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## Welcome Message

Welcome to the September edition of my newsletter, and what a busy month it has been.

It was great to welcome Minister for Resources and Northern Australia Madeleine King and Special Envoy for Northern Australia Luke Gosling to Christmas Island early in the month.

Then I headed to Canberra, where I spent some time on “the Hill” as it is known locally. Walking through the doors at Parliament House is always a special moment – and I felt privileged to be there, representing our region. You can read more about my trip to Canberra later in the newsletter.

Looking forward, we have a number of exciting events lined up over the coming weeks. Like many of you, I am looking forward to Territory Day events and getting to spend time celebrating the many wonderful aspects of living on Christmas Island. This year we will be joined by the Seniors Group Suka Duka from the Cocos Islands, who will be sharing their culture and traditional dancing.

Territory Week is something I look forward to every year – not only is it a chance to take part in fun events surrounded by family and friends, but it is an opportunity to pay homage to our unique and rich cultural identity and our island home.

After spending Territory Week on Christmas Island, I will be returning to Cocos, and I look forward to engaging with stakeholders and the local community.

There have been some recent staffing changes within the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, and the Arts. After four years in the role of First Assistant Secretary of the

Territories Division, Sarah Vandebroek has moved onto a new position, with Kim Forbes now taking on the role as head of Territories. I would like to thank Sarah for her contributions over the years, and also extend a warm 'welcome back' to Kim.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy this newsletter – and if you would like to find out more about any of the stories or you would like a hardcopy, please contact my office.

Let us know if you want us to include your upcoming community event or activity in the newsletter. Stories (including photos) about recent IOT community events are very welcome and can be emailed to [IOTAdministrator@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:IOTAdministrator@infrastructure.gov.au)

**Farzian Zainal**

*Administrator of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands*

## Latest News

### A welcome visit



Earlier this month, we welcomed Minister for Resources and Northern Australia Madeleine King, and Special Envoy for Northern Australia Luke Gosling to Christmas Island for a flying visit.

Recently, the Australian Government announced that both Christmas Island and the Cocos Islands were included as part of Northern Australia for the purposes of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF), giving access to concessional low interest loans to assist with economic and social development.

The Ministerial visit was arranged as an opportunity for Minister King and other government representatives to see the island in person and learn more about the work being undertaken to diversify our economy, as well as discuss further opportunities for development.

I always welcome the opportunity to showcase our remarkable community during such visits, and was pleased to be able to provide a local perspective during my conversations with Minister King and Mr Gosling MP.

Christmas Island is uniquely placed not only due to our strategic location, but for our abundant natural resources, and I look forward to seeing how we can continue to build on our economic, social and scientific potential through the Economic Future Working Group.

Though the visit was brief, Minister King toured CI's main infrastructure sites, and was able to take in the extraordinary nature of our island.

The delegation also met with the Shire and Phosphate Resources Limited Group, and was led on a tour of the rehabilitation mine sites, as well as Green Space Tech as an example of the innovative solutions we can achieve when industry and government work together.

## Representing the IOT in Canberra



Earlier this month, I travelled to Canberra for meetings, to build connections, and to represent the Indian

Ocean Territories. It was wonderful to be able to meet with colleagues from the Canberra office face to face, including Department Secretary Jim Betts, and Deputy Secretary David Mackay.

During my time at Parliament House, I met with Minister for Territories Kristy McBain, which provided a valuable opportunity to discuss the issues affecting our region. I was also able to spend time with Marion Scrymgour MP and Minister Malarndirri McCarthy, who represent the IOT in both houses of Parliament. Senior Ministerial advisers and staff from government agencies also provided me with the opportunity to discuss topics such as the runway upgrade on Cocos, regional development, and import and export conditions for the IOT.

The National Emergency Management Agency provided a fascinating insight into their work in managing and assisting communities in times of emergency. As the Chair of the Emergency Management Committees on both CI and CKI, I toured the NEMA facility in Canberra and discussed ways they could aid the IOT in the event of an emergency.

