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Huge crowds expected for Allblacks

Big crowds are expected to support two local Barracudas sides competing in the Algon Walsh Snr Memorial Community Challenge Allblacks rugby league carnival on Palm this weekend.



Barracudas Green and Barracudas Gold and another six sides – Hope Vale, Yarrabah’s Bukki Buna and Guyala, Mossman, Bindal Sharks and Kudjala from Charters Towers will battle it out for honours. It will be the first north Queensland Allblacks carnival of 2013.

The first carnival scheduled for 2013 was the Central

Queensland Indigenous Development Reconciliation rugby league Allblacks carnival at Rockhampton over the Australia Day long weekend. The carnival was postponed until Easter due to flooding in the area.

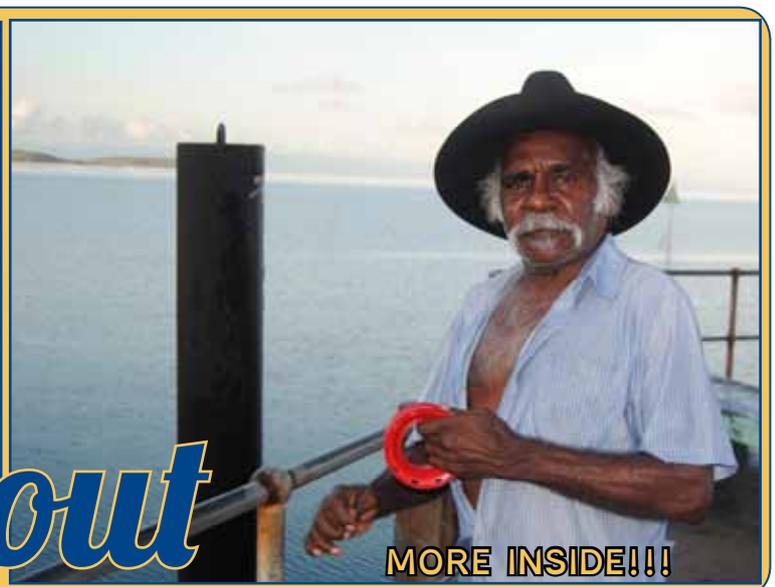
The late Algon Walsh snr was a former Palm Island Rugby League stalwart who in his later years became a well-respected local referee.

Co-ordinator Norman Bounghi (*pictured left with Mayor Alf Lacey*) said it was looming as a great carnival. Hope Vale ran a gallant third last year and will again be one of the favourites and both Yarrabah teams will be hard to beat.

The strong Barracudas sides’ must be given a good chance to take out honours especially after winning the grand final of last October’s Bindal Allblacks carnival in Townsville.

Bindal Sharks will also field a powerful outfit and Yarrabah and Woorabinda can never be underestimated.

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Last year's winners committed to CQID

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Last year's winners Descendants had indicated they would be there to defend the title but withdrew last week.

Descendants is a side made up of TSI players living in Cairns and spokesman Elia Ware said the side had to reluctantly pull out of the Palm carnival.

"That is because we are committed to travel to the Rockhampton CQID carnival at Easter and the two carnivals are close," Elia said.

"My grandmother Kathy Ware has been fundraising since November 2012 every Tuesday doing a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Warehouse in Cairns just so we can go to a carnival this year.

"The purpose of this trip to Rockhampton is to try and get some of the young guys noticed like Eddie Daniel, Daniel Mooka, Boshay Satrick, Junior Sambo and George Toby.

"All of these are great footy players so we are trying very to get these guys exposed and hopefully take their rugby league further.

"Every carnival we try and keep the same core of players because when playing for Descendants its more than just coming together for a game of footy it's also becoming part of a family and that's what Descendants are!

"We are a family no matter if your TSI, Aboriginal, Samoan or Japanese once you play for Descendants you become a member of that family."

Last year 1800 spectators watched the Palm carnival action and organisers are hopeful that will be easily bettered.

The Joyce Palmer Health Service is holding a young persons health check in the mall from 9am-6pm every weekday from now until Friday 22 February.

The check is for people aged 15-25 years of age.

It's quick and once you're finished you get a \$20 phone credit, plus everyone goes into the draw for a chance to win an iPod touch.

See page 6 for more details.

Out & About



ABOVE: Popular Palm Island footballer Francis Nugent, second from right, was with relatives and friends, including Eileen Chapman, Lee Watson and Thelma Wilson (also on the front page with Stewart Rosser) in Townsville late last year.



