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Sargassum problem spreads



► Sargassum is really hurting the Caribbean

The Cayman Islands is not the only place in the region suffering from the scourge of sargassum. The problem is concentrated on North Side but a record amount of seaweed is smothering Caribbean coasts from Puerto Rico to Barbados as tons of the brown algae kill wildlife, choke the tourism industry and release toxic gases.

More than 24 million tons of sargassum blanketed the Atlantic in June, up from 18.8 million tons in May. July saw no decrease of algae in the Caribbean Sea, said Chuanmin Hu, an optical oceanography professor who helps produce reports. "I was scared," he recalled feeling over the historic number for June. He noted it was

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International Youth Day Message by the Minister for Youth, Hon. Bernie Bush



On behalf of the Ministry of Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage and the entire Government, I take this opportunity to wish our young people a Happy International Youth Day.

International Youth Day celebrated on the 12th August is a day to recognise the importance of our young people and raise awareness that they hold the key to our future.

This year's theme of "Inter-

generational Solidarity: Creating a World for All Ages" can be simplified into three words: "dialogue between generations".

Intergenerational solidarity is at the heart of all events organised by my Ministry and its agencies. Our policies and programmes affect our youth, so our progress as a nation cannot be achieved without decision-making across all ages.

Let us always remember that

today's youth are tomorrow's leaders, and I encourage our young people to let their voices be heard on matters that affect them.

Again, Happy International Youth Day! I invite you to join me, my Ministry Team, and the Government as we work to empower and strengthen our young people and the future of our beautiful Cayman Islands.

Thank you and God bless.

New law soon to help needy



► Tamara Ebanks



► Hon. Andre Ebanks, MP

Those struggling in the Cayman Islands to have any quality of life as bills rise alarmingly will soon get assistance from the Government.

The Government's plan to overhaul services for the most vulnerable came with the introduction and publication of the Financial Assistance Bill, 2022 on Friday.

André Ebanks, Minister for Investment, Innovation and Social Development, said: "The landmark Financial Assistance Bill would replace the Poor Persons (Relief) Act with a modern legislative framework which will set the stage for more effective service, public finance accountability, and a bridge to self-sufficiency for able clients.

The Financial Assistance Bill, which still has to be passed in Parliament, defines:

- the functions of the Department (currently the Needs Assessment Unit) and its duties, a standard feature of legislation.
- Confirms who is eligible for Government's financial assistance, namely, to Caymanians, spouses of a Caymanian or guardians of a Caymanian dependent, all of whom must be resident on island during the time of the application and at least eight of the twelve months preceding the application.
- Adopts a more holistic approach to individuals who are receiving Government's financial assistance, including the introduction of conditions that will be at-

tached, in particular for households with adult members who are able to work.

- Builds in necessary transparency and accountability for decisions, including dealing with grievances and a new appeals tribunal, as well as the protection of personal information.

The Bill enables Cabinet to create associated regulations for implementation of the legislation, after it is passed by Parliament, which include:

- The number of working days in which the Department will process complete applications;
- Exemptions for emergency circumstances;
- Consideration for transitional services (i.e. during the transitional period after employment has been obtained); and
- Specific provisions with respect to varying household sizes, as well as issues related to household composition, such as older persons living with their adult children; people with disabilities) to align with the Cayman Islands Older Persons Policy and Disability Policy.

The new name of the Needs Assessment Unit will be the Department of Financial Assistance.

Tamara Ebanks, Acting Chief Officer of the Ministry of Investment, Innovation and Social Development, said: "If passed by Parliament, the Financial Assistance

Bill will repeal an essentially two page Act, originally enacted 1964, that was last updated 25 years ago. It is a concrete demonstration of the profound commitment of the Ministry of Investment, Innovation and Social Development to re-imagining social development in the Cayman Islands.

"People who are in a position to require Government's financial assistance deserve to be treated with dignity and compassion. This is evident even in the title of the new legislation, which delivers a comprehensive replacement for the outdated and egregiously named Poor Persons (Relief) Act.

She added: "We need sweeping, wholesale changes to modernise Gov-

ernment's involvement with social development in the Cayman Islands, and the Ministry will continue to pursue reforms to deliver those changes for the benefit of our people."



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Cayman Islands Marketing Professionals Association Awards Annual Scholarship to Local Student



► Gabriella Watson

The Cayman Islands Marketing Professionals Association (CIMPA) has awarded its annual marketing scholarship to 19-year-old Gabriella Watson of Bodden Town.

The non-profit organization awarded the CI\$5,000 merit-based grant to support Miss Watson with her continuing education as she heads off to begin studying for her bachelor's degree, in pursuit of a career in the marketing industry.

"I would like to express my gratitude to CIMPA for their generosity and support. I was honoured to learn that I was selected as the recipient of this year's CIMPA Scholarship.

"The scholarship funds will be used towards my college tuition as I prepare

to embark on a bachelor's degree in Marketing and Marketing Management at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). I am excited for this journey ahead, and so grateful for the financial support which allows me.

CIMPA's annual scholarship recipient is selected by a panel of judges who score the applicants on their commitment to pursuing a career in marketing, their passion and drive for the industry and their involvement in giving back to our local community. The applications are anonymized to ensure that every applicant is given a fair opportunity.

"CIMPA remains committed to the next generation of Caymanian marketers and the CIMPA scholarship is just one of the ways that we give.

"We were highly impressed at Gabriella's civic-mindedness and her determination to pursue marketing as her career. We look forward to.

The annual scholarship grant is supported through CIMPA's annual events and fundraising efforts. The association hosts a variety of networking, training and professional development events curated for those at every level of their marketing career.

Those interested in supporting the 2023 CIMPA Scholarship through sponsorship can find out more and pledge their commitment by contacting info@cimpa.ky.

For more information on upcoming CIMPA events and initiatives visit www.cimpa.ky.

Caymanian Students join OfReg team for six-week summer intern programme



► Summer interns with members of the OfReg Fuels Team at an onsite inspection visit.

Three lucky and very excited Caymanian students joined the team at OfReg last month at the

start of a six-week summer intern programme. Following a 'Meet & Greet' open day at the OfReg offices

in July, the three students were selected for the opportunity to learn and work in the regulatory market.

The programme offers interns the opportunity to work alongside the team at OfReg and participate in and contribute to, projects of significance to Cayman's critical national utility infrastructure.

This year's interns are:

- Rueben Moore, who attends UCCI, has a background in automotive mechanics and is looking to broaden his interests into the Fuels Regulatory Sector which he finds very interesting and exciting.

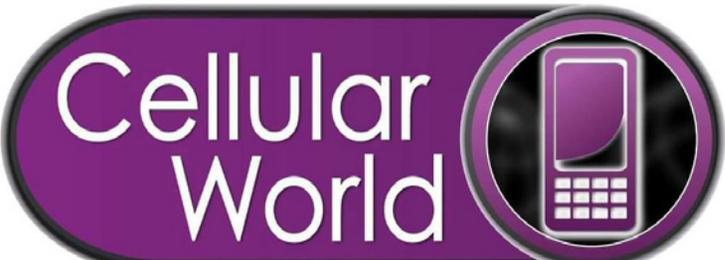
- Latoya Frazer also attends UCCI and is majoring in Social Sciences and has in the past completed internships with some of Cayman's top law firms. She would like to diversify and broaden her interests and challenge herself.

- Rohae Burrell is pursuing a career in Economics. She has been accepted into British Columbia University - Vancouver Campus to start in the fall 2022. As part of her scholarship requirements, this internship will help her pursuit of a career in Economics.

The interns initially supported the Fuels Sector team in providing input for planning applications, assisting in inspections, and helping conduct desktop and field reviews. They will also have the opportunity to learn about the economics aspect of regulation and rotate through the Finance department, Admin department, the Energy & Water Sector team and the ICT team over the six-week period.

OfReg CEO, Mr. Peter Gough said of the summer intern programme, "Part of our role as the regulator to protect the long-term critical national utility infrastructure is to make sure we plan successfully for the future.

That means we must not only invest in the physical infrastructure but also in our people, and in particular, our young people. The summer intern programme at OfReg offers Caymanian students the valuable opportunity to learn and understand what we do and why, but also provides them insights into what their future careers could be and what they need to achieve them."



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DCFS Seeks Nominations for 2022 Older Persons Month Ambassadors; as the deadline approaches

Every year, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) designates individuals in the Cayman Islands community as "Ambassadors" for its Older Persons Month, observed in October.

For 2022, DCFS invites nominations for two ambassadors, to celebrate those persons' achievements, leadership and/or advocacy in supporting older persons and contributions to the community (full criteria provided below).

DCFS has created a fillable PDF nomination form available

Please send completed form as an email attachment to dcfs@gov.ky

The deadline for submissions is Friday 2 September, 2022.

CRITERIA FOR OLDER PERSONS MONTH AWARD

1. This award is annually given to an individual of good character, age 65 years and older, for making a substantial impact at a community, district or national level in the Cayman Islands.
2. This award recognizes an individual's leadership in the promotion of and participation in charitable causes and organizations in support of older persons.
3. Recognition will be given to individuals who advocate to enhance the lives of other older persons.
4. This award recognizes the contributions of persons, in their older years, who also contribute to their community by serving all generations.
5. The nominee should have participated in a broad scope of activities over the course of more than three years. This is not an award for a single event no matter how well it was executed.
6. Recognition will be given for leadership and performance for work above and beyond his/her paid profession.
7. This award will not be given posthumously.



CIMA Launches 25th Anniversary Commemorative Coin



The Cayman Islands Monetary Authority is delighted to launch a new commemorative coin in celebration of its 25th anniversary.

The design includes CIMA's 25th anniversary logo on the reverse side and the Cayman Islands Coat of Arms on the obverse.

