grow. The Draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy for the Indian Ocean Territories is due for completion this month, and this will set the path for the future. The Shire will be taking the unprecedented step of closing the transfer stations on West and Home Island on 01.01.2023 for a period (yet to be determined) for all commercial, industrial and non-putrescible waste. This closure will be a temporary measure to allow the Shire to rake stock of legacy waste and finalise the waste management strategy and schedule of fees and charges for commercial, industrial, and non-putrescible waste. Future editions of the Atoll and social media will follow regarding this.

Draft plans that include, the Shire's Workforce Plan 2022 - 2037, Annual Work Plan December 2022 - 2023, Corporate Business Plan 2022 – 2026 and Strategic Community Plan 2022 – 2037 have been finalized and will be displayed on our website after the December Council meeting. These plans are all living documents and can be amended at any time, so please have a look at them and provide any feedback you may have to me.



The West Island Boat Ramp – due to natural shifting of sands on and near the boat ramp, Shire staff will re-commence works there during the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> December to remove some of the large sandbags and sand next to the jetty in another attempt to provide a ramp that is suitable for use.

Meetings with the Acting Administrator Sarah Vandebroek – meetings with the Acting Administrator of the IOT's and Kim Forbes the Assistant Secretary of IOT's where topics of discussion were many and varied and related to land tenure and Commonwealth transfer to the Shire, 1990 MOU, transfer of land management orders back to the Commonwealth, legacy waste, Q station lease for the Shire and the RPT Virgin and Toll services. Discussions were positive and will continue for many of the items.

Finally, it is that time of year that we must all prepare for cyclone season and be ready to act in the event of a cyclone. Please clean up your yards of all loose items including building materials or anything else that could be blown into the air and be a danger to others. A cyclone kit should be packed at each house in case you need to go to your shelter on either west or home island.

**Frank Mills**

Chief Executive Officer



## CEO update

### Dari Meja CEO 02 Disemba 2022

Bulan lepas merupakan bulan yang mencabar dan jugak bermanfaat bagi Konsel. Secara positif, tim pembangunan kami telah berkembang dengan membungkus kedeh kecil di Kampong dan tim jalan kami telah bekerja keras untuk menyiapkan bagian lain membetulkan jalan di Kampong. Penyelesaian dua rumah baru yang ditunggu-tunggu sudah habis dan kami akan menyerahkan kunci tidak lama lagi. Di Pulu Panjang pekerja kami sedang bersiap untuk menyelesaikan memperbaiki beberapa sea walls di mana sandbags telah rontok dan beberapa pekerjaan untuk menghentikan erosi pantai lebih lanjut.

Pada pandangan yang kurang positif, untuk bagian tourism, kami harus tutup Jalan South End lagi karena ayer besar dan banjir. Walaupun saya bersimpati dengan orang yang jalankan tour dari South End, Konsel harus mempertimbangkan semua faktor risiko apabila banjir berlaku. Saya ingin menjemput semua orang yang menjalankan tour dan sesiapa yang berminat untuk menghadiri miting pada hari Senin 12 Disemba jam 5 petang di Opis Konsel Pulu Panjang untuk membincangkan jalan ke depan untuk South End.

Konsel mengadakan dua miting pada 23 hari bulan Novemba untuk mitingan Oktoba yang kami tidak dapat memenuhi quorum dan Mitingan bulan Novemba. Sangat senang melihat beberapa memba masyarakat menghadiri Mitingan Konsel kami dan saya menggalakkan sesiapa yang berminat dengan apa yang berlaku dengan Konsel dan Local Government untuk datang ke miting bulanan kami. Karena pengunduran diri salah satu Komiti kami, sekarang kami cuma ada 5 komiti. Konsel meluluskan resolusi pada mitingan Novemba untuk memintak West Australian Electoral Commission mengadakan eleksen untuk 2 tempat yang kosong saat ini. Undian tambahan akan diadakan pada hari Sabtu 25 Februari 2023 dan ini akan memberi peluang kepada penduduk yang berminat untuk mencalonkan diri.

Urusan Sampah – Konsel menerima lebih banyak sampah daripada yang boleh di proses dan sampah di Kampong dan Pulu Panjang lebih menambah. Rancangan Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy untuk Indian Ocean Territories dijangka siap bulan ini, dan ini akan menetapkan jalan untuk masa depan. Konsel akan mengambil langkah yang belum pernah terjadi sebelumnya dengan menutup tempat sampah di Pulu Panjang dan Kampong pada 01.01.2023 untuk tempoh (belum ditentukan) untuk semua sampah komersial, industrial dan sampah yang bukan sampah makanan. Penutupan ini akan menjadi tindakan sementara untuk memungkinkan Konsel untuk mendapatkan cara untuk buangan sampah dan menyelesaikan strategi pengurusan sampah dan jadual bayaran dan caj untuk komersial, industrial, and sampah yang bukan sampah makanan. Akan ada di edisi Atoll dan social media yang akan datang mengenai perkara ini.

Draf pelan yang termasuk, Workforce Plan 2022 – 2037, Annual Work Plan December 2022 - 2023, Corporate Business Plan 2022 – 2026 dan Strategic Community Plan 2022 – 2037 Konsel telah diselesaikan dan akan di letak di website kami selepas Mitingan Disemba Konsel. Pelan ini adalah dokumen hidup dan boleh ditukar bila-bila masa, jadi tolong lihat dan kasi pendapat anda kepada saya.



Boat Ramp Pulu Panjang – karena perubahan pasir di atas dan mana boat ramp, pekerja Konsel akan memulakan semula kerja di situ pada minggu bermula 5 Disemba untuk mengalehkan sandbags dan pasir di sebelah jetty dalam percubaan lain untuk menyediakan ramp yang sesuai untuk digunakan.

Pertemuan dengan Acting Administrator Sarah Vandenbroek – pertemuan dengan Acting Administrator IOT dan Kim Forbes Assistant Secretary IOT dimana topik yang dibicarakan adalah banyak dan bermacam-macam dan berkaitan dengan pemilikan tanah dan pemindahan Komanwel kepada Konsel, 1990 MOU, pemindahan perintah pengurusan tanah kembali kepada Komanwel, sampah, sewa Q stesen untuk Konsel dan serbis RPT Virgin dan Toll. Perbincangan nya positif dan akan berterusan.

Akhir sekali, tiba masanya lagi pada tahun ini kami harus bersedia untuk musim seklon dan bersedia untuk bertindak sekiranya berlaku seklon. Tolong bersihkan halaman anda dari semua barang yang terlepas termasuk bekakas rumah atau apa sahaja yang boleh terbang dan membahayakan orang lain. Kit seklon harus di siapkan di setiap rumah sekiranya anda perlu pergi ke tempat perlindungan sama ada di Pulu Panjang atau di Kampong.

**Frank Mills**

Chief Executive Officer



## Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

### Shire Ranger Services

The Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands Ranger Services are located at the Parks Australia office at the Home Island Community Resource Centre. Rangers are responsible for the enforcement of State Government legislation and Council's Local Laws for controlling dogs and cats, vehicle offences, animal control, litter, and parking.

The laws for animal control which Council enforces are set under State Government Legislation. All animals must be confined to the land on which they are kept by adequate fencing.

The Cat Act 2011 are the main laws affecting animal owners in the Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

The Shire Rangers can be **contacted on (08) 9162 7602**. If your call is not answered immediately, please call the Shire office on (08) 9162 6649 and leave a message and we will return your call as soon as practical.

Ranger Razali Zainiel and Assistant Ranger Jamil Ibram are on normally duty from 7:00am – 04:00pm Monday – Thursday and 07:00am – 12:00pm on Friday.

Our Rangers deal with a wide variety of issues including:

#### Animal Control

The Shire is in a process of developing a new Animals, Environment & Nuisance and Cat Local Law to:

- To control cats.
- To manage other animals, the general environment, and potential environmental nuisance.
- To control the import of animals to the islands.

#### Cats

Cats are considered a nuisance if they roam, they attack wildlife or create a disturbance on or around a property. If you are experiencing problems with cats in your area, here are a few suggestions that may discourage the cats in a safe manner-

- Talk to your neighbour. If you know who owns the cat, we suggest having a friendly chat to discuss your concerns.
- Traps - As a last resort you may obtain a cat trap from the ranger. If this method is deployed, it is the ranger's responsibility to scan the trapped cat for a microchip to





## Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

### Serbis Ranger Konsel

Serbis Ranger Konsel Pulu Cocos terletak di opis Parks Australia di Home Island Community Resource Centre. Ranger bertanggungjawab untuk menjalankan undang-undang State Government dan Undang-undang Tempatan Konsel untuk pengawasan anjing dan kucing, pelanggaran kereta, kawalan binatang, sampah, dan parking.

Undang-undang untuk pengawasan binatang yang dikuatkuasakan oleh Konsel ditetapkan di bawah Undang-undang State Government. Semua binatang harus dikurung di tempat mereka di piara dengan pagar yang cukup.

Undang-undang Kucing 2011 adalah undang-undang utama yang memberi kesan kepada pemilik binatang di Kosel Pulu Cocos.

Ranger Konsel boleh di **hubungi di nomor (08) 9162 7602**. Jika tidak ada yang jawab telepon anda, sila hubungi Opis Konsel di nomor (08) 9162 6649 dan tinggalkan pesan dan kami akan telipon anda balek secepat mungkin.

Ranger Razali Zainiel dan Assistant Ranger Jamil Ibram bekerja seperti biasa dari jam 7:00pagi – 04:00petang Senin – Khamis dan 07:00pagi – 12:00tengah hari pada hari Jumaat.

Ranger kami berurusan dengan macam-macam masalah termasuk:

#### Pengawasan Binatang

Konsel dalam proses membuat Undang-undang Binatang, Alam Sekitar & Gangguan dan Kucing yang baru untuk:

- Untuk mengawal kucing.
- Untuk menguruskan binatang lain, persekitaran, dan gangguan kepada alam.
- Untuk mengontrol kemasukan binatang-binatang ke pulu.

#### Kucing

Kucing dianggap sebagai gangguan jika mereka berkeliling, mereka menyerang hipudan liar atau membuat gangguan pada atau harta benda. Jika anda mengalami masalah dengan kucing di kawasan anda, berikut adalah beberapa cadangan yang mungkin menghalang kucing dengan cara yang selamat-

- Bicara dengan jiran anda. Jika anda tau siapa pemilik kucing itu, kami cadangkan bicara baik baik untuk membincangkan masalahh anda.
- Jipah – Sebagai pilihan terakhir anda boleh dapatkan jipah kucing dari ranger. Jika cara ini digunakan, itu adalah tanggungjawab ranger utuk scan kucing yang di jipah

determine registration. If ownership is not determined, the ranger will arrange humane disposal of the cats.

