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Easter Camping 2026

By Christopher Tobutt

Every Easter weekend, something quietly powerful happens across the Cayman Islands. Tents rise along the shoreline, coolers thump onto the sand, and families — whole branches of them — drift together in a way that feels increasingly rare in a fast changing world. What looks like a simple beach tradition is, in truth, one of Cayman’s most important cultural lifelines.

At Spotts Beach, the Merrens and Da’Costas had created a lively little village of their own. Children played, and Glen Merren was seasoning fish, all ready for a family feast. For Glen, this isn’t just a holiday — it’s a decade long ritual that has grown with his family and friends’ families.

“Ten years ago we started at this spot here — at Spotts Beach,” he said,

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Alcohol Awareness Month 2026: Highlighting the Silent Cost of Alcohol on Mental Health and Wellness

The National Drug Council (NDC) will once again observe April as Alcohol Awareness Month, encouraging individuals, families, and communities across the Cayman Islands to reflect on the impact of alcohol use on mental health and overall well-being.

Building on last year's Alcohol Awareness Month Campaign, the 'Silent Cost of Alcohol' the 2026 initiative will place a sharper focus on the often-overlooked effects of alcohol on mental health and wellness. While alcohol-related harm is frequently associated with visible outcomes, such as accidents or chronic disease, its impact on emotional well-being, sleep, coping ability, and relationships is also significant and often less recognised.

"Alcohol is deeply embedded in social and cultural life, which can make its risks easy to minimise," said Brenda Watson, Director of the National Drug Council. "However, the evidence shows that alcohol can quietly but significantly affect mental health and overall well-being. Alcohol Awareness Month is an opportunity to increase understanding, encourage reflection, and remind people that even small changes in alcohol use can have meaningful benefits for mental and emotional health."

Throughout April, the NDC will deliver coordinated awareness activities including press releases, radio segments, tele-



vision appearances, and targeted social media outreach. Campaign messaging will be informed by international research and local insights, focusing on education, early intervention, and help-seeking.

As part of this year's campaign, the NDC is collaborating with key health and community partners, including the Health Services Authority, Department of Coun-

selling Services, Crisis Centre, the Alex Panton Foundation, and the Cayman Islands Angling Club. These organisations will aim to highlight the connection between alcohol use, mental health, and well-being, while promoting access to support services, resilience, and safer choices in everyday settings.

Access to Support

Individuals who may be concerned about their own alcohol use, or the impact of alcohol on their mental well-being or relationships, are encouraged to seek information and support. Confidential advice, counselling, and community-based services are available locally, and early support can make a meaningful difference.

Information on support services and referrals can be accessed through the NDC's Resource & Referral Guide at <https://ndc.ky/download/resource-referral-guide/>.

Alcohol Awareness Month is part of the NDC's ongoing commitment to prevention, education, and community well-being. By fostering informed conversations and increasing awareness of alcohol's broader impacts, the campaign aims to support individuals and families in making choices that protect both mental and physical health.

For more information about Alcohol Awareness Month or to learn how to support or participate in campaign activities, contact the National Drug Council at 949-9000 or follow NDC on social media.

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Foreign Exchange Revenue from Services in 2024, CI\$Million

Service Category	Revenue (CI\$Million)
Financial & Insurance Services	2,192.0
Travel	706.2
Accounting, Legal, & Other Business Services	943.1
Other Services	130.9

Did the Cayman Islands revenue from export of services increase or decrease?

The annual Balance of Payments (BOP) Survey collects information necessary in recording the Cayman Islands residents' foreign transactions with the rest of the world.

The survey runs from April 7th to June 12th, 2026.

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12	13	14	15	16	17
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	Adventure of the Seas		Celebrity Summit	Independence of the Seas	
			Resilient Lady	Norwegian Prima	
				Carnival Sunrise	
Total Passengers	Total Passengers	Total Passengers	Total Passengers	Total Passengers	Total Passengers
684	5,680	0	7,904	15,186	3,385

FROM THE DARK SIDE OF THE MOON ARTEMIS II BRIGHTENED UP A TROUBLED WORLD

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By Michael L. Jarvis London UK

When the Artemis II spacecraft splashes down this Friday as scheduled by NASA, it will bring to an end an historic chapter in space exploration.

From its April 1 launch, the 10-day mission has captured worldwide attention, including in Cayman.

For many, it has offered an alternative to the global news focus on the Middle East crisis, a real and present danger to world peace.

While this mission did not make a touchdown on the lunar surface, in the vocabulary of the space program, it did a 'slingshot' around the far side of the moon - the proverbial dark side of the moon. That phrase was long ago permanently etched into popular vernacular, popularised by the British rock band Pink Floyd in the name of one of their hit albums.

According to NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration), the Artemis II's Orion spacecraft set a new record on this leg of its historic journey, travelling a record 252,756 miles from Earth.

What has been described as a 'flyby' of the moon was intended to assess the maximum capabilities of the Orion spacecraft. Unlike other missions, which did a circular orbit around the moon, the astronauts on board the Orion and their mission control back on earth at the Kennedy Space Centre, used the Moon's gravity to 'naturally slingshot the spacecraft back toward Earth' for Friday's splashdown.

In addition to their scientific assignments, the crew also captured a series of breathtaking, memorable shots, including one showing the moon in total eclipse from that celestial vantage point for the very first time.

According to NASA, Artemis II is the first crewed mission in the American space agency's program to establish a long-term presence at the Moon for science and exploration through Artemis. The 10-day flight was to "test NASA's foundational human deep space exploration capabilities, the SLS rocket, and Orion spacecraft, for the first time with astronauts.

Operated by the United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the Artemis program is named after the Greek goddess of the Moon, who was the twin sister of Apollo, the namesake of the original 1960s/70s moon missions.

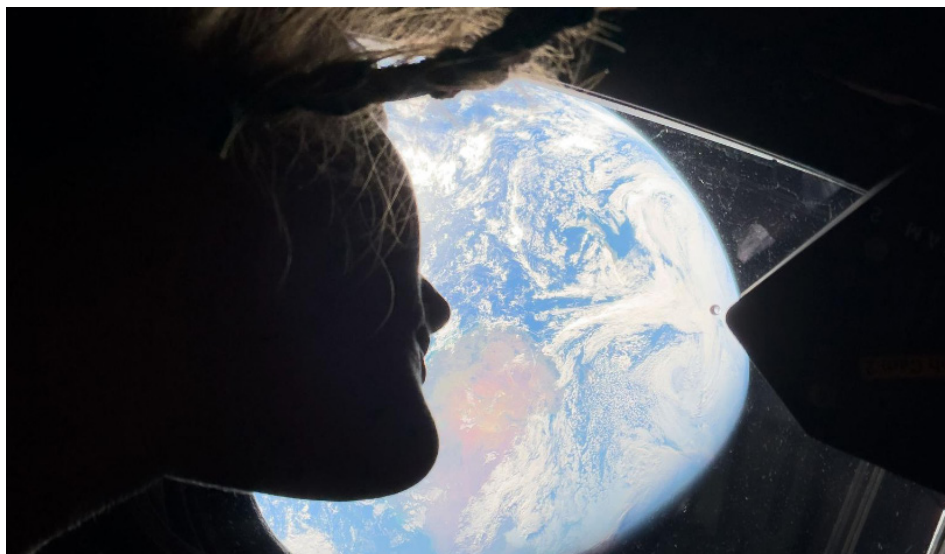
As explained by NASA, the name signifies the program's goal of returning humans to the Moon and highlights the inclusion of the first female astronauts, honouring Artemis as a feminine icon.



► Artemis II crew members, shown inside the Neil Armstrong Operations and Checkout Building at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida, stand in front of their Orion crew module on Aug. 8, 2023. From left are: Jeremy Hansen, mission specialist; Victor Glover, pilot; Reid Wiseman, commander; and Christina Hammock Koch, mission specialist. The crew module is undergoing acoustic testing ahead of integration with the European Service Module. Artemis II is the first crewed mission on NASA's path to establishing a long-term lunar presence for science and exploration under Artemis.



► The Artemis II crew-CSA (Canadian Space Agency) Astronaut Jeremy Hansen (far left) and NASA astronauts Christina Koch (center left), Reid Wiseman (center right), and Victor Glover (right)-participated in a live conversation with President Donald J. Trump following their historic lunar flyby during Flight Day 6.



► NASA astronaut Christina Koch, Artemis II mission specialist, peers out of one of the Orion spacecraft's main cabin windows on Saturday, April 4, 2026, looking back at Earth, as the crew travel toward the Moon.



► Earthset captured through the Orion spacecraft window at 6:41 p.m. EDT. April 6, 2026. during the Artemis

Cayman Airways Represented At Caribbean Air Connectivity Summit

Cayman Airways Limited (CAL) joined the Cayman Islands Government delegation at the recent Caribbean Tourism Organisation (CTO) Air Connectivity Summit in Bermuda, where regional leaders advanced strategies to strengthen Caribbean aviation, tourism growth, and international air access.

Cayman Airways President & Chief Executive Officer, Fabian Whorms, was in attendance, along with Executive Vice President for Commercial Affairs & Chief Financial Officer, Paul Tibbetts.

Held under the theme "Integrating Aviation and Regional Tourism Development," the summit highlighted the critical role of air connectivity in driving economic growth, tourism development, and sustainable aviation across the Caribbean. It convened tourism ministers, airline executives, airport leaders, and policymakers.

As the national flag carrier of the Cayman Islands, Cayman Airways plays a key role in supporting the Cayman Islands Government's tourism growth and economic development objectives. Its participation as part of the official delegation ensured a coordinated national presence in discussions shaping regional and international air connectivity and airlift strategies.

"Safe and reliable air connectivity is not just simply about transportation - it is fundamental to economic growth, tourism development, and regional and international integration," said Cayman Airways President & Chief Executive Officer Fabian Whorms. "As one of the region's longest serving airlines, it's important for Cayman Airways to be at the table in these strategic conversations, and to contribute meaningfully to solutions that help strengthen our region's reputation as aviation leaders in an ever-changing



► CAL execs join delegation to Bermuda

industry."

