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What a beauty!

Star Palm Island boxer Dennis Haines jnr landed a giant trevally while spear fishing with Waylon Sam and his Youth Group at Cannon Bay last week. "No sooner had we gone out and I spotted this huge fish which turned out to be the giant trevally," he said.

Shooting goals for Bwgcolman



Schools from Townsville and Magnetic Island, as well as Bwgcolman and St Michael's schools here on Palm, fielded teams for the annual Cathy Freeman Foundation Netball Challenge for the prestigious Kathy Tarpaulin Memorial Shield last week at the PCYC. All up 60 participants from six schools challenged each other with Bwgcolman Community School successfully defending their title in the grand final against Townsville's Ryan Catholic College, 16 – 15.

More pics and full story in the next issue of the *Palm Island Voice*.



Rugby league 'Warhorse' Shane Webcke paid a quick visit to Palm last week - here are some of the lucky ones who got to meet him - pics with thanks to Cr Eddie Walsh



Palm Island Rugby League (PIRL) Footy Results

8 June

Butler Bay Bulls d Hornets
Skipjacks d Bwgcorman Brothers
Jets d Mount Bentley Raiders
Mundy Bay Warriors (bye),

15 June

IN one of the most exciting games of the season premiers Skipjacks defeated Jets 30-28 after kicking a penalty goal in golden point extra time. Scores had been deadlocked at 28-all when the fulltime siren sounded. In other games Mundy Bay Warriors narrowly beat Hornets and Mount Bentley Raiders rolled Bwgcorman Brothers. Butler Bay Bulls had the bye.

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Miller to play in Northern United debut

TOUGH as nails Raoul Miller has answered an urgent request from Remote Area Rugby League's (RARL's) Northern United coach Dave Kennedy to play against Outback Queensland in a genuine rugby league showdown in Cairns later this month.

Miller (*right*) has been rushed into the Northern United side to replace Weipa forward Reece McLaughlin.

The rampaging forward, who plays for Jets, is a highly respected and committed Palm Islander who displays spirit and courage every time he takes the field.

Miller will join fellow Barracudas players Fred Bulsey, Mickeal Sibley and Clinton Pearson in the side.

Speaking to the Palm Island Voice from Kowanyama, Kennedy said Miller would be a "key man" and he was delighted with his inclusion.

"Raoul is the type of man



we need and he can play anywhere in the forwards," he said.

"He is very solid in attack and defence and when it gets tough he will stand up and be counted.

"His inclusion gives us so many extra options."

The United side was

picked after Palm Island Barracudas performed strongly at the Remote Area Rugby League Challenge in Cairns on 25 and 26 May, winning their three qualifying matches before going down narrowly to Bowen in the grand final.

MEANWHILE Palm Island footballers are being recruited to compete at the return of the Island of Origin rugby league carnival in July.

The 27th carnival is held on Badu Island in the Torres Straits on July 4-6.

One of the most popular sporting events in the Torres Strait was not held in 2012 due to a shortage of volunteers to run it.

An organising committee made up of Josephine Ahmat, Solomon Ahmat snr, Barry Nona and Jermaine Reuben was formed in April to coordinate the 2013 carnival.

Palm Island footballers who have competed in Origin carnivals include Georgie Dabea, Fred Bulsey, Esrom Geia and Walter Geia (*pictured left*).

Watch this space for more as the carnival gets nearer!



Travel and leadership on the curriculum

Late last month student Moewaiya Youngblutt was one of two Cathedral School students to travel to Sydney for the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation's (AIEF) Annual Report Launch.

The School's Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Support Coordinator Kylie Mitchell said it was their first visit to Sydney.

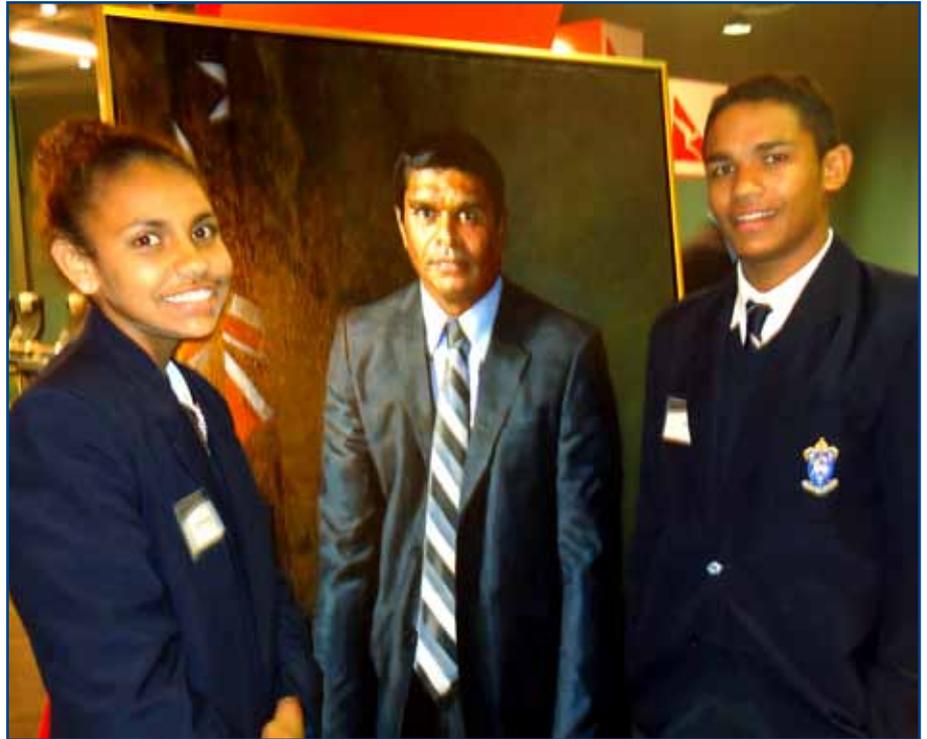
"With some free time up our sleeves we made the courageous decision to defy the cold wet weather and made our way to Circular Quay to do some sight-seeing," she said.

