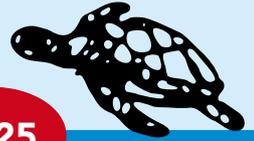


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## Alcohol laws in community hands

**Alcohol Management Plans were high on the agenda of the first meeting between new state LNP Ministers and Indigenous Mayors in Cairns two weekends ago.**

As a result of those meetings Minister for Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander & Multicultural Affairs Glen Elmes has asked the Mayors to get back to him with new plans to manage alcohol in their communities.

Mayor Alf Lacey, attending as an observer to more formal proceedings, said he took the opportunity to talk to the new parliamentarians "about crucial issues that affect our communities".

After the full meeting, Minister Elmes spoke separately with Mr Lacey and others about the AMP.

"I had high-level talks with the Ministers and surprisingly they have asked the community to come up with a modelling around what would work best on Palm Island for the AMP," Cr Lacey said.

"So, I'm pleased to inform the community the review of the AMP is well on their agenda and we may see some changes, certainly within the near future."

Mr Elmes said sly groggers were profiting from the despair of people in dry communities.

"If they (communities) come back to me with a plan as to how they will treat the sale and consumption of alcohol in their particular community and it fits what they can achieve, then if it comes to lifting the plan then we will lift it," he told AAP.

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**Is this the face of Palm Island footy in 5-10 years time? Palm Island's junior Barracudas juniors played well at the annual Gorden Tallis Shield carnival held in Townsville early this month. Pictured here is young stand-out Germaine Bulsey. ...more on pages 8-9...**



*Minister Glen Elmes, Mayor Alf Lacey & Assistant Minister David Kempton in Cairns earlier this month*

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## Help at hand for injured diver

AN injured man from the AIMS Scientific vessel Cape Ferguson was rushed to Palm Island Hospital after suffering an injury to a finger whilst diving off Orpheus Island last week. "One of our blokes hurt his fingers whilst diving so we got him to hospital," one of the crew said.

## You could win \$100!!!

Not-for-profit organisation Bwngcolman Arts Inc is looking for a new logo and is offering a \$100 prize for whoever comes up with the design they like best. Details in Community Notices on pages 10-11.



Palm Island Hospital worker Jeanon Kidner (*above*) has just completed her administration training at Townsville Hospital and is well on her way to achieving her main ambition.

"I am moving on to do my Cert III to become a Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health Worker," she said.

**WELL DONE JEANON!!!**

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Cr Lacey said he has already met with new Councillors Mislam Sam, Eddie Walsh, Frank Conway and Roy Prior about AMPs following the Cairns meeting.

"We want to take this to the community to let them have their say," he said.

"That will involve some community forums, a public meeting or residents can submit in writing what they think about the AMP to Council."

He said somebody from outside Palm Island could be brought in to oversee the consultation process.

"Once we have all of the thoughts of the community we will then present a proposal to Minister Elmes," he said.



**ABOVE: Palm Island Community Company Family Support Worker Natasha Baira, left, and volunteer Emmalita Baira busy setting up a free book giveaway display in the Community Hub - a great opportunity for residents to pick up a good read at no cost...**

# Remembering 1957 – Strike day plans well underway for June 4

Plans are well underway for a day Palm Island community will spend a day off remembering the Strike of 1957 when the people of Palm Island waged a silent fight for better wages and living conditions.

As a result of a series of silent meetings protesting these conditions, seven men were branded as leaders and troublemakers. While the strikers themselves may have all passed on now, the families of Willie Thaiday, Albert Geia, Eric Lymburner, Sonny Sibley, Bill Congoo, George Watson and Gordon Tapau, work every year to ensure they will not be forgotten. These men and their families were rounded up by police in the early hours of the morning,

forcibly removed from their homes and banished from the Island.

Most of them were never to return until decades later.

This year 27-year-old Aaron Thaiday is one of the committee who have taken on organising the day.

"You have to understand that life in 1957 when the community stood up, it was a different time to now," he said. "For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to do what they did then was a big thing.

"They didn't know what was going to happen to them.