CIMA Managing Director, Mrs. Cindy Scotland, OBE said, "I am grateful for the opportunity to expand on our numismatic programme with the addition of this 1 ounce .999 fine silver 25th Anniversary coin, which signifies CIMA's crucial role in the economic success and stability of Cayman's financial services industry, including the work of its staff."

She added, "Looking back, I am extremely proud of what the Authority has accomplished over the last two and a half decades and look forward to further fulfilling our vision of a thriving, innovative and well-regulated financial services system in the Cayman Islands for many more years to come."

The coin is now available for purchase at our Currency office located on the first floor of the Cayman Islands Government Administration Building for KYD\$40.75 or US\$50.00 per coin.

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MYSCH Introduces the National Youth Commission



► Members of Caucus take a photo opportunity with members of the newly-appointed National Youth Commission on Monday, 8 August 2022. From left: Ministry of Social Development Designate Mehr Petkovsek, National Drug Council Designate Laila Shim; Chairperson, Registered Medical Practitioner Dr. Ruthlyn Pomares; Youth Representative (Sister Islands) Tashell Dawson, Psychologist Cottrell Ellis, Youth Services Unit Designate Mellony Bryan-Waugh, Ministry of Youth Designate Alanis Linwood-Amor. Second row: Minister for Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage, Hon. Bernie Bush; Ministry of Education Designate Camila Ferreira, Parliamentary Secretary Ms Heather Bodden, Minister for Health, Wellness and Home Affairs, Hon. Sabrina Turner; Youth Representative Monina Thompson and Lay Person Natasja Levy. Back row: Parliamentary Secretary Mr. Isaac Rankine, Youth Representative Reon Porter, Minister for Tourism & Transport, Hon. Kenneth Bryan; Deputy Premier, Hon. Christopher Saunders; Premier, Hon. G. Wayne Panton; Minister for Financial Services & Commerce, Investment, Innovation & Social Development, Hon. Andre Ebanks and Parliamentary Secretary Mrs. Katherine Ebanks-Wilks. Attending via Zoom: Attorney-at-Law Dajsha Samuels-McLean and Finance Community Representative Stephen Price.

The Ministry of Youth, Sports, Culture and Heritage (MYSCH) held a meet & greet of the newly-appointed National Youth Commission in the presence of several Caucus members.

Joining the Minister for Youth, Sports, Culture and Heritage, Hon. Bernie Bush; were Premier, Hon. G. Wayne Panton; Deputy Premier, Hon. Christopher Saunders; Minister for Health, Wellness and Home

Affairs, Hon Sabrina Turner; Minister for Financial Services & Commerce, Investment, Innovation and Social Development, Hon. Andre Ebanks; Minister for Tourism and Transport, Hon. Kenneth Bryan, Parliamentary Secretaries: Mr. Isaac Rankine, Ms Heather Bodden and Mrs. Katherine Ebanks-Wilks.

Addressing the Commission, Premier Panton said: "The PACT Government is determined to create a brighter future for Caymanian youth – a future where they are prepared, confident, capable and empowered to thrive in their own country.

"The newly-appointed National Youth Commission will help identify and recommend necessary changes to create that brighter future," he added.

Bernie Bush said: "I am encouraged by the interest, willingness to serve and attendance by each of you as we work to ensure that youth-related issues are highlighted and addressed at such a high level. Not only will the Commission help give our young people a voice on matters that affect their lives now, but it will also assist in shaping policies and programmes which directly and indirectly affect our youth going forward."

The 13-member Commission comprises:

- Dr. Ruthlyn Pomares (Chairperson) - Registered Medical Practitioner
- Cottrell Ellis - Psychologist
- Dajsha Samuels-McLean - Attorney-at-Law
- Monina Thompson - Youth Representative
- Reon Porter - Youth Representative
- Tashell Dawson - Youth Representative (Sister Islands)
- Natasja Levy - Layperson
- Stephen Price - Finance Representative
- Laila Shim - National Drug Council Representative
- Camila Ferreira - Ministry of Education Representative
- Mehr Petkovsek - Ministry of Social Development Representative
- Alanis Linwood - Amor - Ministry of Youth Representative and
- Mellony Bryan - Waugh - Youth Services Unit

Chairperson, Dr. Ruthlyn Pomares shares, "I am very encouraged by the tone and energy of the Meet & Greet. This was the first time that members had met as a body, and it is clear that everyone is as keen as I am to ensure that the work of the Commission is successful in meaningfully impacting Cayman's youth."



► Ministry of Youth representative Ms Alanis Linwood-Amor addresses the Meet & Greet on Monday, 8 August 2022.

Government's finances better than expected

All Figures are stated in CI\$ 000s

Prior Year Actual 1 January 2019 - 30 June 2019 \$000s	Prior Year Actual 1 January 2020 - 30 June 2020 \$000s	Prior Year Actual 1 January 2021 - 30 June 2021 \$000s		Current Year Actual 1 January 2022 - 30 June 2022 \$000s	Current Year Budget 1 January 2022 - 30 June 2022 \$000s	Variance \$000s
FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE						
535,903	454,417	580,001	Operating Revenue	636,629	601,811	34,819
340,905	378,647	424,220	Operating Expenses, Financing Costs and Non-Operating Costs	477,656	456,797	(20,859)
194,998	75,770	155,781	Operating Surplus/(Deficit) of Central Government	158,973	145,014	13,960
10,694	3,349	(13,310)	Surplus/(Deficit) made by SAGCs	(13,355)	(17,596)	4,241
205,692	79,119	142,471	Surplus/(Deficit) of the EPS	145,618	127,418	18,201
FINANCIAL POSITION						
407,126	266,468	231,442	Debt Balance at Period-End	534,730	206,438	328,292
1,595,084	1,637,684	1,535,874	Net Assets	2,128,600	2,154,863	(26,263)
CASH BALANCES						
181,290	92,138	153,434	Net Cash Flow from/(used in) Operating Activities	84,825	99,162	(14,337)
(206,472)	(127,347)	(198,601)	Net Cash flow (used in)/ from Investment Activities	(148,142)	81,300	(229,442)
(12,838)	(17,817)	(17,033)	Net Cash Flow (used in)/from Financing Activities	312,048	(16,244)	328,292
(38,020)	(53,026)	(62,200)	Net Movement in Cash from Period Activities	248,731	164,218	84,513
129,823	107,508	147,615	Cash and Cash Equivalents at 1 January 2019/2020/2021/2022 (start of year)	164,411	164,411	-
91,803	54,482	85,415	Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Period (Deposits held < 90 days)	413,142	328,629	84,513
598,042	505,083	427,002	Fixed Deposits (Maturity > 90 days)	73,094	140,816	(67,722)
689,845	559,564	512,417	Total Cash and Deposits	486,236	469,445	16,791
521,905	382,692	340,053	Operating Cash and Deposits	321,180	304,492	16,688
167,941	176,872	172,364	Reserve and Restricted Deposits	165,057	164,954	103
689,845	559,564	512,417	Total Cash and Deposits	486,236	469,445	16,791

Source: OIG General Ledger 11 July 2022

► Table 1 – Executive Summary

GOVERNMENT OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
For the 6-Month Period Ended 30 June 2022
All figures are stated in CI\$ 000s

Restated Actual Results 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2019	Restated Actual Results 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020	Restated Actual Results 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021		Actual Results 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022	Budgeted Results 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022	Variance: Year to Date Budget vs. Actual	2022 Original Budget
Revenues							
498,828	431,810	558,836	Coercive Revenue	614,101	580,187	33,914	897,905
21,247	14,551	19,603	Sales of Goods & Services	21,030	20,522	509	40,563
14,634	5,934	1,366	Investment Revenue	1,222	980	242	2,197
68	2,122	140	Donations	275	92	183	184
1,126	-	56	Other Revenue	1	30	(29)	60
535,903	454,417	580,001	Total Revenues of Core Government	636,629	601,811	34,819	940,909
Expenses							
158,001	177,895	183,463	Personnel Costs	198,618	213,845	15,227	437,224
49,864	42,451	50,367	Supplies and Consumables	58,163	71,784	13,621	139,604
2,941	3,509	3,616	Leases	4,918	4,545	(373)	9,746
16,163	18,548	19,285	Depreciation	26,121	22,024	(4,097)	45,036
11,676	5,781	6,001	Finance Costs	5,617	6,204	587	14,687
97	159	415	Litigation Costs	395	883	488	1,765
61,160	73,694	72,759	Outputs from SAGCs	85,042	80,948	(4,094)	161,898
20,589	19,284	21,653	Outputs from Non-Governmental Output Suppliers	37,151	21,260	(15,891)	42,518
19,325	25,436	60,967	Transfer Payments	47,270	30,750	(16,520)	61,495
(1,805)	(174)	(1,946)	(Gains)/losses on financial instruments	946	(84)	(1,030)	(1,169)
66	134	88	(Gains)/losses on non-financial instruments	(97)	-	97	-
-	10	20	Impairment of Inventory	-	-	-	-
2,828	11,920	7,532	Other Operating Expenses	13,512	4,638	(8,874)	8,725
340,905	378,647	424,220	Total Expenses of Core Government	477,656	456,797	(20,859)	921,529
194,998	75,770	155,781	Net Surplus/(Deficit) of Core Government	158,973	145,014	13,960	19,380
10,694	3,349	(13,310)	Surplus/(Deficit) of SAGCs	(13,355)	(17,596)	4,241	(35,193)
205,692	79,119	142,471	Net Surplus/(Deficit) of EPS	145,618	127,418	18,201	(15,813)

► Table 2 – Statement of Financial Performance

By Staff Writer

Deputy Premier and Minister for Finance and Economic Development Chris Saunders presented a better than expected set of financial statements to Cabinet last week. For the 1 January to 30 June 2022 period, central government recorded a surplus of \$159.0 million, which is \$14.0 million more than the projected year-to-date operating surplus of \$145.0 million. The central government surplus

was also \$3.1 million higher than the surplus for the same period last year.