"The bright lights of the big city were a real eye-opener for the students, who were on their first visit to Sydney.

"That night the students enjoyed a social dinner that allowed them to meet other Indigenous students from AIEF partner schools across the country. The students shared similar stories of leaving their families and hometowns to catch a couple of connecting flights to go to boarding schools that were so different to what they are used to that it was like stepping into a totally different world.

"The students had a lot of fun at the dinner and many friendships were formed.

"On Thursday 23 May we attended the formal luncheon of the Annual



Moewaiya Youngblutt & Dennis Nona at the AIEF Launch in Sydney

Report Launch at the Qantas Centre of Service Excellence where we were given the opportunity to meet the various business partners and supporters behind the foundation.

"We heard stories from scholarship alumni that had completed Year 12 and have either gone on to study at university or have taken up apprenticeships with major companies like BHP.

"It was great to hear that the past students also had similar stories to the current students. "Students left the launch inspired and confident that they too could go on to pursue big dreams!"

MEANWHILE earlier last month Moewaiya also attended the National Indigenous Youth Leadership Academy (NIYLA) presented a "Stand Strong, Stand Together" forum hosted by The Cathedral School.

Students aged 15-18-years came from Thuringowa High, Pimlico High, Kirwan High, St Margaret Mary's and All Souls St Gabriel's (Charters Towers) to participate.

NIYLA is an initiative of the Foundation for Young Australians in partnership with the National Centre of Indigenous Excellence.

Tourism students take on work experience

As part of the Townsville Enterprise Indigenous Engagement Project, four job seekers from Palm Island have completed a five-day work experience program.

The Exploring Career Options Program was the first of its kind from Townsville Enterprise and provided participating businesses with the opportunity to meet potential Indigenous employees.

Tourism students were invited to participate in the Program, which included a two day 'Be Deadly' workshop aimed at increasing self-confidence and communication in the workplace. The remaining three days saw the four participants undergo work experience with SeaLink Queensland, Reef HQ Aquarium and Holiday Inn Townsville.

Townsville Enterprise Indigenous Employment Project Officer, Jo Marks congratulated the participants **Zinikia Galligan, Eileen Wallace, Vinnie Jones and George Thompson** on successfully completing the Program.

"We are passionate about providing opportunities for jobseekers and students to learn about the tourism industry here in Townsville and hope we can assist the Palm Island community as they develop their tourism industry for the future," Ms Marks said. "It was a long week for our young tourism stars, who had to fly in from Palm Island each day, but in the end we were all extremely pleased they took up the opportunity. We had great time working with them and encourage them to continue to be the excellent role models they are today."

For more information on the Indigenous Employment Project contact Jo Marks on 4726 2738.





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789 011.**
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Happy Birthday!!!

Birthday wishes for June
1st Luke James jnr
12th June Lisa & Lance Castors
from Keri, Frank & family.
14th Ralph Watson
15th Daniel Morton
16th Sharon Boyd
22nd June Dana Morton
28th June Florence Morton
Happy birthday all from
Keri, Frank, Daniel, Ikanau & Frank jnr

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A.A. Thought for the Day

We have this choice every
day of our lives. We can
take the path that leads
to insanity and death. And
remember, our next drink
could be our last one. Or
we can take the path that
leads to a reasonably
happy and useful life. The
choice is ours each day of
our lives. God grant that
we take the right path.
Have I made my choice
today?

*Extract from:
Twenty-Four Hours a Day book,
Hazelden Foundation 1975*

The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the
serenity to accept
the things I cannot
change; courage to
change the things I
can; and wisdom to
know the difference.

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Palm Island-based jobs are now available within Campbell Page to engage and work with job seekers and the Palm Island Community. We have several opportunities and are looking to employ candidates who truly have a sense of community.

The Community Connections Officer needs to have strong connections and relationships within the Palm Island community and all roles require a passion for helping people in the community find sustainable employment.

If you have experience in working closely with people, have excellent communication and interpersonal skills and office administration experience, working with us may be the opportunity for you. Please note the work is based on Palm Island and we are seeking candidates who are open to working variable hours.

You will also have immediate computer-based skills, have a current driver licence and be able to travel to Townsville when required.

If you have any enquiries or would like to apply, please contact Elle Akari Recruitment Specialist on: 02 8245 1706 or email at elle.akari@campbellpage.org.au

RARL / Northern United trials: Cairns 2013



Above right: PIRL president Lex Wotton with Barracudas' manager Norman Bounghi; Left: Jason Bulse; Below left: Mickael Sibley & Fred Bulse; Below right: Garry Pearson assisted fromfield after an injury





At Heritage Day in Townsville last month were: Above: Rothana Baira of Palm descent on her father's side and her partner Derrick Mara; and Left: Ray Kent. Shopping in Townsville recently was Shae Palmer, his partner Danice Nallajar and their one year old baby Khalead Palmer, right.



Out 'n About



At the recent Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) conference in Cairns was Boleen Gorringer & Kim Adam, above, and Terry MacNaughton & Rachel Atkinson, all from Palm Island Community Company. Pictures by Christine Howes & courtesy SNAICC.



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