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## History in the making – Mayor Alf Lacey elected for second term

**Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey has returned to office for a second four-year term after gaining more than 200 votes over his nearest rivals in last weekend's Council elections.**



Cr Lacey has made history in the political landscape of Palm as the only Mayor to ever be returned for a second term.

The new Council will be Roy Prior, Eddie Walsh, Mislam Sam and Frank Conway. Crs Prior, Sam and Conway were members of Mr Lacey's team in the lead-up to the elections.

Cr Lacey said he was stunned at the results, much humbled and very grateful.

"I'd like to thank the community for putting their trust in me again and I'm looking

forward to another four years of hard work towards achieving our vision for our community," he said.

"I'd also like to thank the new Councillors for putting their hands up to do some hard yards for our people here on Palm, and I look forward to working with them all.

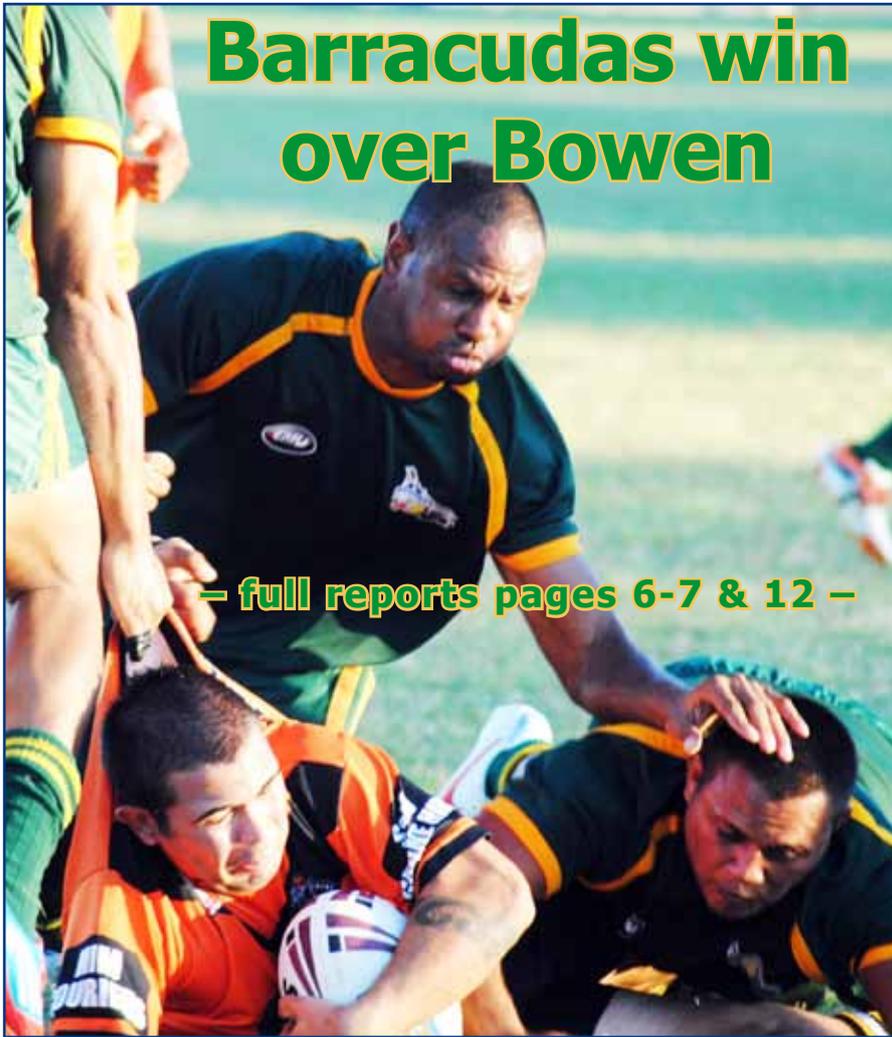
"Now we can really put our heads down and start working together for the better life and community we all want for our people, our families and most importantly our children."