They didn't know what the consequences of the system was going to be. In the end, the consequences were that the troublemakers got sent off the island. But what that did in broader terms, was it shone a light on that and Aboriginal people living under the Act.

When they were moved to other communities they took their story with them, and they took that same level that they had on the island where they wanted to

control their own lives.

"At that time, the law was if you were a troublemaker you got sent to Palm Island. If you went to work on a bad hair day you got sent to Palm Island.

"It was times like that we were sent away from our families; we were sent to here and for Aboriginal people to say: 'All right, this is the last place that we're ever going to be sent we got to stand up here'.

"Where else where they going to be sent?"

"So, at that time, for them to live in that fear of not knowing, and still being able

to have the courage to stand up and do it, that's what these young people today need to learn. That's what those

principles need to be instilled in each one of the young people. And that's why

myself and a lot of the other younger mob from the seven families, that's why

we have to keep it going every year because it's the first time in Queensland

history that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people did a stop-work action.

"And it wasn't as though it lasted a day; it lasted five days. They took over the

whole island for five days, and the only way the government got the island back

was by sending in troops. And that's the reason why I'm involved in it every year,

to keep that memory alive."

Mr Thaiday said plans for the public holiday early next month were well underway. T-shirts were expected to

arrive this week, and a book launch for "The Day Palm Island Fought Back – The

Strike of 1957" by Dulcie Isaro, is also on the program (**see next page**).



*Out & About (courtesy PCYC): Top: Irene & Milton Thaiday; Above: Trent James and Leanne Bramwell, with God Mother Derri Burns holding baby Reggie James at St Anthony's Church*

*Easter Sunday + Centre: with grandmother Auntie Muriel Bramwell; Right: Easter Sunday*

# 57 Strike Day Program

**Our theme for the 2012 57 Strike Day is "UNITED WE STAND".**

We may all come from different tribal backgrounds but we are proud Bwngcolman people of Palm Island. We know only together as a united community we can move forward and live in harmony and peace with one another. We want to encourage all family and friends come and enjoy this wonderful day with us. Our program for Strike Day 2012 is:

## **MC – CLIFFORD LYMBURNER**

### **7:30am RINGING OF THE BELL**

8:00am Raising of the Flags

9am Blessing of the Day – Pastor Emmanuel Fave

9.05am Welcome from Traditional Owners

9.15am Mayor Lacey

9.30am Chris Congoo (on behalf of the Striker's family)

9:40am Auntie Dulcie Isaro's book launch at PCYC

9.50am Traditional Dancing – Aboriginal (2 dances)

9.55am Traditional Dancing – Torres Strait (2 dances)

10am Laying of wreaths by Striker's Families

### **10am RINGING OF THE BELL**

10am Live radio broadcast

10am Junior Art & Dance Comp @ PCYC

10am Pool & Dart Competition @ Pub (Presentation @ PCYC at 3.45pm)

10am to noon Children's Activities (face painting, etc.) – Venue PCYC

10am to noon Netball @ courts at Farm area (lunch provided @ Farm area), continues 1pm-3pm (Finals & Presentations at PCYC)

Netball teams will be battling it out for the Strike of 1957 Commemoration Day Trophy donated by the Palm Island Council. Junior Dance competition to begin at halftime of netball.

### **10:30am RINGING OF THE BELL FOR MORNING TEA**

10:30 to 11:30am Elders & Community morning tea and Book launch by Auntie Dulcie Isaro @ PCYC

### **Noon RINGING OF THE BELL FOR LUNCH**

Noon Elders @ Community Lunch @PCYC and after

1pm Showing of old slides of Palm Island & Entertainment. Art & Dance Competition Finals and Awards

3pm Netball FINALS to be played @PCYC (Finalslists of Dance competition perform @ Halftime)

3:45pm Presentation of Trophy and medallions for all events

### **4pm RINGING OF THE BELL FOR SUPPER**

6pm Community Supper (kuppa Murri)

6:30pm to 8pm Local artists/ Band Performs

### **8pm RINGING OF THE BELL TO GO HOME**

## **FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE ON SALE – TRADITIONAL AND HAMBURGER STALL.**

We have approached the Council and sent letter to Sealink to have the ferry leave Palm @ 3.30 or 4pm. We have no funds from any government departments or organisations and have secured donations from our local community agencies and stores. We thank you for your donations and time.

