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## Youth week 'binges on life'

National Youth Week has been **BIG** and huge fun for everyone concerned thanks to some joint-coordination between the Red Cross and Palm Island's PCYC.

Young people enjoyed a week of fun activities while at the same time learning about how to keep themselves safe.

Red Cross Senior Program Development Coordinator Walbira Murray said one of the biggest highlights of the week was the launch of the 'Binge on Life' short film, which young people had helped to write and film.

"There were 300 people at the launch which was absolutely fantastic," Walbira said. "Binge on Life will be used to facilitate sessions around minimising the harms of alcohol."

Activities run by Red Cross included photography workshops, and CPR training and disaster preparedness in line with Red Cross' ongoing commitment to supporting people in most need.



The images on this page were taken by young Palm Island people during photography workshops facilitated by Red Cross and Fuji.

"Red Cross is committed to increasing our work with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples and to support families and communities as they determine and lead their own solutions to achieve positive change," Walbira said.

Binge on Life activities include working with young people to develop their own strategies and messages for promoting healthy living. Keeping themselves safe, particularly in terms of alcohol use and its harmful affects, was what it was all about.

A major feature of the project over the week was the Night Café, facilitated by Red Cross in partnership with PCYC.

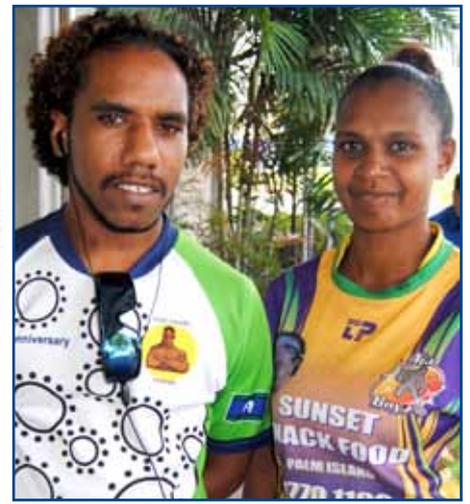
A performance by prominent Indigenous hip hop trio 'The Last Kinection', who are no strangers to the Island, was another highlight. More music and film workshops are in planning.





*Above: Palm Island didge player Reggie Bligh is an integral member of the Whuntunah-Jaban Aboriginal dancers who entertained players, officials and the crowd at the opening ceremony of the Australian Rules under-15 National KickStart Championships in Townsville in early April.*

*Out & About*



*Above: Nathelia Conway and Parisa Geia*

## PIRL Footy - Rounds 2 + 3

One of the highlights of the second round of this year's 7-team Palm Island Rugby League was Bwgcorman Brothers defeating Jets 52-40.

It was great news for supporters after their side failed to make the semi finals last season.

By comparison Jets did qualify for the finals series so this is a positive sign for an even competition.

Mount Bentley Raiders defeated reigning premiers Skipjacks 52-42 in game two at headquarters.

The Raiders look certain to be a major force as the 2013 season unfolds but so too will Skippies under coach Fred Bulsey.

Mundy Bay Warriors scored a nice 52-42 win over Hornets in the other match and could also win a share of games. Butler Bay Bulls had the bye.

### Close round

Round 3 matches last weekend saw some close

and exciting games at the local footy oval in front of a good crowd.

Premiers Skipjacks beat big improvers Mundy Bay Warriors 34-26 and the latter looked a great chance of troubling every side.

Last year's semi finalists Jets defeated Hornets 48-32 and will be looking for more over the coming weeks.

In the game of the round Mount Bentley Raiders won against last year's beaten grand finalists Butler Bay Bulls 30-18. Bwgcorman Brothers had the bye.

### Coming up

In Round 4 this coming weekend Butler Bay Bulls will clash with Bwgcorman Brothers, undefeated Raiders meet Hornets and Mundy Bay Warriors and Jets will lock horns.

Skipjacks will have the bye.

### PIRL reminder

PIRL wants to remind players and supporters that on the 25th - 26th May a Palm Island rep team will travel to Cairns to compete in the NQ Remote and Developing Leagues Carnival.

From this Carnival, a Remote and Developing Leagues representative team will be selected to play against Mid West Outback Queensland on 29th June.

Other teams will be:

- Torres Strait (KRL - Thursday Island);
- NPA;
- Central Cape Suns (Cape Cluster competition);
- Three Rivers (Cooktown and Hope Vale); and,
- Bowen.