Other highlights of my trip were meetings held with the Ambassador of Indonesia and the Deputy High Commissioner of Singapore. At both meetings I was able to discuss the ties between the IOT and these neighbouring countries, as well as emerging and future opportunities.

It was an extremely busy, but rewarding visit to Australia's capital city. I feel privileged to have been able to represent the Indian Ocean Territories and to have developed relationships and connections that will continue into the future. \_\_\_\_\_

## **Be alert for avian influenza**



High pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI), also known as bird flu, is a viral disease of birds.

Not only are wild, migratory birds vulnerable to avian influenza, but also domesticated bird species, such as chickens, turkeys and ducks.

Outbreaks overseas of a new strain of bird flu, H5N1 HPAI, have led to extensive losses of poultry, and mass mortalities of wild birds and mammals, particularly marine mammals and mammals that prey or scavenge on birds.

Here in the Indian Ocean Territories, we are faced with a unique series of threats posed by the global outbreak of bird flu.

Not only do we have wild populations of jungle fowl and feral chickens on both Christmas and Cocos Islands, we are also a stopover point for many migratory birds returning to their local summer breeding and feeding grounds.

While Australia and Indian Ocean Territories are currently free from the H5N1 HPAI strain, there is a risk it may arrive with those migratory species.

Rapid detection and response will be vital to contain any potential outbreaks.

If you notice anything suspicious make sure to report it immediately, and please avoid any contact with sick or dead birds:

- Emergency Animal Disease Hotline – 1800 675 888
- Pest and Disease Information Services – (08) 9368 3080

#### **Signs to look out for in wild birds:**

Signs of disease usually appear in several or all birds in a flock, including:

- sudden death
- lethargy or reluctance to walk, eat or drink
- droopy appearance or ruffled feathers
- head or limb swelling
- bruising of the wattle, comb, feet or skin
- respiratory signs such as panting, nasal discharge or sneezing
- diarrhoea
- unusual head or neck posture, incoordination, inability to walk or stand

- unusual reduction in egg production.

Avian influenza can only be confirmed through laboratory testing of samples collected by a veterinarian or government animal health officer.

#### **More information:**

- Wildlife Health Australia:  
<https://wildlifehealthaustralia.com.au/Incidents/Incident-Information/high-pathogenicity-avian-influenza-information>
- Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry:  
[www.agriculture.gov.au/birdflu](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/birdflu)
- NAQS Avian Influenza Factsheet:  
[www.agriculture.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/naqs-avian-influenza-factsheet.pdf](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/naqs-avian-influenza-factsheet.pdf)

### **New vessel names revealed**

I am delighted to share the names of the new Cocos barge as well as the back-up ferry and rescue vessel, replacing the RJ Hawke.

Last month I invited the local community to help name these vessels. It was pleasing to receive a wide range of submissions, drawing on Cocos heritage, history and environment.

For the barge, the name Harapan Cocos, meaning Cocos Hope in Cocos Malay was selected. This is a name that celebrates the islands, and the indomitable spirit of the Cocos community.

After much consideration, and confirming support from his family, the name Maz Hamiril, in honour of the late Mazlan Hamiril, was selected for the ferry.

Maz was a proud Cocos Islander with a passion and commitment for his community. He worked on both the previous barge and the RJ Hawke, and naming the new ferry after Maz celebrates his life and love of his island home.

Thank you to everyone who submitted a name for the new vessels, with their construction continuing.

I look forward to seeing the Harapan Cocos and the Maz Hamiril on the waters once launched.



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## **New Federal Administrative Review Tribunal**



A new, fit-for-purpose federal administrative review body will commence operations on 14 October 2024, replacing the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT).

The Administrative Review Tribunal (ART) will implement reforms to Australia's system of administrative law to deliver high quality and accessible review of Government decisions for all users.

The jurisdiction of the ART will be the same as the AAT, which reviews decisions under a number of Acts and interests, including those related to child support, social security and the NDIS, workers' compensation, migration and refugee visas, taxation, security and veterans' entitlements.