**If there is anyone wishing to help on this day or leading up to it please contact Milton or Aaron Thaiday, we do appreciate it.**



*Out & About (courtesy PCYC): Below Left: Vera Boyd & Roger McKean; Above Left: Maurice Lenoy & Leavetta Parkinson; Above Middle: Alana Sibley at the PCYC playground; Above Right: Neville Murgha & Albert Gorringer Snr; Below Right: Jackie Wilson & Ben Kennedy*



# Ministers listening as Council looks at busy agenda for next few months

The new state Minister for Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander & Multicultural Affairs Glen Elmes has listened to concerns brought to him at a meeting in Cairns two weeks ago, Mayor Alf Lacey says.



*L-R in Cairns: Minister Elmes, Mayor Peter Scott (Cook), Mayor Philemon Mene (Napranum), Mayor Robert Holness (Kowanyama), Mayor Clifford Harrigan (Wujal Wujal), Mayor Greg McLean (Hope Vale), Mayor Alf Lacey, Minister David Kempton (Assistant Minister for Aboriginal Affairs)*

The meeting between new state LNP Ministers and Indigenous Mayors was organised by Minister Elmes, his Assistant Minister David Kempton and the Regional Organisation of Councils of Cape York (ROCCY), where Mayor Lacey and the other Indigenous Mayors from outside the Cape have observer status for formal proceedings. "The Minister has certainly listened to the concerns I have brought to him," Cr Lacey said. "They are listening and said they are going to listen directly to the elected leaders of our community which will certainly cut a lot of the middle-man stuff out, so that is very good. "I feel I've achieved some initial good contact on behalf of our Council and our community, and I'll continue to take those issues up because that's important to Palm. I also look forward to meeting with the Premier very shortly to ensure we continue to keep our local issues at the forefront.

"The major issues were economic development, community growth, matters of the retail stores and also a new forum in place of community round tables.

"Economic development was one of their key points in terms of ensuring community growth and a way forward on community matters, which is important.

"It was certainly a productive meeting and I'm pleased with the Minister and the Assistant Minister.

"They are very supportive of listening to the community, so certainly I'll take every opportunity we've got to put in front of them the wish list from the community and the Council on Palm, and certainly will continue to work with them."

**MEANWHILE** Cr Lacey said the new Council had definitely "hit the ground running".

"It's only been a week out of elections and we've already taken some of the critical issues we were about in our campaign to a state level

forum," he said. "I think the first Council meeting agenda is pretty tight, there are some matters from the previous Council which haven't been endorsed or sorted, so our first Council meeting is going to be somewhat busy.

"At the same time we have to elect the new Deputy Mayor and do a bit of induction for the new Councillors.

"Then it will be business as usual in terms of going through the agenda and looking at those outstanding matters from the previous Council.

"Some of those things include infrastructure programs, town planning, we need to look at the tenders for the two new subdivisions and some other basic community issues that need to be addressed at the table. So the first few months I think are going to be very full-on for this new Council, but I understand and know from discussion with the new members that there is a strong willingness to roll up their sleeves so they can get down to business and get things moving."



Students and staff of **Bwgcolman Community School** joined members of the community to pay their respect to the men and women of Australia who served in the Australian Defence Forces last month. Special tributes and wreaths were laid at the memorial to especially acknowledge the efforts of serving Palm Islanders, past and present.  
*Lest We Forget!!!*



**Champions!** Aged 9 are Jeanie Sibley & Gary Pearson; 10 Sarita Geia & Elijah Cannon; 11 Gail Coolburra & Hananias Murphy; 12 Penny Roberts Lenoy & Derek Creed; 13 Moira Murray & Allan Walsh; 14 Shirley Barry Curley & Sacchin Walsh; 15 Ngaire Pearson & Koipe Castors. Open Champs were Sharna Cannon & Shandon Burns



*Out & About (courtesy PCYC):*  
 Above Left: The Everlast Gang volunteers at PCYC night programs, L to R Sterling Aden jnr, William Palm Island and Devon Palm Island.

