



# Palm Island Voice

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## RARL's Northern United makes Barlow Park debut



Northern United, with players including four Palm Islanders plus two officials, played against Queensland Outback at Barlow Park in Cairns last Saturday.

*Palm Island Voice* was there to see Mickeal Sibley score a try out wide at the 17th minute.

Outback led 24-16 at half time and held their lead to the final siren. *More pics and full story next Issue!!*

### THE TEAM

1. Fitzroy Lawrence  
(Southern Cape - Kowanyama)
2. Kareem Tabuai  
(Northern Cape - Napranum)
3. Luke McIntyre  
(Bowen District League-Collinsville)
4. **Mickeal Sibley** (Palm Island)
5. Johnathan Bassini  
(3 Rivers - Hopevale)
6. Timmy Oberleuter  
(Northern Cape - Weipa)
7. **Clinton Pearson** (Palm Island)
8. Garreth Smith  
(Northern Cape - Weipa)
9. Ash Jones  
(Bowen District League-Collinsville)
10. Ross Chatfield  
(Bowen District League-Collinsville)
11. Eli Tabuai  
(Northern Cape - Napranum)
12. Lucas Brown  
(Bowen District League - Bowen)
13. Kale Hogan  
(Bowen District League - Bowen)
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14. Stanley David  
(Southern Cape - Kowanyama)
15. Dylan Creek -  
(Southern Cape - Coen)
16. Patrick Fakalata  
(Bowen District League - Bowen)
17. **Raoul Miller** (Palm Island)
18. **Fred Bulsey** (Palm Island)
19. Wade Heeb  
(Bowen District League-Collinsville)
- Coach: Dave Kennedy**  
(Kowanyama)
- Assistant Coach: John Buttigieg** (Aurukun)
- Manager: Norman Bounghi**  
(Palm Island)
- Leaguesafe: Eddie Prior**  
(Palm Island)
- FAO: Petrina Neller** (3 Rivers)

### New laptops in good hands

More than 150 students from pre-Prep to Year 12 and participants in the CFF 'Starting Block Program', have received a laptop from the Cathy Freeman Foundation (CFF) in recognition of their academic achievements.

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# New nurse helps celebrate Jacob's birthday



The Joyce Palmer Health Service renal dialysis unit helped celebrate Jacob Baira's 64th birthday on Monday 17 June.

Visitors on the day included his grandkids, Cr Eddie Walsh and his wife Colyning, and Anne Walsh. Jacob was Chairman of the Council and a Councillor for 33 years.

Celebrations included a welcome to our new renal nurse Paula (pictured), who has come from Melbourne to work here. Paula has worked in dialysis for the past ten years and has been with Joyce Palmer health service for six months. During that time she has become a much-valued member of the Health Services team and in the community.

# Barracudas look to Townsville

THE Barracudas will attempt to defend their title of champion team at the 26th Bindal Allblacks carnival in Townsville later this year, after taking out the carnival's grand final in 2012.

Palm Island Barracudas captain Fred Bulsey said "playing Mission Murri football' enabled his side to break an 18 year drought at the carnival which they had previously won in 1994.

Organisers have sent out a flyer about the carnival which features a pic of the winning Barracudas.

Nominated sides so far include Bindal Sharks, Bowen River Stingers, Alfred Waterton, Yungi Boongi, Aja's Boys, Palm Island Barracudas, Defence, Bowen River Broncos, Bwgcolman Hornets, P Huen, Charters Towers, Girringun, Walkabouts, GH United, Cannonballs, Rockhampton, Descendants, Mosby Eagles, Garnet Eagles and Innisfail Waru.

Palm will be well represented with Ajas Boys and Hornets also lining up for the \$15,000 first prize, up for grabs

over the weekend of 12-13 October.

Under 19 teams will include Bindal Sharks, Bowen River Stingers, Cannonballs, Girringun and Walkabouts.