The rangers are increasing the cat trapping and humane disposal program of stray/feral cats on Home and West Islands.

## Poultry, Pigeons and Other Animals

Owners must ensure they are responsible for their animals and that they remain within the boundaries of the owners property. We ask that Owners ensure:

- Poultry, pigeons and other animals are not creating a nuisance to residents in the area. Roosters are especially prone to causing noise nuisance in residential areas, and their keeping should be avoided.
- Poultry, pigeons and other animals must be kept in an enclosure suited to the number and size.
- All enclosures must be at least one metre from property boundary fence and away from any road or local government property.

The rangers have also re-commenced culling program of stray poultry and this program will continue on a regular basis where it is safe to do so, and the Shire is able to have the support of the AFP.

## Parking

The Shire has designated “No Parking” of vehicles in the main street near the airport area.

- Stopping and/or parking on a nature strip, footpath or in the no parking zone is illegal.
- Parking restrictions are implemented to control and manage parking, to ensure safe and fair use of parking facilities.
- You can be issued with a parking fine by Council's Rangers if you do not adhere to these parking restrictions.

We are proud of our road safety record and would like to see all drivers, (residents and visitors) parking your vehicle in the carpark opposite the airport arrivals area (Tropika Restaurant) or in the Cocos Club parking area when accessing the airport area.

## Abandoned Vehicles

It is an offence to leave or abandon your vehicle in a public place, on a carriage way or in a road reserve for more than 24 hours. Where the Shire considers a vehicle is unlawfully parked, abandoned, unregistered or disused, the Shire may impound that vehicle.

Once the Shire receives a complaint regarding an alleged Abandoned Vehicle, the Ranger will attend the location, carry out an investigation and if required commence the “Abandoned Vehicle” process.

## Wasps

It is important that people living on or visiting the Cocos (Keeling) Islands are vigilant to the presence of Macao Paper Wasp. If you see any wasps or nests, do not approach them in case you disturb them—the wasp can be aggressive and has a painful sting.

Instead, call the Shire Ranger on 9162 6649 for complaints on Home Island or the local pest controller, Jack Clunies-Ross on 9162 7793 or email [happyjacks@cki.cc](mailto:happyjacks@cki.cc) on West Island.



untuk microchip untuk menentukan regista. Jika pemiliknya tidak dapat ditentukan, ranger akan mengatur untuk membuang kucing secara berperikemanusiaan.

Ranger sedang menambah program menjipah dan membuang kucing liar secara berperikemanusiaan di Kampong dan Pulu Panjang.

### Ayam, Burung Darah dan Binatang Lain

Orang yang piara binatang harus memastikan bahawa mereka bertanggung jawab atas piaraan mereka dan piaraan tetap ada dalam batas kawasan pemilik. Kami meminta orang yang piara binatang memastikan:

- Ayam, burung darah dan binatang lain tidak menimbulkan gangguan bagi penduduk di kawasan itu. Terutama nya pak ayam yang menyebabkan gangguan kebisingan di kawasan kediaman, dan piaraan mereka tidak digalakkan.
- Ayam, burung darah dan binatang lain harus dipelihara dalam kandang yang sesuai dengan jumlah dan saiznya.
- Semua kandang harus sekurang-kurangnya satu meter dari pagar boundary dan jauh dari jalan atau properti local government.

Ranger juga sudah melai lagi buat program menembak ayam yang bukan piaraan dan program ini akan berterusan secara teratur di mana selamat untuk dibuat, dan Konsel mendapat sokongan dari AFP.

### Parking

Konsel telah menetapkan “Dilarang Parking” untuk kereta di jalan besar dekat kawasan airport.

- Berhenti dan/atau parking di atas rumput, tempat orang jalan atau di zon di larang parking adalah satu pelanggaran.
- Larangan parking di jalankan untuk mengawal dan menguruskan parking, untuk memastikan penggunaan tempat parking selamat dan adil.
- Anda boleh di kasi parking fine dari Ranger Konsel jika anda tidak mengikut larangan parking ini.

Kami bangga dengan rekod keselamatan jalan kami dan ingin melihat semua yang bawa kereta, (penduduk dan pelawat) parking kereta anda di tempat parking sebelah kawasan ketibaan (Tropika Restoren) atau di kawasan parking Cocos Club apabila mau pigi di airport.

### Kereta yang ditinggalkan

Adalah menjadi satu kesalahan untuk meninggalkan kereta anda di tempat umum, di pinggir jalan selama lebih dari 24 jam. Apabila Konsel pikir kereta diletakkan secara tidak sah, ditinggalkan, tidak diregista atau tidak di pakek, Konsel akan angkat kereta itu.

Setelah Konsel dapat komplek mengenai kereta yang ditinggalkan, Ranger akan pigi di tempat itu, menjalankan siasatan dan jika perlu mulakan proses “Ketereta yang Tinggaikan”.

### Wasps

Penting bagi orang yang tinggal atau datang ke Pulu Cocos untuk berjaga-jaga adanya Macao Paper Wasp. Jika anda melihat wasps atau tarangan, jangan mendekatinya sekiranya anda menggangukannya - wasp boleh menjadi ganas dan mempunyai cantuman yang menyakitkan.

## Camping

Council facilitates camping as an experience for residents and visitors to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands. People who enjoy nature-based experiences and are equipped to be self-sufficient, should note that the Shire's camp sites have limited facilities.

### Camp Site Locations:

- i. Camping is permitted at Scout Park and Direction Island only.
- ii. Permits must be obtained from the Shire prior to camping.
- iii. Camping is not permitted in any other area except by written approval by the Chief Executive Officer who may apply discretion for community events and for special occasions.

Non-compliance with this policy results in the camper or campers being liable to the penalties and actions, under the *Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law*.

### Contact Ranger

Ranger (Razali Zainiel) - (08) 9162 7602 Email: [ranger@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:ranger@cocos.wa.gov.au)

Assistant Ranger (Jamil Ibram) – (08) 9162 7602 Email: [jamil.ibram@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:jamil.ibram@cocos.wa.gov.au)





Sebaiknya, hubungi Ranger Konsel dinomor 9162 6649 untuk complenan di Kampong atau pest controller, Jack Clunies-Ross dinomor 9162 7793 atau emel [happyjacks@cki.cc](mailto:happyjacks@cki.cc) di Pulu Panjang.

## Menginap

Konsel membantu dengan penginapan sebagai pengalaman bagi penduduk atau pendatang ke Pulu Cocos. Orang yang sukak berpengalaman alam sekitar dan cukup untuk berdikari sendiri, harus ambil perhatian bahwa tempat menginap Konsel mempunyai bekakas yang terbatas.

Tempat Penginapan:

- i. Menginap dibenarkan di Scout Park dan Pulu Tikus sahaja.
- ii. Permit harus di didapatkan dari Konsel sebelum menginap.
- iii. Menginap tidak dibenarkan di tempat lain kecuali dengan kebenaran tertulis dari Chief Executive Officer yang boleh melamar untuk acara masyarakat dan untuk majlis istimewa.

Sesiapa yang tidak ikut pelaturan ini akan didenda dan dihukum, di bawa *Undang-undang Tempatan Public Places and Local Government Property*.

## **Hubungi Ranger**

Ranger (Razali Zainiel) - (08) 9162 7602 Emel: [ranger@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:ranger@cocos.wa.gov.au)

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## Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands

### ATOLL DISTRIBUTION

The Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Cocos Keeling Islands and Community Resource Centre is seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic young person/s to take on the role of distributing The Atoll each fortnight on Home and West Island during 2023. This is a great opportunity to gain some extra cash!

Please forward your interest with the approval from parents to Azia Bulka at the Shire Office on Home Island or via email at [comms@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:comms@cocos.wa.gov.au), by Monday 09th January 2023.

### PEMBAGIAN ATOLL

*Konsel Pulu Cocos dan Cocos Keeling Islands Community Resource Centre sedang mencari anak mudah yang bersungguh-sungguh dan bersemangat untuk menjalankan pembagian surat kabar Atoll di Home Island dan Pulu Panjang setiap dua minggu sekali semasa 2023. Ini adalah peluang baik untuk mendapatkan duit tambahan!*

*Silahkan hantar surat keminatan anda dengan izin dari ibubapak kepada Mak Nabiya di Opis Konsel di Kampong atau melalui emel di [comms@cocos.wa.gov.au](mailto:comms@cocos.wa.gov.au), paling lambat hari Senin 09hb January 2023.*

Frank Mills

Chief Executive Officer  
Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands





## Cocos Club Inc

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Cocos Club Cohort this Movember!

We have currently raised **\$7700** for men's health which is a fantastic achievement. Thanks to all the helpers at the Movember event with running food out, collecting dishes, helping at the bar, judging the moustaches, and a huge thank you to Caitlin and Trisha in the very hot kitchen!

Congratulations to Mr Movember Jack Cassey and also to our Movember Courage Award recipient Georgie Clunies-Ross!

The biggest shout out goes to the members of the Cohort for growing a mo, walking and running, or chopping the locks - Tania Charlston, Allison Frith, Caitlin Boardman, Amy Rossbach, Gavin Bertram, Jack Clunies-Ross, Jack Cassey, Pete McCartney, Jeff Cukon, Dave Spencer, Liam Magill and Georgie Clunies-Ross.

Photos by Rohan Newton (thanks!) - see **Cocos Moment** on page 34 - **What's On Cocos**





**Keeping our children safe is everyone's responsibility.**

## About Us

We are starting a new committee focused on the safety and wellbeing needs of children on Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

## Opening Day

Come and join us for brunch in our open day celebrations and join in the activities. All are welcome!

**When:** 21 December 2022

**Time:** 8.30am – 10.00am

**Where:** Home Island, Pondok Indah:  
Next to the Shire building  
facing the ocean.

***Menjaga keselamatan anak-anak kita adalah tanggungjawab semua orang.***

## *Tentang Kami*

*Kami akan mulakan komiti baru yang fokus kepada keperluan keselamatan dan kesejahteraan anak-anak di Pulu Cocos.*

## *Hari Pembukaan*

*Datang dan ikut kami untuk makan siang di sambutan hari pembukaan kami dan ikut dalam aktiviti-aktiviti. Semua di persilakan!*

**Bila:** 21 Disemba 2022

**Masa:** 8.30pagi – 10.00pagi

**Dimana:** Kampong, Pondok Indah:  
Sebelah Opis Konsel.



Hello West Islanders,

We have some great news regarding the delivery of your medications to West Island.