These young men help supervise the night activities in the main arena; Above Middle: PCYC youth worker Shontae Ryan; Above Right: Palm Island Skipjacks on Skipjacks Hill ;

Below Right: Kevin Inkerman , Shaneeka Luff & Kylie Pompey; Below Middle: Sam Coutts; Below Left: an African visitor at the Easter Youth Rally at PCYC





# Bowen 2012



# Future Barracudas play their best games for Gorden Tallis Shield

**PALM Island Barracudas juniors played well at the annual Gorden Tallis Shield carnival held in Townsville early in May.**

The side played nine games against often bigger opponents and won two drew three and lost four. Forty sides from around north Queensland contested the carnival named in honour of former champion Queensland State of Origin and Test forward Gorden 'Raging Bull' Tallis, who is now a commentator and was at the carnival.

Two girls in the Barracudas side were Vasenai Dabea, 9, and Talita Kennedy, 9. It often took three or four defenders to tackle Vasenai, who was one of the stars for the Barracudas. Boys who stood out for Palm Barracudas included Morris Bourne, Elijah Miller, Jermaine Bulsey and Jahvan Oui.





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Monday 4th June 2012 is the Strike Day annual holiday for Palm Island.

### **OUR PROGRAM THEME FOR IS "UNITED WE STAND".**

We know only together as a united community we can move forward into reconciling our indifference with all race of people and live in harmony and peace with one another.

Palm Island is our home when people visit our beautiful shores they don't want to leave.

So I encourage all family and friends come and enjoy this wonderful day with us.

And, if you can spare some time to help us out with our massive program of events, contact Aaron or Milton Thaiday - lots of jobs for lots of people, no matter what your skills or experience.

**Come and help us make sure this day is the best it can be for everyone.**



### **BARGE Co.**

*Palm Island Barge Company would like to congratulate Mayor Alf Lacey and all the new Councillors - Frank Conway, Eddie Walsh, Mislam Sam and Roy Prior - on their election to the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council. Well done Councillors!!!*

*Bwgcorman Arts Inc is offering \$100 for the best logo design for their not-for-profit organisation supporting all Palm Island artists. Entries can be lodged with Council reception - no deadline but don't miss out!!!*

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# Boxers hope to host 2nd Palm Island event

**A second gala boxing tournament looks set to be hosted on Palm Island later this year, probably in September.**

It is hoped it will follow the success of the 2011 event held in August at the local PCYC.

Visiting boxers came from the central Queensland Aboriginal community of Woorabinda, Rockhampton, Emerald, Charters Towers and Townsville and competed in a brand new ring.

The Woorabinda and Palm boxers had met whilst attending tournaments at Emerald and Mount Isa and have struck up great friendships out of the ring. A huge crowd of more than 500 men, women and children were there which included entire local families.

Palm boxers dominated

the card which featured 12 fights and four exhibition bouts.

In all 17 Palm boxers competed and they won seven of the 10 bouts they contested.

Eight Palm boxers fought the four exhibition bouts against each other.

Palm trainer Ray Dennis said that to host such a tournament the local club faced high costs associated with bringing visiting officials such as referees and a doctor here.



*Above: boxers Dennis Haines jnr with trophy and Albert Gorrige at the Palm tournament in August 2011*

"When we go away we pay all our own costs," Mr Dennis said.



## **Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council**

is closed every second Friday (Council pay week) for RDO.

**The next RDO is  
Friday 25 May**

**REMEMBER:** the Bank & Post Office now closes each Council RDO (every second week).

**For emergencies on Friday  
please call 0458 789 011**

**For more information contact  
Council on 4770 1177**

## **Healthy Lifestyle Program**

*incorporating prostate cancer awareness*

**When** – Tuesday 29th May

**Where** – Coolgaree Bay Sports Bar & Bistro

**Time** – 10.30am to 1pm

**Come and find out about  
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information on Prostate Cancer.**

**Healthy lunch and refreshments available!**

*Contact Leonie Hopkins PIAC 4770 1177*

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# Boxers shine in Caboolture

**A MARATHON 1500km road trip to Caboolture in southern Queensland didn't prevent five out of eight Palm Island boxers from winning their bouts on Saturday night.**

Eight Palm boxers and trainer Chris Evers left Townsville late last week well prepared for the Boxing Association Queensland tournament.