CAL's participation reinforced the importance of collaboration between government and industry partners in advancing connectivity, strengthening regional partnerships, and enhancing access to and from the Cayman Islands.

More Than Connectivity - A Cultural Brand Ambassador

Cayman Airways combines international safety standards with deep destination expertise, offering reliable, nonstop service that connects the Cayman Islands with

key markets across North America and the Caribbean. Beyond transportation, Cayman Airways serves as an ambassador for the Cayman Islands' tourism brand. Operating under the motto "Uniquely Caymanian," the award-winning airline reflects the warmth and cultural hospitality that define the destination, supporting broader national positioning in a competitive global market. For travellers, this combination of authentic Caymanian hospitality and operational reliability offers a seamless and trusted travel experience, from departure to arrival.

A Legacy Airline with a Modern Advantage

As one of the longest-serving Caribbean-based airlines in the region, Cayman Airways continues to evolve as a modern, full-service carrier comparable with leading international airlines. Operating one of the newest Boeing 737-8 jet fleets in the region, Cayman Airways delivers high standards of safety, reliability, and passenger comfort. With a strong safety record and reputation for service excellence, it remains a trusted choice for travel to and from the Cayman Islands.

Easter Camping: The Tradition That Keeps Cayman Connected

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standing beside a tent that definitely wasn't the "small little tent" of their early days. "We started with one night... and we liked it so much we stayed the whole weekend. From there we started growing and growing — we cook and play games. It's been a tradition for our family to come to this spot every year."

They fish, snorkel with turtles, play football and volleyball, roast marshmallows, and — most importantly — they do it together. They'd set up camp on Wednesday and were planning to pack up on Monday, making the most of every moment.

And here's the truth that often gets missed: Easter Camping isn't a "cheap holiday" for people who can't afford hotels. It's an experience that cements families and friendships. You can't replicate the bonding that happens when two people

wrestle with tent poles in the wind, or when one person cleans a fish while another gets the grill going. Hotels offer convenience; camping offers connection.

Up at Governor's Beach, another small tent community had sprung up. A woman was telling a younger mom all the dishes she planned to cook — and inviting her to join in. No hesitation. No formality. Just the natural generosity that Cayman has always been known for.

Margo, who has been camping with her family for many years, explained why she keeps coming back. "It started a long time ago. Our family always did go out on Easter Monday and have a picnic. Then our little kids decided they wanted to try camping... the first time they did that was about 20 years ago. They camped out but without a tent or anything." She laughed at the mem-



► Camping on Seven Mile Beach

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ory. "Then the next year we decided to buy tents and come and sleep on the beach for the whole weekend. And we've been doing it ever since. I like it because it's a time for a family to get together, and reflect on the true meaning of Easter."

But it's also something more. Easter Camping creates a rare space where the older generation can pass on values, stories, and traditions without competing with screens, notifications, or the endless pull of social media. In a world where digital distractions are eroding family time everywhere, Cayman's camping tradition becomes a kind of cultural shield — a way to preserve the bonds that built this country.

Charlie, from George Town, was camped with friends and extended family just past the Kimpton, shaded by sea grape trees. For him, the weekend is about continuity. "I'm trying to enjoy myself and continue on with tradition — how we were taught when we were growing up," he said. "The younger generation growing up now don't know much about this... so we are trying to show them the ropes. And we hope that the Government will preserve more beaches."

His words land with weight. Cayman is no longer the isolated, slow paced island it once was. It's a global financial centre, a crossroads of cultures, a place where change is constant. But the very things that made Cayman successful — strong families, tight communities, shared values — are the things most at risk of being lost.

That's why Easter Camping matters. It's fun, yes. It's laughter, sea breeze, and the joy of waking up to the sound of waves. But beneath the fun is something serious: a reaffirmation of who we are, and who we want to remain.

For one long weekend, Cayman remembers itself. Not as a collection of individuals rushing through life, but as a community — one that still knows how to gather, share, teach, and belong.

And maybe that's the real meaning of Easter Camping. Not just a tradition, but a reminder that Cayman's future depends on the strength of its families, the warmth of its friendships, and the simple, irreplaceable magic of being together.



► Spotts Beach



► The Spotts Beach group



► Giant tent at Seven Mile Beach



► Charlie and his friends

FSI's Flagship CIMA Inspection Seminar Returns for 2026



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The Cayman Islands Financial Services Institute (FSI) has announced the return of its highly anticipated half-day seminar, 'Preparing for an Onsite Inspection from CIMA', on 5 May 2026 at Hotel Indigo, Grand Cayman.

Now in its sixth edition, the seminar has been offered every two years for the past decade and has established itself as one of the FSI's most well-attended training events. It is designed to equip CEOs, board members and compliance officers with the practical knowledge and confidence needed to prepare for, undergo and respond to an onsite inspection by the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (CIMA).

The programme brings together senior CIMA officials and leading industry practitioners to provide attendees with a comprehensive understanding of the regulatory inspection process from both the regulator's perspective and that of the professionals who advise firms through it.

Stephanie Azan, Head of CIMA's Onsite Inspection Unit, will open the sessions with an overview of key trends and findings from prudential onsite inspections. Roisin Liddy Murphy, Partner at Conyers, will address legal and governance risks, while Dara Keough, Managing Partner at Grant Thornton, and Scott Blench, Senior Manager of AML Advisory at Grant Thornton, will examine the role of internal audit and internal risk assessment. Abubakar Nyanzi, Deputy Head of CIMA's AML Division, will provide an overview of AML/

CFT inspections. Joining the panel discussions will be Sandra Edun-Watler, Co-chair of the newly established ACAMS Cayman chapter.

The seminar will conclude with a panel discussion and Q&A session featuring all speakers, giving attendees the opportunity to raise specific questions and explore practical scenarios.

Topics covered include the role of senior managers and board members during an inspection, the role of compliance officers, how to prepare for the inspection, typical documentation requests and how to address them, key do's and don'ts, and how to respond to inspection findings.

FSI Director Paul Byles said: "An onsite inspection from CIMA is one of the most consequential regulatory events a firm will face, and the firms that manage the process well are invariably those that have invested in preparation. This seminar gives senior leaders and compliance professionals direct access to the regulators who conduct these inspections and the industry experts who help firms navigate them. It is as close to a must-attend event as exists in our compliance training calendar."

The year's seminar is sponsored by Cayman Finance, Grant Thornton, Conyers and the ACAMS Cayman Islands chapter.

Registration opens at 8:30am, with proceedings running from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

For more information and to register for the seminar, visit the FSI website at www.caymanfsi.ky/seminars.

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Creating artwork with a sense of place

By Lindsey Turnbull

Award winning, multi-disciplinary artist Janine Scriven recently held a unique ceramics class at the National Gallery, imparting her wide knowledge to a group of enthusiastic participants, with hope that another such class will be held in the not-too-distant future.

South Africa-born Janine said she engaged “deeply with place”, her work an organic expression of that connection. Her beautiful ceramics work is currently part of the latest National Gallery Biennial exhibition, and she has previously received notable recognition from Cayman’s art world, including winning the Reef Category in the CCMi Photographic Competition (2024). She has exhibited at Cayman Art Week in both 2024 and 2025, and participated in the Cayman Islands Biennial in 2023 and 2025 at the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands. Her photography was also featured in *Beloved Isles: A Photographic Celebration of Our Sister Islands* (2022), a group exhibition highlighting the natural beauty of the Sister Islands while supporting local tourism initiatives.

Janine grew up in a rural farming community in South Africa, where her creative instincts emerged early, while at boarding school.

“I often completed art projects for many of my classmates. Although art was not considered a viable profession within my family, my curiosity and creative drive remained constant,” she said.

In her mid-twenties she formally entered the arts for the first time by enrolling in a full-time photographic programme. This led to a career working as a photographer in London and undertaking documentary photography projects across various parts of Africa.

“These experiences, travelling widely, observing landscapes and communities, and engaging deeply with place continue to shape the themes and sensibilities present throughout my work,” she explained.

Now based in the Cayman Islands, she is an artist whose practice spans photography, ceramics, and painting. Alongside her work as a registered mental health counsellor, she maintains an evolving art practice grounded in personal reflection, memory, and the emotional resonance of

landscape and environment.

Her work often explores the intersection of inner and outer worlds, how personal experience, travel, and environment shape human perception and connection, she said. Her ceramics reflected an intuitive, tactile engagement with materials, often informed by natural textures, organic forms, and the rhythms of the coastal landscape surrounding her in the Cayman Islands.

She was, she confirmed, deeply motivated by the creative community around her, meeting weekly with a small group of supportive friends.

“Our time together is as much about encouragement and laughter as it is about making art,” she advised. “In that space we give one another the freedom to experiment, explore ideas, and simply enjoy the process of creating. That sense of shared curiosity and support continually inspires me to keep evolving my practice.”

Janine said she created because it was fun and helped her make sense of life, its fragility, beauty, and complexity.

“Art has the ability to invite others into that same space of reflection and connec-

tion. As both an artist and a mental health counsellor, I am particularly interested in the inner landscapes people carry within them. Making art allows me to explore these emotional and psychological spaces in ways that words often cannot. The act of creating, whether through photography, ceramics, or painting becomes a way of slowing down, paying attention, and giving form to experiences that might otherwise remain unseen,” she explained.

Ceramics, in particular, offered a tactile and grounding process, she said. Working with clay connected her to the physical world in a very immediate way, and the transformation that occurs through firing reflected the idea that change and growth could emerge through pressure and time.

Janine had hoped that people attending the ceramics class would have fun.

“Working with clay can be incredibly freeing, and I wanted participants to enjoy the experience without feeling pressure to create something perfect,” she stated. “My aim was to create a relaxed and supportive space where people could experiment, play with the material, and discover the simple pleasure of making something with their hands. If people left feeling inspired, a little more confident to try something creative, and having enjoyed the process, then I felt the class had achieved its purpose.”