Thanks to the collaborative assistance of the West Island Clinic Team, from 6<sup>th</sup> December your dispensed medications will now be available for collection from the West Island Clinic during their standard opening hours.

Please note, all questions regarding Pharmacy services, medications and payments need to be directed to the Cocos Pharmacy team on Home Island or Christmas Island Pharmacy.

## West Island Medication Delivery Process

The Prescription Drop Off Box for ISLAND PHARMACY continues to be located at the West Island Medical Clinic. Please use the white envelopes provided to secure your prescriptions before placing into the drop off box

If you can please include your Email Address and Phone Number on your prescription so that we are able to contact you if necessary to discuss your medication order and ensure delivery of your medication to your PO Box.

A reminder: If you have any queries about your medication or order, please contact one of Cocos Island Pharmacy team. The Clinic staff are unable to assist with these enquiries.

Our friendly staff at Cocos Island Pharmacy can be contacted to assist with queries on (08) 9162 7743 during their opening hours.

Monday 12.30 – 4.30

Wednesday 9 – 1.30

Thursday 9 – 1.30

Alternatively, if these times don't suit you can ring Island Pharmacy on 08 9164 8337 and they will endeavour to assist you or forward your enquiry to our Cocos Pharmacy team.

If you would like to speak to a pharmacist about your medication or any health enquiries please phone the Christmas Island Pharmacy on 08 9164 8337 or alternatively email [pharmacist@islandpharmacy.com.au](mailto:pharmacist@islandpharmacy.com.au)

Medication will be received on West Island on the Tuesday night flight and available for you to pick up from Wednesday afternoons.

Thank you





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## Pathology Technical Assistant

**3 year Fixed Term Non-Ongoing Vacancy – Full Time**

(with a possibility of two further two year renewals at the department's discretion)

**Salary Range of \$70,934 to \$83,816**

**(A remote support package may be provided if relocating to the Indian Ocean Territories)**

The Indian Ocean Territories Administration (IOTA) is currently seeking a motivated, professional and suitably qualified person to join our team as a Pathology Technical Assistant within the Indian Ocean Territories Health Service (IOTHS) based on Christmas Island.

The IOTHS delivers a primary and acute health care service in two of Australia's most remote and most spectacular settings - Christmas Island (CI) and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands (CKI). IOTHS includes a 24 hour eight bed hospital and primary care facility on CI and clinics on Home and West Islands in the CKI. The IOTHS is committed to "Working with our communities to keep us healthy for the whole of our lives".

Our ideal applicant will have a Certificate IV in Laboratory Practices or equivalent relevant experience; have an ability to perform tasks that involve manual dexterity; demonstrated experience and knowledge of laboratory procedures, as applied to pathology; an understanding of laboratory safety and quality systems including sound computer skills; and demonstrated effective communication and interpersonal skills with an ability to work effectively and productively within a team environment.

Knowledge and experience of using Pathology Software and working in a multicultural environment will be well regarded. Further, the successful applicant will need to hold a current Western Australian Working With Children Check, Senior First Aid Certificate, hold a 'C' class manual Driver's Licence transferable to the Indian Ocean Territories. They will provide proof of vaccination or immunity as required by IOTHS, be prepared to travel and work on Cocos (Keeling) Islands as required and will be subject to a health assessment.

For an application pack outlining how you can apply for this opportunity, please contact the IOTA Human Resources Team at [IOTHRTeam@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:IOTHRTeam@infrastructure.gov.au) and quote position number **118035**.

**Applications close 4pm (Christmas Island local time), Friday 16 December 2022**

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## Virgin Australia IOT Bulletin

30 November 2022

The Australian Government is providing additional flights to the IOT over the upcoming months in response to increased demand for air passenger and freight services.

The new passenger flights will operate on the following dates:

- Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023
- Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Flight timings are as follows (all times local):

Flight Number	Departure Time (local)	Arrival Time (local)
VA1909	PER: 08:30	XCH: 11:20
VA1912	XCH: 12:10	PER: 16:45

An additional freight service on 9 December 2022 has also been planned to operate as highlighted below, to supplement the existing and additional planned schedule.

2-Dec 22	PERTH - CHRISTMAS ISLAND – COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS – PERTH
9-Dec 22	PERTH – CHRISTMAS ISLAND – COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS - PERTH
16-Dec 22	PERTH - CHRISTMAS ISLAND – COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS – PERTH
23-Dec 22	PERTH - CHRISTMAS ISLAND – COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS – PERTH
6-Jan 23	PERTH - CHRISTMAS ISLAND – PERTH
13-Jan 23	PERTH - CHRISTMAS ISLAND – COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS – PERTH
20-Jan 23	PERTH - CHRISTMAS ISLAND – COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS – PERTH
27-Jan 23	PERTH - CHRISTMAS ISLAND – COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS – PERTH
10-Feb 23	PERTH - CHRISTMAS ISLAND – COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS – PERTH
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7 Apr 23	PERTH - CHRISTMAS ISLAND – COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS – PERTH
14 Apr 23	PERTH - CHRISTMAS ISLAND – COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS – PERTH
21 Apr 23	PERTH - CHRISTMAS ISLAND – COCOS (KEELING) ISLANDS – PERTH

Please note that Cocos (Keeling) Islands freight will be prioritised on the passenger services between 23 December 2022 and 13 January 2023.

Additional details regarding IOT freight are available at <https://www.freightshop.com.au/>

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## Virgin Australia IOT Bulletin

30 Novemba 2022

Kerajaan Australia akan mengadakan kapal terbang tambahan ke IOT di bulan yang akan datang sebagai menjawab permintaan yang menambah untuk kapal passenger dan servis freight.

Kapal untuk passenger yang baru akan berlangsung pada hari bulan yang seperti berikut:

- Hari Minggu, 11<sup>hb</sup> Disemba 2022
- Hari Minggu, 18<sup>hb</sup> Disemba 2022
- Hari Minggu, 22<sup>hb</sup> Januari 2023
- Hari Minggu, 29<sup>hb</sup> Januari 2023

Jam penerbangan seperti berikut (semua jam tempatan):

Nomor Penerbangan	Jam Penerbangan (tempatan)	Jam Sampeh (tempatan)
VA1909	PER: 08:30	XCH: 11:20
VA1912	XCH: 12:10	PER: 16:45

Servis freight tambahan pada 9 Disemba 2022 jugak sudah di rencanakan untuk berjalan seperti yang di cayakan dibawa, untuk menambah jadwal kapal yang sekarang dan tambahan yang di rancang.

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Sila ambil perhatian bahwa freight Pulu Cocos akan di utamakan di kapal passenger diantara 23 Disemba 2022 dan 13 Januari 2023.

Keterangan tambahan mengenai freight IOT ada di <https://www.freightshop.com.au/>





## Virgin Australia Airline Services to the Indian Ocean Territories Frequently Asked Questions

Virgin Australia is committed to delivering the best services possible to our guests who fly with us to the Indian Ocean Territories (IOT). Detailed here is information about our services to the IOT and our responses to frequently asked questions from the IOT communities.

### What services are available on Virgin Australia's IOT services?

- Complimentary snacks and beverages are available on IOT flights.
- The Virgin Australia "In-Flight Entertainment" system is available on A320 aircraft that operates on the IOT services.
- Guests can download the Virgin Australia In-Flight Entertainment app onto their portable device prior to boarding the flight so that they can access the content onboard the aircraft.
- The Virgin Entertainment app can be downloaded from the Google Playstore or through iTunes.
  - <https://www.virginaustralia.com/au/en/experience/on-board-the-flight/in-flight-entertainment/#getting-started>
- Below is a link for additional information:
  - <https://www.virginaustralia.com/au/en/experience/on-board-the-flight/in-flight-entertainment/>

### How many flight crew are required on each IOT flight?

- Due to the crew hours required for an IOT flight rotation Virgin Australia operate with the services with the following crew:
  - Three pilots
  - Five cabin crew
  - One engineer.

### What are the On Time Performance (OTP) results for Virgin Australia's IOT operation?

- Operations to Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands require extensive planning, considering the remote location of these ports and the weather cycles in these areas. In planning for flights to the IOT, Virgin Australia must consider among other things, fuel supplies and associated contingency airports, weather and air traffic requirements.
- OTP is measured by events that are within the control of the airline.
- The measure of a delay is determined by a departure beyond 15 minutes of the scheduled departure time.
- For the period 1 January to 31 October 2022, Virgin Australia's "controllable" OTP (departing within 15 minutes of scheduled departure) result for IOT services was 93.2%.
- Do I need travel insurance when travelling to the IOT?
- Virgin Australia encourages its guests to obtain travel insurance before travelling to the IOT.
- In the event of flight delays within Virgin Australia's control, assistance will be provided in accordance with the "Standard Disruption Guidelines." However, in the event of a delay attributed to operational weather conditions (that is, beyond Virgin Australia's control), the guest is responsible for any additional costs that are incurred.

### What are the bag limits?

- The standard passenger baggage limit on IOT services is one piece of checked baggage at a maximum of 23kg and 1 carry on item at a maximum of 7kg.
- Additional baggage allocations vary depending on an individual's Velocity status.
- Additional "stand by" bags can be purchased at the airport, online or through the Virgin Call Centre however these additional bags are accepted on a space available basis meaning that if they

cannot be uplifted on the nominated flight they will be uplifted on the next available flight.

### Can I take oversized items?

- Oversized and fragile items can be lodged on IOT services however they are generally uplifted on a standby basis
- See link for more details:
  - <https://www.virginaustralia.com/au/en/travel-info/baggage/oversized-fragile-items/>

### Why have my bags been offloaded?

- In the event of high passenger numbers and adverse weather conditions, there are occasions when additional fuel is required to operate the IOT service.
- This is generally associated with the Tuesday service when we operate direct to Christmas Island.
- Guests are asked to nominate their "priority" bag and any other baggage is accepted on a standby basis.
- The "standby" baggage will be the first to be selected in the event that baggage is required to be offloaded and this baggage is generally uplifted on the next service operating to the IOT (subject to weather condition, passenger numbers and the amount of checked baggage).
- It is important that guests are aware excess baggage is sold on a standby basis and if there are food products that need to travel, they should be nominated as the guest's "priority" piece of baggage.
- Virgin Australia has regular meetings with the Perth Airport ground handling team to ensure they are aware of the need to deliver a consistent baggage offloading process.