The new tribunal will continue to review decisions in a way that is designed to be user-focused, efficient, accessible, independent and fair – resolving applications in a timely manner, being accessible and responsive to diverse needs of parties and improving the transparency and quality of government decision-making.



Legislation to abolish the AAT and replace it with the ART passed the Parliament in May 2024, and is part of the Australian Government's reform agenda for Australia's system of review. All matters currently before the AAT will continue as usual and will automatically transition to the ART upon its commencement in October.

Indian Ocean Territories residents who have applied to the AAT for review of a decision do not need to submit a new application. All AAT decisions that have already been finalised will not be considered again by the ART.

The Honourable Justice Emiliios Kyrou AO is the inaugural President of the ART, having been appointed President of the AAT on 9 June 2023, and will lead the new Tribunal through the transition.

For more information on the ART, its key features and the transition process visit

<https://www.ag.gov.au/legal-system/new-system-federal-administrative-review>

## **Turning the tide on pollution – helping clean up Cocos' beaches**

With breathtaking coral, crystal clear water and palm-fringed white sands, the beaches of Cocos are some of the most beautiful in the world.

Just ask beach expert Brad Farmer who declared Pulu Blan Madar Island the fifth most beautiful beach in all of Australia earlier this year. However, like so many of the world's most beautiful places, Cocos' beaches are not untouched by pollution.

Plastic presents a huge challenge for our marine environment, as not only does it not decompose, it breaks down into smaller pieces called 'microplastics,' which pass through our waterways and into the ocean, often mistaken for food by our marine wildlife.

Jones Lang LaSalle, the property management contractors for the Australian Government in the Indian Ocean Territories, recently held a beach clean-up activity during a trip to the Cocos Islands to try to combat the influx of plastic pollution.

The clean-up saw more than 100kg of small plastics – eighteen trash bags worth – collected from one of our beautiful beaches.

The team of eight – including WA managing director Angelo Amara and head of property and asset management Richard Fennell – were joined by their contractors on island for this massive effort – picking up bottle tops, straws, plastic soup spoons, soy sauce tubes, cigarette lighters and too many plastic bottles to count from the shore.

Thanks to Ian Harwood, Daniel Nunn, Arash Eshagi and Nico Visser from JLL's IOT account team, as well as Angelo and Richard for their clean-up efforts.

The trip also included a JLL-hosted barbeque for their local contractors.



## Athletics for everyone



Athletics West was welcomed by the Christmas Island community in late August, with Development Coach Kylie Wheeler visiting to share her expertise.

A highly successful competitive athlete, having represented Australia at the 2005 and 2007 World Championships, the 2002 and 2006 Commonwealth Games and the 2004 and 2008 Olympic Games, Kylie not only brought her vast experience with her on the visit, but a passion and dedication to mentoring and teaching aspiring athletes in the Indian Ocean Territories.

With the Olympics in full swing during her visit, and leading into the very popular school athletics carnival on CI, Kylie could not have brought her skills and knowledge to the community at a better time.

During the week, students were exposed to some tailored athletics lessons to increase their enjoyment of athletics. The students also had the opportunity to delve a little deeper with a community session after school and members of the Christmas Island Cricket and Sporting Club were provided with some extra training.

A free upskilling opportunity was provided to teachers and interested community members to improve their knowledge and confidence to conduct athletics.

Finally, in a real display of the motto “athletics for everyone”, the seniors in the Stay on Your Feet program also enjoyed the opportunity to try their athletics skills, with some modified activities including seated throws and a pool noodle javelin throw. They also took part in a walking relay race across the length of the hall where the competitive spirit shone bright.

The visiting coaches program for the IOT is delivered through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and supported by the Australian Government, with assistance from the Shires of Christmas and Cocos (Keeling) Islands.



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### **Put some art on the barbie!**

Late last month, Arts & Culture CI demonstrated that art is for everyone, and anything can be art – transforming the barbeques at Police Padang with beautiful and vibrant mosaics.