Cross Country was held on the Top Oval on the first day back for Term 2. Trevally from St Michael's may have won bragging rights from the swimming, but this year's Cross Country champions were Fantome Stingrays with Trevally & Curacoa tied for second.

Fantome also won the dance-off while Bwngcolman Staff still retain the Tug of War title.

Age Champions were:

9yrs Jaunita Fraser & Jarrias Coolwell

10yrs Jeanie Sibley & Billy Isaacs

11yrs Sarita Geia & Elijah Miller

12yrs Marika Friday & Levi Baira

13yrs Gail Coolburra & Shaylan Haines

14yrs Jaysen Johnson

15yrs Katelyn Yasserie

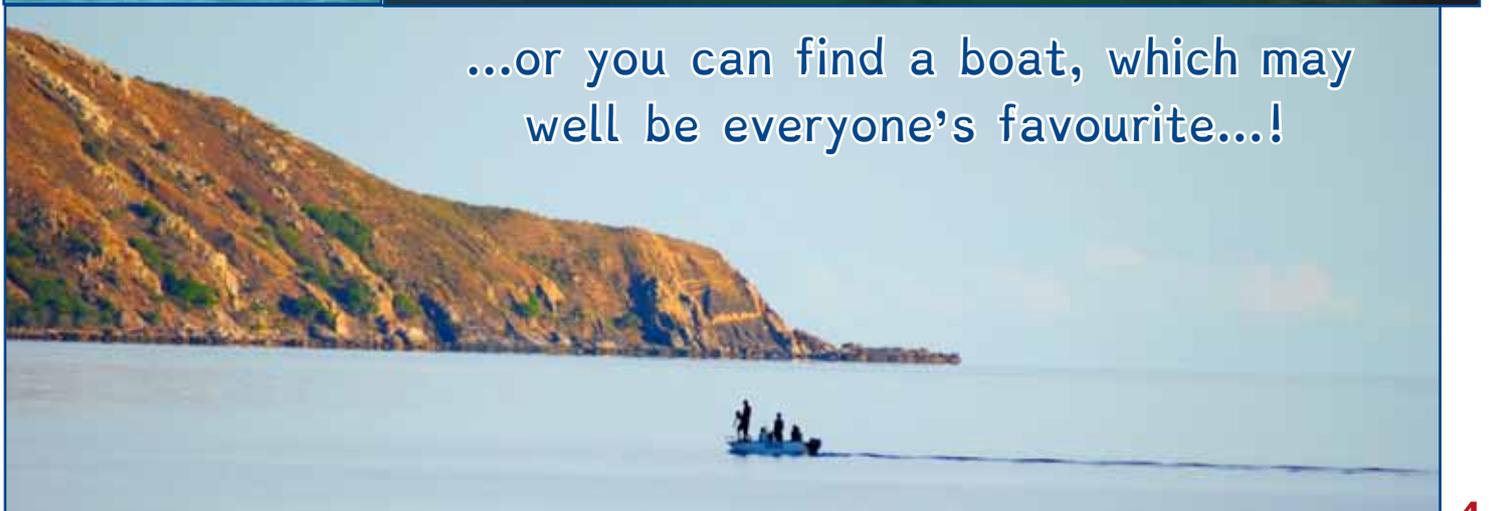
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Special thanks to the larger-than-life Jen Healey (she's pregnant folks!) for another wonderful and super fun day.

## Fantome Stingrays take cross country to kick off term 2



# Getting around, on and off Palm Island



# Wait for driving licenses testing patience

Testing new driver's for licenses has been unavailable to Palm Islanders for some weeks causing some concern to locals.

The lack of a Queensland Police officer to carry out the tests mean a minimum of \$57.50 in return fares is needed to get to the mainland instead.

Cars are vital means of transport for the community spread from the airport to the dam over about 6km of sometimes steep terrain.

Queensland Police said the lack of an officer to do the tests locally was temporary.

"Somebody has to be trained up and must be able to use the computer system

so it should be sorted out soon," he said.

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey has also been briefed on the matter and said he was confident a testing officer would be on the Island soon.

Concerned, Maggie Blackley said it was important.

"There is no way to get a licence on Palm and it is a real concern – having a driver's licence here is important," Mrs Blackley (pictured) said. She said there were a number of

people waiting for a licence test but their only option was to travel to the mainland.

"We have quite a few young people waiting to have a test and it is very expensive to get to Townsville," she said.