Participants created small hand-built vessels that could be used for things like trinkets or small flowers. The pieces were inspired by the natural world and the ocean, with lots of texture and organic, free-flowing shapes. She encouraged everyone to explore different forms and surfaces, allowing the clay to guide the process rather than aiming for something too structured or perfect.

Feedback was very positive, she confirmed.

“People really enjoyed the relaxed and playful atmosphere, and many said they appreciated having the freedom to experiment and simply have fun with the clay. For some it was their first experience working with ceramics, and they found the process both calming and rewarding. It was lovely to see how quickly people became absorbed in the making process and proud of the unique pieces they created,” she said.



► Great fun at the ceramics class



► Participants were encouraged to express themselves freely



► Multi talented artist Janine Scriven Photos courtesy National Gallery

Confidence, Culture and the Runway: CIFWK Model Workshop Delivers Transformational Experience Across All Ages

Cayman InStyle Fashion Week (CIFWK) successfully hosted its highly anticipated Model Workshop this past weekend, bringing together aspiring and experienced models ranging in age from five to over 65 for an immersive, high-level training experience ahead of CIFWK 2026.

The workshop was led by internationally recognised runway coach and industry professional Alva Page, whose reputation for developing talent and commanding the runway brought a heightened level of excellence to the programme. His presence marked a significant moment for participants, who were exposed to the discipline, precision, and confidence required at a global standard.

Through intensive sessions focused on runway technique, posture, stage presence, and personal expression, models were pushed beyond their comfort zones and encouraged to fully embody their individuality. As Page shared during the workshop, "Modeling is more than just walking—it's about presence, energy, and understanding how to connect. This experience is about helping each person step into who they are, while holding themselves to a professional standard."

The impact of the workshop extended far beyond technique. Founder and CEO Norma Ebanks emphasised that CIFWK continues to create opportunities that speak to both personal and professional growth across all age groups. "What we're building through CIFWK goes beyond fashion," she explained. "We are creating a space where people—whether they are just starting out or simply looking to grow in confidence—can develop discipline, discover new opportunities, and challenge



themselves in a meaningful way. Seeing participants from as young as five to over 65 fully step into this experience is exactly why this platform exists."

That transformation was clearly visible throughout the weekend, a sentiment echoed by Head Model Volunteer Amaris Smith, who worked closely with participants throughout the sessions. Reflecting on the experience, she shared, "Watching the transformation of the models from the moment they walked in to the moment they left was incredibly inspiring. Seeing that growth, that confidence build—it was beautiful and impactful."

The Model Workshop serves as a key foundation for Cayman InStyle Fashion Week 2026, scheduled for April 23–26. This year's programme will feature the CIFWK Global Fashion Summit, Bridal Couture Exhibition, the "Free Your Mind" Gala—highlighting the Trailblazer Awards and the Creative Fashion School Graduation—and the international runway shows, culminating in the signature sailing experience, "The Escape."

Beyond the runway, CIFWK continues to position itself as a platform for education, community development, and social impact. A portion of proceeds from the 2026

event will support two key initiatives: the Creative Fashion School (CFS), which provides training, mentorship, and opportunities for young creatives, and Protect Our Future (POF), a youth-led organisation focused on environmental awareness and sustainability in the Cayman Islands.

As CIFWK builds momentum toward April, the Model Workshop stands as a powerful reflection of its mission—delivering world-class experiences, empowering individuals across all stages of life, and creating opportunities that extend far beyond the runway.

For more information, visit www.caymaninstylefashionweek.com.



Young Leaders Take the Floor: 19th Youth Parliament Debate Recapped

The Parliament of the Cayman Islands reflects with pride on the successful **19th Youth Parliament Debate**, held on **Monday, 9th March 2026** at the House of Parliament in George Town, in observance of **Commonwealth Day**.

Guided by this year's theme "*Unlocking Opportunities Together for a Prosperous Commonwealth*," the event showcased the talent, insight, and leadership potential of young Caymanians, while reinforcing the importance of youth engagement in democratic processes.

Throughout the sitting, Youth Parliamentarians delivered insightful and well-articulated contributions as they debated two key Private Members' Motions:

- **PMM #1:** *A Comprehensive Framework for Mental Health Support and Youth Rehabilitation in the Cayman Islands.*
- **PMM #2:** *Establishment of a National Job Criteria Joint Committee.*

The level of discourse reflected not only a deep understanding of the issues presented but also a shared commitment among participants to propose forward-thinking and impactful solutions.

Opening Remarks and Attendance

The programme was formally opened with remarks from:

- Hon. Kenneth Bryan, Chair of the Youth Parliament Programme
- Hon. D. Ezzard Miller, Speaker of the



► 19th Youth Parliament group photo

House of Parliament

- Hon. André Ebanks, Premier of the Cayman Islands
- Hon. Joseph Hew, Leader of the Opposition

Each speaker highlighted the importance of youth engagement in the democratic process and commended the participants for the preparation, confidence, and professionalism throughout the debate. Leadership roles were held by Youth Parliament Speaker of the House, Mr. De-Andre Beckford; Youth Parliament Premier and Minister for Financial Services & Commerce, Miss Raniah Berry; and Youth Parliament Leader of the Opposition, Miss Johanah O'Connor.

Receptions and Awards Ceremony

The 19th Youth Parliament programme began with a welcome reception held on Thursday, 30th October at the Governor's Residence, hosted by Her Excellency the Governor, Mrs. Jane Owen. The reception brought together Youth Parliamentarians, Members of Parliament, and parents, providing an opportunity to connect, engage, and reflect on the importance of youth involvement in governance.

The programme concluded on the 9th March, 2026, with an Awards Ceremony held at the George Town Yacht Club, where Youth Parliamentarians were

recognised for their exceptional performance, leadership, and dedication throughout the programme.

Awards highlighted excellence across key areas, including debating and overall contribution, reflecting the high standard of participation demonstrated during the 19th Youth Parliament. The ceremony brought the programme to a close, celebrating both individual achievement and the collective promise of Cayman's next generation of leaders.

Award Winners

- Best Debater – Government: Mr. Rayne Harding
- Best Debater – Opposition: Mr. Dominic Anderson
- 1st Runner-Up (Government): Miss Tashyla Thompson-Brown
- 1st Runner-Up (Opposition): Miss Sienna Bryan
- 2nd Runner-Up (Government): Miss LeJae McLean
- 2nd Runner-Up (Opposition): Miss Johanah O'Connor

The Youth Parliament Programme, under the guidance of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Cayman Islands Branch, continues to empower young people by providing them with an authentic experience of legislative debate, policy analysis, and democratic engagement. For more information on the Youth Parliament Programme, visit Parliament's website.

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Jamaicans in Cayman: Bane or Blessing

In this article, we move on to chapter six of Bodden's most recent work, *Deconstructing Development: Immigration, Society and Economy in Early 21st Century Cayman*. The chapter is entitled 'Jamaicans in Cayman: Bane or Blessing.' Readers should know that this is a series which looks at the work of local intellectuals, urging us to read their books and contribute to the conversation. Local scholars bring their lived experience, especially when they have lived their lives in the context of which they write. They offer cultural insight and historical depth and a certain level of authenticity that is difficult to replicate by external analysts. By engaging with their work, we gain deeper, more authentic perspectives on our society and strengthen our ability to take part in the conversations shaping Cayman's future. Through this series, I hope to encourage more of us to read, talk about, and share the work of local scholars.

This chapter, one of the longest, examines the long and complicated relationship between Jamaicans and Caymanians. Bodden presents this as a mixture of dependence, tension, and misunderstanding. Jamaicans have been central to Cayman's development for over a century, forming the largest immigrant group and playing key roles in nearly every sector of society. At the same time, their presence has generated unease among many Caymanians, who often view them as both necessary and threatening. This contradiction, reliance paired with resentment, runs throughout the chapter and frames the central question of whether Jamaicans have been a "bane or blessing," bane meaning negative influence that is, bringing challenges, conflict, or social problems.

Historically, the chapter explains, the relationship between the two societies dates back to the nineteenth century, when the Cayman Islands were administered through Jamaica under British colonial rule. Although this arrangement involved relatively little interference, certain events such as delays surrounding the Slave Registration Act and compensation created early distrust toward Jamaican authority. Despite this, Bodden says, Caymanians developed a strong sense of independence and self-reliance. He argues that over time, geographic proximity and shared colonial ties fostered a practical relationship in which Cayman depended on Jamaica for technical expertise rather than financial support.

Bodden notes that Jamaican contributions became especially significant in the early twentieth century, particularly after the devastating 1932 hurricane. In the aftermath, Cayman faced severe health crises, prompting the recruitment of Jamaican medical personnel. Figures like



► Dr Livingston Smith

the early pharmacists-turned-doctors and later trained physicians and nurses helped stabilize the community during a time of great need. Beyond healthcare, Jamaicans also played vital roles in education, law, religion, and skilled trades. Jamaican teachers became highly respected figures, while legal professionals and clergy helped build institutional frameworks. During this period, Jamaican migrants were generally seen as disciplined, professional, and willing to integrate into Caymanian society. It is the perspective of Bodden, that during the early days, the view of Jamaicans was largely positive, even though tensions existed.

This cooperation existed, he says, alongside deep racial and social contradictions. The chapter highlights Bodden's view of the hypocrisy of a society that relied heavily on Black Jamaican labor especially in intimate roles such as childcare and domestic work while simultaneously viewing these same individuals as unworthy of citizenship. Instances of racial prejudice, including refusal of medical treatment from Black doctors, illustrate how entrenched biases shaped interactions. These attitudes were particularly strong among the near-White elite, revealing how issues of race and class influenced the relationship from early on, the chapter explains.