### When is Virgin Australia obliged to pay for guest accommodation, transfers and meals?

- Virgin Australia's Compensation and Assistance Policy outlines guest entitlements in instances of cancellations, delays and in cases where guests are denied boarding.
- For cancellations and delays, we differentiate our policy based on whether an event was within our control or whether it was beyond our control.
- Our Conditions of Carriage provide information to advise guests of our policies in this regard.
- Further information can be found at: <https://www.virginaustralia.com/au/en/information/domestic-and-short-haul-international/guest-compensation-policy/>

### How quickly can a recovery flight occur in the event of a major delay?

- In instances where a recovery flight is required for an IOT service, Virgin Australia will respond quickly to ensure all guests are transported to the destination without undue delay.
- The time taken to organise a recovery service is influenced by crew and aircraft availability, as well as expected operational weather conditions. Continued disruptions caused by COVID on the aviation sector can also affect recovery services.
- Virgin Australia understands the impact that a major delay has on guests travelling to the IOT and we work to mobilise recovery flights to not cause further disruptions.

### Why did I not receive an SMS message alerting me to a flight delay when on Cocos (Keeling) Islands?

- Virgin Australia proactively issues communications to notify guests of delays as soon as a potential disruption is identified.
- When an IOT service is delayed, an SMS and an email containing the updated flight itinerary is sent to all guests travelling on that service. The Virgin Australia website is also updated with this information.
- The Ground Handling team at Christmas and Cocos (Keeling) Islands Airports also post details of the delay and recovery flight on the Islands' Facebook sites and communicate with guests at the airports.



### Serbis Virgin Australia Airline ke Indian Ocean Territories Soalan Yang Selalu Ditanyak

Virgin Australia bersungguh-sungguh untuk memberikan servis yang terbaik kepada tertamu kami yang terbang bersama kami ke Indian Ocean Territories (IOT).

Keterangan di sini adalah maklumat tentang servis kami ke IOT dan jawapan kami kepada soalan yang selalu di tanyak dari masyarakat IOT.

#### Serbis apakah yang ada di servis IOT Virgin Australia?

- Makanan dan minuman percuma disediakan dalam penerbangan IOT.
- Sistem Virgin Australia "Hiburan Dalam Kapal Terbang" tersedia di kapal A320 yang dijalankan untuk servis di IOT.
- Penumpang boleh download app Hiburan Dalam Kapal Terbang Virgin Australia ke telipon/ipad sebelum naik kapal supaya mereka boleh gunakan di kapal terbang.
- App Hiburan Virgin boleh di download dari Google Playstore atau melalui iTunes.
  - <https://www.virginaustralia.com/au/en/experience/on-board-the-flight/in-flight-entertainment/#getting-started>
- Dibawa adalah link untuk maklumat tambahan:
  - <https://www.virginaustralia.com/au/en/experience/on-board-the-flight/in-flight-entertainment/>

#### Berapa krew kapal yang di perlukan untuk setiap penerbangan ke IOT?

- Oleh kerana jam krew yang diperlukan untuk penerbangan ke IOT Virgin Australia berjalan dengan servis ini dengan krew berikut:
  - Pilot tiga
  - Cabin crew lima
  - Engineer satu.

#### Apakah hasil On Time Performance (OTP) untuk penerbangan Virgin Australia ke IOT?

- Penerbangan ke Pulu Christmas dan Pulu Cocos memerlukan perancangan yang luas, mengambil kira tempat yang jauh dan cuaca di kawasan ini. Dalam perancangan untuk penerbangan ke IOT, Virgin Australia harus mempertimbangkan antara lainnya, sediaan minyak dan keperluan yang berkaitan dengan airport, cuaca dan keperluan trafik udara.
- OTP dipertimbangkan dengan peristiwa yang berada dalam kawalan syarikat penerbangan.
- Kalok penerbangan di mundurkan itu ditentukan oleh pelepasan 15 minit dari jam lepas yang dijadwalkan.
- Untuk tempoh 1 Januari hingga 31 Oktober 2022, keputusan OTP Virgin Australia "boleh dikawal" (lepas dalam masa 15 minit dari jadwal penerbangan) hasil untuk servis IOT adalah 93.2%.

#### Apakah saya perlu insuran untuk perjalanan ke IOT?

- Virgin Australia menggalakkan penumpang untuk mendapatkan insuran penerbangan sebelum perjalanan ke IOT.
- Sekiranya terjadi penundaan penerbangan dalam kawalan Virgin Australia, bantuan boleh di adakan sesuai dengan "Standard Disruption Guidelines". Walau bagaimanapun, jika ada penundaan yang berkaitan dengan keadaan cuaca (iaitu diluar kawalan Virgin Australia), penumpang harus bertanggungjawab atas segala bayaran.

#### Apakah limit bag yang di khaskan?

- Bag limit untuk servis IOT adalah satu bag sahaja dengan timbangan seberat 23kg dan satu bag tenggan tidak lebih dari 7kg.
- Bag tambahan berbeza tergantung pada status Velocity masing-masing.

- Bag tambahan "stand by" boleh di beli di airport, online atau melalui Virgin Call Centre, walau bagaimanapun, bag tambahan hanya di terima kalau ada tempat, bermakna kalau tidak di bawa dengan penerbangan tersebut, akan di naikan di penerbangan yang seterusnya.

#### Bolehkah saya bawa barang yang oversize?

- Barang yang oversized dan mudah pecah boleh di bawa dengan servis IOT tapi hanya di naik sebagai cargo biasa saja.
- Sila klik link untuk informasi lebih lanjut:
  - <https://www.virginaustralia.com/au/en/travel-info/baggage/oversized-fragile-items/>

#### Mengapa bag saya di turunkan?

- Sekiranya banyak penumpang dan cuaca yang tidak menentu, ada kemungkinan tambahan minyak akan di perlukan untuk penerbangan ke IOT.
- Ini biasa berkaitan dengan penerbangan untuk hari Selasa yang biasa pergi terus ke Pulu Christmas.
- Penumpang digalakan untuk khaskan bag yang penting dulu (priority bag) dan bag yang lain untuk di stand by.
- Bag yang di stand by akan di pilih dahulu jika ada yang kena di turunkan dan di utamakan dalam penerbangan ke IOT selanjutnya (juga ikut cuaca, penumpang dan jumlah bag yang di timbang)
- Adalah penting untuk semua penumpang tahu bag yang lebih yang di beli oleh penumpang adalah untuk di stand by, kecuali anda terutamanya makanan sebagai bag "priority".
- Virgin Australia adakan miting selalu dengan pekerja-pekerja yang suka angkat cargo di Perth Airport untuk memastikan mereka tahu perlunya proses yang sama mengenai menurunkan bag-bag.

#### Bilakah Virgin Australia wajib membayar tempat tinggal, pemindahan dan makanan untuk penumpang?

- Undang-undang Virgin Australia Compensation dan Bantuan menerangkan kelayakan penumpang sekiranya ada pembatalan, penundaan dan dalam keadaan dimana penumpang tidak dibenarkan naik kapal.
- Untuk pembatalan dan penundaan kapal, kami membezakan undang-undang kami mengikut apakah keadaan ada di dalam kawalan kami atau diluar kawalan kami.
- Conditions of Carriage kami memberikan informasi untuk kasitau penumpang kami berkenaan undang-undang kami dalam hal ini.
- Informasi lebih lanjut boleh didapati di:  
<https://www.virginaustralia.com/au/en/information/domestic-and-short-haul-international/guest-compensation-policy/>

#### Seberapa cepat gantian penerbangan boleh berlaku sekiranya berlaku penundaan yang besar?

- Dalam keadaan dimana gantian penerbangan di perlukan untuk servis ke IOT, Virgin Australia akan bertindak secepat mungkin untuk memastikan semua penumpang diantar ke tujuan tanpa penundaan lebih lanjut.
- Masa yang di perlukan untuk mengatur servis gantian tergantung dengan krew dan kapal yang tersedia, juga dengan keadaan cuaca. Gangguan berketerusan yang disebabkan oleh COVID pada sektor penerbangan juga boleh mempengaruhi servis gantian.
- Virgin Australia memahami kesan yang telah mengganggu penumpang-penumpang jika ada penundaan ke IOT dan kami berusaha untuk siapkan kapal gantian supaya tidak menyebabkan gangguan selanjutnya.



- An email is also sent to tourism and accommodation operators to provide information on the developments regarding the IOT service that has been affected.
- It is important to note that on Cocos (Keeling) Islands, the mobile roaming network is not available. We encourage guests to proactively seek information relating to communications while staying on Christmas or Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

### **Why are seats available on an IOT service when I travel, but the booking system shows the service is sold out?**

- Virgin Australia carefully manages its IOT flights to ensure that we can cater to demand and operational requirements on these services.
- To ensure sufficient fuel is carried to meet the requirements of remote island operations, we are required to limit the number of available seats sold on a flight which is why some seats may be unoccupied on the IOT services, even though the flight could show as 'sold out'.

### **Why are there no direct flights from Perth to Cocos (Keeling) Islands?**

- Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands are designated as 'Remote Islands' under the Australian Civil Aviation regulations, which require Airline Operators to carry enough fuel to divert from either island to a suitable alternate mainland aerodrome, irrespective of the weather conditions on either Island.
- Virgin Australia uses Learmonth and Jakarta airports as an alternate for the IOT operation, depending on the forecast weather conditions at each aerodrome.
- Learmonth Airport is also used as a fuel stop for the Friday flight to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands. This refuelling provides the ability to uplift the required freight, passenger and baggage loads and meet regulations for fuel loads and alternate aerodrome diversions.
- The Tuesday service can fly direct to Christmas Island because it is closer to Perth Airport, and therefore does not require a fuel stop in Learmonth.

### **Why do flights sometimes return to the mainland when they are approaching landing in the IOT?**

- Flights operating into the IOT need to carry enough fuel to hold overhead of the destination, have multiple landing attempts or to divert to a mainland alternate.
- There have been occasions when, due to the operational headwinds, a flight has burnt more fuel on a sector that expected and close to the destination has had to divert to the alternate due to the amount of fuel left in the tank.
- Even if conditions are clear at the destination Aviation Safety regulations do not give the crew the option to continue and they must divert.