After the first six months of 2022, the entire public sector (EPS) had a surplus of \$145.6 million, which is \$18.2 million more than the projected year-to-date operating surplus of \$127.4 million. The EPS surplus was also \$3.1 million higher than the EPS surplus for the same period in 2021.

Revenues were also up, amounting to \$636.6 million,

which was \$34.8 million more than the year-to-date projection of \$601.8 million. Revenues collected in the first six months of 2022 were \$56.6 million higher than those collected for the same period in 2021, and \$100.7 million higher than those collected to the end of Q2 2019 – which is the last



► Chris Saunders

pre-Covid year on record. Financial services and work permit fees made up the bulk of the increase in revenue collection, especially those fees collected by General Registry which were higher by \$4.0 million due mainly to a favourable variance in partnership fees of \$3.5 million, which was due to levels of registration outperforming the anticipated increase. Compared to the actual results for the same period in the prior year, there is a \$10.2 million positive variance or a 7% increase with respect to fees collected by General Registry. Financial services fees collected by CIMA for government were also higher, by \$5.0 million.

Work permit revenues were higher by \$6.5 million, representing increasing demand for workers as the economy moved into phase five of the border re-opening plan. Compared to actual results for the same period in 2021, these 2022 fees are \$12.2 million or 31% more.

With property prices going through the roof, it is no surprise that property-related revenues were also higher, by \$18.2 million.

On the downside, expenses for the six-month period ended 30 June 2022 were \$477.6 million; this amount was \$20.8 million more than the year-to-date budget of \$456.8 million. Compared to the prior year-to-date actuals, total expenses are \$53.4 million higher. This was mainly due to extra costs of \$13.9 million for tertiary health care costs; \$1.9 million for the public

schools meals programme; and \$21.5 million more than the initial 2022 budgeted expenditure for the ex-gratia tourism stipend programme.

As far as government's cash is concerned, total cash and fixed deposits as at 30 June 2022, were \$486.2 million.

Deputy Premier Saunders said he was pleased with the government's financial performance for the first six months of the year and said they were fortunate to be in a surplus position, which allowed them to continue with their programmes to alleviate cost of living concerns for local families.

He went on: "The revenues at the end of the second quarter were \$34.8 million better than budget and an improvement of \$100.7 million or approximately 19 per cent over pre-Covid 2019. This continues the overall trend of better than expected revenues since the start of the year, and particularly demonstrates ongoing confidence in our financial services sector and the post-Covid recovery of our economy."

He acknowledged, however that there continued to be challenges to overcome – especially with regard to current global economic trends.

"And closer to home, while our tourism sector continues in its recovery, it will be some time before we get close to pre-pandemic levels. The silver lining in all of this is that our revenues and surpluses thus far will help us to ride out any upcoming bumps in the road," he stated.

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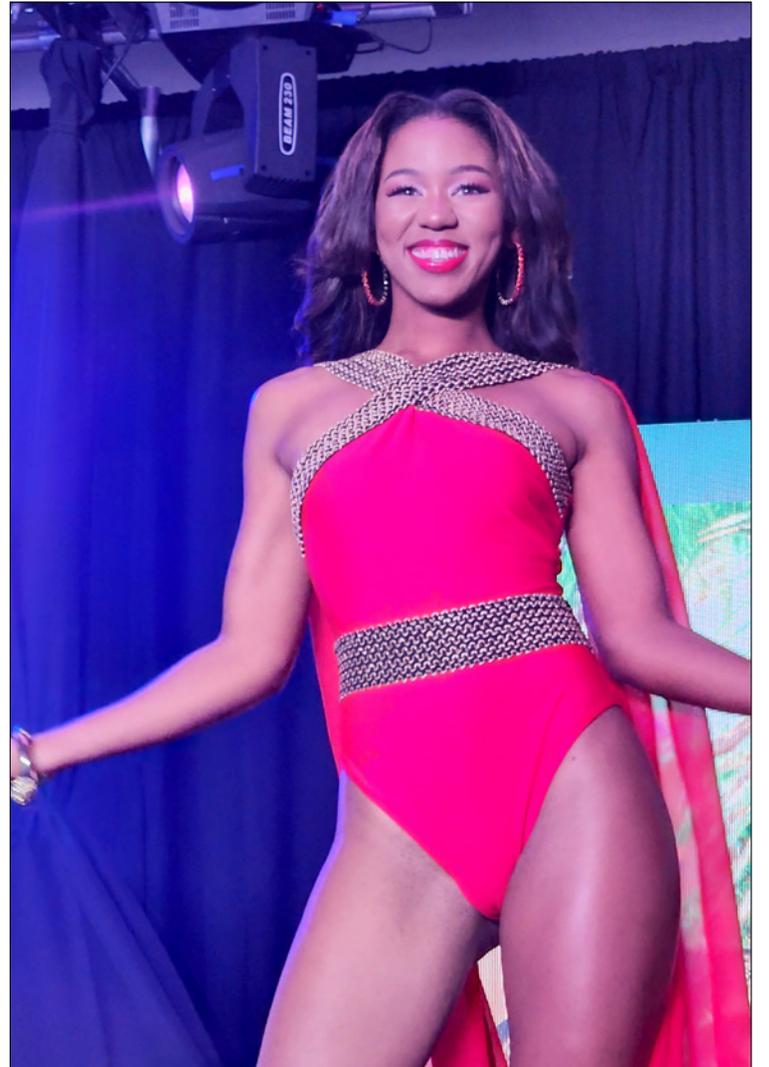
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Pageant Win Takes Unexpected Turn



► Miss Cayman Islands Universe Tiffany Conolly is crowned by past Miss Cayman Islands Universe Georgina Kerford (r) and MCIU Committee Chairperson Derri Dacres-Lee.



► Tiffany Conolly also won for Best Smile.

Tiffany Conolly was crowned Miss Cayman Islands Universe among eight other contestants at a star studded event held at the Westin Casarina in Grand Cayman on Saturday, 6th August, after months of preparation and dedication.

Tiffany is the sister of Anika Conolly, who was also crowned Miss Cayman in 2017, making this the second time that two sisters have reigned as Miss Cayman Islands Universe, respectively.

Chloe Powery-Doxey was awarded First Runner Up and

Hayley Grizzel was awarded the Second Runner-Up distinction.

The evening featured many highlights to mark over three decades of the pageant's existence and the crowning of some of Cayman most bright, talented and charismatic women, who have gone on to represent the British Territory internationally in the Miss Universe Pageant and other areas of social endeavours and professional life.

During the event, Tourism Minister Kenneth Bryan spoke about

the importance of pageantry in developing the young women in the Cayman Islands and noted that events such as Miss Cayman Universe were a part of instilling confidence and empowering the women of the Cayman Islands.

Awards were also bestowed on long-serving members of the Miss Cayman Islands Universe Committee for their service and years of commitment to the women of the Cayman Islands.

The National Trust for the Cayman Islands was this year's

pageant platform and the girls all pledged their support for the organisation's initiatives, which include the protection of Cayman's flora and fauna and built heritage.

Other winners on the night included contestant number eight, Angelina Brown, who took home prizes for Most Improved and Miss Personality, while contestant number six, Chloe Powery-Doxey took home the award for Best Legs.

The People's Choice Award went to Contestant number one, Whitney Foster, who was sponsored by Compass Media.

This year's event was certainly a celebration to be remembered as the audience was treated to musical performances from Rico Orrette and Stuart Wilson.

The theme song for the winner of the Miss Cayman contest each year, 'My Caymanian Girl', was delivered by Mr. Burmon Scott and a moment of silence was observed for the song's creator, Mr. Papie Connolly, who passed away earlier this year.

A nice touch to the story behind the song was that the Miss Cayman winner from 1974, who was featured on the cover of the original release, was actually one of the judges for this year's pageant.

The winner of this year's Miss Cayman Islands Universe Pageant, Tiffany Conolly was also awarded Best Smile, Best Gown and Miss Photogenic.

Though her win has not been all celebratory, as it has since been revealed that she is facing several criminal charges in court.

The story broke not long after the pageant had wrapped up and has now been picked up by several international news outlets, which may cast somewhat of a cloud over what otherwise was a huge milestone for Ms. Conolly.

A statement has since been issued by the Miss Cayman Island Universe (MCIU) Committee, noting:

"The Miss Cayman Universe Committee has established eligibility requirements and an application process for the contest. At the time of application Ms. Conolly met the requirements and was accepted. Subsequently, additional details as to the pending charges was brought to the attention of the Committee. The Committee did seek counsel with relevant stakeholders including the Franchise holder and the decision to allow Ms. Conolly to proceed was taken after careful consideration.

At this time the Committee is reviewing the facts surrounding this matter, consulting with the relevant stakeholders in order to make the appropriate determination as to how we proceed."

It remains to be seen whether the newly crowned Miss Cayman Islands Universe will be able to fulfill her international obligations but so far it seems the Committee is standing by her side and giving her their support.



► Miss Cayman Islands Universe Contestants pose in their evening-wear.

CI Cadet Corps Committee discuss plans with Minister Turner

By Krystle Hinds

Public Communications Specialist

The Cayman Islands Cadet Corps Committee (CICCC) commenced discussion with the Minister for Home Affairs Hon. Sabrina Turner on the plans ahead for the Cayman Islands Cadet Corps (CICC) with its first meeting on Friday, 5 August 2022.