A major shift occurred from the late 1970s onward, when the nature of Jamaican migration began to change. This is a major point made by Bodden in this chapter. Earlier migrants had largely been skilled professionals, but later arrivals included individuals from more marginalized backgrounds shaped by poverty, political instability, and urban hardship in Jamaica. The chapter describes how these conditions fostered behaviors such as aggressiveness or informality that clashed

with Caymanian social norms. Labels like "higglers," "ragamuffins," and "yardies" emerged, often carrying negative connotations. Importantly, the author argues that these traits should be understood as products of social and economic conditions rather than inherent characteristics.

Despite these tensions, Jamaicans continued to play a crucial economic role. Informal traders, known as higglers, maintained a thriving exchange of goods between Jamaica and Cayman, supplying produce and other items not readily available locally. This mutually beneficial system supported both economies until political decisions particularly the introduction of visa restrictions in 2005 disrupted it. The collapse of this trade highlighted how policy driven by public sentiment could undermine practical economic relationships, the chapter explains.

By the 1990s and early 2000s, growing numbers of Jamaican migrants began to generate anxiety among Caymanians, especially following the 2003 status grants that provided legal recognition to many residents. Fears of being outnumbered, losing cultural identity, and facing increased competition for jobs and resources became widespread. These concerns were often expressed through the idea of the "Jamaicanisation" of Cayman, suggesting that the island's character was being fundamentally altered. At the same time, rising crime and regional issues such as drug trafficking were frequently linked, fairly or unfairly, to Jamaican migrants, further intensifying public concern.

The chapter includes numerous examples of public opinion, revealing a range of attitudes from cautious acknowledgment of Jamaican contributions to outright hostility and racism. Some Caymanians credit Jamaicans with helping to build the modern economy, while others express fears of cultural takeover or social decline. In extreme cases, Jamaicans are portrayed as inherently problematic or undesirable. These views illustrate how economic insecurity and demographic change can fuel xenophobia, especially in small societies where identity feels fragile, Bodden explains.

At the same time, the chapter acknowledges that tensions are not entirely one-sided. Some Jamaicans are described as displaying arrogance, clannishness, or a lack of respect for Caymanian norms, which can exacerbate resentment. Their strong attachment to Jamaica, often referred to as "yard," may be perceived by Caymanians as a lack of loyalty to their adopted home. This mutual suspicion contributes to a strained relationship in which both groups feel misunderstood or undervalued.

Ultimately, the chapter argues that the question of whether Jamaicans are a "bane

or blessing" is overly simplistic. Jamaicans have made indispensable contributions to Cayman's development, yet rapid demographic and social changes have created genuine challenges. The tensions that exist are less about Jamaicans themselves and more about broader issues of identity, insecurity, and adaptation in a rapidly changing society. The author warns that treating Jamaicans as a problem or excluding them risks undermining social cohesion and repeating patterns seen in other societies.

Conclusions

The author's conclusion is that the question "bane or blessing" is ultimately too simplistic and misleading. Jamaicans cannot be reduced to either category because their presence in Cayman has been both indispensable and contentious at the same time.

Bodden makes it clear that Jamaicans have made extraordinary contributions to the development of Cayman especially in education, healthcare, law, religion, and the skilled trades. In fact, he suggests that few, if any, other migrant groups have had as profound an impact on the building of modern Caymanian society. To ignore this contribution, or to portray Jamaicans only in negative terms, is both historically inaccurate and unfair.

At the same time, he acknowledges that tensions are real. Rapid immigration, cultural differences, and the behavior of some newer migrants have contributed to social strain. However, he argues that many of the negative traits attributed to Jamaicans are rooted in broader social and economic conditions, not inherent flaws. He also points out that Caymanian fears especially about being outnumbered or losing cultural identity are common in small societies facing demographic change.

Importantly, the author turns the lens back on Caymanian society itself. He suggests that the hostility toward Jamaicans reveals deep insecurities, ethnocentrism, and contradictions, particularly given the long history of cooperation between the two groups. By casting Jamaicans as outsiders or problems, Caymanians risk undermining social cohesion and repeating patterns seen in other societies where marginalized groups are unfairly blamed.

In the end, Bodden calls for a more balanced, fair, and self-aware perspective. He urges Caymanians to remember their shared history with Jamaicans, to recognize the overwhelming positive contributions made by many, and to avoid sweeping generalizations. His conclusion is essentially a warning: demonizing an entire group is dangerous, counterproductive, and incompatible with genuine nation-building.

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Stafford Surfaces, a leading provider of high-end interior solutions in the Caribbean, is proud to announce its pivotal role in the **2025 Governor's Award for Design and Construction Excellence**.

In a historic sweep for the firm, Stafford Surfaces served as the specialized flooring contractor for all three projects shortlisted in the Commercial category, including the top prize winner: the John Gray High School project.

The Governor's Award, presented at Government House on February 27, 2026, is the Cayman Islands' highest honor for the built environment. This year's judging focused on projects that demonstrate a deep responsibility to place, resilience, and community impact.

A Landmark Win for Education

As a key trade contractor for the John Gray High School, Stafford Surfaces provided the durable, high-performance flooring essential for a facility that serves over 1,000 students and doubles as a primary hurricane shelter for the islands.

"Our history with educational facilities across both Bermuda and the Cayman Islands has always been rooted in providing surfaces which look great and provide comfort underfoot for all," says Randy Stafford of Stafford Surfaces. "Being part of the winning team for John Gray High School reinforces our commitment to design that not only looks great but enhances usage and productivity in the public spaces."



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Beyond the top award, Stafford Surfaces' expertise was showcased in the other two shortlisted finalists:

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Cayman.

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in the region.

About Stafford Surfaces

With offices in Bermuda and the Cayman Islands, Stafford Surfaces specializes in premium flooring and interior solutions for Commercial, Healthcare, Educational, and Residential projects.

Caymanians First Charitable Foundation Launches to Drive Economic Sovereignty and Practical Opportunity for All Caymanians

The **Caymanians First Charitable Foundation (CFCF)** officially announces its launch as a strategic catalyst for the prosperity and wellbeing of Caymanians in their own homeland. Founded by Don Seymour, the Foundation is built on the conviction that a nation's greatest asset is its people, and that true progress requires giving Caymanians the tools, skills, and advocacy to thrive at every stage of life.

For full details on the Foundation's mission and pillars, visit www.caymaniansfirst.com.

To lead this mission, the Foundation has appointed **Miss Jewel Hydes** as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Supervisor. Miss Hydes will oversee governance, strategic development, and the delivery of measurable programs designed to empower the local workforce and support the community from youth to the elderly.

"It is a privilege to serve in this role," said **CEO Jewel Hydes**. "We are committed to transparent, measurable programmes that uplift Caymanians—helping students gain practical skills, supporting working families, and ensur-



► Jewel Hydes

ing our elderly remain valued, connected, and cared for".

"It is an honour to serve as Chairman of the Board of the Caymanians First Charitable

Foundation," said Richard Barton, Chairman of the Board. "We are committed to prioritizing the wellbeing and opportunities of Caymanians while fostering an inclusive environment where everyone who calls these islands home can contribute, thrive, and feel valued."

The Foundation's work is guided by a commitment to **Economic Sovereignty** and **Cultural Preservation**, valuing Caymanian heritage as a national strength. These values are embodied by the Founder's mother, **Eloise Seymour**, an 87-year-old retired taxi driver who served the community for forty-five years and remains an active inspiration for the organization's tireless work ethic.

Core Focus Areas The Foundation delivers impact through five strategic pillars:

- **Vocational and Technical Training:** Providing certifications and short courses to bridge the skills gap.

- **Workforce Readiness:** Facilitating upskilling and professional advocacy for Caymanians at all career stages.

- **Youth & Sports Development:** Engaging the next generation through structured athletic and leadership programs.

- **Elderly Support:** Promoting dignity, independence, and community connection for seniors.

- **Community Upliftment:** Partnering with schools, the private sector, and local organizations to drive social development across all three Islands.

"Our goal is to create real pathways—not just promises—for Caymanians," said **Founder Don Seymour**. "We make no apologies for putting Caymanians first. That is our mission. That is our promise".

About the Caymanians First Charitable Foundation The Caymanians First Charitable Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to opening doors to a better tomorrow. Through vocational education, skills development, and community-based initiatives, the Foundation is committed to empowering Caymanians and strengthening local communities for the long term. **Learn more at www.caymaniansfirst.com.**

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National Road Safety Committee Hosts Road Safety Poster Competition Judging

The Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure (PLAHI) & The National Road Safety Committee (NRSC), in collaboration with the National Roads Authority (NRA), recently concluded the judging of the Annual Road Safety Poster Competition. This initiative is designed to encourage young people to think creatively about road safety while promoting responsible behaviour from an early age.

The competition invited students from across Grand Cayman to visually express key road safety messages, highlighting the importance of awareness, responsibility, and the shared use of public roads. Winning entries were selected based on their creativity, clarity of message, and relevance to national road safety priorities.

Minister for PLAHI, Jonany 'Jay' Ebanks stated:

"These students showcased an undeniable understanding of the importance of road safety measures. I was honored to share words of encouragement with these young people and congratulate them on their impressive work. The talent of our



youth is nothing short of amazing, and competitions like this truly highlight the brilliant minds and CaymanKind spirit of the next generation."

A ceremony recognizing the students' hard work took place on Friday, 27th March 2026, at the Ministry of PLAHI. Participating students were honored and awarded prizes for their impeccable creations in the presence of representatives from the NRSC and NRA.

Chair of the NRSC Chief Officer Eric Bush noted:

"It is refreshing to see our young people take such an active interest in sharing their knowledge of staying safe on our roads. The work displayed here represents not just artistic talent, but a deep understanding of what road safety means to the youth in our community. The NRSC endeavors to educate everyone—from those using public transport and driving vehicles to those walking, cycling, or using micro-mobility devices—reminding us all that we have a collective responsibility to adhere to road rules."

The Ministry congratulates all participants and winners and encourages parents and students to look out for details surrounding the next competition cycle.

Public Consultation Opens On Health Practice (Amendment) Bill, 2026

The Ministry of Health, Environment and Sustainability has opened a public consultation on the Health Practice (Amendment) Bill, 2026, inviting feedback from healthcare practitioners, health sector stakeholders and members of the public.