### **If a flight is unable to land at either Christmas or the Cocos Islands, what aerodrome will it divert to?**

- Virgin Australia currently uses Learmonth or Jakarta Airport as an alternate for the IOT operation.

### **Why aren't additional passenger services being scheduled for coming months, given high demand and booked-out flights?**

- Additional passenger flights are scheduled based not only on demand but also on availability of appropriate aircraft to service the IOT route and crew.
- At this time, there is no capacity for additional flights but Virgin Australia will continue to work with the Government on additional services where possible and appropriate.

### **Freight services to the IOT**

- Virgin Australia is aware of the key role that the Toll air freight service and our passenger services play in delivering essential freight and resources to the IOT. The Toll freighter continues to

operate every fortnight on a Friday and we have been uplifting the maximum amount of freight on this service, with additional freight uplifted on the twice weekly passenger services.

- Virgin Australia and the Government has also supported a number of additional air freight services over recent months in response to high demand. While additional flights can provide a short-term solution, this option is not always logistically available.
- Air freighters currently carry approximately 12 tonnes per flight depending on the expected operational conditions on the day.
- Freight is prioritised as follows:
  - Medical
  - Perishable
  - Mail
  - Priority General
  - General

### **Why do CI get additional freight services and CCK miss out?**

- Virgin Australia works with its contractors to ensure equitable freight services for Cocos and Christmas Islands, considering population sizes and freight demand.
- Due to its geographical location and aviation regulations including additional fuel requirements, a maximum of six tonnes of freight can be uplifted to CKI, making a CKI-only freight service unviable.
- Where Christmas Island has a standalone freight service scheduled, this allows for the prioritisation of airfreight for Cocos on adjacent freight and passenger services.
- To increase additional freight capacity to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Virgin Australia is investigating the reinstatement of arrangements using Jakarta as a contingency airport for weather disrupted freight flights, as less fuel is required for that location to meet flight safety requirements.

### **Why have perishable goods or priority items recently not been given appropriate priority on freight services?**

- Freightshop has initiated a process with Toll whereby, in the event of freight required to be offloaded at short notice due to additional fuel required, the lowest category of freight is segregated on delivery and targeted for offload.
- This will ensure that critical perishable items are not offloaded in these instances.

### **What is the preferred process for booking of perishable food?**

- In order to streamline the freight, process a system is being trialled meaning all perishable items lodged for IOT freighter services need to be prebooked through Freightshop.
- From a freight planning perspective this gives Freightshop a better understanding of when other non-perishable freight will be able to be uplifted on the Toll services.

### **How can I raise an issue or make a complaint in relation to my freight?**

- Queries relating to freight should be directed to Freightshop to review and respond to at the following email address:
  - [perth@freightshop.com.au](mailto:perth@freightshop.com.au)

### **Why are flights disrupted when there is volcano activity in Indonesia?**

- It is important to know that volcanic activity or volcano ash cloud dispersal around the destinations that we operate to, or at the planned alternate airport, may disrupt flights to the IOT.
- This may require a reduction in passenger numbers, baggage or freight on impacted services.
- Such volcanic activity could also result in a recommendation to delay or cancel the planned service, due to safety reasons.
- When a delay or cancellation is communicated, it is done in the interest of safety, and we will ensure to reaccommodate affected guests on to the next available service.





**Mengapa saya tidak dapat SMS atau emel kalau kapal delay semasa ada di Pulu Cocos?**

- Secara proaktif Virgin Australia akan berkomunikasi untuk memberitau penumpang jika kapal delay dan ada gangguan potensi yang telah di sahkan.
- Bila servis IOT tertundah, SMS dan emel yang mengandungi gantian dan masa penerbangan baru akan dihantar kepada semua penumpang. Website Virgin Australia juga ada informasi dan maklumat terkini.
- Pekerja yang angkat cargo di Airport Pulu Christmas dan Pulu Cocos juga akan kasitahu tentang kapal yang tertundah dan gantiannya di Facebook dan berkomunikasi dengan penumpang-penumpang di airport.
- Emel juga akan dikirim di opis tourism dan tempat tinggal sebagai informasi perkembangan servis IOT yang telah terganggu.
- Sangat penting untuk ambil tahu yang mobile tidak boleh di guna kan di Pulu Cocos. Kami menggalak kan penumpang untuk cari maklumat selanjutnya yang berkaitan dengan komunikasi bila berada di Pulu Christmas atau Pulu Cocos.

**Mengapa ada kursi kosong dalam kapal terbang ke IOT bila saya naik, tetapi sistem menunjukkan bahawa servis sudah terjual?**

- Virgin Australia dengan berhati hati menguruskan penerbangan ke IOT supaya dapat melayan dan menjalan kan servis dengan baik.
- Untuk memastikan minyak yang di bawa memenuhi syarat untuk perjalanan ke pulu yang jauh, kami harus membatasi jumlah kursi yang di jual yang menyebabkan beberapa kursi mungkin kosong pada servis ke IOT, walaupun di bilang "terjual" (sold out).

**Mengapa tidak ada kapal terbang langsung dari Perth ke Pulu Cocos?**

- Pulu Christmas dan Pulu Cocos di tetapkan sebagai "Pulu yang jauh" di bawa peraturan Australian Civil Aviation, yang memerlukan Syarikat Penerbangan supaya membawa minyak yang cukup untuk terbang ke salah satu pulu ke gantian airport tanah besar yang sesuai, tanpa mengirah keadaan cuaca di mana-mana pulu.
- Virgin Australia menggunakan airport Learmonth and Jakarta sebagai gantian untuk beroperasi ke IOT, tergantung dengan cuaca di airport masing-masing.
- Airport Learmonth juga di gunakan untuk mengisi minyak kapal bagian penerbangan hari Jumaat ke Pulu Cocos. Tambahan minyak ini menyediakan keupayaan untuk menaikkan kargo yang di perlukan, penumpang dan bag-bag yang diperlukan dan memenuhi peraturan untuk memuat minyak dan untuk pergi ke airport yang lain.
- Penerbangan hari Selasa hanya di adakan ke Pulu Christmas kerana lebih dekat ke airport Perth, oleh itu tidak perlu berhenti di Learmonth untuk mengisi minyak.

**Mengapa penerbangan kadang-kadang balik ke tanah besar bila sudah hamper sampeh di IOT?**

- Penerbangan yang ke IOT mesti membawa cukup minyak untuk bertahan diatas, mempunyai beberapa percubaan untuk mendarat atau kembali ke tanah besar.
- Ada beberapa kejadian, karena angin dari depan, penerbangan telah menggunakan minyak lebih dalam satu sektor dan dekat dengan destinasi harus putar ke tempat lain karena jumlah minyak yang tinggal di tangki.
- Walaupun keadaan bagus di tempat tujuan, undang-undang keselamatan penerbangan tidak memberi pilihan kepada krew untuk meneruskan dan harus berputar balik.

**Jika penerbangan tidak boleh mendarat di Pulu Christmas atau Pulu Cocos, airport mana yang akan di pigi?**

- Virgin Australia saat ini menggunakan Airport Learmonth atau Jakarta sebagai alternatif untuk operasi IOT.

**Mengapakah servis penumpang tambahan tidak dijadualkan untuk bulan-bulan yang akan datang, memandangkan permintaan tinggi dan penerbangan yang sudah habis?**

- Penerbangan penumpang tambahan dijadualkan bukan sahaja berdasarkan permintaan tetapi jugak adanya kapal yang sesuai untuk servis perjalanan dan krew ke IOT.
- Saat ini, tidak ada kapasiti untuk penerbangan tambahan tetapi Virgin Australia akan terus bekerja sama dengan Government untuk servis tambahan jika boleh dan sesuai.

**Servis freight ke IOT**

- Virgin Australia sedar pentingnya tugas yang dijalankan oleh Toll servis freight dan servis penumpang dalam menghantar barang-barang penting ke IOT. Toll freighter terus berjalan setiap dua minggu pada hari Jumaat dan kami telah menaikkan jumlah muatan cargo yang maksimum di servis ini, dengan tambahan cargo dinaikkan di kapal penumpang dua kali seminggu.
- Virgin Australia dan Government juga telah menyokong beberapa servis tambahan freight sejak beberapa bulan kebelakangan ini sebagai tindak balas kepada permintaan yang tinggi. Sementara penerbangan tambahan boleh memberikan penyelesaian jangka pendek, pilihan ini tidak selalu tersedia secara logistik.
- Air freighters pada masa ini membawa kira-kira 12 ton setiap penerbangan bergantung pada jangkaan keadaan operasi pada hari itu.
- Freight diutamakan seperti berikut:
  - Obat-obatan
  - Perishable
  - Mail
  - Priority General
  - General

**Mengapa CI mendapatkan servis freight tambahan dan CCK tidak dapat?**

- Virgin Australia bekerjasama dengan kontraktornya untuk memastikan servis freight yang adil untuk Pulu Cocos dan Christmas, dengan mempertimbangkan saiz populasi dan permintaan freight.
- Disebabkan lokasi geografinya dan peraturan penerbangan termasuk keperluan minyak tambahan, paleng besar enam ton freight boleh di naikkan untuk CKI, membuat servis freight ke CKI saja tidak dapat dijalankan.
- Jika Pulu Christmas mempunyai servis freight sendiri yang dijadualkan, ini memungkinkan untuk memprioritaskan airfreight untuk Cocos pada servis freight dan penumpang.
- Untuk meningkatkan kapasiti kargo tambahan ke Pulu Cocos, Virgin Australia sedang menyiasat untuk mengembalikan semula pengaturan menggunakan Jakarta sebagai airport darurat untuk penerbangan freight yang terganggu cuaca, karena minyak yang kurang diperlukan untuk lokasi tersebut untuk memenuhi keperluan keselamatan penerbangan.

**Mengapa barang-barang yang mudah rusak atau barang-barang yang diutamakan baru-baru ini tidak diberikan keutamaan yang sesuai pada servis freight?**

- Freightshop telah memulakan proses dengan TOLL di mana, sekiranya cargo perlu di turunkan dalam notis yang pendek karena minyak tambahan diperlukan, kategori kargo terendah dipisahkan semasa penghantaran dan ditargetkan untuk diturunkan.
- Ini akan memastikan bahawa barang-barang yang boleh rusak tidak diturunkan dalam keadaan ini.

**Apakah proses yang dipilih untuk booking makanan yang mudah rusak?**

- Untuk menyelaraskan pengiriman, proses sistem sedang diuji bermakna semua barang yang mudah rusak yang di hantar untuk servis IOT freighter perlu di booking melalui Freightshop.