**The new PIASC is (L-R) Cr Frank Conway, Cr Mislam Sam, Cr Eddie Walsh & Cr Roy Prior**

## Barracudas win over Bowen

– full reports pages 6-7 & 12 –



# CDEP diesel back online

'State-of-the-art' diesel lines are now in place at CDEP thanks to a gang of workers' hot, dusty and hard work to put things together late last month.

Kiosk Manager Bruce Sinn said CDEP was pleased to have the diesel supply back. "CDEP is pleased to announce our diesel is back on line," Mr Sinn said.

"We have introduced a state-of-the-art diesel line with two extra external filters that are able to supply the cleanest diesel available on the market.

"Ross, Albert and Albert's gang of CDEP workers worked until late Monday to get the job done.

"It proved very hot, dusty and hard work, however, they got through."

He said the Coolgaree Kiosk was open seven days a week and late on Thursday and Friday.

"Working in conjunction with the Bakery and CFC we are able to supply Palm Islands residents with fresh bread, milk, cigarettes, power cards, drinks, ice, bait, fuel and some grocery lines," he said.

"We also have cash, EFTPOS and ATM's for your convenience.

"Ursula, Joe and our new staff, Bettina and Isabel, provide a friendly happy service and are always smiling."

**Why is Deanne all smiles?! Find out on page 10...**



### Full Results: Mayors in Aboriginal & Torres Strait Communities

**(+ Carpentaria)** NB correct @ time of printing

Aurukun - no result (election delayed)

Carpentaria - Fred Pascoe (returned unopposed)

Cherbourg - Ken Bone (returned after break)

Doomadgee - Fredrick O'Keefe (returned)

Hopevale - Greg McLean (returned)

Kowanyama - Robert Holness

Lockhart River - Wayne Butcher

Mapoon - no result (10-day wait for postal votes)

Mornington Island - Bradley Wilson

Napranum - Philemon Mene

NPA - no result (waiting on preferences)

Palm Island - Alf Lacey (returned)

Pormpuraaw - Richard Tarpencha (returned)

Torres Shire - Pedro Stephen (returned)

Torres Strait Island Regional Council -

Frederick Gela (returned unopposed)

Woorabinda - Terry Munns Snr

Wujal Wujal - Clifford Harrigan

Yarrabah - Errol Neal

**Councillor results @**

**<http://virtuallytallyroom.ecq.qld.gov.au/elections/local/LG2012/groupIndex.html>**



# Coolgaree working hard to get people trained

**Coolgaree's Employment & Training team has worked hard to place participants from CDEP and a number of referrals from Job Find into various courses since the start of 2012.**

First Aid and CPR training with Mark Gilmore from St John's Ambulance has been undertaken over two days at the PCYC with 15 staff (listed below) from Coolgaree attending and passing.

In March 16 people were signed up for an 18-week Cert II in Construction at TAFE.

This course is now in its seventh week and progressing well.

## Townsville 'Murrayoke' open to Palm Islanders

**Palm Islanders who find themselves in Townsville over weekends are invited to join the Smallwood family's "Murrayoke" (karaoke!) nights at the Hermit Park Hotel every Friday night.**

Gracelyn Smallwood said it was a not-for-profit social night.

"It's more about having a social night where our people can feel welcome and comfortable, and where we emphasise responsible drinking and a zero tolerance for violence," she said.

"We have food served from 7pm, the footy on the big screen and we're open until late.

"Any Palm Islanders who are on the mainland are very welcome to come along to a real family atmosphere where we always have a lot of fun."

She said prizes were randomly awarded to singers, dress should be neat and casual (no thongs or singlets), and there was a \$2 cover charge.

Following that an Asset Maintenance course was run over 10 days with 15 participants, all of whom completed and passed the course. They are now waiting to receive their certificates, so well done!

Six CDEP participants are currently studying for their Cert II in Heavy Machinery & Civil Construction Course, which started at the PCYC in April and will finish on May 17.