With the help of Sandy and Dave Robertson from Oz Mosaics, Arts & Culture CI took this ancient art form

and gave it a homegrown twist, covering the public barbeques in beautiful images and scenes of our extraordinary local wildlife.

Thank you to everyone at Arts & Culture CI, as well as Sandy and Dave Robertson, for creating such beautiful artwork honouring our incredible natural environment.

These barbeques are testament to the incredible creative skills of our local community, and I encourage everyone to check out these new artistic additions.



## Public Announcements



### Media Release

## **Cor Cordis Appointed Voluntary Administrators of Cocos Island Co-Op**

Jeremy Nipps and Thomas Birch, of restructuring advisory firm Cor Cordis, have been appointed Voluntary Administrators of Cocos Islands Co-operative Society Limited on September 25, 2024.

Established in 1978, the Cocos Islands Co-operative Society is owned by Cocos Malay Muslim community

members and serves as the largest employer within the Cocos (Keeling) Islands. The Co-op provides logistics, hospitality, retail, and specialist contract services to its community.

Due to current economic challenges, the Directors have determined that in the best interests of the Co-op, its members, its stakeholders, and the broader community that it serves, the appointment of Administrators was required with a view to restructuring its financial affairs and ensuring its continued operation into the future for the benefit of those parties.

On behalf of the Administrators, Jeremy Nipps stated, "We've commenced an urgent review of the Co-op's financial position and have held preliminary discussions with key parties to ensure we can stabilise operations and provide the best opportunity to develop a proposal to restructure the Co-op. There are no changes to the Co-op's day-to-day operations, and all its businesses will continue to operate as usual until further notice. We will update all stakeholders as we work through the voluntary administration process".

While the Co-op's businesses will continue operating normally and the Administrators and their team will strive to minimise disruptions, some operational adjustments may be necessary to maintain full-service delivery.

### **Media enquiries**

- Lidia Bufalino, National Marketing Director, [lbufalino@corcordis.com.au](mailto:lbufalino@corcordis.com.au)

### **Co-op enquiries**

- Sameh Bekhit, Director, [sbekhit@corcordis.com.au](mailto:sbekhit@corcordis.com.au)
- Oliver Tompkins, Senior Accountant, [otompkins@corcordis.com.au](mailto:otompkins@corcordis.com.au)
- Phone: +61 8 6220 3500

[Media Release \(PDF 271KB\)](#)

[Cor Cordis Community Update FAQ \(PDF 241KB\)](#)

# Community Bulletins



Number: D21/24. Date: 2 September 2024.

## 2025 Public Holidays, Cocos (Keeling) Islands

The following public and bank holidays will be observed on the Cocos (Keeling) Islands during 2025:

- **New Year's Day** - Wednesday, 1 January 2025
- **Australia Day** - Monday, 27 January 2025 (in lieu of Sunday, 26 January 2025)
- **Hari Raya Puasa** - Monday, 31 March 2025\*
- **Act of Self Determination Day** - Monday, 7 April 2025 (in lieu of Sunday, 6 April 2025)
- **Good Friday** - Friday, 18 April 2025
- **Easter Monday** - Monday, 21 April 2025
- **ANZAC Day** - Friday, 25 April 2025
- **Hari Raya Haji** - Friday, 6 June 2025\* (in lieu of Saturday, 7 June 2025)
- **King's Birthday** - Monday, 9 June 2025
- **Hari Maulaud Nabi** - Friday, 5 September 2025\*
- **Christmas Day** - Thursday, 25 December 2025
- **Boxing Day** - Friday, 26 December 2025

*\*Dates subject to change: The Islamic calendar is based on lunar observation. Although it is possible to estimate with a reasonable degree of accuracy the lunar calendar in advance, the dates will be subject to the sighting of the new moon. The above dates may vary by one or two days.*

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Administrator  
Territories of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands

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Number: D20/24. Date: 2 September 2024.