Stanley Fraser, aged 16, was having his first fight in the 58kg division and knocked out his Caboolture opponent in the first round. "Stanley wanted to better the efforts of another Palm boxer, Shanden Burns, who had knocked the same fellow out in round two recently, and he did that," Mr Evers said. "Shanden was also coming to Caboolture but pulled out late."

Levi Baira, 11, won on points in the 30kg division beating K McDermott of Gladstone. Thomas Blanket also won on points in the 60kg class after weighing in at 54kg.

Marcus Ketchup, 13, won on points in the 38kg division, beating a Gladstone boxer. Then William Palm Island sparred a boxer who is a member of the Australian Games team for the London Olympics.

William also fought an exhibition bout against an Australian champion and Mr Evers said the crowd loved his efforts.

Young Chris Evers jnr, 9, lost on points to T Kennedy from Beenleigh after giving away 3kg in weight in what was an entertaining bout.

Kevin Kidner, 10, won on points beating C



Daniel from Bundaberg.

In the main bout Patrick Clarke lost on points to New Zealand champion boxer M Zazenski.

"Patrick came home by far the better and was 12 points behind going into the last round but only lost by four," Mr Evers said.

Mr Evers said the club wanted to thank sponsors, The Cathy Freeman Foundation and Palm Island Community Company, for making the trip possible.

"Without them we couldn't have gone," Mr Evers said.

**FOOTNOTE:** BOXERS David Sam and Patrick Clarke will travel to Brisbane this coming weekend for a Centre of Excellence Boxing Workshop.



*Steen Walsh (left) and Dennis Haines Jnr on the Reel Women Jetty waiting for the ferry last week*



# PIRL FOOTY

## Roundup Week 5

### **RAIDERS SKIP TO TOP OF THE TABLE**

IN what was the undoubted match of the season so far, the top-of-the-table clash between Mount Bentley Raiders lived up to expectations.

It went right down to the wire with Raiders winning 44-42.

The sides had both been undefeated, setting up a showdown which will be talked about on Palm all season.

Frank Baira continued his fine form and scored three tries with singles to Caleb Geia, Reggie Palm Island, John Baira, Tabua Oui and John Watson.

Better known as a boxer, Reggie is fast gaining a name for himself as a speedy and elusive outside back.

Tabua kicked five goals and John Baira one.

Three players scored two tries for Skippies – Miceal Sibley, Sam Coutts and Fred Bulsey with one apiece to Obe Geia jnr and Bennett Blanket. Clinton Pearson booted four goals and brother Gary Pearson one.

### **BULLS CONSOLIDATE TOP THREE SPOT**

BUTLER Bay Bulls maintained their fine form with a 26-6 victory over Bwgcorman Brothers. The game was called off at halftime because Brothers didn't have enough uninjured players to continue. Big front rower Walter Geia

scored three tries for Bulls (see *below*), with one to ever reliable Billo Wotton and Val Fulford. Walter Morgan kicked two goals and David Bulsey one. Malcolm Larry scored the try for Brothers and Robert Johnson snared the goal.

### **JETS FLY OVER MUNDY BAY**

PREMIERS Jets continued their charge up the ladder with a 52-38 victory over a gallant Mundy Bay Warriors.

Costa Sam, his younger brother David Sam and Raoul Miller (see separate story) each scored two four pointers for Jets with one each to Keenan Kerr, James Palmer and Jordan Prior.

James Palmer booted eight goals and had a fine game with a personal tally of 20 points.

Mervin Noble scored two tries for Warriors with singles to Phillip Kerr, Brian Brown,

Michael Noble, Ezra Langlo and Luke James. Youngster Morris Watson kicked three goals with one to Aaron Thaiday.

Jets coach Norman Bounghi said his best players were Thom Walsh, Costa Sam, David Sam, Robert Bulsey and Daryl Daisy.