A Cert II in Security was due to start this week, also at the PCYC, with eight CDEP participants expected to participate.

Finally 13 participants are expected to enrol in a Cert II in Hospitality due to start on May 8 and run over a period of five weeks.

A Youth Camp will be taking place on May 7 to Fantome Island for three days. The camp has been organised by Coolgaree for under-21-year-old participants in CDEP.

Motivational speaker Jeremy Donovan will be attending the camp and delivering programs aimed at helping young men with any social or personal issues.

Coolgaree Employment & Training offers a \$300 voucher as part of our 'Earn & Learn' incentive for the completion of Certificate II courses, which is given to people after they receive their certificates.

**First Aid Course graduates were Georgina Haines, Michelle Scholz, Kalie Obah, John Murison, Bruce Sinn, Ross Casey, Kelee Roberts, Gerty Richardson, Walter James, Robert Thompson, Kenny Prior, Neil Fraser and Fred Bulsey Snr.**



# Milestone achieved for financial services through ICAN

**A better level of financial help is now available on Palm through ICAN workers Ronald Fave and Ray Kent after they recently graduation from a diploma-level financial counselling course.**



*Above: Ronald Fave, Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network (ICAN) CEO Aaron Davis and Ray Kent*

Mr Fave said it was a milestone for them and Palm Island.

"I think it's really important to be able to learn as much as you can, but find ways and means of making it practical; somehow that people could be able to use to help themselves, better their lifestyles, achieve their goals financially," he said.

"That's just one aspect of what we all do at ICAN as well.

"Today, we graduate with the Diploma in Community Services Financial Counselling.

"We went through a whole series of modules that allowed for us to be able to pick up on key areas that people without skills would not be able to pick up on.

"There's no doubt the people of Palm Island are better off having people that are skilled helping them and also being culturally understood by them, I guess.

Mr Kent said they had wanted to be better skilled so they could help people on the Island.

"We know that lots of people have lots of problems; they get ripped off, they don't understand their legal rights," he said.

"So, if we're better trained, we can actually help the clients a lot better.

"The government's new laws which give customers much more rights, but you got to understand what those rights are otherwise you won't be able to use them.

"And one of the things we did was go through in detail what those rights are, so we're a lot more skilled at being able to say to people, for example, if you buy a fridge and it doesn't work the person who supplied the fridge has to take it back from Palm and get it repaired so the person doesn't have to pay as they did in the past.

"So, it's little things like that that make a huge difference to the client."

# ...Out & About...

## Walking for fitness

All from Palm Island, this lot were all walking for fitness in the Townsville suburb of Cranbrook late last month.

"I was on Palm earlier this week and it has been great to walk with everybody," Mulgar said. In the picture L-R in the back row are Virginia Kennedy, Mulgar Fraser, 16, Teanna Fraser, 22, Inniss Kennedy, 21, Rachel Fraser 16. In front Selmelia Fraser with son Gordon Johnson jnr, 3.



Left: Niu Rabuka and son Daniel, aged 11, doing a spot of shopping at Castletown in Townsville last month.

Below: Telstan Sibley and Gary Pearson heading into Target at Townsville's Castletown Shopping Centre, also last month.



# Go Barracuda

**THE Barracudas football team are the pride of Palm Island after thrashing Bowen District 46-16 in a representative rugby league match late last month.**

Last year a combined Palm Island/Bowen competed in the prestigious north Queensland Foley Shield but was dumped for this season when the competition was reduced from eight sides to three.

To ensure Palm Island and Bowen players who compete in their respective domestic comps gained a chance to be noticed for representative honours, the QRL Northern Division organised this match at Bowen's Denison Park.

It was played before a large crowd after Townsville rolled Mackay 42-28 in a Foley Shield game there.

The Barracudas side was selected after round three of local Palm fixtures on 14th April and only had a couple of training sessions under coach Genami Geia. Players, officials and supporters travelled by bus to Bowen on the day of the game.