The proposed amendments seek to update existing legislation and strengthen the regulatory framework governing healthcare practice in the Cayman Islands. The Bill would introduce regulations establishing consistent professional standards across the healthcare sector as part of the Government's work to strengthen regulatory oversight and support patient safety.

Licensed healthcare practitioners are entrusted with the health and wellbeing of their patients. Maintaining that trust requires clear professional standards and accountability for those licensed to practise in the Cayman Islands.

The proposed amendments would introduce overarching standards that apply across the healthcare sector. Under this framework, each professional Council would develop codes of practice and professional standards specific to the responsibilities, risks and scope of practice within its profession. Establishing sector-wide standards is intended to provide a clearer regulatory foundation while allowing profession-specific guidance to be developed by the Councils responsible for oversight of their respective practitioners.

For example, patients must be able to clearly understand their diagnosis, treatment options and associated risks before giving consent. Consistent standards, in-



cluding expectations around professional communication and language proficiency, are intended to support clear communication between practitioners and patients while providing regulatory Councils with clearer tools to address concerns where standards are not met.

Minister for Health, Environment and Sustainability, Katherine Ebanks-Wilks

said the consultation provides an opportunity for stakeholders and the public to contribute to the development of the legislative framework.

"The health system we build today will serve the Cayman Islands for decades to come. Updating legislation and strengthening professional standards helps reinforce the trust patients place in healthcare prac-

tioners. This consultation invites practitioners, stakeholders and members of the public to help shape a framework that protects patients, supports professionals and ensures our healthcare system continues to meet the needs of our community."

"This Bill also fulfils the Public Accounts Committee's Required Undertaking issued in 2018/19, which directed the Ministry to provide an update on plans to develop and roll out a national healthcare standards programme. By bringing forward this legislation, the Ministry is addressing that directive while establishing a clear framework for consistent healthcare standards across the sector."

If adopted, the proposed framework would:

- provide clearer guidance to practitioners to support contemporary standards of care;
- strengthen legal and ethical safeguards, including in areas such as consent, safeguarding, digital communication and scope of practice;
- support more effective regulatory oversight by professional Councils; and
- strengthen patient confidence in the healthcare system.

The public consultation will run until 11:59 p.m. on **Tuesday, 28 April 2026**. Members of the public and stakeholders can review the proposed Bill and consultation materials at publicconsultation.gov.ky. Submissions may also be sent by email to MOHFEDBACK@GOV.KY. All responses received during the consultation period will be reviewed and considered before the legislation is finalised and brought forward for consideration in Parliament.

St. Ignatius Wins Boys Division B Championship

The Boys Division B Final in the KPMG 14 & Under Basketball League delivered a competitive and hard-fought contest, with St. Ignatius Catholic School defeating John Gray High School 29-21 to claim the championship.

The game on Wednesday March 25, was highlighted by strong defensive efforts from both sides, with each possession fiercely contested. St. Ignatius managed to gain the edge through disciplined play and timely scoring, allowing them to pull ahead and maintain control late in the game.

John Gray High School showed determination throughout, keeping the pressure on and competing until the final whistle.

The KPMG 14 & Under League continues to provide a valuable platform for young athletes to develop their skills, compete at a high level, and build confidence through sport.

The Cayman Islands Basketball Association congratulates St. Ignatius Catholic School on their championship victory and applauds both teams for their effort and sportsmanship.



► St. Ignatius Wins Boys Division B Championship

Cayman Prep A Crowned Girls Champions in KPMG 14U League

The KPMG 14 & Under Girls Basketball League came to an exciting conclusion on Monday March 23, as Cayman Prep A defeated First Baptist 16-14 to capture the championship title.

The final was a showcase of talent, determination, and growth, with both teams delivering an energetic and competitive performance. From the opening tip, it was clear that the young athletes were ready for the big stage, displaying skill, teamwork, and resilience throughout the game.

Cayman Prep A executed well on both ends of the floor, maintaining composure in key moments to secure the victory and cap off an impressive run to the championship. First Baptist also put forth a strong effort, demonstrating the depth of talent within the league.

This year's competition featured 22 public and private school teams, continuing to highlight the growth of youth basketball across the Cayman Islands.

For over 15 years, KPMG has supported the inter-school basketball league, helping provide opportunities for more than 2,500 students to participate and develop through the sport.

The Cayman Islands Basketball Association congratulates Cayman Prep A on their championship win and commends all teams for a fantastic season.



Tiny Curaçao have no World Cup fears

With all 48 teams now qualified for the 2026 World Cup, excitement is building for the 37-day tournament, which kicks off in Mexico on June 11.

There will be 103 matches leading up to the World Cup final at the MetLife Stadium in New Jersey on July 19.

Curaçao will become the smallest nation to play at a World Cup, in population (about 156,000) and land area (171 sq miles) and head coach Fred Rutten is looking forward to the challenge. "The excitement is already there," the 63-year-old says. "You wake up with it and you go to bed with it." The record was held by Iceland, who reached the 2018 finals, whose population is about 350,000.

Rutten's first game in charge ended in a 2-0 defeat to China at the

Accor Stadium in Sydney two weeks ago. Then they lost 5-1 to Australia in another friendly.

Nevertheless, optimism is high. They are a well drilled side and will have no fear in Group E against Germany, Ecuador and Ivory Coast. With Curaçao part of the kingdom of the Netherlands, where many of the squad were born, the federation's almost exclusive use of Dutch coaches for more than 10 years is no shock.

Curaçao qualified after drawing with Steve McClaren's Jamaica to secure their place at the tournament. Sadly, Jamaica missed their final chance to qualify after

losing 1-0 to DR Congo in a World Cup playoff last week.

Former England manager McClaren resigned as Jamaica boss after his side, who needed a win in Kingston to qualify for their first World Cup since 1998, were held to a goalless draw, including having an injury-time penalty overruled by the video assistant referee (VAR).

Curaçao, 37 miles off the Venezuela coast, were 150th in FIFA's world rankings ten years ago. Now they are 82nd.

Meanwhile, Neymar faces a potential 12-game ban after making a contentious remark about a referee, which could affect his World Cup chances.

The Brazilian superstar has not featured for his country since 2023 after struggling for form and fitness, but still remains hopeful of making it to the USA, Canada and Mexico tournament.



► Curaçao qualified ahead of Jamaica

He was left out of Carlo Ancelotti's recent squad for international fixtures before naming his final 26-man group for the summer showpiece.

World Cup key dates

• Group stage: June 11-27

- Round of 32: June 28 to July 3
- Round of 16: July 4-7
- Quarter-finals: July 9-11
- Semi-finals: July 14-15
- Third-place play-off ('Bronze final'): July 18
- Final: July 19

Mavs rookie star Flagg is youngest to drop 50

Dallas Mavericks rookie Cooper Flagg has leaped to the front of rookie of the year debate in one single match. On Good Friday he did something no teenager had ever done.

The No. 1 pick in the 2025 Draft dropped 51 points, becoming the youngest player - and only teenager - in NBA history to reach that mark.

Flagg, 19, did it while shooting 19 of 30 (63.3%) from the field. Despite that remarkable show the Mavericks still lost to the Orlando Magic 138-127.

"It's always fun getting into that type of mode," Flagg said. "The basket feels big. Your teammates are looking out for you, helping you out. But I love to win, so that was my main focus. It's hard for me to fully enjoy myself out there when we're down 20, down 10, down 15 for the majority of the game."

The most sensational aspect of Flagg's performance wasn't the highlight reel dunks or the numerous times he mocked Orlando's defence by taking several defenders off the dribble to easily score at



► Cooper Flagg is playing like a vet at 19!

the rim or from mid-range. It was, surprisingly, Flagg's 3-point shooting that impressed the most. He went 6 of 9 from long range, the most 3s he's made in a single game this season.

West Indies task Gibson to give fast bowlers extra zip

Cricket West Indies have appointed former West Indies fast bowler and head coach Ottis Gibson as the new fast bowling consultant for the regional side on an initial one-year assignment.








Barbadian Gibson's appointment comes at a critical time. With a demanding international calendar ahead, Gibson, 57, will help the region's fast bowlers maintain peak performance, fitness, and consistency across formats.

He begins in June against Sri Lanka. He said: "I'm looking forward to working with the various coaches and the very talented group of bowlers in the Caribbean, to assist in their development across all formats of the game."

The West Indies team's schedule includes preparatory camps followed by the Caribbean Premier League, and away tours to India and Bangladesh.



► Ottis Gibson is highly respected as a coach

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Jr. Batabano T-shirt Logo Competition

Ongoing until 15 April – Children up to 17 years old are invited to participate in the annual Jr. Batabano T-shirt Logo Competition. This year's theme is "Celebrating Our Cultural Icons." The winner will receive a tablet and have the honour of having their logo on the official Jr. Batabano T-shirt 2026.

For more information, visit the Jr. Batabano FB page or call 925 – 3970. Entry forms are also available at school or Le Classique, The Strand.

YMCA Movie Night at the Ballpark

10 April – Enjoy a magical evening under the stars to watch *Wonka* at the Field of Dreams on Friday 10 April at 7pm. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, friends, and family for a fun Friday night out!

Tickets cost \$10. Every ticket helps support the YMCA Baseball & Softball Travel Programme.

Fusion Worship Night

10 April – The Church of God Chapel Frank

Sound invites all to a night of True Worship – Presence – The Secret Place – on Friday 10 April from 7:30pm. There will be a live Worship Band, praise and worship, scripture and prayer. Refreshments will be available. For more information, call 325 – 4008 or email fusionyouthcayman@gmail.com

Garage Sale & Car Boot Sale

11 April – St. Ignatius Catholic Church is having a garage sale and Car boot sale on Saturday 11 April from 6am to 11am in the school parking lot. There will be lots of items on sale including clothing, furniture and much more. The Car Boot sale costs \$25 per car. Call 949 – 6797 to register.