**A LADIES comp will also be run if enough teams nominate.**

Several Palm female footballers have indicated they would nominate a side.

## Palm Island Rugby League (PIRL) Footy Results

### Saturday 22 June

Skipjacks defeated Mundy Bay

Butler Bay Bulls defeated Mount Bentley Raiders

Jets and Hornets game called off due to both clubs not having the required number of players to take the field – match abandoned.

Bwgcolman Brothers had the bye.

**NO GAMES PLAYED Saturday 29 JUNE**

# CFF awards laptops to help drive literacy, attendance and work ethic in schools

More than 150 students from pre-Prep to Year 12 and participants in the CFF 'Starting Block Program', have received a laptop from the Cathy Freeman Foundation (CFF) in recognition of their academic achievements.

The program works in partnership with the schools to help drive literacy, attendance and a positive work ethic,.

"It's fantastic that we can recognise Indigenous achievement with technology that will support a child's learning," Cathy Freeman said.

Community Liaison Officer for CFF, Nazareth Youngblutt, said the laptops gave the students a means to have greater access to educational opportunities and for their families as well.

"Access to technology brings people together and through digital inclusion we can help close the education gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia, especially for a remote community like Palm Island," Ms Youngblutt said.

CFF was recently acknowledged in the Closing the Gap Prime Minister's 2013 Report for successfully engaging children in school.

Each year they work in partnership with the community and schools to increase positive education outcomes and deliver programs to more than 600 students.

The computers were donated to CFF by Queensland-based company, TLC IT Solutions.

**MEANWHILE CFF is looking for individuals or corporates to join their Deadly Runners team in the Townsville Running Festival on Sunday 4 August.**

To join the team or to make a donation, please call CFF on 03 9686 4813 or visit [www.cathyfreemanfoundation.org.au](http://www.cathyfreemanfoundation.org.au).



The following appeared in an internal newsletter for MPC CONTRACTING – Electrical & Civil Contractors working from Chinchilla and the Surat Basin (<http://www.mpccontracting.com.au/>).

## Chevez swaps tropical island life for some country comfort in the pursuit of his apprenticeship



It's a long way from his beach-fringed home on Palm Island in North Queensland's tropics, but Chevez Morton is fast getting used to life in the country.

Chevez recently joined the team in MPC's Chinchilla Yard, where he is working on his first year apprenticeship to become a diesel mechanic.

It's a first for Chevez, and also a first for MPC, as he is the first person to undertake an apprenticeship under our company's Indigenous Participation Plan.

Just like any apprenticeship, Chevez will work through his four-year

term alongside experienced tradespeople and carry out all the necessary theoretical modules require for the trade qualification.

"Growing up, my father was a groundsman and carpenter, but living on an island, he loved tinkering around with the many outboard motors that required maintaining, and I would love just sitting there watching him repair them," Chevez said.

"It's been a real dream of mine to become a mechanic,

particularly on diesel engines, so I took this opportunity with MPC and it is working out really well for me – I'm loving it.

"All the mechanics in the Yard have been really helpful and every day I am getting heaps of hands-on training with every type of diesel engine you can imagine – trucks, cars, graders, excavators – if it's diesel, I'm working on it."

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# A letter from Canada...

*Darlene Walsh tells us...*

My darling Sr Juliette has been my God-Mother for 25 years. She's been my Rock and Guardian throughout my life. She has never stopped contact with me. And wherever I was in Australia, she always found me, and wrote to me. This letter is just one of many. She sends her love to Palm Island, as you can see in the letter. If you would like to send a letter to her, please do so. She would love to hear from those her knew her from the Convent (St Michael's):

**Sister Juliette Gagné f.m.m.**  
80 Laurier Est  
Montreal  
H2T1E6  
Canada

*Lord in your goodness, give to each one a clear vision to what they should do and the strength to accomplish it. You were asking me about my family. I still have four sisters, the eldest 96, 89, 81, 84 and me, 92. I do not visit them very much, I am not walking very well, need a walker, but some of them visit me time to time.*