## 2025 Public Holidays, Christmas Island

The following public and bank holidays will be observed on Christmas Island during 2025:

- **New Year's Day** - Wednesday, 1 January 2025
- **Australia Day** - Monday, 27 January 2025 (in lieu of Sunday, 26 January 2025)
- **Chinese New Year (Day 1)** - Wednesday, 29 January 2025
- **Chinese New Year (Day 2)** - Thursday, 30 January 2025
- **Labour Day** - Monday, 24 March 2025
- **Hari Raya Puasa** - Monday, 31 March 2025\*
- **Good Friday** - Friday, 18 April 2025
- **ANZAC Day** - Friday, 25 April 2025
- **Hari Raya Haji** - Friday, 6 June 2025\* (in lieu of Saturday, 7 June 2025)
- **Territory Day** - Monday, 6 October 2025
- **Christmas Day** - Thursday, 25 December 2025
- **Boxing Day** - Friday, 26 December 2025

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Islands

**Job Opportunities**



Australian Government  
Department of Infrastructure, Transport,  
Regional Development, Communications and the Arts



## Mechanical Technician

### Christmas Island

#### Full Time Ongoing – Territory Officer Level 8

Package valued in excess of \$135,000 including:

- Base annual salary of between \$85,235 - \$116,780
- Employer contribution to superannuation at 16% of base salary
- District allowance payable in addition to base salary
- Generous leave entitlements
- Annual return airfares assistance to Perth
- Relocation assistance and heavily subsidised housing and motor vehicle may be provided if relocating to the Indian Ocean Territories.

The Indian Ocean Territories Administration (IOTA) is seeking a motivated, professional, suitably qualified person to join our team as a Mechanical Technician within the Indian Ocean Territories Power Service (IOTPS) based on Christmas Island. The IOTPS is the recognised Network Operator for the Indian Ocean Territories and is responsible for the generation and distribution of a safe, reliable and efficient electricity supply to residential, commercial and industrial consumers on Christmas and Cocos (Keeling) Islands. IOTPS provides regulatory compliance in collaboration with the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety.

The key responsibilities of the Mechanical Technician are to carry out inspection, preventative maintenance, repair, overhaul, modification, installation and testing of heavy duty diesel power generators; and maintain, service and repair power station auxiliary equipment. They will fault find, read and understand General Arrangement and Piping and Instrumentation drawings; maintain maintenance and inspection records in paper and computerised formats; and maintain a safe working environment at all times.



Our ideal candidate possesses a diesel mechanic, mechanical fitting or mechanical trade qualification. They have proven knowledge and experience in the operation and maintenance of four-stroke diesel driven equipment. They have the ability to communicate effectively through oral and written communication, able to follow instructions and read and understand job safety procedures and undertake some administrative work under direction. They will possess an understanding of, and a strong commitment to, occupational health and safety, quality and environmental principles in an industrial environment

Applicants with a proven ability to live and work in a small, remote and/or multi-cultural community; and within a small multi-skilled workforce; with demonstrated experience and knowledge of working in a medium speed diesel power generation plant and working with power generating equipment and auxiliaries; and demonstrates initiative and the capacity to embrace change will be well regarded.

Applicants must hold a current Drivers Licence transferable to the Indian Ocean Territories; and will be subject to pre-employment screening and health assessment.

For an application pack outlining how you can apply, please contact the IOTA Human Resources Team at [IOTHRTeam@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:IOTHRTeam@infrastructure.gov.au) and quote position number **109068**.

**Applications close 4pm Christmas Island time (CXT) (UTC+7), Monday 7 October 2024**



Australian Government  
Department of Infrastructure, Transport,  
Regional Development, Communications and the Arts



## Senior Dental Assistant

Territory Officer Level 4

Christmas Island

Full Time - Ongoing Vacancy

Package in excess of \$100,000 including:

- Base salary of \$70,926 to \$82,503 per annum
- Employer contribution to superannuation at 16% of base salary
- District allowance payable in addition to base salary
- Generous leave entitlements
- Relocation assistance if relocating to the Indian Ocean Territories
- Subsidised housing and motor vehicle if relocating to the Indian Ocean Territories
- Annual return airfares assistance to Perth

The Indian Ocean Territories Administration (IOTA) is seeking a motivated, professional and dedicated person to join our Indian Ocean Territories Health Service (IOTHS) team based on Christmas Island as a Senior Dental Assistant.