Along the way back Darryl Pearson and some other supporters were seen at Home Hill.

The game was a cracker and star Barracudas winger Mickeal Sibley scored a try in the fourth minute. However Bowen hit back with a converted try soon after to see the home side lead 6-4.

From there it was never in doubt after classy winger Obe Geia jnr crossed out wide and then Sibley scored his second try at the 20th minute.

Barracudas forwards Fabulous Fred Bulsey -- the team captain, Caleb Geia, Costa Sam and Frank Baira were dominating and making lots of metres up the centre of the ruck and that allowed the ball to be continually fired to eager outside back. Bowen seemed fragile out wide.

Thirteen minutes later tough Barracudas five eighth Darryl Pearson crossed after a clever chip kick and his brother Gary converted.

When elusive halfback John Baira scored a try just before halftime, Gary Pearson converted putting the Barracudas ahead by 24-6.

At the break coach Genami Geia didn't want his charges to get complacent and told them it was "nil all and the game starts again from now."

Barracudas second half tries were scored by Darryl Pearson, Mickeal Sibley, James Sibley and Fred Bulsey.

Words & Pics Alf Wilson



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There were a large number of Palm Islanders barracking for the Barracudas and an incredible amount of interest back home from fans.

*Palm Island Voice* received numerous mobile phone calls from Palm islanders wanting progress scores which we were happy to provide.

Costa Sam phoned on three occasions to pass on the unfolding action to patrons at the Coolgaree Bay Sports Bar and Grill.

After the game ended just after 6pm, QRL Northern Division Chairman Nigel Tillett presented a trophy to Barracudas' captain, courageous Fred Bulsey.

A delighted coach Genami Geia said his side had a limited preparation and some players could not make it. "They went really well, all of them and it was great for Palm Island," he said.

The coach nominated John Baira, Obe Geia jnr, Caleb Geia, Costa Sam, Raoul Miller, Miceal Sibley, Frank Baira and Darryl Pearson as stand outs.

*Palm Island Voice* would like to add young Mundy Bay Warriors back Morris Watson, big Walter Geia, and Barracudas stalwart Esrom Geia to that list.

Watson came off the bench and had class written all

over him.

After the final siren, players and supporters posed for pictures despite an attack by hungry sand flies and mosquitoes.

Rugby league's Northern Division Manager Scott Nosworthy said the Barracudas players "were far too good for Bowen".

Mr Nosworthy described Obe Geia jnr as the "Flier from Palm Island."

His remarks auger well for speculation that Palm Island will be included if the Foley Shield is expanded again in 2013.

To add to the interest, local lad Fred Haines jnr played well for Townsville in the win over reigning Foley Shield champions Mackay.

His dad Fred Haines snr and mother Eva were both at Bowen watching both games.

**Full results: PALM ISLAND BARRACUDAS 46 (Miceal Sibley 3, Darryl Pearson 2, Obe Geia jnr 1, James Sibley 1, Fred Bulsey 1, John Baira 1 tries, Gary Pearson 5 goals) d BOWEN 16 (M Kenafacke 2, E Miller 1 tries, D Nahow 2 goals).**  
**MORE PICS NEXT ISSUE**

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# Happy Birthday!!!

to Lakiesha Jaya-Syria McKean-Brown, Wednesday 25th April  
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May god bless you and keep you safe, With love from Nana Georgina, Popi  
Tolowah, Mum, Dad, Uncle Obe, Aunties Resi & Alinah and your brothers  
& sister. Also from Nana Sonya & Popi Lenny, the Brown, Charles, Haines,  
Gorringer & Murgha families Palm Island & Townsville



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WHEN: EVERY MONDAY + THURSDAY NIGHTS  
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CONTACT: GERTRUDE RICHARDSON (counsellor @ Ferdys  
(0457434137)

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### The next RDO is Friday 11 May

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each Council RDO (every second week).