LEFT: Cr Eddie Walsh enjoying the health benefits and easy parking/seating associated with getting around the Island on his bike.

'Lost Generations' on show at Mercure

A workshop held on Palm Island early last year has resulted in a huge connective art exhibit being placed on display in Townsville at the Mercure.

The 'Lost Generations' is by 12 artists from Palm Island and is made up of 32 connected panels. Link UP QLD sponsored the workshop by providing canvases and paints to enable the community to come together and tell their stories through their art.

The focus of the art exhibition is Stolen Generations and includes artworks by Ranietta Lind, Susan Pryor, Moarna Pryor, Cindell Palmer, Oriel Palmer, Loyla Morgan, Peter Thimble, Micaela Robertson, Harriet Murphy, Hosea Murphy, Anna Lind and Doreen Morton.

Townsville Enterprise Ltd Indigenous Employment Project Officer Jo Marks said in her previous position as Cultural Arts and Events manager for the Townsville Cultural Centre she had worked with Rani Lind and Link Up Qld to coordinate the work.

"As you can imagine I am just delighted to be able to continue to be involved in my new role, and helping to get the exhibition travelling around Townsville," she said.

"So far the Mercure Townsville has it on display until end of March and, after talking with Sue and Rani, we'd like to have it on display in more venues across Townsville.

"We're also going to try to sell the



artwork to generate some income for the artists as well as raise their profile, and we want to encourage aspiring artists to pursue a hobby or career in visual arts as well."

She said the collaboration between the Townsville and Palm Island communities was also worth highlighting.

The artwork is for sale, initially as one whole piece, and all sales enquiries will be directed to staff at BAAC through the Townsville Cultural Centre.

For more information contact the Townsville Cultural Centre on 07 4772 7679 Monday to Saturday 9.30am to 4.30pm.

2013 promises to be an exciting year for children attending school and achieving



great results, and this year the Cathy Freeman Foundation (CFF) has plenty of opportunities for those who do so.

At the end of this term top achieving students and those who show greatest improvement will be selected to participate in the CFF Horizons Program.

The Horizons Program, supported by friends of the Foundation Credit Suisse, recognises and rewards academic achievement and improvement with an all-expenses paid trip to Sydney, Melbourne or the snow-fields of Mt Buller. Eight students from years 5 – 7 will visit Melbourne to experience the famous “Dreamtime at the ‘G’” AFL game between traditional rivals Essendon and Richmond in May. Whilst in June, 20 students from Years 8 – 12 will get to see the world-famous Harbour Bridge and Opera House in Sydney.

“This is a great opportunity for children to be rewarded with an experience they might not otherwise have and to inspire them to



continue on their education pathway,” CFF Programs Coordinator Daphne Lawrence said.

“As well as giving students a fun adventure, an important part of the Horizons Program incorporates cultural and educational activities. Each camp is attended by two teacher’s aides from Palm Island and by team members from the Cathy Freeman Foundation to ensure students are supported and looked after from the start to the end of the trip. It is important for parents and carers to get involved with their child’s education, encourage them to go to school and do their best so they can have a chance at this wonderful opportunity.”

MEANWHILE the CFF is excited to announce Community Liaison Officer Nazareth Youngblutt has moved into a permanent full time role with CFF.

“This is a great opportunity that will allow me to spend more time visiting parents and encouraging them to play a greater role in their child’s education,” Nazi said.

AND FINALLY it’s a fresh start for 2013 for the CFF having recently moved into a new office at the Sandy Boyd Aged Care Hostel.

“We’d like to thank the Red Cross for their generosity in letting us share their office since 2007,” Ms Lawrence said.

“We welcome everyone to pop in and have a yarn about all things related to our programs, including information on

Out & About

ALLSTARS! Right: Darren Godwell with Frank and Vern Daisy who were honoured Guests at the NRL All Stars Team Dinner which also featured the first ever all-Indigenous rep team to tour (in 1973); Below right: James Lofts, Jonathan Thurston & Henry Saunders.



Above left: Leon Watson; Left: Ambulance officer Robert Blackley; Below far left: Former top Palm footballers Raynard Baira, left, and Algon Walsh at the Coolgaree Bar and Grill; Below middle: Assan Clay, with Ray Dennis; Bottom left: Jacob Baira; Below: painter Ellen Tapau was hard at work at the Palm PCYC.