*We have mass at our convent every day as I could pray and I do not forget you. Tomorrow, 31st May, Feast of the Visitation of Mary. I will post my letter to you asking Mary to protect you. When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, this one inspired by God said, "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Jesus).*

*My love to all at Palm Island especially dear Iris White, Loylitta, Raymond Sibley, Alfred Lacey etc..... To my god-daughter Darlene, much love & prayers  
Sister Juliette f.m.m.*

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While work life in the Yard is panning out well for Chevez, he said he had also adapted very quickly to living in a country town. "I'm from a big, close-knit island family, but have spent many years boarding and studying at Marist Brothers College in Ashgrove, so being away from my family has not been too big an issue," he said. "I love living in Camp, the

food is really great, but nothing like Mum's home cooking back on the island. "I think the best thing about working for MPC is the Yard guys have made me feel very welcome and are always quick to mentor me when I am working on new things – they're very supportive. "I'll admit, it was a bit hard to understand some of the Irish fellas at first, but I'm fast getting used to their accents and getting

used to the Craic they dish out."

Chevez said he planned to visit his family back on Palm Island when on his break, but in the meantime he was content to soak up the country air in Chinchilla.

*Pic Caption:  
Chevez has gained valuable hands-on diesel mechanic experience thanks to the supportive mentoring from the trade team in Chinchilla Yard.*



**Australian Government**



## **Commencing in your remote region on 1 July 2013**

The Remote Jobs and Communities Program is a new approach to employment, participation and community development services in remote areas.

- Jobs first
- Stronger communities
- A single point of contact for job seekers and employers
- One on one support for job seekers
- Pathways for young people
- Meeting employer needs

### **Want to know more?**

Go to [www.deewr.gov.au/rjcp](http://www.deewr.gov.au/rjcp) to find your region, find your provider and get more information.

 **1800 805 260**



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  - Government & Corporate: \$195 (Inclusive from now to end 06/14)
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## New Palm Island Jobs and Community Program started 1 July

### What is it?

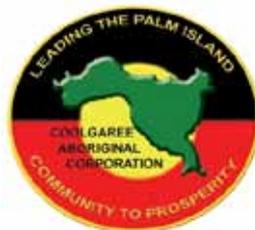
From July 1, the Remote Jobs and Communities Program (RJCP - *SEE PAGE 6*) replaces **Jobfind Disability Services, Indigenous Employment Program** and **Community Development and Employment Program (CDEP)**.

Employment and community services are now available from:

- **Palm Island Community Company**



- **Coolgaree Aboriginal Corporation**



- **Campbell Page**



### Where can I get services?

Coolgaree Training Office, Monday to Friday  
PICC Disability Office, part-time

**No services will be at the old Jobfind building.**

## Public & Community Notices



Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council has 120 'likes' on Facebook!!!



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

The next RDO is

**Friday 12 July**

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

For more information contact Council on 4770 1177.

#### ABOUT THIS FONT:

The font used in this newsletter is called 'Dyslexie' and has been designed for people who have difficulty reading, especially those with dyslexia, so they can read more easily.

For more information see <http://www.studiostudio.nl>

# 'Transforming Tindale' on the road – to just about everywhere!



Just over a year ago curator Michael Aird visited Palm as part of the development of the State Library of Queensland's 'Transforming Tindale' exhibition.

Pictured by Michael here on Palm Island in June last year were:

Above: Carol Kyle, artist Vernon Ah Kee and Regina James.

Above Right: Dudley Bostock with a photo of his father, Dick Bostock taken on Palm Island in 1938.

Right: Kathleen and Ursula Coolwell with a photos of their grandfather George Watson taken on Palm Island in 1938.

These images will be part of a digital presentation to be shown with the exhibition at libraries all over Queensland and New South Wales, including Palm Island on a date yet to be announced in 2014.



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