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). The IOTHS is committed to "Working with our communities to keep us healthy for the whole of our lives". The IOTHS Oral Health Units have well equipped dental facilities located within the CI Hospital and within the Home Island Hospital on CKI.

The key responsibilities of the Senior Dental Assistant are to lead and motivate a multi skilled team in the delivery of a high quality, best practise and effective clinical oral health service to the communities of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands. Senior Dental Assistant is also responsible in assisting in all aspects of improving the oral health of the communities of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands in consultation with the Dentist in Charge.

To be considered, applicants must hold a Certificate III in Dental Assisting or working towards, a Provide First Aid (HLTAID011) certificate, satisfy a pre-employment screening including Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check conducted through the IOTA, hold a valid Class C Driver's Licence, valid Western Australian Working with Children Check, and provide proof of vaccination or immunity as required by the IOTHS. The successful candidate may also be subject to a health assessment. The position is located on Christmas Island but the successful applicant must be willing to

travel regularly to Cocos (Keeling) Islands to assist in the delivery of Oral Health services.

For an application pack outlining how you can apply, please contact the IOTA Human Resources Team at [IOTHRTeam@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:IOTHRTeam@infrastructure.gov.au) and quote position number **109106**.

**Applications close 4.00pm (Christmas Island local time) (CXT) (UTC+7), 11 October 2024.**



Australian Government  
Department of Infrastructure, Transport,  
Regional Development, Communications and the Arts



## Electrical Apprenticeship Opportunity

4 year apprenticeship

Applications Open!

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, through the Indian Ocean Territories Power Service (IOTPS) and Indian Ocean Group Training Association (IOGTA), has an exciting opportunity for a suitable candidate to undertake a 4-year **Electrical Apprenticeship** based on Christmas Island.

The IOTPS is responsible for the generation and distribution of electricity on Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands. Electricity is generated at the diesel power stations and distributed at 11kV on the islands.

Apprentices hosted by the IOTPS have the opportunity to work alongside experienced tradespeople in a hands-on environment whilst contributing to the provision of an essential service to the community.

During your apprenticeship you will be learning how to install and maintain high voltage and low voltage electrical equipment, how to install the cabling and equipment pertaining to an electricity distribution system, and to undertake electrical and instrumentation works at the Christmas Island Power Station.

**Our ideal candidate needs to be team oriented, highly motivated and adaptable whilst**

**upholding a safe working environment at all times. The successful candidate will need to be available to commence by 6th January 2025.**

**Essential Criteria:**

- Completed year 10 or higher with passes in Mathematics and English.
- Demonstrate a genuine interest in completing an Electrotechnology Apprenticeship – Electrical trade. This could be through previous work experience, school projects or self-interest driven hobbies.
- Good written and verbal communication skills, be able to follow instructions and undertake some administrative work under direction.
- Ability to work cooperatively and effectively in a team, displaying initiative, diligence and flexibility.
- Demonstrated experience living, working or attending school in a remote and multi-cultural environment.
- Willingness and ability to attend off-island training at TAFE.
- Be an Australian Citizen or hold a permanent visa.
- Ability to pass a police clearance and pre-employment medical including drug and alcohol screening.
- Ability to pass a Cable Colour Identification Test
- Hold a C-class driver's licence or be in the process of obtaining one.

**How to Apply:**

1. Write your application expressing your interest and making sure you respond to each of the essential criteria;

2. Attach your resume, copies of any qualifications/licences, most recent school report and any other relevant documentation that supports your application; and

3. Submit your application to IOGTA General Manager at **general.manager@iogta.wa.edu.au**, mail to **PO Box 431 Christmas Island WA 6798**, or in person at **IOGTA - Old Technical School**.

**Applications closing date Thursday, 31st October 2024.**

**This apprenticeship position is funded by the Australian Government.**



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Regional Development, Communications and the Arts



## **Mechanical Apprenticeship Opportunity**

4 year apprenticeship

Applications Open!