April 2026 Services at St. Alban's Anglican Church on 461 Shedden Road

12 April – Services of Holy Communion will be held on Sunday, April 12th and Sunday April 26th at 9am. Morning Prayers will be held on Sunday April 19th at 9 am.

Garage Sale – Fusion Youth Group

18 April – The Fusion Youth Group is having a garage sale on Saturday 18 April in the parking lot of the Church of God Chapel George Town on Saturday 18 April from 6am to 11am. There will be lots of items for sale, including furniture, clothing, electronics, toys and more.

Dr. Bill Hrudey Science Fair

18 April – Register now and get your projects ready for the 19th. Dr. Bill Hrudey Science Fair put on by Rotary Central. Project categories are Earth Science, Life Science, Food & Health and Physics, Chemistry and Computer Science. The Science Fair will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday 18 April 2026 at the Arts and Recreation Centre ("ARC") at Camana Bay, Grand Cayman. For more information, go to rotarysciencefair.ky

National Trust Fundraiser - Silver Thatch: A Tapestry of Nature & Heritage

18 April – Silver Thatch: A Tapestry of Nature & Heritage is an evening fundraiser celebrating Cayman's natural and cultural heritage, centred on the iconic Silver Thatch Palm. Guests can enjoy local thatching demonstra-

tions alongside Caymanian-inspired cocktails and canapés at Cayman Collections Centre from 6pm to 8:30pm. The evening also features a live auction, silent auction and raffle prizes, with proceeds supporting the preservation of Cayman's natural and built heritage. Tickets are CI\$125 and include drinks, canapés and valet service. Get tickets online at: <https://nationaltrust.org.ky>

Turtle Crawl 5K Walk/Run

26 April – The Turtle Crawl 5K Walk/Run, takes place on Sunday, 26th April 2026. This annual community event brings together families, fitness enthusiasts, and conservation supporters for a morning that celebrates wellness and Cayman's natural heritage. Walkers will kick off the event at 6:00 a.m., followed by runners at 6:30 a.m., with all participants beginning at Cayman Turtle Centre and making their way along beautiful Northwest Point Road toward West Bay Public Beach before returning to the Centre. Register at www.turtlecrawl.ky and join in supporting Cayman's wildlife and environmental future.

Send your community events to wendy@caymaniantimes.ky

Why Strength Training is Your Summer Body's Secret Weapon

When summer rolls around, it's easy to swap the gym for outdoor activities—running, swimming, tennis, or long days on the water. While these are all great for your health, they can't replace one essential component of a complete fitness routine: strength training.

No matter how active you are outdoors, skipping resistance training means missing out on benefits that cardio alone simply can't deliver. In fact, taking a break from lifting during the summer can set you back more than you realize—and make it harder to regain your progress later.

Here's why staying consistent with strength training matters year-round:

Preserve Muscle, Maintain Strength

One of the biggest reasons to keep lifting is to protect your muscle mass. As you age, muscle loss becomes inevitable without regular resistance training—and rebuilding it is far more difficult than maintaining it. This is especially important for women, who naturally have lower testosterone levels and may find it harder to regain lost muscle.

Muscle isn't just about appearance—it directly impacts your strength and ability to perform everyday activities. The more muscle you maintain, the easier it is to stay active, capable, and confident in everything you do.

Boost Your Metabolism and Stay Lean

While workouts burn calories, they only account for a small portion of your day. Your metabolism—specifically your resting metabolic rate—plays a much bigger role in fat loss.

Muscle tissue is metabolically active, meaning the more you have, the more calories you burn even at rest. As muscle mass declines with age, metabolism slows, often leading to gradual weight gain. Strength training helps counteract this process, keeping your metabolism elevated and your body leaner over time.

Build Stronger, More Resilient Bones

Bone density naturally decreases as we age, particularly for women after menopause. This increases the risk of fractures,

weakness, and reduced physical capacity.

Strength training is one of the most effective ways to strengthen bones because it places controlled stress on them, stimulating growth and resilience. While some outdoor activities are weight-bearing, none provide the same level of bone-building benefit as lifting weights. Maintaining this habit can significantly reduce the risk of osteoporosis and injury later in life.

Reduce Risk of Disease and Improve Well-Being

Consistent strength training has been linked to a lower risk of chronic conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, and arthritis. It can also help reduce joint pain and improve overall mobility.

Beyond physical health, resistance training supports mental well-being. It's been shown to reduce symptoms of depression, improve sleep quality, and boost overall mood—benefits that carry just as much value as physical results.

Enhance Insulin Sensitivity

Strength training plays a key role in how your body handles carbohydrates. Improved

insulin sensitivity means your body is better at directing carbs into muscle cells for energy rather than storing them as fat.

This not only helps reduce the risk of metabolic conditions like diabetes but also supports a leaner physique. Increased muscle mass further enhances this effect, creating a powerful cycle of improved metabolic health.

Final Thoughts

Summer is not the time to abandon strength training—it's the time to double down on it. Just two to three sessions per week are enough to maintain muscle, support metabolism, and protect your long-term health.

You'll still have plenty of time to enjoy all your favorite outdoor activities—but with strength training in your routine, you'll perform better, feel stronger, and look your best doing it.

Stay consistent, and your future self will thank you.

Call Ernest at Body Shapers Personal Training Fitness Studio 325-8696, get started on a strength training program that's best for you.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS


 Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce
The passing of
Mr. James Herman Lowe Levy
Affectionately known as **Jimmy**
who passed away on March 17th 2026.

A Graveside Service will be held at
Gun Bay Cemetery, Est End
Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands on
Sunday, April 12th 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

Viewing: 2:30 p.m. – 3:00p.m.



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com


 Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce
The passing of
Eula Lilian Frazer
who passed away on March 03, 2026.

A Thanksgiving Service will be held at
Faith Tabernacle of Jesus Christ,
621 Linford Pierson Hwy, George Town,
Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands on
Saturday, April 11, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

Viewing: 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.
Interment at: New Pease Bay Cemetery



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com


 Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce
The passing of
Mr. Victoriano "Roy" Eden
Who passed away on March 13th 2026.

A Thanksgiving Service will be held at
Red Bay Church of God Holiness,
Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands on
Saturday, April 11th 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Viewing: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Interment: Prospect Cemetery



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 Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce
The passing of
Mr. Alvin Bradford Connor
Who passed away on March 23rd 2026.


A Thanksgiving Service will be held at
East End New Testament Church of God
1695 Sea View Road, East End
Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands on
Saturday, April 11th 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

Viewing: 10:00 -11:00 a.m.
Interment: East End Cemetery



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MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION



KNOWING GOD- JOB 42:5


The book of Job concludes with his response to God after God rebuked Job and his friends for their ignorance. At the end of the book, after Job's reply. God restores Job.

In this passage we see a tone of humility. Job admitted that his understanding of God was limited and he did in fact speak ignorantly. Ultimately he admitted that as a creature he had limited understanding of the Creator. The Christian faith is both a rational and reasonable faith. Knowing facts about God mean nothing. KNOWING GOD THROUGH A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP IN HIM AND WITH HIM are the foundations of God in our lives. Do you know Him? If not, GET TO KNOW HIM in 2025. How?

Acts 2:38, " REPENT and be Baptized everyone in the NAME OF JESUS CHRIST and you will receive the GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"



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Celebration
 OF LIFE



Mick Whitworth

North Sound Golf Club
 April 10th 2026 - 4:00-6:00pm
 (Optional to wear Orange, Micks
 Favorite Color)

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

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

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Says further
 - 5 Gets ready, briefly
 - 10 Mill input
 - 12 Maximum amount
 - 13 Cowboy contest
 - 14 Acid type
 - 15 Complete
 - 16 Attempt
 - 18 Catch some z's
 - 19 Pal of Pooh
 - 21 Plays the ponies
 - 22 TV show type
 - 24 Glowing coal
 - 25 TV show type
 - 29 Swiss capital
 - 30 Low points
 - 32 Operated
 - 33 "Sure thing!"
 - 34 Bigwig, briefly
 - 35 Ridiculous
 - 37 The ones here
 - 39 Take, as advice
- DOWN**
- 40 Ambulance sound
 - 41 Calls for
 - 42 Ship staff
 - 1 Be of one mind
 - 2 Talked on and on
 - 3 Beatnik's bro
 - 4 "Sprechen Deutsch?"
 - 5 Join the game
 - 6 Crater part
 - 7 "8 Mile" rapper
 - 8 Party target
 - 9 Organ parts
 - 11 Bidding choice
 - 17 Singer Leon
 - 20 Indian, e.g.
 - 21 Uncovered
 - 23 Meals
 - 25 Spirit session
 - 26 Florid
 - 27 Muralist Diego
 - 28 Comes up
 - 29 Wilson of the Beach Boys
 - 31 Wasn't thrifty
 - 33 Urges
 - 36 Approval
 - 38 Yonder fellow

S	E	A	L	S	M	I	S	E	R
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Yesterday's answer

- 9 Organ parts
- 11 Bidding choice
- 17 Singer Leon
- 20 Indian, e.g.
- 21 Uncovered
- 23 Meals
- 25 Spirit session
- 26 Florid
- 27 Muralist Diego
- 28 Comes up
- 29 Wilson of the Beach Boys
- 31 Wasn't thrifty
- 33 Urges
- 36 Approval
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Word Search

Q	U	Y	E	T	L	F	L	F	K	H	Y	S	U	T
M	D	P	L	H	D	O	F	A	Z	R	S	O	U	P
C	D	O	U	P	E	F	K	R	Y	A	O	M	P	F
S	V	R	O	D	U	A	A	A	M	O	Y	W	P	O
P	O	T	J	E	D	Q	T	D	C	G	E	R	R	
I	W	N	O	C	Q	V	D	Z	P	U	R	I	O	C
N	P	E	P	A	A	M	D	L	T	R	E	R	T	E
V	O	S	P	Y	D	I	A	G	G	R	N	U	O	Y
A	W	E	R	L	L	S	L	J	W	E	E	C	N	F
C	E	E	E	O	M	K	S	W	F	N	Q	H	R	L
U	R	I	S	A	W	E	H	M	O	T	A	A	S	U
U	F	B	S	A	Z	S	U	E	L	C	U	N	O	X
M	W	M	U	Y	H	F	L	U	I	D	W	A	V	E
C	H	A	R	G	E	P	R	W	A	T	T	R	I	T
D	H	G	E	K	L	T	H	G	I	L	Z	K	O	G

- Atom
- Charge
- Curie
- Current
- Decay
- Energy
- Entropy
- Farad
- Field
- Fluid
- Flux
- Force
- Heat
- Hertz
- Joule
- Light
- Mass
- Nucleus
- Phase
- Plasma
- Power
- Pressure
- Proton
- Solid
- Spin
- Vacuum
- Volt
- Watt
- Wave
- Work

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, back, up, down and diagonally.