The CICC Committee was established in 2003 with a primary focus of advising the Minister on matters of policy affecting the Cadet Corps. Essentially, the CICCC works in partnership with the CICC, to support the development of youth in the Cayman Islands through offering an exciting, well-structured programme of training, delivered by a team of qualified and competent officers and adult instructors.

Present for the meeting were: Minister for Home Affairs Hon. Sabrina Turner; Ministry of Home Affairs Acting Chief Officer Julian Lewis; Ministry for Home Affairs Acting Deputy Chief Officer Lisa Malice; Cayman Islands Cadet Corps Acting Commandant Lt. Col. Errol Brathwaite; Cayman Islands Cadet Corps Acting Deputy Commandant Maj. Marlon Levy; Chairman of the Cayman Islands Cadet Corps Committee Commander Robert Scotland; Deputy Chairman of the Cayman Islands Cadet Corps Committee Superintendent Adrian Seales; Cayman Islands Cadet Corps Committee Members Natasha Bodden; and Ventisha Conolly. (Apologies were tendered for CICC Committee Members Lyneth Monteith and Henderson Hunte).

This meeting was an opportunity for the Minister to meet the members and for the Committee close space this space to discuss the strategic plans for the continued development and growth of the CICC. The Hon. Minister also took the opportunity to remind both Committee members and CICC Staff about the critical role they play in ensuring the continued success of the



► Minister for Home Affairs Hon. Sabrina Turner, Ministry for Home Affairs Acting Chief Officer Julian Lewis, Ministry for Home Affairs Acting Deputy Chief Officer Lisa Malice, Cayman Islands Cadet Corps Acting Commandant Lt. Col. Errol Brathwaite, Cayman Islands Cadet Corps Acting Deputy Commandant Maj. Marlon Levy, Chairman of the Cayman Islands Cadet Corps Committee Commander Robert Scotland, Deputy Chairman of the Cayman Islands Cadet Corps Committee Superintendent Adrian Seales, Cayman Islands Cadet Corps Committee Members Natasha Bodden and Ventisha Conolly gathered in a discussion.

Cadet Programme through working closely together. This approach, she stressed, will be critical in helping to advance the Cadet Corps while aligning it with the Ministry's priority of building a safer, stronger, inclusive, and resilient community.

Speaking to the CICC Committee on plans for CICC's development, Lt. Col. Errol Brathwaite added: "The CICC is in its twentieth year of existence, a period filled with amazing experiences that have benefitted our youth across all three islands tremendously. As the Cadet Corps moves into the future, with the cooperation and support of the Cadet Corps Committee, we look forward to providing many more exciting training and development opportunities on offer

and being planned for those joining CICC" Lt. Col. Brathwaite continued.

The CICCC Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Committee members expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to serve and emphasized their commitment to advancing the vision of the CICC.

Chairman of the CICCC, Commander Robert Scotland added: "This is an ideal opportunity for our young people as there are opportunities for individuals who graduate from the CICC to transition into employment in various uniformed services and non-uniformed entities through the skills and disciplines received through participation in the Cadet Programme."

The Committee is scheduled to meet on

the third Friday of every month, with the first official meeting scheduled for Friday, 19 August 2022.

"Building bridges, creating opportunities and mentoring our youth is an indication of the commitment by this Government to foster strategic partnerships while securing the future through youth development programmes including the Cayman Islands Cadet Corps," remarked Minister Turner.

The Cayman Islands Cadet Corps has grown to over two hundred (200) Cadets today with detachments currently at Clifton Hunter High School, John Gray High School, Triple C School, and Layman E. Scott High School. Additionally, the CICC has a Band and Marine detachment.

POLICE NEWS

Police Recover Over 300lbs of Ganja During Operation, Four Persons Charged



On Tuesday, 9 August, officers conducted a proactive operation in the Bodden Town district under the Misuse of Drugs

Act. During the operation, three separate premises were searched and over 300lbs of suspected ganja, along with drug utensils and a large quantity of cash, were recovered.

As a result, five persons: four men ages 28, 35, 37 and 39, of Bodden Town, and a woman age 25 of Bodden Town, were arrested on drug offenses.

The men, ages 28, 37 and 39 have since been formally charged with Possession of Ganja and Possession of Ganja with Intent to Supply. The 35-year-old man has been charged with Possession of Ganja.

They appeared in court on 12 August.

The 25-year-old woman has been granted bail as investigations continue.

Driver Arrested for Causing Death by Dangerous Driving

On Wednesday 10 August, a 39-year-old female, of George Town was arrested on suspicion of Causing Death by Dangerous Driving in relation to the fatal collision that resulted in the death of 20-year-old Aleiny Reve Villegas.

Regarding the two other passengers of the vehicle, one has since been discharged from hospital and one remains in hospital with serious but non-life threatening injuries.

On Monday morning, 8 August, shortly before 3:40AM, on Eastern Avenue near Shedden Road, RCIPS attended a single car accident involving a white Honda Accord with four occupants. One woman, age 20, has been pronounced

dead, while the other three occupants were injured, with two in serious condition.

The south end of Eastern Avenue, between Shedden Road and Champion House Restaurant, was temporarily closed but has now been reopened.

The matter is under investigation and anyone who may have witnessed the incident or have any information is encouraged to call the Traffic and Roads Policing Unit at 649-6254 or the George Town Police Station at 949-4222.

Anonymous tips can be provided directly to the RCIPS via our Confidential Tip Line at 949-7777, or via our website <<http://www.rcips.ky/submit-a-tip>>.

COVID-19 - Epidemiological Week 31

31 July - 6 August 2022 (Data as of 08-08-2022)

The Public Health department published its weekly Public Health Spotlight on Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases Thursday 11 August 2022.

International Situation

The reported weekly cases globally remained stable during Epi Week 31, and the reported weekly number of deaths decreased by 9%.

Cayman Islands Local Trends

Detection of cases continues to decline by 25% with 240 cases detected in Epi Week 31 compared to 322 in the previous week. The case rate has fallen to 345 per

100,000 population from 464 cases per 100,000 population. PCR testing has decreased by 22% with a testing rate of 785 tests per 100,000. Genomic sequencing data indicates the dominant variant circulating is BA.5 and its subvariants (data from early July).

Hospital Admissions

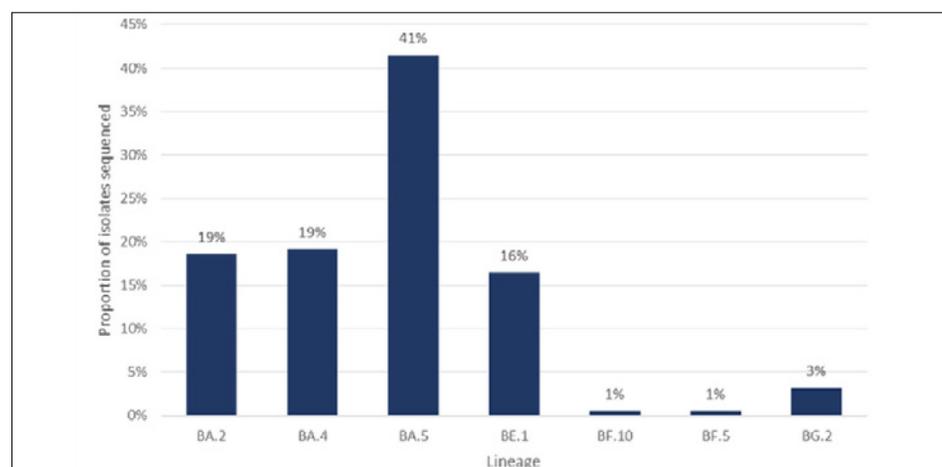
Eight new hospital admissions were registered during Epi Week 31, the same as the previous week. Of the nine new admissions, 4 were admitted due to COVID-19 morbidity and 4 patients were detected on screening. A total of 11 patients required inpatient treatment, the same as the previous week.

Vaccination

During Epi Week 31, there were 88 adults who received a COVID-19 vaccine (34 first dose and 54 second dose) and 10 children (8 first dose and 2 second dose).

Key Message

COVID-19 case detection and testing continue to decline in the Cayman Islands. Measures to reduce your risk of catching COVID-19 and passing it on to others include good hand hygiene, staying home when symptomatic or positive and getting your booster vaccination.