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, through the Indian Ocean Territories Power Service (IOTPS) and Indian Ocean Group Training Association (IOGTA), has an exciting opportunity for a suitable candidate to undertake a 4-year **Mechanical Apprenticeship** based at the Christmas Island Power Station.

The IOTPS is responsible for the generation and distribution of electricity on Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands. Electricity is generated at the diesel power stations and distributed at 11kV on the islands. Apprentices hosted by the IOTPS have the opportunity to work alongside experienced tradespeople in a hands-on environment whilst contributing to the provision of an essential service to the community.

During your apprenticeship you will be carrying out inspection, maintenance, repair, modification, installation and testing of heavy duty diesel power generators and on emergency diesel generators situated throughout the island. You will learn how diesel engines operate, how to perform basic machining, repair and replace components, how to service and maintain plant and equipment and will participate in the major overhaul of the diesel generator sets.

**Our ideal candidate needs to be team oriented, highly motivated and adaptable whilst**

**upholding a safe working environment at all times. The successful candidate will need to be available to commence by 6th January 2025.**

**Essential Criteria:**

- Completed year 10 or higher with passes in Mathematics and English.
- Demonstrate a genuine interest in completing an Engineering Apprenticeship – Fixed
- Mechanical trade. This could be through previous work experience, school
- or self-interest driven hobbies.
- Good written and verbal communication skills, be able to follow instructions and
- Ability to work cooperatively and effectively in a team, displaying initiative, diligence
- Demonstrated experience living, working or attending school in a remote and cultural environment.
- Willingness and ability to attend off-island training at TAFE.
- Be an Australian Citizen or hold a permanent visa.
- Ability to pass a police clearance.
- Ability to pass a pre-employment medical including drug and alcohol screening.
- Hold a C-class driver's licence or be in the process of obtaining one.

#### **How to Apply:**

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**Community Announcements**

**CHRISTMAS  
ISLAND  
ROBBERS  
RUGBY  
LEAGUE  
CLUB  
INC.  
AGM**



**RECRUITING  
NEW MEMBERS  
2025 SEASON**

Thursday 24  
October

6:30pm @  
VMR Head Quarters

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

**PRESIDENT**

**VICE PRESIDENT**

**SECRETARY**

**TREASURER**

**GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**COACHES**

(CAN BE PUT THROUGH AN ACCREDITED COACHES COURSE)

**JOIN NOW**

VOLUNTEERING IS SELF-REWARDING AND  
CAN PROVIDE A HEALTHY BOOST TO  
YOUR SELF-CONFIDENCE, SELF-ESTEEM,  
AND LIFE SATISFACTION.

## Christmas Island Outdoor Cinema



### Volunteers Needed

The outdoor cinema is a 100% volunteer run organisation.

The AGM will be coming up first week of October. In order to function, a minimum of 6 active committee members are required. We are currently down to 2 or 3.

Without minimum numbers, the cinema will not function. If you would like to know more about committee roles, send a message to the cinema or send an email to [cioutdoorcinema@gmail.com](mailto:cioutdoorcinema@gmail.com)

Late changes will be posted on the Roundabout Blackboard and [Facebook](#).

Adults \$ 5.00

School aged children 3 to 17 years old \$2.00



## The Bikeriders (M)

SATURDAY - 5th October, 7.30pm

After a chance encounter, headstrong Kathy is drawn to Benny, member of Midwestern motorcycle club the Vandals. As the club transforms into a dangerous underworld of violence, Benny must choose between Kathy and his loyalty to the club.





## Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (M)

SATURDAY - 12th October, 7.30pm

After a family tragedy, three generations of the Deetz family return home to Winter River. Still haunted by Beetlejuice, Lydia's life is turned upside down when her teenage daughter, Astrid, accidentally opens the portal to the Afterlife.