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9
10				11		12			
13						14			
15					16	17		18	
19			20				21		
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39						40			
41								42	

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Controller

LONGTAIL REINSURANCE (CAYMAN) LTD. is seeking a **Controller**. Reporting to the Group Chief Accounting Officer, this role will be responsible for the day-to-day finances, administration, and regulatory compliance of the insurance company in accordance with the Cayman Islands Insurance Act and the requirements of the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (CIMA). The role ensures that the insurer operates in a prudent manner, meets all statutory obligations, and maintains sound governance and risk management practices. Primary responsibilities will also include operational interactions with other key functions across the business including underwriting, actuarial and information technology.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Ensure the insurance company complies with the Insurance Act, CIMA rules, and all regulations.
- Prepare and file statutory returns, annual reports, and regulatory submissions with CIMA.
- Act as a primary liaison with CIMA and other regulatory bodies.
- Maintain proper licensing and regulatory approvals, including fit and proper standards for directors and officers.
- Support the board in discharging its oversight responsibilities, particularly regarding risk management and solvency.
- Working with the Bermuda-based Finance team, oversee financial reporting, statutory audits, and actuarial reviews.
- Monitor solvency margins, liquidity, and capital adequacy requirements.
- Ensure appropriate internal controls and accounting systems are maintained.
- Coordinate with auditors, actuaries, bankers, and other service providers.
- Working with the Bermuda-based Risk & Compliance team, identify, assess, and report key risks affecting the insurer.
- Implement and monitor risk management policies and procedures in line with CIMA's expectations.
- Act as the principal point of contact for the insurer's policyholders and other stakeholders.
- Provide management reports to the board, shareholders, and regulators as required.

Regulatory Requirement

Appointment is subject to CIMA's fit and proper approval process, as required under the Insurance Act.

Qualifications, Skills & Experience:

- Qualified CPA/ACA/ACCA or equivalent.
- Bachelor or Master's degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration, or similar field.
- Minimum 5–7 years of relevant insurance, reinsurance, or captive management experience.
- In-depth knowledge of the Cayman Islands insurance regulatory framework and CIMA requirements
- Strong understanding of insurance accounting, solvency, and risk management principles.
- Life reinsurance experience would be an asset.
- Proven leadership, communication, and organizational skills
- Strong work ethic – highly motivated and committed to a hands-on position.
- Exceptional interpersonal and communication skills with proven ability to communicate with and support both internal and external stakeholders.
- Advanced Excel and Powerpoint skills and the ability to navigate complex spreadsheets.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Desire to be collaborative, while also having the ability to work independently

The salary range for this position is **USD \$150,000 - \$175,000**, commensurate with qualifications and experience. The compensation package may also include participation in our discretionary bonus pool and long-term incentive plan, 100% employer-paid health insurance (including coverage for pre-existing conditions), and pension contributions in accordance with the Cayman Islands Pension Act.

We encourage all applicants to send your resume to cayjobs@expertisegroup.com. All Applicants are handled confidentially in accordance with Longtail Reinsurance (Cayman) Ltd privacy policy. **Closing date 29 April 2026.**

Caymanian Times

Newspaper Editor / Journalist

Caymanian Times is seeking a highly motivated **Newspaper Editor/Journalist**

Role & Responsibilities for the position of **Newspaper Editor/Journalist** at Caymanian Times

Role:

The Editor /Journalist will play a vital role in the output of Caymanian Times and its associated media endeavours across several platforms in addition to the printed paper reporting directly to and assisting the Publisher.

Duties and responsibilities include:

Assisting the Publisher with the complete news and current affairs production process from editorial planning to the final output of multi-platform news and current affairs content including; Compiling and reviewing content for the newspaper, covering events, researching news stories, interviewing and writing, on-mic and on-camera presentation in a multi-media environment.

- Editorial oversight of the general multi-platform news and current affairs output of Caymanian Times under the direction of the Publisher
- Setting and overseeing assignments of the journalism team including; staff, freelancers and contributors
- Produce and present content across the various platforms of Caymanian Times as directed by the Publisher
- Maintaining news files and archives

- Represent Caymanian Times at news and related events as directed by the Publisher
- Liaise with the production teams across the various content output of Caymanian Times as directed by the Publisher

Candidate profile:

- Qualification in Journalism or relevant field
- Previous journalism experience of at least five years with prior editorial management responsibility is a necessity.
- Portfolio of published articles or newscasts
- Graduate-level proficiency in the English language
- Proficiency to a professional level with news content software and digital production processes across print, online, video and audio including television and radio
- Excellent communication and networking skills
- The successful candidate must be familiar with current socio-economic and political developments in the Cayman Islands, as well as the Caribbean and global news agenda with a focus on how they relate to the Cayman Islands.
- An understanding of the history, culture, and society of the Cayman Islands is desirable.

All applicants must have a clean Police Record (no prior convictions or pending judgments), a clean Medical Record, a clean and valid Driver's License and be able to provide at least three suitable references, with two of those being from previous employers.

Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications and will be **CI\$5,100** per month. Benefits will be in accordance with Cayman Islands Labour, Health Insurance and Pensions Laws

Applicants should forward a detailed resume quoting reference

"Newspaper Editor" to:

The Publisher, Caymanian Times

Email: ralph@caymaniantimes.ky



**PROGRESSIVE
DISTRIBUTORS LTD**

Delivery Driver

Progressive Distributors Ltd. is currently seeking an experienced, energetic and highly motivated individual to join our team as a Delivery Driver. In accordance with our fleet insurance policy, candidates must be at least 25 years old to be eligible for hire.

Qualified and experienced applicants are required to work efficiently when delivering goods to our customers. Applicants must possess excellent customer service and driving skills. Mature and responsible work ethics are expected of the candidate to maintain this position. The candidate is expected to work with a special emphasis on road safety and courtesy to ensure the efficient delivery of goods to our customers. Must be competent in communicating in a polite and professional manner with all our customers and the general public while carrying out duties. Professional attitude and maintaining a neat appearance and hygiene always are required.

Salary range: CI\$10.00-11.93 per hour. An attractive compensation and benefits package (including medical insurance, vacation, and pension) is being offered to the qualified candidate. All applications received will be reviewed and only candidates meeting the mandatory requirements will be contacted for interview.

Mandatory requirements

- Must have a Group 4 driver's license or a valid driver's license authorized to drive industrial freight and cargo vehicles.
- Must have a minimum of 3 years truck driving experience.
- Must be available and flexible to report to work as early as 5am, on weekends and on holidays as schedule requires.
- Must be computer literate and have the ability to operate modern, computerized equipment (scales, desktop computers, handheld data collectors, etc.).
- Must be able to lift an average of 60 lbs. unassisted.
- Must have a clean and proven employment track record with references.
- Must be punctual, honest, reliable and hardworking.
- Must speak, read, write, and comprehend English fluently.

Qualifications

- Must have at least a High School Degree or equivalent.

Preferable

- Ability to operate articulated vehicles, e.g., haul loaded & empty containers.

Application requirements

- PDL application form must be completed and submitted along with references. The form is available on our website at <https://www.pdl.com.ky/job-openings>
- A valid driver's license must be submitted.
- A current police record must be submitted.
- A current traffic conviction certificate/driving record must be submitted.
- Where relevant, applicants must submit evidence of Caymanian Status or PR Certificate (confirming role as Delivery Driver).
- PR applicants should include most recent receipt showing payment of relevant PR fees.
- Married to Caymanian Certificate (if applicable).

Deadline for applications is 08 May 2026.



**PROGRESSIVE
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Ecolab Chemical Specialist and Laundry Technician

Progressive Distributors Ltd. is currently recruiting for the position of Ecolab Chemical Specialist and Laundry Technician. This role provides technical expertise and troubleshooting, on-site service, and support to customers. This is a Monday through Saturday job; however, it is not a normal 8-5 position. It requires the availability and flexibility to work day or night, weekends, and holidays for emergency calls as schedule requires. The successful candidate must be punctual, honest, reliable, and hardworking. A strong work ethic, positive attitude, and the ability to work unsupervised. The Company will provide training on its internal computer systems.

Salary range: CI\$60,000.00-CI\$70,000.00 per annum commensurate with experience. An attractive compensation and benefits package (including company vehicle, medical insurance, vacation, and pension) is being offered to the qualified candidate. All applications received will be reviewed and only candidates meeting the mandatory requirements will be contacted for interview.

Mandatory Requirements

- Must have at least 5 years technical experience in diagnosing, troubleshooting, repairing, and preventative maintenance of industrial laundry equipment.
- Must have knowledge of programming industrial laundry equipment.
- Must have knowledge of Ecolab chemical chemistry and uses.
- Must be able to communicate all technical issues found.
- Must have the ability to train customers in proper use of equipment.
- Must be able to prioritize and coordinate all repair tasks to respond and conduct repairs in a timely manner in efforts, to reduce appliance downtime.
- Must demonstrate the ability to always communicate in a professional manner with clients.
- Must possess excellent verbal and written communication skills in English.