"Again another hard fought win, credit to Mundy Bay who never gave up and also credit to the Jets players who toughed it out when Mundy Bay put the pressure on," Bounghi said. "Our playing stocks are boosted with the return of 2011 Grand Final players Robert Bulsey and Thom Walsh and also a return by former Skipjacks and Barracudas player Raoul Miller. For the first time this season we managed to field a full team after battling the first three games."

### **HUMAN battering ram Walter Geia is looking forward to an injury free season with Butler Bay Bulls in the Palm footy comp.**

The 20-year-old and 124kg Walter injured his knee whilst playing in the Barracudas carnival on Palm during February.

Walter recovered and was a shining light for the Barracudas when they beat Bowen easily on 21 April.

The tough as nails forward made many metres up the centre of the ruck and it continually took numerous opponents to tackle him to terra firma.

"I have been jogging and doing weights since, and will be playing for the Bulls which have a good side," he said.



## WIZARD WILSON'S FIVE TRY BLITZ

A FIVE-try haul by diminutive hooker Kenny Wilson led Skipjacks to a handsome 78-22 win over Mundy Bay Warriors in the first game of the round.

Only small in stature, Kenny ran riot as he stamped himself as a ball wizard.

Try-scoring machine Miceal Sibley continued his great form with three four-pointers, whilst Owen Marpoondin and Bennett Blanket each crossed for two.

Singles went to veteran workhorse Brian Conway, Jeremy "human battering ram" Tulleh and Gabriel Geesu.

Miceal also booted four goals for an individual match tally of 20 points and Kenny's three two pointers gave him 26 points in a fine all-round performance.

Owen kicked the other goal.

For Warriors Ralph Doomadgee,

Michael Noble, Raymond Noble, consistent Ezra Langlo and Maverick Fox scored tries.

Michael chipped in with a goal.

## TABUA LEADS RAID OVER BROTHERS

CLASSY back Tabua Oui scored six tries and booted four goals for a total of 32 points in Mount Bentley Raiders 80-32 hammering of Bwgcolman Brothers in the second game.

Tabua has now scored an amazing 176 points in six games for the undefeated Raiders.

Kevin Morgan scored four tries, Ralph Watson and John Baira two with one each to Lleyton Sam, Thomas Oui, Frank Baira and Ralph Watson.

Other goals were kicked by Selwyn Seaton, Kevin Morgan and Clarence Nugent.

For Brothers winger William Bramwell and five eighth Robert Johnson scored two tries, with

singles to Matty Johnson and Malcolm Larry.

Rod Shortjoe kicked two goals and Luke Fourmile and Malcolm Larry snared one each.

## SAM BROTHERS STING OPPOSITION

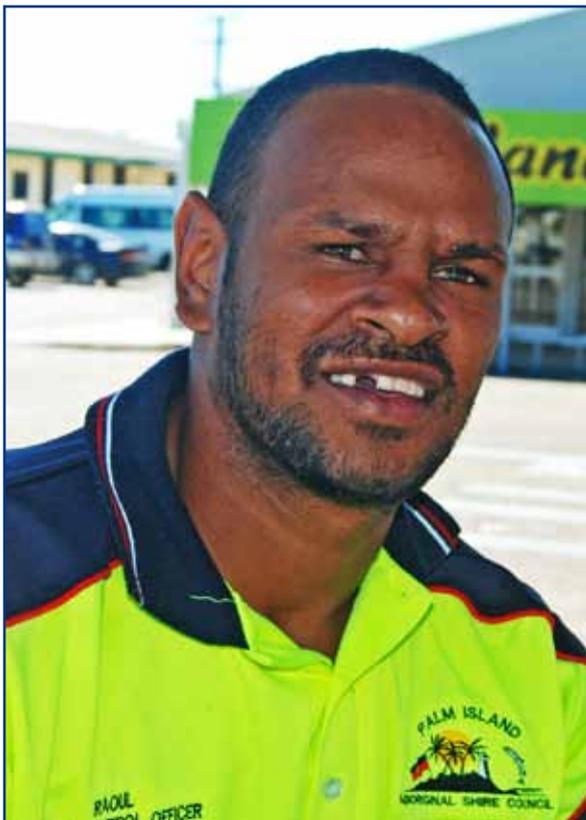
BROTHERS Costa, David and Moa Sam shone when their side Jets belted Hornets 76-nil in the last match.