- Dari pandangan perancangan freight ini memberikan Freightshop pemahaman yang lebih baik tentang kapan barang tahan lama boleh di naikan di Toll

Bagaimana saya boleh memajukan masalah atau membuat complen berhubung dengan freight saya?

- Pertanyaan yang berkaitan dengan freight hendaklah ditujukan kepada Freightshop untuk ditimbangkan dan dibalas di emel yang berikut:
  - [perth@freightshop.com.au](mailto:perth@freightshop.com.au)

Mengapa penerbangan terganggu apabila terdapat aktiviti gunung berapi di Indonesia?

- Adalah penting untuk mengetahui bahawa aktiviti gunung berapi atau penyebaran awan abu gunung berapi di sekitar tujuan yang kami operasi, atau di airport alternatif yang dirancang, mungkin mengganggu penerbangan ke IOT.
- Ini mungkin memerlukan pengurangan penumpang, baggage atau kargo pada servis yang terkena impak.
- Aktiviti gunung berapi sebegini juga boleh menyebabkan cadangan untuk memundurkan atau cancel penerbangan, atas sebab keselamatan.
- Apabila pengunduran atau pembatalan di maklumkan, ia dilakukan demi keselamatan, dan kami akan memastikan untuk menempatkan semua penumpang yang terkena gangguan di servis yang tersedia berikutnya.



## COCOS ISLANDS DHS: SUPPORT STAFF VACANCIES 2023

Listed are the 2023 fixed-term vacancies for positions at Cocos Islands DHS. Application details can be obtained from both the West and Home Island Campus from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2022.

You are welcome to contact Kath Granger (Principal) for further information.

Applications must be submitted no later than 2.30pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2022, at either the West or Home Island Campus.

Applications must be addressed to the Principal, Cocos Islands District High School.

### VACANCY – WEST ISLAND CAMPUS

EDUCATION ASSISTANT PRIMARY: Yr. 3-6 (1 position)  
Full Time (1.0 FTE) 12 months fixed-term

### VACANCY – HOME ISLAND CAMPUS

EDUCATION ASSISTANT PRIMARY: (1 position)  
Full Time (1.0 FTE) 12 months fixed-term

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### What is bail? V

These are short articles about legal issues that may interest you. They are not legal advice. You should always get individual legal advice for your situation.

This is the fifth and last article about bail.

The Bail Act has been changed recently. Most of the changes are about protecting alleged child victims of sexual offences. Many of the changes started on 1 November 2022. Some started in September 2022. We will look at some of the changes in this article, but not all.

#### Many more offences are now "serious offences"

You will remember from article I that "serious offences" are defined as offences listed in a particular part of the Bail Act and any breach of a protective bail condition. The changes to the Bail Act add many more offences to the list of "serious offences" in that Act. Most of those added to the list relate to sexual offences against children.

As discussed in article I, a police officer or a court who is making a decision about bail can decide to release you without having to put you on bail at all if the alleged offence is not a "serious offence". The changes to the Bail Act mean that there are now many more offences that are "serious offences". This means that there are many more offences where you cannot be released without bail, or where bail can be refused and you are kept in custody.

#### Delaying a decision about giving you bail if you are charged with a sexual offence against a child

The Bail Act allows a decision about whether you are put on bail to be delayed for up to 30 days if it is alleged that you have committed an offence against a person with whom you are in a family relationship (examples are your spouse, de facto partner, former partner, child, parent, grand parent). This is to allow the person making the decision about your bail to work out the best conditions to put on your bail to protect the alleged victim.

The changes to the Bail Act which began on 1 November 2022 now allow your bail decision to be delayed for up to 30 days if it is alleged that you have committed a sexual offence against a child. This is to allow the person who is making the decision about your bail to work out the best conditions to put on your bail to protect the alleged child victim.

#### New factors the person making a decision about your bail must consider

In article II we looked at the factors that a person making a decision about your bail must consider. The changes to the Bail act have added more factors they must consider.

The person making a decision about your bail must now also consider:

- if you have pleaded not guilty and are waiting for your trial, your behaviour towards the alleged victim and family members of the alleged victim after the alleged offence and
- if you have previously been convicted of an offence against someone, how you behaved towards them and their family members after the offence.

#### New factors the person making a decision about your bail must consider if you are an adult charged with a sexual offence against a child

As we discussed in article II, one of the things that the person making a decision about your bail must think about is whether, if you are not kept in custody, you might be a danger to anyone's safety or welfare or property.

The changes to the Bail Act provide that if you are an adult and are charged with a sexual offence against a child, the person making a decision about your bail must also think about:

- the age of the child and your age;
- whether you and the child are in a family relationship;
- where the child lives and where you live;
- the importance of safety and stability and things continuing as normal for the child and
- the physical and emotional wellbeing of the child

when deciding if you might be a danger to the child's safety or wellbeing unless you are kept in custody.

#### If an alleged child victim, family member of the child, or police officer investigating the offence is worried about the child's safety or wellbeing

The changes now also provide that the prosecutor must tell the person making a decision about your bail if the alleged child victim, or a family member of the child, or the police officer investigating the alleged offence tells the prosecutor they are worried about the child's safety or well-being. The prosecutor must tell the person making the decision why they are worried, if the prosecutor has this information. The person making the decision must take this into account in making a decision about your bail.

There are a few other changes to the Bail Act that will not be dealt with here.

Annie Gray, Legal Aid WA



"Serbis LAWA's IOTs dibiayai sepenuhnya oleh Kerajaan Australia"

## Apakah itu jaminan? V

Ini adalah artikel pendek mengenai perkara undang-undang yang mungkin menarik untuk anda. Ini bukan nasihat undang-undang. Anda mesti selalu mendapatkan nasihat undang-undang sendiri untuk keadaan anda.

Ini adalah artikel kelima dan terakhir tentang jaminan.

Undang-Undang Jaminan telah diubah baru-baru ini. Kebanyakan perubahan adalah mengenai melindungi anak-anak yang jadi mangsa kesalahan seksual. Banyak perubahan bermula pada 1 Novemba 2022. Ada yang bermula pada September 2022. Kami akan melihat beberapa pertukaran dalam artikel ini, tetapi tidak semua.

### Banyak kesalahan ini sekarang menjadi "kesalahan serius"

Anda akan ingat dari artikel II bahawa "kesalahan serius" di ertikan sebagai kesalahan yang dilist dalam bagian tertentu dari Undang-Undang Jaminan dan sebarang pelanggaran dari syarat perlindungan jaminan. Perubahan kepada Undang-Undang Jaminan menambah banyak lagi kesalahan kepada list "kesalahan serius" dalam Undang-Undang itu. Kebanyakan yang ditambah ke dalam list berkaitan dengan kesalahan seksual terhadap anak-anak.

Seperti yang dibicarakan di artikel I, seorang polis atau mahkamah yang membuat keputusan tentang jaminan boleh memutuskan untuk membebaskan anda tanpa harus membebaskan anda dengan jaminan sama sekali jika kesalahan yang dituduhkan bukan "kesalahan serius". Perubahan kepada Undang-Undang Jaminan bermakna bahawa sekarang terdapat banyak lagi kesalahan yang "kesalahan serius". Ini berarti bahawa masih banyak lagi kesalahan di mana anda tidak dapat didebitkan tanpa jaminan, atau di mana jaminan boleh ditolak dan anda ditahan.

### Menunda keputusan tentang memberi anda jaminan jika anda dituduh melakukan kesalahan seksual terhadap anak-anak

Undang-Undang Jaminan membolehkan keputusan tentang sama ada anda dikasi jaminan yang ditunda selama 30 hari jika di dapati anda telah melakukan kesalahan terhadap seseorang di dalam keluarga sendiri (contohnya adalah pasangan anda, pasangan de facto, bekas pasangan, anak, ibu bapa, atok nenek). Ini untuk membolehkan orang yang membuat keputusan tentang jaminan anda menentukan syarat terbaik untuk letak di jaminan anda untuk melindungi mangsa anak-anak.

Perubahan kepada Undang-Undang Jaminan yang bermula pada 1 Novemba 2022 sekarang membolehkan keputusan jaminan anda ditunda selama 30 hari jika di dapati anda telah melakukan kesalahan seksual terhadap anak-anak. Ini adalah untuk membolehkan orang yang membuat keputusan tentang jaminan anda membuat syarat terbaik untuk letak di jaminan anda untuk melindungi mangsa anak-anak.

### Faktor-faktor baru yang harus dipertimbangkan oleh orang yang membuat keputusan tentang jaminan anda

Dalam artikel kedua kami melihat factor-faktor yang harus dipertimbangkan oleh orang yang membuat keputusan tentang jaminan anda. Perubahan pada Undang-Undang Jaminan telah menambahkan lebih banyak faktor yang harus mereka pertimbangkan.

Orang yang membuat keputusan tentang jaminan anda sekarang juga harus mempertimbangkan:

- jika anda mengaku tidak bersalah dan sedang menunggu trial, tingkah laku anda terhadap mangsa dan keluarga mangsa selepas kesalahan yang dituduh dan
- jika anda pernah dihukum atas kesalahan terhadap seseorang, bagaimana anda berkelakuan terhadap mereka dan keluarga mereka setelah kesalahan.

### Faktor-faktor yang harus dipertimbangkan oleh orang yang membuat keputusan tentang jaminan anda jika anda seorang dewasa yang dituduh dengan kesalahan seksual terhadap anak-anak

Seperti yang kami bincangkan di artikel II, salah satu perkara yang harus dipikirkan oleh orang yang membuat keputusan tentang jaminan anda adalah apakah, jika anda tidak ditahan, anda mungkin membahayakan keselamatan atau kesejahteraan atau harta siapa pun.

Perubahan Undang-Undang Jaminan menetapkan bahawa jika anda adalah orang dewasa dan dituduh melakukan kesalahan seksual terhadap anak-anak, orang yang membuat keputusan tentang jaminan anda juga harus memikirkan:

- umur anak-anak dan umur anda;
- apakah anda dan anak itu berada dalam hubungan keluarga;
- dimana anak itu tinggal dan dimana anda tinggal;
- pentingnya keselamatan dan kestabilan dan perkara yang berterusan seperti biasa untuk anak-anak dan
- kesehatan fizikal dan emosi anak-anak

saat memutuskan apakah anda dapat membahayakan keselamatan atau kesejahteraan anak-anak kecuali anda ditahan.

