

Palm Island Voice



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PLEASE note there may be some images of deceased persons within this publication.

Council signs up two new local apprentices



Two local young men – Dwayne and John Reuben – have been signed up with the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council as carpentry apprentices in what has been described as a great step toward fostering local talent and providing meaningful opportunities.

“Carpentry is an essential trade and it’s great to see our apprentices taking opportunities in this field,” Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey said.

“It supports the growth of the community while encouraging skill development among Indigenous youth.

“This will not only help them develop valuable skills but also contribute to the community by supporting local infrastructure and projects.”

In the picture is MEGT – Australian Apprenticeship Support Network Assistant Field Operations Manager Rianna Dawson and Manager Julie Ashdown with Dwayne & John Reuben.

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FRONT PAGE PIC:
Fantome Hunters' Richard Martin with the Plate trophy. Top: Jimbo Doolan & Waverley Brown Above: Norman Bounghi snr, Norman Bounghi jnr, Mahalia Bounghi, 8, and Doreen Bounghi. Right: Ida Richarson and Gavin Sibley caught the ferry from Palm Island for the carnival. Below: Fantome Hunters bench during the grand final



Top: hyniqua Bundle, aged 22 with Nathaniel Geia, 23, and Jamyron aged 8 months. Middle: Janet "Sister D" Lymburner supported Doogsie Doolan Raiders. Above: Susan Morgan

Huge Palm Island presence @ Bindal Carnival



Hundreds of Palm Islanders converged on the Townsville Sports Reserve to watch two Barracudas sides and Fantome Hunters compete at the Bindal Sharks Allblacks rugby league carnival from Friday to Sunday.

The *Palm Island Voice* was there and saw Mayor Alf Lacey, Cr Telstan Sibley and Cr Ebanese Oui out and about amongst many other Bwgcolman people at the games.

Ida Richarson and Gavin Sibley were sitting in the shade and said they caught the ferry over.

“The two ferries before the carnival were packed,” Gavin said., Palm Island’s Shyniqua Bundle,

22 enjoyed the weekend with Nathaniel Geia, 23, and 8-month-old Jamyron.

Norman Bounghi snr, Norman Bounghi jnr, Mahalia Bounghi, 8, and Doreen Bounghi from Palm Island also loved the action.

Janet “Sister D” Lymburner supported Doogsie Doolan Raiders who had many Palm Islanders in the team including Obe Geia jnr and

Darryl Pearson.

Susan Morgan was there and so was Tom Martin who organised Fantome Hunters, who won the plate section for the second year in a row.

As well as the football, Palm Islanders caught up with many people from the mainland and other communities in an atmosphere of friendship and goodwill.



Palm Island Barracudas Green

Def Gulf Raiders, Robyn Swain Memorial and Walkabout Lost the semi-final to Carnival winners Elsie Thompson Memorial.

Palm Island Barracudas Gold

Lost to Kudin Gulmari, Doogsie Doolan and Fantome Island Hunters Won against Charters Towers Trackers

Above: Fantome Hunters and their opponents after the Plate grand final. Left: Tom Martin right with other Fantome Hunters supporters.

2024 Spring Fair!







Birriah Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC ICN 8261

Notice of Birriah People's NATIVE TITLE HOLDERS MEETING

All **Birriah People** are invited to a meeting of Birriah People (Native Title Holders). Details are as follows:

- Time:** 1:30pm – 4:30pm
Date: Saturday, 2 November 2024
Place: George Kneipp Auditorium (Building 26), James Cook University
1 James Cook Dr, Douglas QLD 4814
Technology: there will be no teleconference or video conference facilities available.

Birriah People (Native Title Holders) means any person who is a biological or adopted descendant of one or more of the following Birriah apical ancestors:

Jinnie Tiers;	Tommy Morgan;
Kuburu, the father of Billy Lightning Banbari;	the mother of Lizzie Limburner;
John Smallwood;	Nellie Skeen or William (Billy) Skeen Snr;
Rosie Schilling;	Caroline Roger; or
Peggy Barker;	Maggie or her husband Harry Shepherd (Snr)
Sambo Callaghan;	

Purpose of Meeting

The purpose of the Meeting is to:

- (1) Consult, and obtain the consent of Birriah People (native title holders), to enter into a native title agreement between the Birriah Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC ICN 8261 and Ravenswood Gold Pty Ltd regarding:
 - a. the grant of mining leases ML100329 and ML100330;
 - b. Variation of mining leases ML10170 and ML100144; and
 - c. Including additional areas into mining lease ML 1682.

(See below map for **Agreement Area**)

- (2) Seek standing instructions from Birriah People regarding the negotiation and execution of future native title agreements under section 31 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), for projects within the Birriah native title determination area.

Agreement Area



RSVP Details

To assist with catering and enquire about financial support to attend the meeting, please register your interest by:

Email: admin@parallaxlegal.com

Lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to participants at the meeting. Financial support may be available to meet travel and accommodation expenses.

COMMUNITY NOTICE **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS** **HARD WASTE CLEAN UP**

The Bureau of Meteorology is predicting a very hot and very wet summer, and high potential for severe weather events, with at least ten cyclones forecast to form across northern Australia.

Council is once again undertaking disaster preparedness activities, including a hard waste clean up.

From Monday 21st October community members can put hard waste outside their fence and Council will come and remove it for free.

If you need a hand to remove any hard waste from within your fence boundary, please ring our administration team on 07 4770 0200 and we will arrange the required help.

Community members should undertake their own disaster preparedness by preparing a household specific disaster response plan (power, water, food, first aid, property protection, pet care, evacuation process etc) and ensuring all families members know what to do in the event of a disaster.

Please contact Council with any queries on 07 4770 0200 or email reception@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au

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Operating Hours for Palm Island Council are Monday–Friday 8am – 5pm
If you have any questions please contact Reception on 4770 1177 or 4770 0200
Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council has 5,400 'followers' on Facebook!!!

Help needed!

SEALINK

We are having repeated issues with our onboard sullage system due to the flushing of baby wipes in our on board toilets.

They are causing our macerators to block which shuts down our onboard toilets.

We installed a back up macerator however now we are finding that both of these pumps are blocking on board.

This issue will lead to service disruption if we can't stop the wipes!

In the last two weeks we have nearly had to cancel two services, with emergency parts arriving minutes before departure.

Please make sure you put your wipes in the bin, not the loo!