A number of other residents have contacted the *Palm Island Voice* with the same concerns.



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# Palm Island Voice

## Public & Community Notices

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



The next RDO is  
**Friday 3 May**

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

For more information contact Council on 4770 1177.

**PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL DELEGATION DAY MEETING WILL BE HELD TUESDAY 14th MAY 2013 PIASC BOARDROOM**

*If you would like to attend, please register your interest at the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council.*

**Hey you mob, have you had your flu and pneumo needles?**



Flu and pneumococcal infections can cause serious sickness, like pneumonia.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people and adults who smoke, have diabetes, heart or lung problems, issues with drugs or alcohol, all need to have the needles.

But even healthy people can get the flu so protect yourself and your family.

Ask your local Health Service about getting the flu and pneumo needles this year.

*QAIHC and Department of Health working in partnership against flu and pneumococcal disease.*



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**Secondary / Boarding School EXPO  
Get Ready for Year 8 2014!**

**Tuesday May 7th 2013  
Palm Island PCYC  
9:30am – 3:30pm**

**Coordinated by Transition Support Services (DETE)**

Come along and meet representatives from:

- Secondary Schools from all over Qld
- Scholarship Providers (e.g. Cathy Freeman Foundation)
- Centrelink ABSTUDY Officers
- Births, Deaths & Marriages Officers
- Transition Support Teachers from all over Qld

*For more information about the Secondary/Boarding School EXPO on May 7th please contact Sandy Russo 4044 5600 or Janelle Knack on 0428 963 454*

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The following positions are currently open for application



**1 x Operations Coordinator**

**1 x Family Support Hub/CSC Coordinator**

**Applications close Monday 13th May 2013**

To be considered for this position, please submit to [mmccann@picc.com.au](mailto:mmccann@picc.com.au):

1. A completed employment application form
2. Written response to the key selection criteria (refer to selection criteria contained in the position description)
3. A copy of your resume

Please contact Mark McCann on 07 4421 4300, or email [mmccann@picc.com.au](mailto:mmccann@picc.com.au), for a copy of the Employment Application Form and Position Description/Selection Criteria. Advice on the application process is available on request.

## VACANCIES

### STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE (SES)

- LOCAL CONTROLLER
- DEPUTY LOCAL CONTROLLER
- GROUP LEADER



Council is seeking community minded people to manage a Volunteer Unit of the State Emergency Service on Palm Island. The purpose of these positions is to manage the SES Unit within the framework of the Disaster Management Act 2003, policies, procedures and doctrine of Emergency Management Qld; and local government guidance, ensuring the effective performance of the approved functions and activities of the SES Unit.

The successful applicants will have:

- Demonstrated ability to lead and manage a team in high pressure situations
- Demonstrated ability in the application of planning, resource management, budgeting and time management skills
- Highly developed written and oral communication skills
- The commitment, dedication and time to undertake the requirements of the position, including attendance at meetings and training after hours and on weekends, often under adverse conditions involving stressful situations.

The persons allocated to these positions are to undertake the role in a volunteer capacity and will be eligible for the SES Volunteer Executive Allowance. The appointment is for three (3) years.

Application packs containing the role description, applicant information kit and application cover sheet can be obtained from the Council office. Applications can be lodged by submitting an 'Application for Employment' form and attaching a statement addressing the Key Selection Criteria along with your Resume. Applications are to be submitted to:

Ross Norman, Chief Executive Officer  
Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council  
1 Main Street, Palm Island Q 4816

**Applications close at 5pm, 22 May 2013.**

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# Drive to Gladstone pays off for boxers

FOUR Palm Island boxers made a marathon nine hour road journey to Gladstone for a tournament last Saturday 20th April.

Patrick Clarke, William Palm Island, Chris Evers jnr (*pictured*) and Billy Isaacs left last Friday with trainer Chris Evers snr in an eight seater bus.

Chris jnr, aged 10, won his bout on points in the 30kg division against a quality opponent and looks to be a rising star of the future.

Billy lost narrowly 8-7 on points in the 34kg class and organisers couldn't find an opponent for William.

Patrick fought in the 64kg class against a former Australian champion in what was a genuine crowd pleasing bout.

"Patrick hasn't had a fight for five months and the three round bout was great for the crowd," Mr Evers snr said.

Craig Evers also went with the team but was too young to fight.

"They did very well," Mr Evers snr said.

Mr Evers snr and the boxers would like to thank sponsors the Palm Island Community

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