### Jika seorang anak-anak yang diduga menjadi mangsa, keluarga anak itu, atau polis yang menyiasat kesalahan itu kuatir dengan keselamatan dan kesejahteraan anak itu

Perubahan tersebut juga menetapkan bahawa pendakwa harus kasitahu orang yang membuat keputusan tentang jaminan anda jika anak yang jadi mangsa, atau keluarga anak itu, atau polis yang menyiasat kesalahan yang dituduh kasitahu pendakwa bahawa mereka kuatir dengan keselamatan atau kesejahteraan anak itu. Pendakwa harus kasitahu orang yang membuat keputusan mengapa mereka kuatir, jika pendakwa mempunyai maklumat ini. Orang yang membuat keputusan harus mempertimbangkan hal ini dalam membuat keputusan tentang jaminan anda.

Ada beberapa perubahan lain pada Undang-Undang Jaminan yang tidka akan ditangani di sini.

Annie Gray, Bantuan Hukum WA

## Blast From The Past



The left picture is a photo of the old school located near the Oceania House and the right picture are students who attended the school.

If you have a fond memory of the past you would like to share, we would love to hear about it.

Photo Source:  
Cocos As it Was



## Did You Know



The Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands logo was redesigned with the aim to reflect the unique element of Cocos and to connect strongly with the ocean that effects all aspects of life of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands Shire.

The Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands logo was adopted at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 28th March 2007.

## Cocos Malay Dictionary

### WORDS

One - Satu  
Two - Dua  
Three - Tiga  
Four - Empat  
Five - Lima  
Six - Enam  
Seven - Tujuh  
Eight - Delapan  
Nine - Sembilan  
Ten - Sepuluh

### DIRECTION

North - Utara  
South - Selatan  
East - Timur  
West - Barat  
Northwest - Barat laut  
Northeast - Timur laut  
Southwest - Barat daya  
Southeast - Selat saudis  
Compass - Kompas  
Directions - Arah

## Motivational Quotes

Be there for others, but never leave yourself behind.

Dodinsky

Success doesn't come to you, you've got to do it.

Marva Collins

Work hard in silence, let your success be your noise.

Frank Ocean

Success isn't about how much money you make, its about the difference you make in peoples lives.

Everyday is a change to be better.

Never give up on your dreams.

Your self respect has to be stronger than your feelings.

You're not meant to do what's easy, you're meant to challenge yourself.

Focus on yourself not others.

It doesn't matter how slowly you go as long you don't stop.

We don't all have equal opportunity, but we all have the opportunity to be better than we were yesterday.

Nothing is impossible . The word itself says "I'm Possible"



## Fun Facts Animals

Dogs have 28 baby teeth and 42 permanent teeth.

A dog's sense of smell is 1000 times greater than a human!

Cows do have best friend and become stressed when they are separated.

Dolphins sleep with only half of their brain and with one eye open so they can watch for predators and other treats.

Platypus is the only animal that has no stomach.

An octopus had three hearts and the colour of its blood is blue.

Dogs sneeze to tell other dogs that they're playing not fighting.

Jellyfish have been around for more than 650 million years which means that they outdate both dinosaurs and sharks.



## DIY

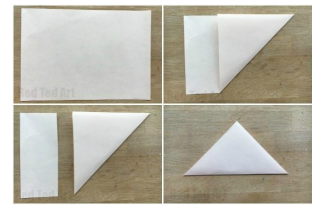
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You will need:

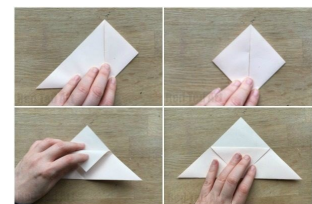
- paper
- scissor
- colouring pencils or textas

Steps:

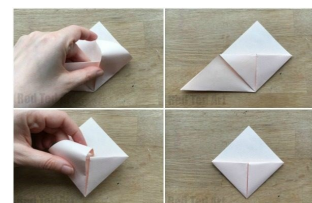
1. First you will need to make a square out of a paper. Take a A5 or A4 sheet of paper and fold over one corner to create a triangle.
2. Cut off the excess and rotate your triangle so the long edge is at the bottom and the right angle faces up. Make sure the top of the triangle is looking up and you have the long edge running perpendicular.



3. Fold the lower right corner up to meet the top right angled corner.
4. Repeat for the left side.
5. Fold these two back open.
6. Flip down ONE of the top sheets and crease.



7. Now fold the flaps you created back up and tuck INTO your bookmark.



8. Repeat for the other side and decorate them if you'll like.

**Congratulations,**  
you have just created your own bookmark!



## Cocos Resident Profile



**Name:** Jeff Cukon

**Kampong Name:** Pak Amali

**Place of Birth:** Sydney Australia

**Where were you living before Cocos?** Sydney Australia

**What are you doing now?**

Lucky enough to get the gig as the Territory Controller with the Australian Federal Police

**What are the top 3 things you love about living on Cocos?**

Fishing has to be the number one, I just bought a rod and reel so things are serious now, I plan to score at least a sailfish before I finish my time. The next two snorkling and swimming.

**Do you have a Cocos moment/mishap/experience to share?**

Yes my first two weeks in Cocos when I got all excited and told my wife and kids we were taking the punt boat out for the first time. Now I had just got my skippers ticket and my boating experiences was zero to none, but no I knew boats. Fuel.... check, safety equipment..... check and food for our full day venture..... check. Right lets go I said, the kids with big smiles and my wife all excited. We get to the port boat ramp, hmm should be fine. 10min later I was getting assistance from locals to get my car out of the sand. Well it happens I said, boat in the water at-least, start leaving the shore, my wife "a lot of water is coming in" Ah crap the bungs!!!. I desperately turn the boat back and get some help from locals before we sunk. Bungs in now phew, well now we should be good off we go, wow didn't read the wind report the boat getting tossed all over the place, my wife pleading to head back due to concerns of a back injury and my kids holding on for grim death. Back to the shore we go tail between my legs and first boat experience done and dusted.

**Favourite sport/activity?**

Tennis, basketball

**Favourite 3 places on Cocos?**

Pula Maria where I spend most of the mornings with my boy. Direction Island and South Island somewhere.

**Favourite Cocos food?**

Malay Curries, curry puffs and Cocos mud crabs.

**If you could change Cocos what would you do first?**

Set up a Woolworths, Coles or Costco so I could get some food!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**If you were stranded on North Keeling Island for 1 year, what 3 items would you require?**

A Chess board, a lolly dispenser and a barrel of ginger beer.

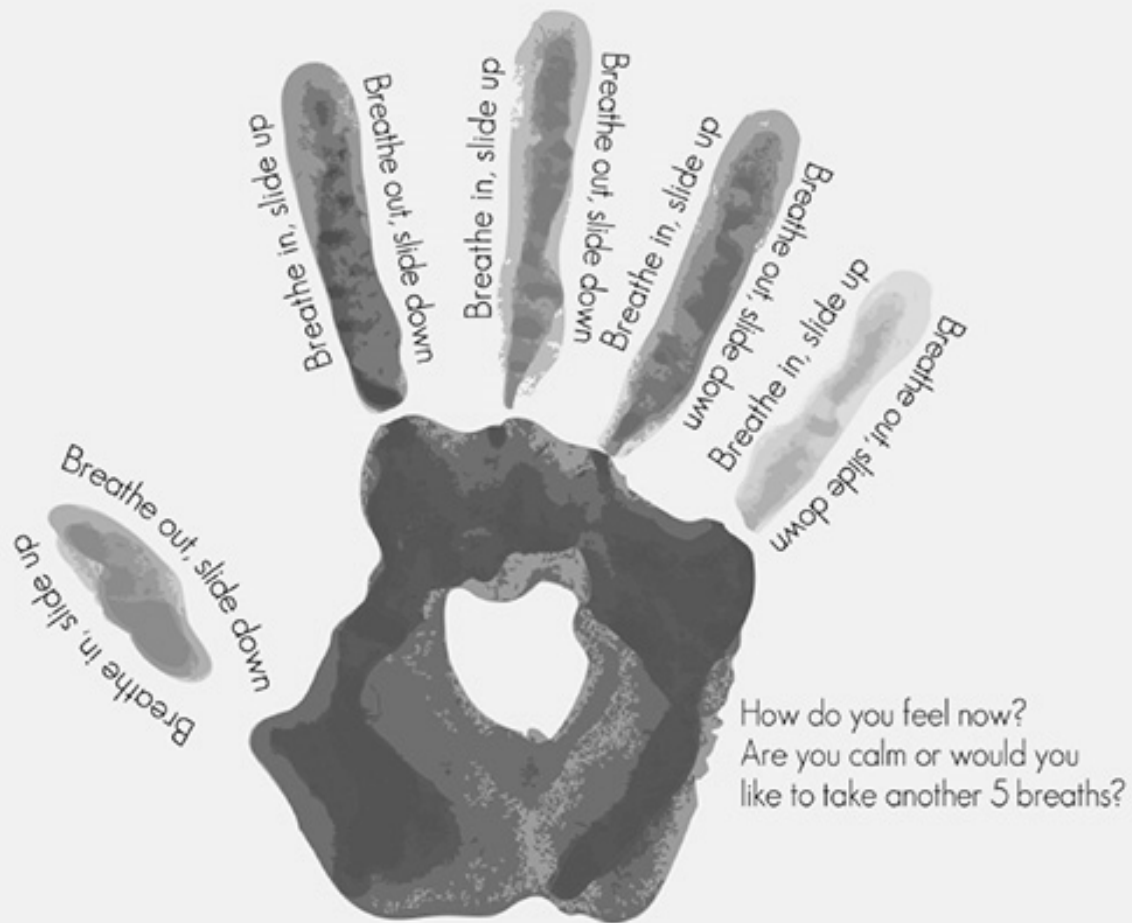
**List some of the things you are passionate about?**

Chess, food and adventure.

**Is there anything else interesting you would like to share with us?**

Invite me for a coffee and you might find out.

# CALM DOWN WITH TAKE 5 BREATHING



1. Stretch your hand out like a star.
2. Get the pointer finger of your other hand ready to trace your fingers up and down.
3. Slide up each finger slowly ~ slide down the other side.
4. Breathe in through your nose ~ out through your mouth.
5. Put it together and breathe in as you slide up and breathe out as you slide down.

Keep going until you have finished tracing your hand.