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## Deanne's an Aussie Rules champ!

**14-year-old Deanne Sibley (on the left) was a star player in an Invitational side which recently competed at the Queensland under 16 Secondary School Girls State Australian Rules Championships in Brisbane last month.**

Speedy Deanne attends Shalom Christian College and played on a wing. She is the granddaughter of the late and great Palm elder Bill Coolburra.

"I really enjoy playing Australian Rules even though rugby league is so popular on Palm," Deanne said.

Teacher coach Melissa Sotheren (on the right) said Deanne was very impressive.

"As this was the competition's first year only a merit team was announced but selectors informed me that if a full squad had been named to travel to the Australian Championships Deanne would have been picked as part of this," she said.

Deanne had a rugby league upbringing but said she was proud to have represented Shalom and Palm Island at the carnival.



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# PIRL FOOTY

## Roundup Week 4

### **JETS FLY HIGH IN THRILLER**

PREMIERS Jets scored their first win of the season when they beat Brothers 55-52 in a thrilling replay of last year's grand final.

Jets have regained some key players including Costa Sam who started the season with Mount Bentley Raiders but gained a clearance back.

Jermaine Bulsey scored three tries with two each to James Palmer and Keenan Kerr for Jets.

Big forward Jias Geia, George Noble and Costa Sam scored a try each.

James Palmer had a great game booting six goals with one to Gavin Barry.

Jermaine Bulsey kicked a field goal.

When at full steam Jias Geia is one of the hardest and toughest forwards on Palm.

For Brothers, winger William Bramwell had a blinder scoring five tries whilst

Malcolm Larry chipped in with two. Daniel Langdon and Norman Langdon each

crossed for one four pointer. Gavin Charles Rod Shortjoe, Gavin Johnson each kicked

two goals with one to Frank Nugent and Les Fourmile.

## Points Table: Week 4

- 1 Mount Bentley Raiders 8p**
- 2 Skipjacks 8p (both undefeated)**
- 3 Butler Bay Bulls 6p**
- 4 Mundy Bay Warriors 4p**
- 5 Jets 4p**
- 6 Bwgc Colman Brothers 2p**
- 7 Hornets 0p**

### **SKIPJACKS ROLL ON**

SKIPJACKS continued on their winning way with a 64-14 victory over Hornets in the main game.

Backs Mickeal Sibley and Esrom Geia each crossed for three tries, with one each to Obe Geia jnr, Owen Wilson, Sam Coutts, Kenny Wilson, Fred Bulsey, Terence Sibley and Vaughn Charles.

Halfback Anthony Thompson kicked four goals with one to Kenny Wilson and Mickeal Sibley.

Mickeal is proving a try scoring machine having also scored a hat trick for the Barracudas a week before in their impressive win over Bowen District.

For Hornets Morris Ling and Ronald Barry were the try scorers, Owen Robertson

kicked two goals and Gene Barry one.

### **BULLS CHARGE**

BUTLER Bay Bulls continued their great form with a 94-6 percentage boosting win over Mundy Bay Warriors.

Classy Billo Wotton scored four tries whilst Gresham Ross, John Oliffe and

Adrian Poynter registered three each. Reliable Allan Brown scored two with one

each to Walter Morgan, Pita Morgan, Gelam Geia and veteran Jason Poynter.

Goals were shared between Billo Wotton, John Oliffe, Gresham Ross, Pita

Morgan and Robert Bulsey. For Mundy Bay Warriors

Frank Conway scored the lone try and youngster Morris Watson snared the goal.