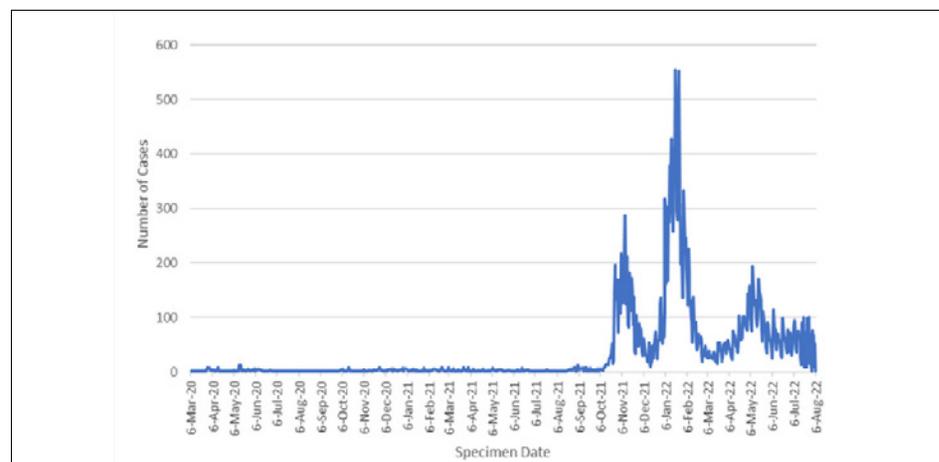
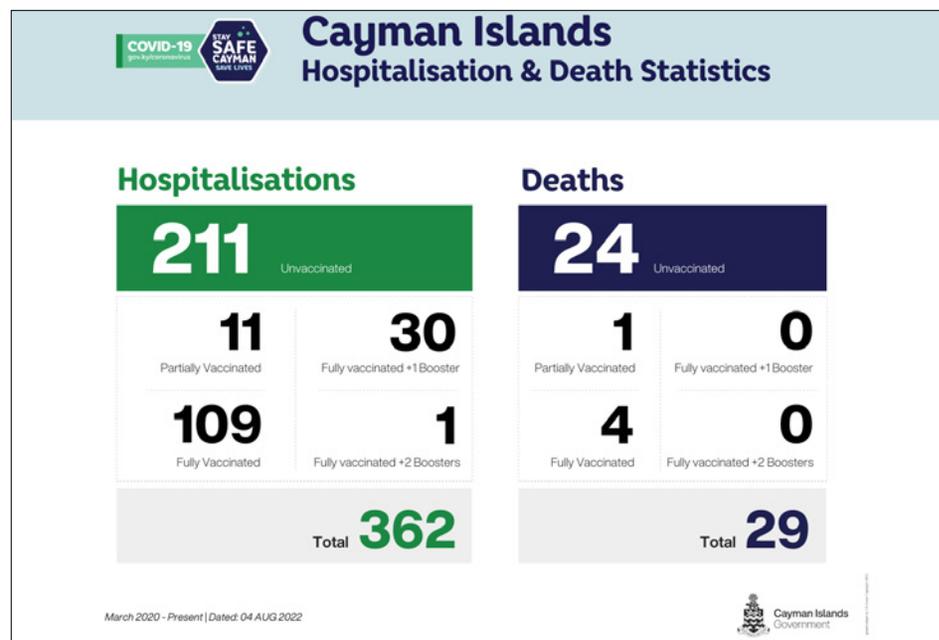
► Genomic sequencing of positive SARS-CoV2 isolates (N=188) from Epi Week 27
Further genomic sequencing data of positive SARS-CoV2 isolates shows that Omicron BA.5 and its subvariants attribute the highest proportion among isolates sequenced (41%). This aligns to the genomic landscape reported internationally. As this is a relatively small sample of 188 isolates that have been sequenced and PCR testing is falling, this provides an indication of what is circulating in the population however cannot determine prevalence. The variant BA.2.75 recently included under WHO monitoring has not been detected to date in Cayman Islands.

Indicator	Current EpiWeek	Previous EpiWeek	Percentage change	Total
Newly confirmed cases ¹	240	322	-25%	29,653
Case rate ² per 100,000 population	346	464	-25%	41,512
Daily average (7-day rolling average)	34	46	-25%	
Number of PCR tests conducted	561	715	-22%	
New positive PCR test results	240	322	-25%	29,653
Test positivity ³	43%	45%	-4%	-
Testing rate per 100,000 population	785	1,001	-22%	-
Deaths	0	0	0%	29

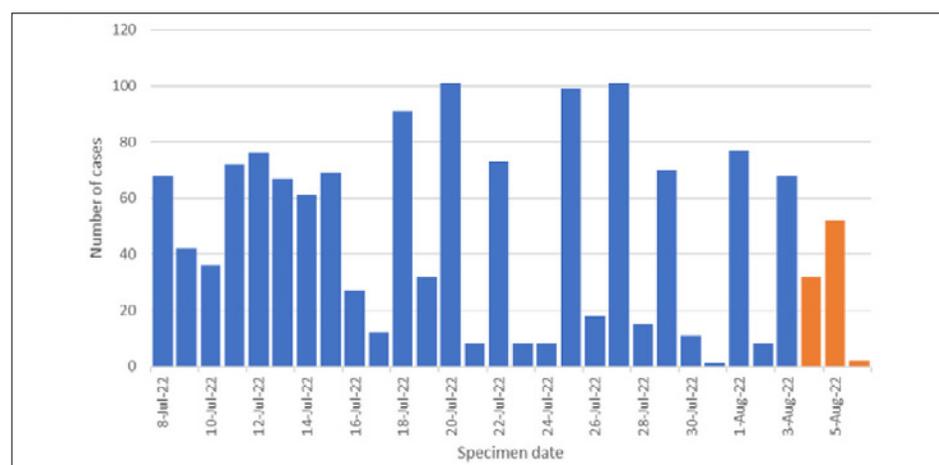
¹ Newly confirmed cases (PCR) reported to Public Health with a sample collection date between 00:00 to 23:59 on 17 July 2022 -23 July 2022.

² Case Rate = proportion of persons who tested positive over population standardized to 100,000 population (New cases/total population)*100,000

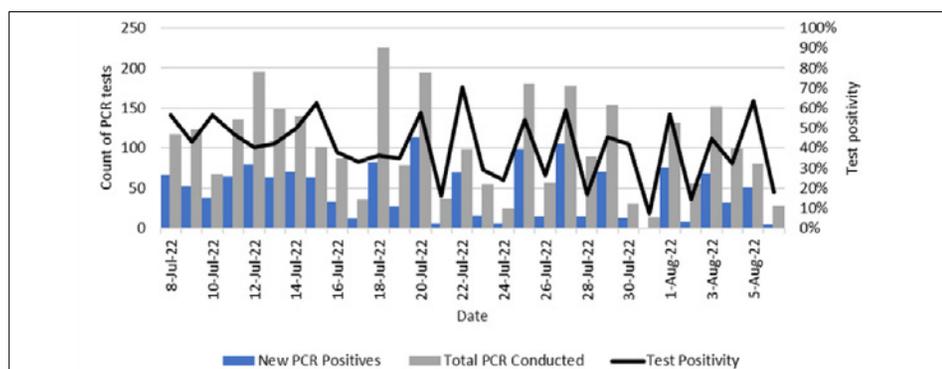
³ Number of new positive PCR results over total number of PCR tests done (new positive PCR results/total number of PCRs conducted)*100



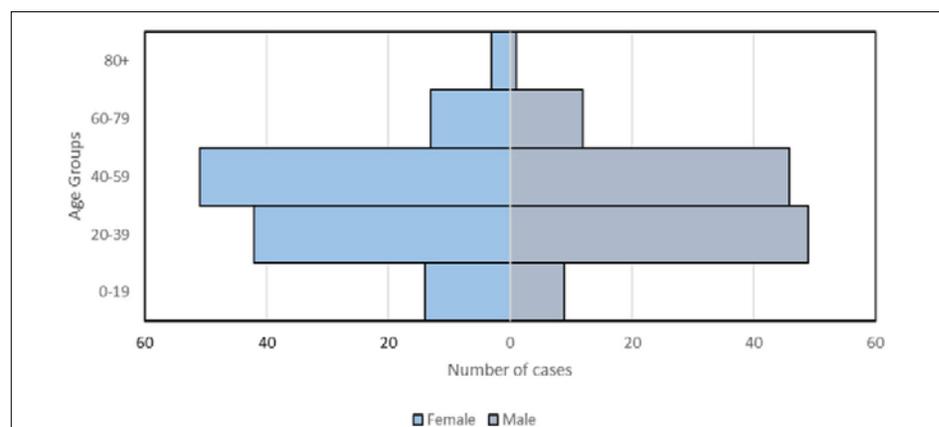
► Total COVID-19 cases since March 2020 by specimen date



► Number of COVID-19 cases in the last 30 days by specimen date. Orange bars indicate PCR results are pending thus figures may change.



► Number of PCR tests conducted, new PCR positive results and test positivity rate for the last 30 days by test date. Data refers to the percentage of patients who tested positive via PCR in the prior 30 days.



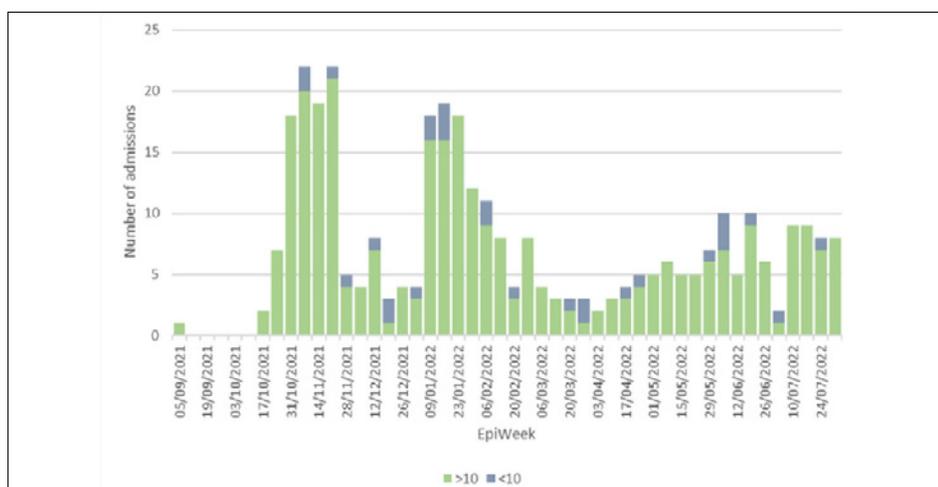
► Case age and sex distribution for the reporting Epi Week

Indicator	Current EpiWeek	Previous EpiWeek	Percentage change	Total
Total				
New COVID-19 patients admitted	8	8	0%	362
By age, vaccination, and reason for admission				
New admissions <10 years	0	1	-	28
New admissions >10 years	8	7	+14%	334
New admissions with ≥ 2 doses of a COVID-19 vaccine	7	7	0%	140
Admitted for COVID-19 morbidity	4	3	+33%	-
Admitted with COVID-19, detected by screening	4	5	-20%	-

