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A footy feast—with a message—for fans

All Stars rep for 2023 and 2024, and Parramatta Eel J'Maine Hopgood joined several retired legends of the game, including Greg Inglis and Willie Tonga in their role as Deadly Choices Ambassadors, at an event on Palm last Wednesday.

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'Tackling Indigenous Smoking' was hosted by Palm Island Community Company (PICC) in partnership with the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council (PIASC), and was an initiative of Deadly Choices and the Institute of Urban Indigenous Health.

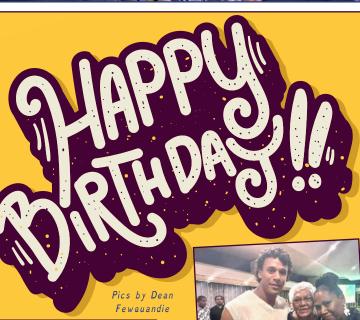
Also there were Over the Black Dot analyst Bo De la Cruz, Sean Choolburra, Normey Jay, and league legends Tyrone Roberts and Vern Daisy, NRL and QRL staff, and PICC TIS and Youth Services staff.

The day included a Welcome to Country, part of which was an exchange and blessing of gifts from Manbarra traditional owners to Maori representatives, all of whom spoke in language, and traditional dancing.















Star Broncos five eighth Ezra Mam, who is proud of his Palm Island and Torres Strait heritage and connections, celebrated his 21st birthday earlier this month, with several Bwgcolman relatives in attendance. Most of his team was also there to celebrate with him before his full State of Origin squad, who were in town on a training camp, also dropped in to wish him the best. Happy birthday Ezra!



PIASC's new ICT officer 'happy to be home'

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council's (PIASC's) new Information Communication Technology (ICT) Support Officer David Yasserie was born in Townsville but grew up on Palm Island.

He went finished school at Shalom Christian College. "I did my certificate II in Information Communication Technology (ICT) doing a traineeship," he said.

"I've recently worked for Commonwealth doing an Indigenous Cadetship Program in the ICT field at Brisbane office.

"The best job I ever did was decommissioning laptops, entering all the laptops serial and model numbers into a spreadsheet before sending them to the service provider like DELL or Lenovo."

It was precise work that has left him feeling wellqualified to take on his new role with PIASC.

"I want to give all the knowledge and skills that I've learned and gained over the past eight years," he said.

"I studied at university for six years, did multiple internships and lived and worked in Brisbane for the past two years."

Pictured below with Mayor Mislam Sam, David said he was happy to be home.

"I feel emotionally and mentally happy that I am home surrounded by my family, relatives, and friends," he said. "It's a stress relief for me because I don't have to worry about not being so far from family, who live on Palm Island and in Townsville."





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