# William PI in top form, trainer says

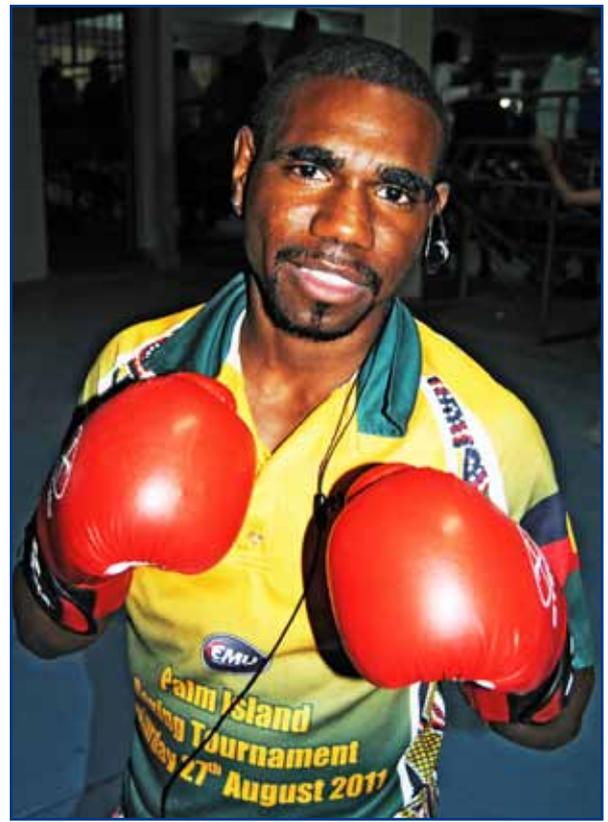
**WILLIAM** Palm Island has been showing continued great form since moving to Townsville and training with the Dragon Do Jos Boxing Club.

The former Palm Island Boxing Club star was spotted at the Sunstate Amateur Boxing League's Golden Gloves tournament at the Townsville Showgrounds last weekend. Aged 19, William has had one bout for Dragon Do Jos which he won.

"I want to say giddy to all my family and friends on Palm Island," he said.

Trainer Ramon Ey said William had the ability to win many bouts in coming months.

"He didn't get a fight at the Golden Gloves because he weighed in late," Ey said.



## New generation of boxers ready to fight

**Since the beginning of this year there has been a new group of young boxers training every day at the PCYC.**

Already five of these have had their first fights, and hopefully a couple more boxers will have theirs within the next month in the two upcoming tournaments the club will be attending. The new generation of Palm Island Boxers were all highly successful in their first ever fights in Brisbane recently.

Shanden Burns, Marcus Ketchup, and Chris Evers all easily won their fights, while Levi Baira fought a draw and Kevin Kidner narrowly lost on points.

Shanden impressed everybody as he dominated in the

Under-16 56kg division, knocking out an older and heavier opponent in the second round.

Queensland Boxing officials were all much impressed with the performance of the Palm Island boxers overall.

Those who stood out the most were the subject of much discussion about their ability and potential, particularly Shanden Burns, Levi Baira, Marcus Ketchup and Chris Evers.

The next tournaments boxers will be attending is in Caboolture on May 12, then the South East Queensland titles in Beenleigh on May 26-27.

All the new boxers will fight again at these tournaments as well as Stanley Fraser, who will be making his debut.

The club is now back to full strength with the return of Reggie and William Palm Island to full training.

Among those expected to fight over the next couple of tournaments are David Sam, Selwyn Seaton, Patrick Clarke, Thomas Blanket, Shanden Burns, Stanley Fraser, Reggie Palm Island, William Palm Island, Marcus Ketchup, Levi Baira and Chris Evers.



*Pic courtesy Chris Evers*



***THE Barracudas football team are the pride of Palm Island after thrashing Bowen District 46-16 in a representative rugby league match late last month (full story and more pics pages 6-7).***

***Captured above was the sheer magic when star Palm Island five eighth Darryl Pearson chipped a kick ahead, regathered and scored a try for the Barracudas against Bowen. Darryl's twin Clinton Pearson was there backing him up – they were born just a minute apart and Darryl is the youngest.***

***Our series of five action shots taken by Alf Wilson shows Darryl under extreme pressure from a Bowen defender before putting the ball down for a green and gold four-pointer. Deadly effort Darryl!***

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