Qualifications

- Must have at least a High School Degree or equivalent.
- Must have the ability to drive.

Application Requirements

- Job application form must be completed and submitted along with references. The form is available at our website at <https://www.pdl.com.ky/job-openings>
- A current police record must be submitted.
- Where relevant, applicants must submit evidence of Caymanian Status or PR Certificate (confirming role as Ecolab Chemical Specialist and Laundry Technician).
- PR applicants should include most recent receipt showing payment of relevant PR fees
- Married to Caymanian Certificate (if applicable)

Deadline for applications is 08 May 2026.

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CAYMAN ISLANDS GOVERNMENT
MINISTRY OF CAYMANIAN EMPLOYMENT & IMMIGRATION

Applications are invited for the post of:
SENIOR BUSINESS ANALYST

SALARY BAND: CI\$77,088 – CI\$101,160 PER ANNUM

The postholder will be required to work within the Ministry to capture both business and IT requirements, document their operations and processes, and recommend and implement solutions. This will be done in close collaboration with users, management, Computer Services, technical staff and with external vendors (where necessary). The postholder will be required to manage outsourcing arrangements with external contractors, and lead the procurement of services. The postholder will also be required to manage various projects including planning, execution and control.

The postholder will also be expected to lead teams in business process management in the various departments being supported by the Ministry, and identify and develop new and alternative approaches to performing business activities made possible by the availability of information technology and new techniques.

Education and/or Experience /Qualifications

The postholder **should** possess a Bachelor's degree preferably in a business or IT related field, **plus** a minimum of five (5) years post High School experience in a combination of research, reporting, business analysis and projects management.

Technical Knowledge and Hard Skills:

- The postholder **must** have analytical skills and project management and design skills, with the ability to translate concepts into requirements.
- Demonstrable evidence must be provided of a systematic, disciplined and analytical approach to problem solving.
- Exposure to formal Business Process Management and analytic tools is desirable.
- The postholder **should** have expert knowledge in analytic techniques and business process modelling.
- Additionally, the postholder **should** be proficient in Data gathering, and quantitative and qualitative data analysis, including business process metrics and measures linking to business KPIs.
- An above-average knowledge of Microsoft Office tools is expected together with expert experience with tools such as MS Projects or Microsoft Visio.

Soft Skills:

- The postholder **must** also have above average inter-personal skills with substantial experience of handling user contact with the ability of communicating at all levels of Government with great confidence and diplomacy.
- The post holder **must** be self-disciplined, flexible and adaptable with the ability to take a creative approach to problem solving. Excellent English language verbal and writing skills are expected.

Benefits will be determined in accordance with the Public Service Management Act and Personnel Regulations, the Public Service Pensions Act and the CINICO Health Plan.

DETAILED job description, benefits information and application form are available at:
www.careers.gov.ky

Closing Date:- 26 APRIL 2026



CAYMAN ISLANDS GOVERNMENT
MINISTRY OF CAYMANIAN EMPLOYMENT & IMMIGRATION

Applications are invited for the post of:
LABOUR & PENSIONS INSPECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR & PENSIONS

SALARY: CI\$53,616 – CI\$70,344 PER ANNUM

To function as an officer charged with the responsibility of effectively administering the Labour Act and the National Pensions Act in relation to the investigation of Individual Disputes of Rights, offences, and non-compliance with the Acts so as to avoid and/or resolve incidents, disputes, accidents, conflicts and occupational disease or prepare the case for prosecution.

While the post holder may be cross-trained and assigned to any of the three operational units, (Pensions Investigations Unit, Labour Investigation Unit & Inspections Unit), in the first instance, the post holder will be assigned to the Labour Investigations unit.

Education and/or Experience /Qualifications

The skills and attitudes required include:

Essential

- The minimum of an Associate's Degree in Business Administration, Economics, Human Resources, Industrial Relations, Criminal Justice, Law or related field with a minimum of five to seven (5-7) years' work experience
- The ability to understand the Labour Act and how it should be applied and in relation to other Acts of the Cayman Islands is required

Preferred

- Specific experience, skills and certification in at least one of the following areas: human resource management, industrial relations, labour/occupational safety and health inspections, dispute resolution.
- An understanding of International Labour Standards, Occupational Safety and Health Standards, and other International Labour Standards, with an ability to offer guidance on how to apply these in different work environments.
- A working knowledge of National Pensions Act, Immigration Act, Health Insurance Act, Trade and Business Act, and Judicial System of the Cayman Islands.
- Investigative and evidence gathering experience to a standard required for prosecution in court is beneficial.
- Understanding of the Labour Tribunal System and decision-making process.

Benefits will be determined in accordance with the Public Service Management Act and Personnel Regulations, the Public Service Pensions Act and the CINICO Health Plan.

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Closing Date:- 26 APRIL, 2026



CAYMAN ISLANDS GOVERNMENT
MINISTRY OF CAYMANIAN EMPLOYMENT & IMMIGRATION

Applications are invited for the post of:
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR & PENSIONS

SALARY: CI\$67,260 – CI\$88,248 PER ANNUM

Under the direction of the Director of Labour & Pensions, the Assistant Director (Labour & Pensions) is responsible for providing high level administrative support and coordination to ensure the effective and efficient day-to-day operations and administration of the Labour and National Pensions Acts by the Department of Labour & Pensions. He/she will assist the Director in planning, directing and implementing and achieving the strategic goals, objectives and outputs for the Department. He/she will assist the Director with managing the assigned budget, and will be responsible for overseeing customer service, operations, facilities, fleet and information technology, while providing administrative support and supervision of the Labour Tribunals. He/she will also be tasked with overseeing records management, freedom of information requests, internal complaints, and requests for proposals for the Department.

Education and/or Experience /Qualifications:

The skills and attitudes required include:

Essential

- A Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Economics, Human Resources, Industrial Relations, Criminal Justice, Act or related field. Acceptable Majors in the Bachelor's degree would be in accounting, finance, organization management, HR, or Communications, alternatively, a professional designation in appropriate areas, including accounting/audit designation and an interest in or studies towards relevant certifications.
- A minimum of 05 years' experience managing operations and administration.
- Strong administrative skills with proven ability to effectively manage and develop staff as required.
- A detail-oriented individual with strong ethics and excellent communication skills. He/she must be an intuitive, critical/strategic thinker and able to identify key issues for improvement.
- Must be able to effectively prioritize work in order to meet multiple deadlines.
- A working knowledge of the Labour and National Pensions Acts with an understanding of how it should be applied and in relation to other Acts of the Cayman Islands; plus an understanding of the Labour Tribunal and Labour Appeals Systems and its decision making process would be additional assets.

Benefits will be determined in accordance with the Public Service Management Act and Personnel Regulations, the Public Service Pensions Act and the CINICO Health Plan.

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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CAYMAN ISLANDS

UCCI invites qualified applicants for the following position:

Position: Director of Marketing and Communications

OVERVIEW

The Director of Marketing & Communications is responsible for the overarching outreach and marketing recruitment at UCCI. This position exists to present UCCI as a professional, engaging institution to all stakeholders and community groups related to the University, including current and potential students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, government/community leaders, and citizens. This position reports to UCCI's Vice President, Business and Operations.

Key tasks include:

- Marketing and Communications: directing strategy, web, print, events, design, media relations, communications and social media, and other digital media.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Bachelor's degree in a Marketing, Design or a related discipline.
- Minimum 10 years of professional work experience in marketing or a related field
- At least 5 years media relations experience with a thorough roster of media contacts. Crisis communications experience would be an advantage.
- Thorough knowledge of digital marketing including PPC, social advertising and CMS systems. Experience of digital marketing ROI tracking and monitoring.
- Demonstrated success leading to the development and execution of a marketing and communications team and all associated duties, preferably within an educational setting, University or public sector environment.
- Proven experience of labour market information development and reporting.
- Working relationship with local schools and community groups would be an advantage.

Responsibilities

Marketing & Communications

- Directs the development and implementation of marketing and communications strategies consistent with the mission, vision, and values of UCCI.
- Executes marketing strategies and campaigns, managing the production of marketing communications in various media.
- Creates promotional communications that may include print, electronic, new media, social media, and other collateral of significant strategic value to implement the University's overall marketing goals and objectives.
- Set goals and implements tracking to monitor campaigns for effectiveness and makes recommendations based on data and trends; monitor consumer and industry trends.
- Strategizes and oversees the development of new, data-driven campaigns based on strategic initiatives.
- Oversees all external media relations and crisis communications.
- Identifies, creates, and updates standard operating procedures for the unit, making recommendations for changes to policies and procedures.
- Advises the development of effective communication strategies to internal and external communities.
- Work collaboratively with UCCI staff to promote a consistent message to the public and UCCI's partners and donors.
- Forecasts staffing, capital, and operating budget needs in evaluating and reporting on market sensitivity, staff performance evaluation, etc.
- Facilitates cooperative and collaborative community and institutional relationships.
- In partnership with the President & CEO and Vice President, Business & Operations of UCCI creates marketing pieces for philanthropic efforts (annual report, etc.); leading efforts to create materials that engage donors.

COMPENSATION

- Salary Range: KYD \$87,444.00 – KYD \$114,768.00 per annum (Grade H)
- Employer-covered medical; co-contributory pension. and annual leave (20 days).

How to apply:

- Submit a CV and cover letter along with three (3) professional references to recruitment@ucci.edu.ky

Deadline: 14 April 2026

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Caymanians/Caymanian Status, persons married to Caymanians and holding Permanent Residence are preferred.



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FORM 38

LOST LAND CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to Section 34 (3) of the Registered Land Law, (2018 Revision), notice is hereby given of the loss of the Land Certificate issued in the name of

VALDERINE YATES and LEILA MAE BUSH
of
West Bay,
Grand Cayman,
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in respect of the following parcel of land situated in GRAND CAYMAN

REGISTRATION SECTION	GEORGE TOWN SOUTH
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It is proposed to cancel the above Land Certificate **14 (Fourteen) days** following the date of the last advertisement.

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