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Packing some punch

GIVING up smoking and drinking has been a great boost for Palm Island mother of three Josie Nallajar, who is being tipped by veteran trainer Ray Dennis to be a star female boxing star in the future.

Dennis said Josie's commitment since she started training at the Palm Island PCYC gym has resulted in huge interest from other female boxers.

"Josie possesses one of the most powerful punches I have seen in a lady boxer," he said.

"She will make her debut in the ring soon and looks certain to get some wins."

Josie's rigorous training schedule includes glove work and belting a large tractor tyre with a big hammer.

"She has done that 100 times today but often does it 200 times – she is fit," Dennis said.

The 28-year-old Josie said a desire to be healthier and a role model for her three children made her give up smoking and drinking.

"I am a child care worker and now feel much healthier and I enjoy boxing here," she said.

Dennis said some of the new female boxers included a female police detective and girls as young as 12.

"We have five or six new girls or ladies down here training," he said.



Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council is closed every 2nd Friday (Council pay week) for RDO. The next RDO is

Friday 22 February
For emergencies on Friday please call 0458 789 011.

For more information contact Council on 4770 1177.

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Josie Nallajar & Mallory Morgan

Golden point pulls Argun Warriors over the line for state honours

ROY Baira, of Palm Island descent, played a leading role for the Argun Warriors who are dubbed Australia's best Allblacks rugby league side after beating the Newcastle Yowies 28-24 at Davies Park in Brisbane last Friday.

The game was telecast live on NITV and was watched by a large audience.

Scores were deadlocked 24-all at fulltime and an Argun Warriors try in the first period of golden point extra time sealed the win.

It was dubbed the Murri v Koori clash. Argun Warriors qualified for the showdown after winning the grand final of the Men's Deadly Choices Arthur Beetson Foundation Queensland Murri rugby league



ABOVE: Tremayne Bowie & Maipele Morseu who scored the winning try in extra time; BELOW: Roy Baira; BOTTOM LEFT: Winners at Davies Park, the Argun Warriors



carnival at Ipswich last September defeating Yarrabah Seahawks 30-12 in the grand final.

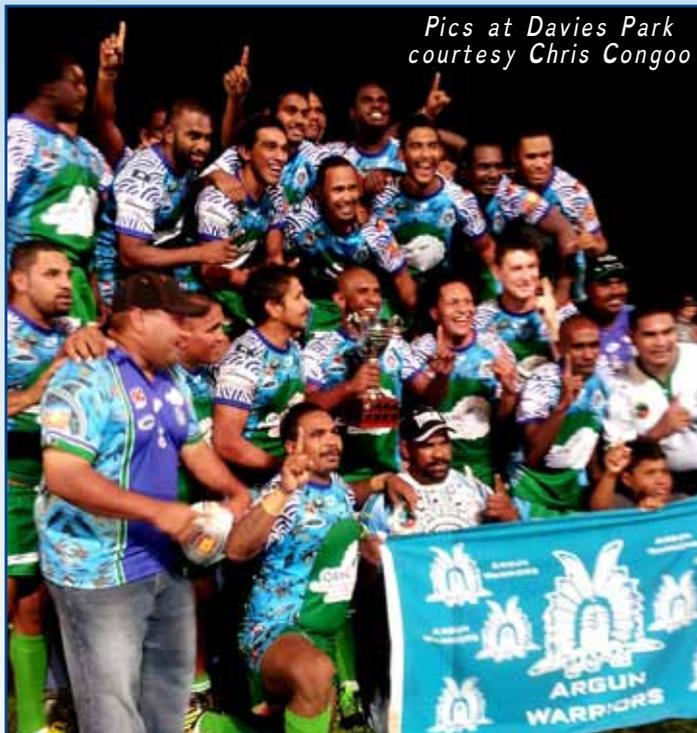
Newcastle Yowies won the grand final of the NSW Knockout and so the clash with Argun Warriors was dubbed an Indigenous State of Origin.

Roy is the son of Palm Islander Roy Baira snr and was of the best players on the field. Proud mum Maria Baira said she was very happy with the win.

"I am very proud," she said. "Roy is aged 33 and still playing great footy. The team worked it well and were fitter than NSW. They kept training all through Christmas and it all paid off. Those two passes were so good from Roy and although he missed a couple of tackles, his defence was great considering he played the whole game.

"The team is over the moon."

Roy jnr lives in Townsville and has many relatives on Palm.



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