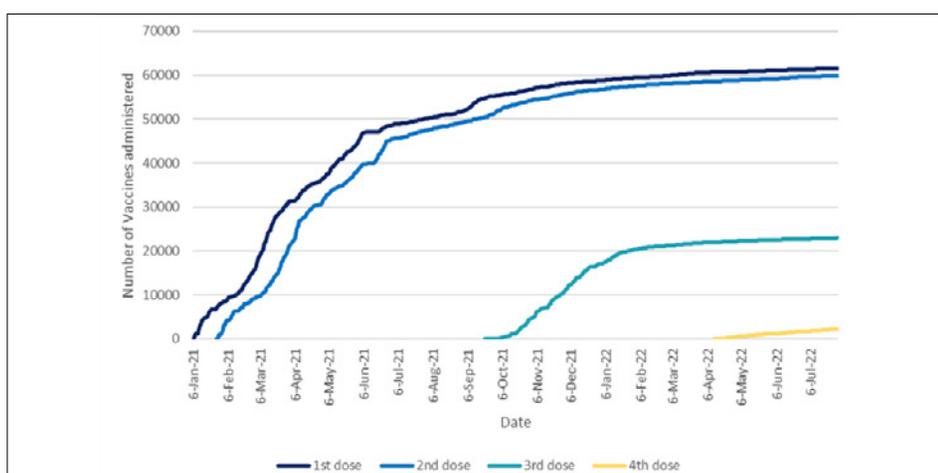
► COVID-19 patients admitted to hospital

Vaccination Status	Hospitalisations	Proportion	Deaths	Proportion
Unvaccinated	211	58%	24	83%
Partially Vaccinated	11	3%	1	3%
Fully vaccinated	109	30%	4	14%
Fully vaccinated +1 Booster	30	8%	0	0%
Fully vaccinated +2 Boosters	1	0%	0	0%
Total	362	100%	29	100%

► Hospitalisation and Death statistics March 2020- Present.



► Weekly hospitalisations and deaths (since 8 September 2021*).
*First COVID-19 patient was in March 2020, but hospitalisation figures begin September 2021 for graphical reasons.



► Vaccine uptake by dose

Indicator	Current EpiWeek	Previous EpiWeek	Percentage change	Total
Total number of inpatients	11	11	0%	362
Supplemental O2 inpatients	2	3	-33%	-
ICU inpatients	3	2	+50%	-
Ventilated inpatients	0	0	-	-

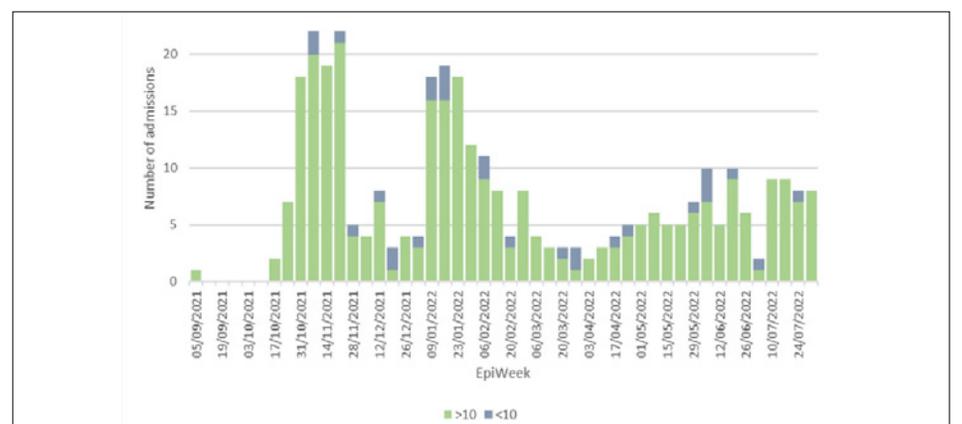
► COVID-19 inpatients

Dose Number	Number administered in the week	Total Count	Coverage of Total Population*	Coverage of population over 5*
1	42	61,607	86.2%	95.1%
2	56	60,057	84.1%	92.8%
3	54	23,842	33.4%	36.8%
4	121	2,268	3.2%	3.5%

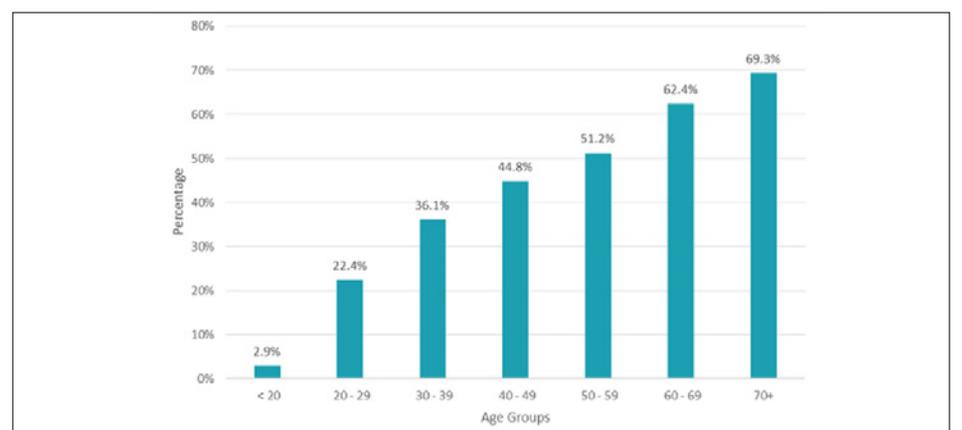
► COVID-19 vaccine uptake and coverage reporting previous Epi Week

Indicator	Total
Number of paediatric 1st doses administered within the EpiWeek	8
Number of paediatric 2nd doses administered within the EpiWeek	2
Number of children (5-11) immunized with the paediatric vaccine	810
Booster (3rd dose) coverage for population >20 (Fig.7)	43.5%

► COVID-19 paediatric vaccine doses administered and booster coverage reporting previous Epi Week



► Weekly COVID-19 hospital admissions stratified by those aged above and below 10



► Booster (3rd dose) Vaccine Coverage per Age Group

Monkeypox

Internationally, 29,833 confirmed cases of monkeypox have been reported, from 90 different countries (data as of 10 August 2022). Over the past week, the number of monkeypox cases reported has increased by 25%, and in the America's the number of monkeypox cases reported increased by 41%. The total number of monkeypox deaths reported to WHO is 11. There were four deaths reported during the past week; one in Brazil, two in Spain and one in India.

Jamaica has reported three cases of monkeypox to date and the first two had recently travelled. However, the third case was locally-acquired, which means the individual had not recently travelled abroad and had no epidemiological link to the previous two cases.

There continue to be no known cases of monkeypox virus detected in the Cayman Islands, and there are no suspected cases currently being investigated.

Alzheimer's Disease

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive disease, which affects memory and cognitive skills. In

the early stages, it can present as mild memory loss particularly for recently learned information, and in late stage can develop where individuals are unable to manage a conversation. Activities such as driving a car, cooking a meal or paying the bills can prove challenging to individuals with Alzheimer's. It typically occurs among individuals over the age of 65 years. There is currently no cure available. Globally, Alzheimer's disease is attributed to be the cause for 60-70% of dementia cases.

According to the recent 2021 Census in the Cayman Islands, 193 Alzheimer cases were reported in Cayman which was slightly high-

er in females than males, 111 cases compared to 82 cases. This equates to an incidence of 3 cases per 100,000 population. The most commonly reported difficulties in everyday life among individuals with Alzheimer's were remembering or concentrating, walking or climbing stairs, and washing all over. There are no known approaches that have been shown effective in preventing Alzheimer's disease. However, some factors such as increased physical activity, blood pressure control (among those with high blood pressures) and cognitive training may reduce the risk of cognitive decline.



TOTAL SHIPS - 4
TOTAL PASSENGERS - 14,052

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22	23	24	25	26
Disney Dream		Carnival Vista		
		Carnival Paradise		
		Liberty of the Seas		
Total Passengers				
4 000	0	10 052	0	0

POLICE NEWS

CBC & WORC Warn Against Possible Work Permit Scam



The Ministry of Border Control and Labour advises the public of a letter promoting work in the Cayman Islands that is not affiliated with Workforce Opportunities & Residency Cayman (WORC) or Customs & Border Control (CBC).

Acting Deputy Chief Officer for the Ministry of Border Control and Labour Danielle Roberts said: "We are aware of the misrepresentation of 'temporary work permits' being circulated on social media using a suspicious Instagram account. While investigations are underway, we caution the public to refrain from engaging with any Government social media that may not seem legitimate. All correspondence sent out by WORC is circulated from our main office in the Cayman Islands only using our official letterhead and signed signatories. Members of the public are cautioned against any entity misrepresenting our organisation and are reminded to do proper diligence and research to ensure they are not being taken advantage of."

Police Recover Firearm Stolen in Burglary

On Tuesday, 9 August, as a result of police enquiries, RCIPS officers from the Firearms Response Unit, Criminal Investigations Department and Crime Scene Investigation Unit, conducted a search of an area of public land off Shamrock Road, in the Spotts area. Dur-

ing the search, officers recovered a Remington shotgun and three cartridge cases which have since been confirmed as stolen during a burglary in North Side last month. No arrests have been made, however enquiries continue to identify the person(s) involved.

Police Issue Reminder on Safe Driving



In light of recent fatal traffic collisions and other serious traffic incidents, the RCIPS is appealing to drivers to engage in safe driving practices, particularly over the weekend and in bad weather. "Unfortunately, some members of the public are seemingly taking a callous attitude toward dangerous driving behaviours, particularly speeding," says Acting Superintendent Brad Ebanks. "We are seeing an alarming number of persons driving at excessive speeds, and the consequences of that decision. Speeding greatly increases your chances of being involved in a collision and makes it far more likely that the consequences of a collision will be serious, or even deadly. The outcome is even more likely when you add alcohol into the mix". The public are reminded that the penalty for speeding is a fine of \$20 for

every mile per hour over the speed limit you are found to be travelling. If the total fine exceeds \$500 dollars, drivers will have to attend court, and, on conviction you are liable to have your license suspended for a minimum of 12 months, along with the fine.