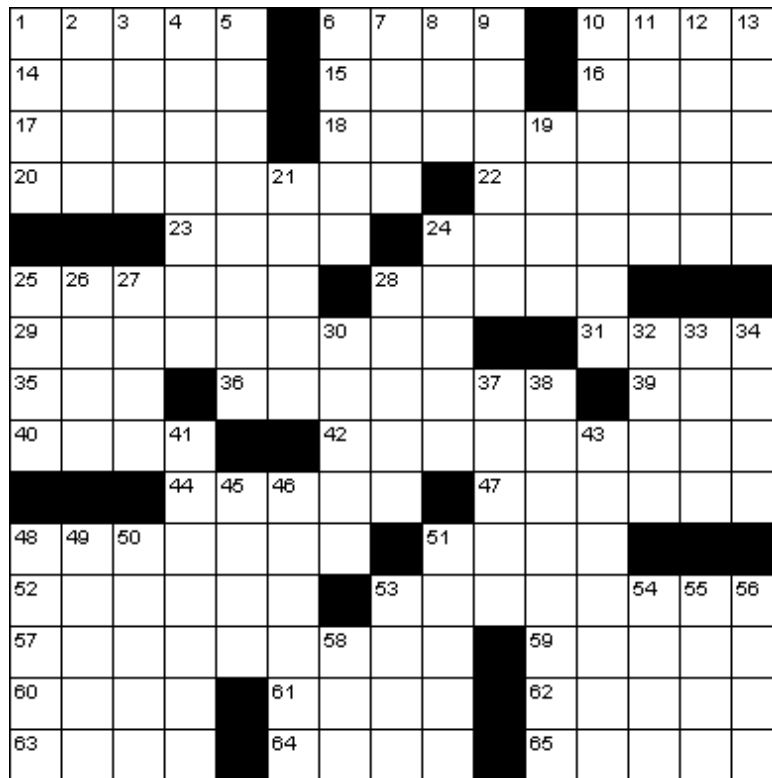
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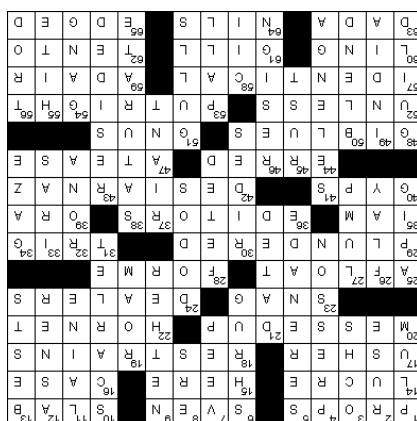
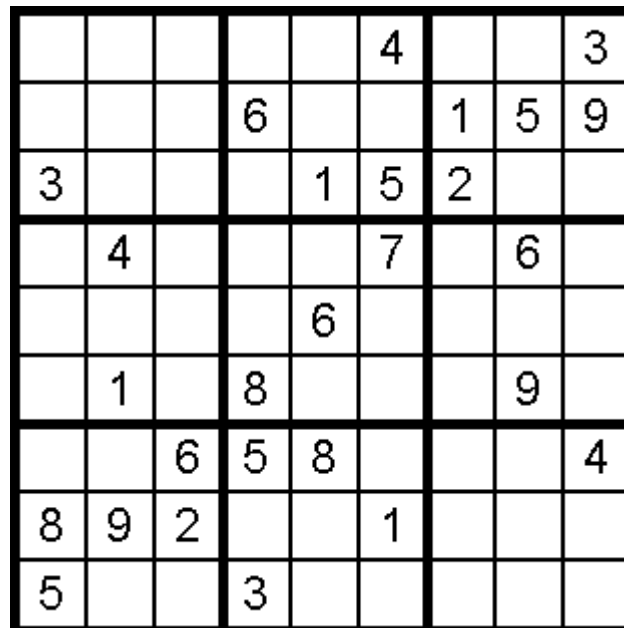
## Across

- 1 Stage accessories
- 6 Cinematographer Nykvist
- 10 Thick slice
- 14 Riches
- 15 The present location
- 16 Look a joint over
- 17 Lead down the aisle
- 18 Holds back
- 20 Botched
- 22 Large wasp
- 23 Hitch or glitch
- 24 Traders
- 25 Not sunk
- 28 "Don't Cry \_\_\_, Argentina"
- 29 Sacked
- 31 Math class, informally
- 35 Cartesian conclusion
- 36 Newspaper chiefs
- 39 \_\_\_ pro nobis
- 40 Swindles
- 42 Lucille Ball's husband
- 44 Made a mistake
- 47 Order to relax
- 48 1960 Elvis movie
- 51 African plains grazers
- 52 Save
- 53 Remedy
- 57 Indistinguishable
- 59 Firefighter Red
- 60 Atlantic fish
- 61 Piscine organ
- 62 Fifty minutes past the hour
- 63 Absurd art
- 64 Pop musician Lofgren
- 65 Moved gingerly

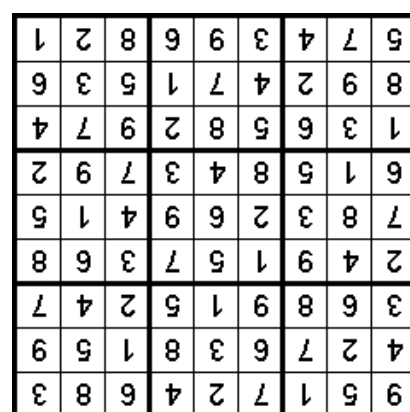


## Down

- 1 Fruit with a stone
- 2 Stratagem
- 3 Folk singer Phil
- 4 Persevere
- 5 Night air?
- 6 Shoulder motion
- 7 Vice-president
- 8 Hesitant sounds
- 9 Lower
- 10 Shade of red
- 11 Cleo or Frankie
- 12 "Lou Grant" star
- 13 Defeats
- 19 Gad about
- 21 Old hat
- 24 Long-gone birds
- 25 "...stole \_\_\_ and away did run"
- 26 Skin
- 27 Hunk
- 28 Honored
- 30 Fair attractions
- 32 Writer Jaffe
- 33 Levin and Gershwin
- 34 Stare
- 37 Cheerful
- 38 Really soak
- 41 River to Lake Baikal
- 43 Lived
- 45 Reddish-brown
- 46 Quit
- 48 Medieval trade association
- 49 Neighbor of Pakistan
- 50 Mingle
- 51 Dupes
- 53 Become wearisome
- 54 The Jets, for one
- 55 "Women and Love" author
- 56 Stepped
- 58 LI doubled












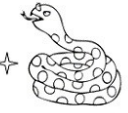











Crossword Answer



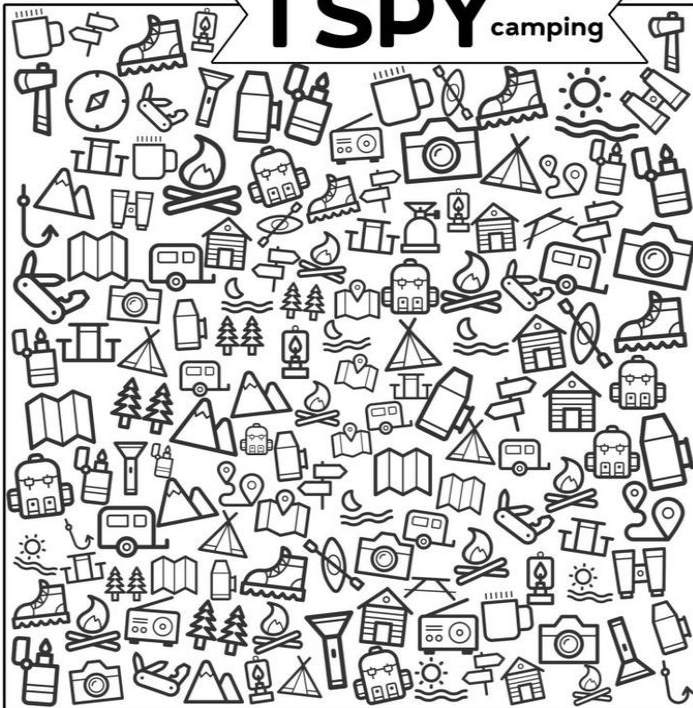
Sudoku Solutions



## Match the Animals

monkey			
giraffe			
chicken			
dog			
lion			
cat			
rabbit			
cow			
snake			
horse			
sheep			
spider			

## I SPY camping

































2	4	4	5	4	5	7	4	6	5
1	6	7	1	3	6	7	4	7	5
3	3	4	6	2	7	5	9	6	3

## Decorate the Cake



## Food Addition

		+		=	_____		
			+			=	_____
			+		=	_____	
	+		=	_____			
			+			=	_____
			+		=	_____	
		+		=	_____		
	+				=	_____	

## A Cocos Moment



**CONGRATULATIONS to Mr Movember Jack Cassey and also to our  
Movember Courage Award recipient Georgie Clunies-Ross!**

Photo Source: Cocos Club

## Cocos "Feel Good" Stories

Why volunteering makes us feel good!

With busy lives, it can be hard to find time to volunteer. However, the benefits of volunteering can be enormous. Volunteering offers vital help to people in need, worthwhile causes, and the community, but the benefits can be even greater for you, the volunteer. The right match can help you to find friends, connect with the community, learn new skills, and even advance your career.

Giving to others can also help protect your mental and physical health. It can reduce stress, combat depression, keep you mentally stimulated, and provide a sense of purpose. While it's true that the more you volunteer, the more benefits you'll experience, volunteering doesn't have to involve a long-term commitment or take a huge amount of time out of your busy day. Giving in even simple ways can help those in need and improve your health and happiness.

## Birthdays/Anniversaries

*Happy 13th Birthday Elysha Waller for 6th December  
Happy Birthday Ibuk (Nek Fifi) for 10th December  
Happy Birthday Sister (Mak Alfiyah) for 12th December*

*Wish to send loved ones special messages on their birthdays and anniversaries? Drop an email to CRC at [Info@cocosislandscrc.cc](mailto:Info@cocosislandscrc.cc)*



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**2 DECEMBER**

Lighting Up of Christmas Tree  
Airport/Cocos Club Area

**17 DECEMBER**

Kids Christmas Party  
Cocos Club

**10 DECEMBER**

West Island Market Day  
Cocos Islands CRC

**21 December**

Cocos Golf Club AGM and  
Presentation Dinner  
Golf Club

**10 DECEMBER**

Members Farewell -  
BBQ Dinner  
Cocos Club

**31 DECEMBER**

New Years Eve  
Cocos Club

**14 DECEMBER**

Shire Council Meeting  
Council Chambers, HI

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