Costa scored four tries, whilst David, Moa, Jermaine Bulsey and Raoul Miller (*see below*) each snared two.

Singles went Keenan Kerr, Jias Geia, and Gavin Barry. Robert Bulsey kicked six goals, Keenan Kerr and Gavin Barry one.

Whilst Hornets failed to trouble the score sheet they had good players in forwards Garrett Dempsey and Ronald Barry as well as backs Josh Landers and Owen Robertson.

Butler Bay Bulls had the bye.



## FAMILY loyalty plays a big part in which of the seven rugby league clubs Palm Island footballers line up for.

That is indeed the case with star forward Raoul Miller who has switched from Skipjacks club to Jets.

Formerly with Jets, Raoul joined Skippies last year but has told the *Palm Island Voice* he was returning to Jets.

"The family has been putting pressure on me so I will be going back to Jets and have applied for a clearance," he said.

In his first game back for Jets in round five on 5 May, Raoul scored two tries in the win.

For years Miller has been one of the best players for the Barracudas and shone when they beat Bowen District 46-16 a few weeks back.

Another quality forwards to rejoin Jets is Costa Sam who started the season with Mount Bentley Raiders. Sam is already back with Jets to play alongside his two brothers.



**VETERAN** Skipjacks utility player Vaughn Charles is a highly respected footballer on Palm Island.

Aged 37, Charles scored a try for Skippies in their 64-14 victory over Hornets in round four of fixtures. His good mate John Oliffe is aged 22 and scored three tries in the Bulls 94-6 win over Mundy Bay Warriors in the same round. Vaughn is renowned as an experienced footballer who knows every trick in the footy manual. Oliffe is a rising star who is very elusive for opposition defences. The pair are pictured here having a chat outside the Palm Fish Shop where they were both looking forward to the next time the Bulls and Skippies clash.

*Right: On their way to training with Mundy Bay Warriors in the local footy comp were William Palm island, Ezra Langlo and Thomas Gilmartin*

*Below: Mickeal Sibley scored three tries in last week's PIRL match, to equal his effort for the Barracudas in their recent win over Bowen.*



## **PIRL**

### **Points Table: Week 6**

- 1 Mount Bentley Raiders 12p**
- 2 Skipjacks 10p**
- 3 Butler Bay Bulls 10p**
- 4 Jets 8p**
- 5 Mundy Bay Warriors 4p**
- 6 Bwgc Colman Brothers 2p**
- 7 Hornets 2p**



***This group of Palm students from Bwgcolman Senior Campus had just attended a career and job expo at the V8 Supercar Racing Complex on Boundary Street. They said they all had a good time. Back Row (L-R) Leetia Ketchup, Christine Cannon, Sylvia Lenoy-Roberts, Dehannah Morgan, Ella Morgan, Edith Bulse; Front Row (L-R) Sharna Cannon, Alison McKean, Sharmika Curley, Jennifer Cannon, Toni Roberts, Teacher - Albertus Brink***

## Fletcher finding 'Green Solutions' to job hunting

**PALM Island born Fletcher Daisy was busy on the North Queensland Green Solutions Stall (NQGS) at the Upper Ross Community Expo held at Townsville last Saturday.**

NQGS started eight months ago and provides a new and innovative approach to recycling and employment opportunities for the community.

There headquarters are at Hervey Range Landfill where they have a drive through recycle facility. Any donated goods are



sold by the group and money used to find employment.

Mr Daisy is a member of a big Palm Island family and said he grew up there.

"My first job was as a water trimmer and plant operator," he said.

"I played football for Skipjacks between 1988 and 91.

"I really like being part of NQGS as we sell stuff which is thrown away and help people get jobs." Fletcher wanted us to say a big hello to all his family and friends on Palm Island.

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