The current legal blood-alcohol limit in the Cayman Islands is 0.100%. If you are tested and found to have a blood-alcohol content at or exceeding this amount you will be subject to arrest. Upon conviction you are liable to a fine of \$1,000, and will lose your driver's license for a minimum period of 12 months. The penalties increase if you have previous DUI convictions. "Our officers are out on patrol and will continue to target and prosecute persons who engage in unsafe driving behaviours," says Inspector Andre Tahal of the Traffic and Roads Policing Unit. "The best choice of action is to slow down, drive safely and avoid becoming involved in a collision or being prosecuted for an offense. And if you are going to drink, ensure you arrange an alternate way to get home safely. Never drink and drive. Let's work together to make our roads safe."

GAS PRICES



Location	Gas Station	Regular	Premium	Diesel
East End	Eastern Star Rubis (Woody's)	7,15	n/a	6,9
NorthSide	Jack's Esso (Jack's II)	6,78	6,93	6,41
Bodden Town	Lorna's Rubis	7,17	7,53	6,93
Bodden Town	Mostyns Esso	6,73	6,88	6,49
Savannah	Savannah Rubis	7,17	7,53	6,88
Red Bay	Barcam	6,67	6,82	6,41
Red Bay	On The Run (Brown's Red Bay)	6,59	6,74	6,41
George Town	Peanuts	7,17	7,53	6,88
George Town	Jose's Escape	6,97	7,49	6,79
George Town	Refuel	6,47	6,59	6,24
George Town	Esso Tigermart 4 Way Stop (JS)H&B 11	6,59	6,74	6,41
George Town	Eastern Avenue Rubis	7,17	7,53	6,93
George Town	Walkers Rd. Rubis	7,17	7,53	6,88
George Town	On The Run (Mike's Walkers Rd.)	6,59	6,74	6,41
George Town	On The Run (Brown's Industrial Park)	6,59	7,74	6,42
George Town	On The Run (Mike's 7 Mile)	6,59	6,74	6,41
West Bay Rd.	H & B Esso (H&B 1 Seven Mile)	6,59	6,74	6,36
West Bay Rd.	7 Mile Rubis (AA 7 Mile)	7,17	7,53	6,88
West Bay	Hell Esso	6,57	6,72	6,4
West Bay	Esso 4 Way Stop (Four Winds)	n/a	n/a	n/a
George Town	Scotts Landing	7,4	n/a	6,51
Cayman Brac	West End	n/a	6,38	7,24
Cayman Brac	Tib Mart	n/a	n/a	n/a
Little Cayman	Village Square	n/a	7,16	7,69

Lowest Prices	Grand Cayman	6,47	6,59	6,24
Highest Prices	Grand Cayman	7,4	7,74	6,93

FUEL EXPENSE REDUCTION



Frequent and fast acceleration – Avoid heavy acceleration and drive below the speed limit. Frequent and swift acceleration burns fuel at a faster rate.



Additional Weight – Empty your car trunk of heavy items that can be located elsewhere. Your vehicle will use more fuel when carrying heavier loads



Vehicle Replacement – Consider replacing your vehicle with a fuel efficient model

Sargassum problem spreads

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20 percent higher than the previous record set in May 2018.

Sargassum levels for the Eastern Caribbean are at a near record high this year, second only to those reported in July 2018. Levels in the northern Caribbean are at their third highest, following July 2018 and July 2021.

Scientists say more research is needed to determine why sargassum levels in the region are reaching new highs, but the United Nations' Caribbean Environment Program says possible factors include a rise in water temperatures as a result of climate change and nitrogen-laden fertilisers and sewage waste fuelling algae blooms.

"This year has been the worst year on

record," said Lisa Krinsky, a researcher and faculty member with Florida Sea Grant and a water resources regional specialised agent at University of Florida. "It is absolutely devastating for the region."

She said large masses of seaweed have a severe environmental impact, with decaying algae altering water temperatures and the pH balance as well as leading to declines in

seagrass, coral reef and sponge populations.

"They're essentially being smothered out," Krinsky said.

The horrible trend has also hit humans hard. As the sargassum washes up on shores, it begins to rot, releasing noxious gases such as hydrogen sulphide gas, which smells like rotten eggs. The CDC warns that hydrogen sulphide gas exposure can cause irritation to the eyes and respiratory system.

Some countries – like the Cayman Islands – have tried using heavy machinery to remove the problem from beaches, but scientists warn that this can destroy sea turtle nests and cause erosion. It's also an expensive and totally inefficient method.

Larger than normal amounts of sargassum in the region were first noticed in 2011, and it has become a recurring problem annually. Aside from the impacts on local wildlife and risks to human health, the sargassum boom has also hit local economies that make money from tourism this time of year.

The concentration of algae is so heavy in some parts of the Eastern Caribbean that Guadeloupe issued a health alert in last month.

The Biden administration declared a federal emergency after the US Virgin Islands warned last month of "unusually high amounts" of sargassum affecting water production at a desalination plant near St. Croix that is struggling to meet demand amid a drought. It is also ruining the flying fish industry in Barbados.



► Fishing has become a big problem in the region

Sumfest helps JA's tourism recovery



► Beenie Man and Beres Hammond performed at Sumfest

Jamaica's strong tourism summer was boosted from the recent return of the Reggae Sumfest music festival.

The legendary Montego Bay event from July 18-23 was the first time since the onset of the pandemic.

"We were thrilled to see such a great turnout for the return of Reggae Sumfest this year," said Jamaica Tourism Minister Edmund Bartlett who added that many chose to turn up in person rather than just stream it online. The fact that Jamaica is also celebrating 60 years of independence this summer helps.

Sumfest, first launched in 1993, is the largest music festival in Jamaica and the

wider Caribbean. This year's edition included performances by Beres Hammond, Koffee, Dexta Daps, Beenie Man and Sizzla.

This summer has seen a wave of relaunched festivals across the Caribbean, from the St Kitts Music Festival to a number of popular summer carnivals.

Jamaica's tourism industry has almost completely recovered from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Bartlett said: "The good news is that Jamaica has now recovered 90 percent from the COVID-19 pandemic in the tourism sector. Our recovery in terms of arrivals this year is likely to be well over three million."

Honduras farmers turn to cashews

Farmers in Honduras are increasingly choosing to harvest cashew nuts as an alternative to more traditional crops to stave off bankruptcy.

El Triunfo, a town in Southern Honduras, is in Central America's dry corridor. Countries such as Costa Rica, Guatemala, Nicaragua and El Salvador are also within this area and the region is subject

to long droughts or terrible floods. The changing weather patterns have made it hard for farmers in Honduras to grow their corn, an essential crop to their diet. However, farmers are now planting cashew trees in Honduras where they once grew corn, effectively yielding large sums of the nut that they can sell to feed their families.

About 40 percent of the population of Honduras works in agriculture, growing corn, bananas, beans and rice. Despite being relatively easy to grow, corn crops are very sensitive to changes in weather and the lack of water experienced by farmers living in El Triunfo has damaged their crops.



► Honduran farmers earn better from cashews

The World Food Programme has helped farmers in El Triunfo turn to plant cashew trees on the plots of land that previously grew corn. Since cashew trees don't require a lot of water, they are more resistant to the harsh weather in the area, and all parts of the tree can be sold – the wood, fruit, and seeds.

In 2017, members of the WFP worked with farmers to teach them how to grow various fruits and vegetables on their land. Thanks to these teachings and mostly female farmers since 20 percent of rural households are headed by women who work in agriculture, the WFP cooperative began to appreciate the cashew tree more and use it to its full potential.

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

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5	7	6	8	2	3	1	9	4
4	3	9	7	1	6	5	8	2
3	1	5	9	4	7	6	2	8
9	6	2	1	3	8	4	7	5
8	4	7	2	6	5	9	3	1

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 12 Run out
 - 13 "A Doll's House" heroine
 - 14 For each
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 - 17 That lass
 - 18 Allude
 - 22 Bridge utterance
 - 24 Jiffy
 - 25 Goose egg
 - 26 Piston connector
 - 27 Viola's cousin
 - 30 Church replies
 - 32 Hot crime
 - 33 Kitten cry
 - 34 Hit-or-miss
 - 38 Enters a password, say
 - 41 Radius partner
 - 42 Set straight
 - 43 Narrow
 - 44 Past and present
 - 45 Nile snakes
- DOWN**
- 2 Golfer's choice
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 - 4 Makes fun of
 - 5 Heavy metal
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 - 9 Bow's shape
 - 10 Kickoff aid
 - 16 Taxing org.
 - 19 Computer safeguards
 - 20 Bus. sch. course
 - 21 Cincinnati team
 - 22 Cuzco native
 - 23 Berth place
 - 28 Defeats
 - 29 One way to shop
 - 30 Concert aid
 - 31 Snake-haired Gorgon
 - 35 Leaf carriers
 - 36 Salon sound
 - 37 Bad actors
 - 38 Auction buy
 - 39 Bonanza stuff
 - 40 Gimlet base