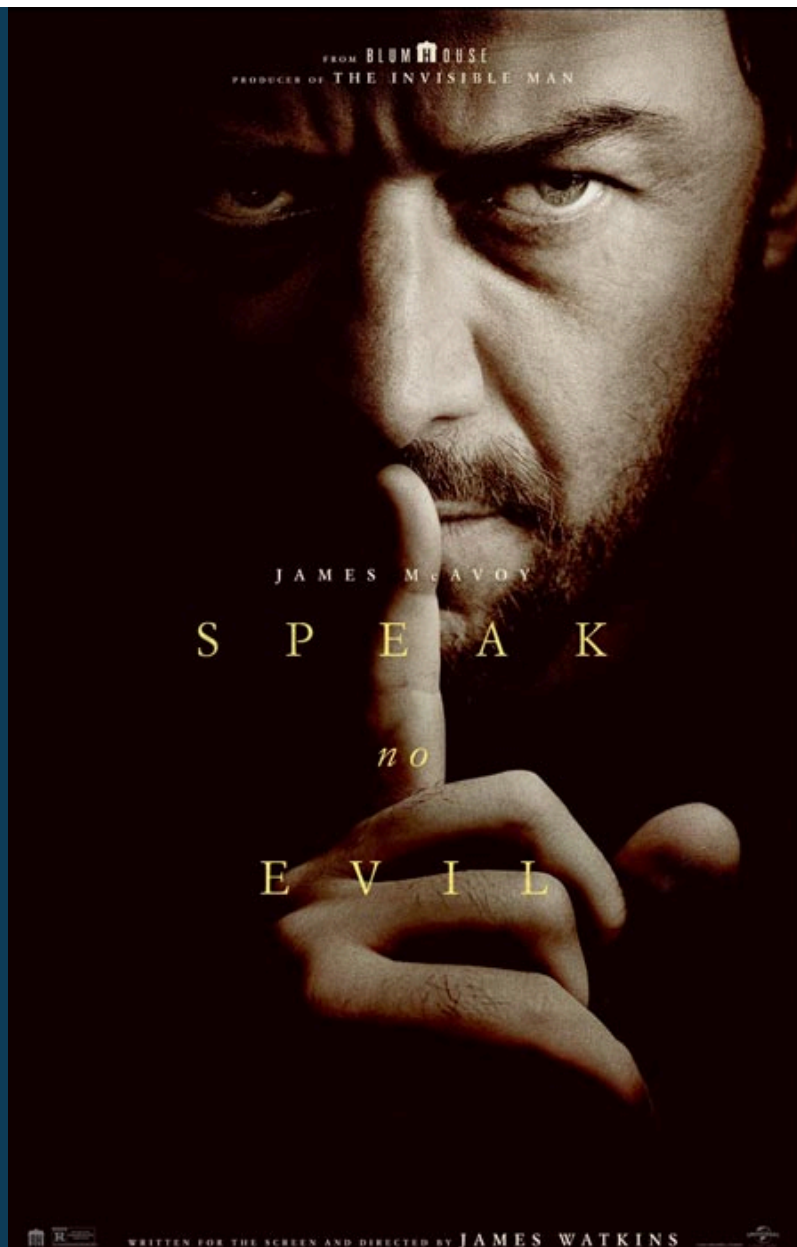
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Alien: Romulus (MA15+)

SATURDAY - 19th October, 7.30pm

While scavenging the deep ends of a derelict space station, a group of young space colonists come face to face with the most terrifying life form in the universe.



## Speak No Evil (MA15+)

SATURDAY - 26th October, 7.30pm

A family is invited to spend a whole weekend in a lonely home in the countryside, but as the weekend progresses, they realize that a dark side lies within the family who invited them.

### **Want to sponsor an upcoming movie?**

You will receive 2 free passes, special seating, food platter with your favourite nibbles, drinks of your choice and a public announcement on the evening of the movie. We will advertise your company or individual message in the Islander, Facebook Page, on the world's most remote roundabout and one of the

last remaining outdoor Cinema screens. (Your choice of movie and date will be dependent upon availability.)

Volunteers needed for projection, bucket collection and to assist on the Executive Committee.

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