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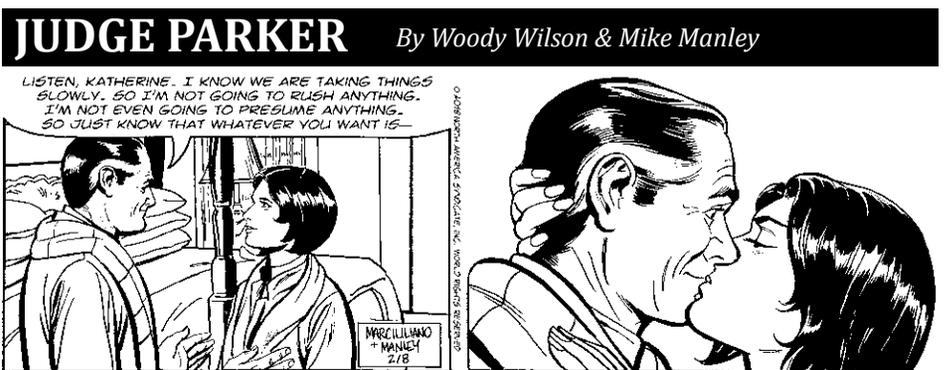
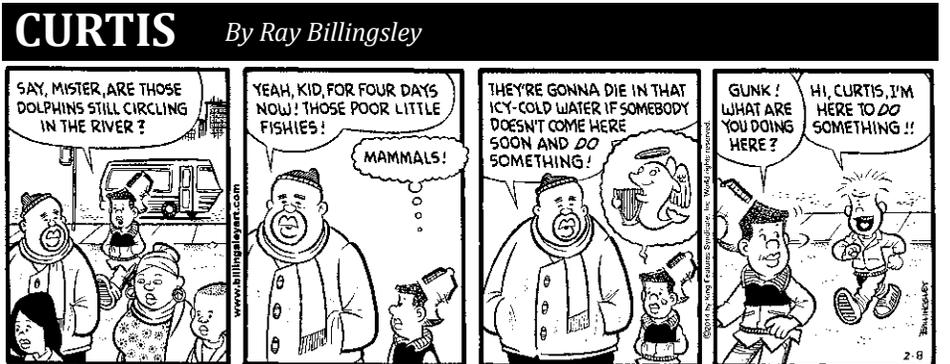
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Manager Transmission & Distribution (T&D) Construction & Maintenance

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Reporting to the Director Energy Delivery, the successful candidate will be responsible for:

- ▶ ensuring that the Company's and department's health, employee and public safety and environmental procedures, work practices and required reporting are being followed and recommending and implementing improvements as necessary for the continual improvement and compliance with utility best practices and applicable standards;
- ▶ the timely and cost-effective completion of all T&D construction, maintenance, field operations and outage restoration work while achieving the safe, reliable and efficient transmission and distribution of electricity to customers;
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- ▶ identifying and provisioning of employee development within the department to meet the current and future skills and knowledge required for the requisite positions within the department.

Applicants should possess a Bachelor's degree in the field of Engineering or an accredited equivalent of five years utility experience (required); knowledge of the electric utility business/industry and relevant manufacturer procedures and standard; a minimum of three years experience at the supervisory level and an ILM Level 5 certification or equivalent.

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Manager Project Delivery

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- ▶ collaborating with stakeholders across the organisation to define, prioritise and develop projects (plans projects, establishes project charters, workplans, timelines, deliverables, etc.);
- ▶ analysing financial data, project budgets, labour costs, available capacity and resource allocation and reporting regularly to CUC's leadership team and the Board of Directors as required;
- ▶ preparing financial reports and budgets;
- ▶ identifying and managing project risks, evaluating projects continuously while ensuring that issues are raised and that standards, scope, budgets and timelines as detailed in approved business cases, are effectively maintained;
- ▶ developing and maintaining PMO practices, policies and processes;
- ▶ preparing and controlling the Project Delivery department's budgets.

Applicants should possess a Bachelor's degree in Business, Administration, Engineering or a related field; Project Management Professional (PMP) certification; a minimum five years experience managing and leading projects of varying sizes and complexities; a minimum of three years experience in a supervisory role; experience with conducting detailed analysis and developing project risk mitigation strategies; and knowledge of the electric utility business/industry.

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Manager Environment, Health & Safety

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Reporting to the Director Human Resources & Corporate Services, the successful candidate will be responsible for:

- ▶ conducting needs analysis, benchmarking surveys and developing environment, health and safety policies and programmes related to all jobs in the Company in accordance with CUC's strategic initiatives and making recommendations to senior management for implementation;
- ▶ preparing and maintaining a budget, which is adequate to meet the needs of the Company;
- ▶ ensuring the maintenance and certification of the Company's Environmental Management System (EMS) and programme are in accordance with the ISO 14001 standard;
- ▶ ensuring the development, maintenance and implementation of a comprehensive Health & Safety (H&S) Management System and programme that parallels the ISO 45001 standard;
- ▶ coordinating with relevant government agencies on the establishment and maintenance of applicable EHS licences and permits, reporting of non-conformance and remediation and providing relevant data on the Company's EHS performance;
- ▶ creating, collecting and maintaining documentation and records for EHS programmes while ensuring that such are recorded in the department files and dedicated computer software.

Applicants should possess a Bachelor's degree either in the field of Engineering, Safety or Environment or a related science programme; a minimum of 10 years experience in the electric utilities or industrial occupational safety and training or environmental fields with certifications; five years experience at the supervisory level and an ILM Level 5 certification or equivalent.

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Manager Engineering & Planning

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Reporting to the Director Business Development, Engineering & Planning, the successful candidate will be responsible for:

- ▶ leading the strategic planning of future generation, transmission and distribution (T&D) and general facilities infrastructure ensuring the Company's future demands are forecasted and planned for to ensure the safe, reliable and efficient operations to Company standards, industry standards and regulatory requirements;
- ▶ collaborating with the Company's business units to enable and support the provision of engineering assistance, feasibility studies, project cost estimates and construction support services for the Company;
- ▶ developing and implementing continuous improvement initiatives in design and construction standards for both generation, T&D systems and general facilities to industry standards;
- ▶ developing and maintaining the Company's drawing register, technical library and central project filing systems to ensure configuration control of new and existing generation, T&D systems and general facilities;
- ▶ fostering and maintaining collaborative partnerships with key stakeholders across the Company and external organisations to build and deliver effective solutions and strategies.

Applicants should possess a Bachelor's degree in Electrical, Marine or Mechanical Engineering; a Professional Engineering registration (required); a minimum of five years experience in electric utilities, business development or related activities; a minimum of three years experience at the supervisory level and an ILM Level 5 certification or equivalent.

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Interested and qualified persons should email a cover letter, resume, proof of status on island, and a clean police record to

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We invite applications for the position of:

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Daily cook for (51) children between the ages of 4 months old to 5 years = 3 meals a day (3,000+ Nutritious Meals a Month.) COOK will be required to work 45 hours a week. This is a Preschool position (Not-For-Profit) and will include interaction care and feeding of Children.

Essential Duties and responsibilities:

- Reporting to NCVO's Schools Director
- Cleaning of Kitchen such as wiping down, sweeping, mopping, washing dishes, laundry, cooking, and more,
- Daily/ Weekly cleaning to deep hygiene (Covid) standards and Quarterly deep cleaning of ovens, heavy equipment, refrigerator, and more,
- Ensure that Kitchen and Classrooms where food is served is maintained regarding safety for the children in the Home. Must possess a CI approved: Food Handling Certificate
- On occasion, care for and supervise children when teaching assistants are otherwise engaged in Staff and Zoom meetings: Child Protection Training preferred.
- Be expected to involve the children in day-to-day introduction to nutrition and kitchen tasks by teaching/showing them how to measure ingredients, treat fruits and vegetables, properly wash dishes, cooking basics and beginning baking.

Minimum Requirements:

- A minimum of 2 to 3 years' experience cooking and serving meals in a school facility,
- Preferred background working with children – Child Protection Certificate preferred
- Possess a CI Food Handling Certificate
- Must demonstrate ethical behavior and sound judgement that supports the standards of care at a Preschool and Nursery with children from 4 months old to age 5
- Have a valid First Aid Certificate and CPR training
- Excellent teamworking skills with a staff of (20.)
- Must be flexible regarding time 7:00-7:30AM start and some evenings (staff/parent meetings.)
- Must maintain and provide a clean Police Clearance Certificate annually
- Must be able to wholesale shop and track weekly/monthly food costs on excel sheet for Management Budget. Must be able to calculate wholesale distributor food costs for monthly ROI.

Salary from KYD 1200 to KYD 1400 per month.

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- Ensure the timely production of a Maintenance Operating Plan to meet the approved aircraft maintenance program requirements and the company's Commercial Operating Plan.
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- Ensure that an accurate master log of aircraft total hours, cycles and calendar time is maintained.
- Ensure that all data relating to the Cayman Airways Reliability Control system is collected, processed and available to Cayman Airways Quality Assurance and Engineering department.
- Ensure that all mandatory inspections, modifications and maintenance work required on the company's aircraft, engines, components or equipment, are issued to Maintenance Production within the specified time limit.
- Complete timely and accurate audit of aircraft work packages/orders after each maintenance visit.
- Provide manpower estimates for all technical work to be performed by Cayman Airways maintenance.

Qualifications, Skills & Experience:

- Must possess a current Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's License without type rating issued by the CAA CI or a licensing authority specified in OTAR Part 66.25
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- Must have training specific to Aircraft Maintenance Planning and Control and possess an in-depth knowledge of regulatory requirements
- Must be proficient in Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel applications
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- Must be able to communicate effectively at all levels internal and external to the organization
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Manager Business Development

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- ▶ working with internal departments to ensure that business plans and new business opportunities enhance value to our customers and shareholders;
- ▶ evaluating risks and developing and recommending solutions and conducting analyses of CUC's position relative to other peer utilities;
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- ▶ effectively leading and engaging a team of experts in their own fields including coaching, mentoring and developing employees within the team.

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