



National call to end local Councils' funding freeze



Mayors from around Australia have called on the Federal Government to reverse their freeze on Councils' Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) at the Australian Local Government Association's (ALGA's) National General Assembly last month.

In an Open Letter to every Shire across Australia, ALGA President Mayor Dr Felicity-ann Lewis said FAGs were a vital part of Council revenue.

"On 16 June delegates of the National General Assembly for Local Government resolved to call on the Commonwealth Government to restore indexation of Financial

Assistance Grants in line with CPI and population growth immediately," she said. "For many smaller rural and remote councils, FAGs form the majority of their revenue.

"These councils are likely to be hit hardest by the reduction in grants."

More than 800 delegates at the 2014 Australian Local

Government Association's National General Assembly in Canberra supported an urgent motion moved from the floor on day one of the Assembly to highlight the impact the Federal Budget's FAGs decision will have local councils and their communities.

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L-R: Mapoon Mayor Peter Guivarra, Cr Eddie Walsh, Mapoon CEO Leon Yeatman & Cr Alf Lacey in Canberra

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“The decision to freeze the indexation of FAGs will impact on the level of local services available to every community across Australia,” Dr Lewis said.

“FAGs are a vital source of revenue to local communities.

“They are used to maintain a range of infrastructure including local roads, bridges, parks, swimming pools, libraries

and community halls as well as services to the young, the elderly and community groups of all kinds.”

The Assembly was attended by Palm Island Councillors Alf Lacey and Eddie Walsh along with several other Aboriginal Shire Council Mayors and CEOs.

As reported in the *Palm Island Voice* in May this year, Cr Lacey said the freeze will have a major impact on Council

operations and budgeting for the next three years.

“Palm Island Mayor and Council shares national concerns around the freeze on the FAGS grants with other local governments around the country,” he said.

“It will have a major impact on Council’s operations in terms of infrastructure and Community Development for the next three years.”



Out & About

LLOYD Morgan, pictured left, works for the Palm Island Shire Council with his offsiders David Fullarton and Malcolm Kennedy. “We do the barge run when it comes over from Lucinda and deliver it to the Council depot here,” Lloyd said.



JACK of all trades is how many on Palm Island describe Mark Simmons. The 47-year-old is a diesel fitter who does many different jobs. He is pictured right. “I get to do many jobs here such as repairing equipment and love it. The fishing is good as well,” he said. His mate Gerald Wotton jnr said Mark was a genuine Jack of all trades. “He can do just about anything,” Gerald said.

FRIENDLY truck driver Peter Dechantsreiter (pictured on the right) must have one of the longest surnames on Palm island. The 56-year-old has led an interesting life.

“I am Austrian and have worked on Palm Island which is a tropical island paradise for six months,” he said.

On his truck was an excavator which is driven by Michael



Castors, pictured left, who was with Peter. Peter drove all over Europe before coming Down Under.

PCYC to host free art classes over holidays

Contemporary indigenous artist Roger 'Bushfire' Saunders will hold painting workshops at the PCYC during the school holidays from Monday 7 July to Friday 11 July.

PCYC Relief Branch Manager Acting Sergeant Janet Lindsay said classes were open to all ages at any time from 10am. "There will be a few classes in the evenings as well," she said.

ART FROM THE HEART

Workshops are open to everyone

Come and learn some contemporary indigenous art styles using sticks and sponging techniques with recognised 3D artist Roger 'Bushfire' Saunders.

Keep your paintings and display or offer for sale at NAIDOC markets. Let's encourage positive interaction between youth, elders and all members of Palm Island community.

PCYC meeting rooms from 10am Monday 7 July to Friday 11 July

Evening sessions on Wednesday and Thursday from 6pm

"Participants will keep their paintings and will be encouraged to promote at the NAIDOC markets.

She said everyone was welcome to participate.

"We are promoting interaction between youth, elders and members of the community including police," she said.

The project has previously had great success in other communities, including Bundaberg and Cherbourg/Murgon.

She said the classes were free.



Out & About

Top Left: Rio Walsh, left, and Jai Cummings; Top Right: Gail Coolburra with Blake, 5, and Carl, 4; Bottom Left: Les Noble, Sidney Charles and Jack Barry; and, Bottom Right: Cassian Tanner, left, and Neil Baira @ FOGS last month.



Eight teams comprising 100 netballers competed in the Cathy Freeman Foundation 2014 Netball Challenge for the Kathy Tarpaulin Memorial Shield last month.

After several days of poor weather, perfect conditions greeted 70 students who travelled from Townsville and Magnetic Island to take on the teams from St Michael's Catholic School and reigning champs Bwgcolman Community School.

Hosted at the PCYC, the competition opened with a Welcome to Country address from Ruth Gorringe.

Councillor Roy Prior welcomed competitors and Deanne Sibley offered a brief history about Auntie Kathy Tarpaulin and her significant contribution to netball on Palm Island.

Competition was hotly contested.

There was good support from the local community cheering on the Palm Island girls as they clearly strived for victory.

After several hours of hard fought netball there was plenty of interest in the BBQ lunch cooked up by generous CFF volunteers from Credit Suisse.

Both Palm Island schools made it through to the semi-finals, ultimately coming up against one another, preventing the chance of an all Palm grand final.

The team from St Michael's (pictured above) proved too strong in a tight semi winning 11-6 to make their way through to take on Ryan Catholic School in the grand final.

The prelude to the grand final was the CFF Development Shield, a chance for the younger students from Bwgcolman and St Michael's to test their skills.

The local derby was a tight contest throughout the game, although in a reversal of the previous result, Bwgcolman came out on top winning 6-1.

As the grand final got underway the local crowd cheered on St Michael's, but eventually clean passing and extra height led Ryan Catholic School team to a 13-5 victory.

Palm teams competed

exceptionally well on the day and represented their schools proudly.

At the final presentation CFF Programs Coordinator, Daphne Lawrence, thanked all the schools, teachers, players, volunteers, PCYC and the PI Council for their efforts and invited everyone back for the 2015 CFF Netball Challenge.

CFF Program Manager, Lachlan Preston, said the competition, set up by CFF in 2010, grew in size and spirit each year.

"It's terrific to see such fast moving, fun, healthy competition and it's clear that Palm Islanders were really proud to host the competition here, and the competitors also got a thrill visiting the Island," he said. "It's a great competition that also becomes a valuable cross cultural experience for the students too."

Cr Prior congratulated CFF on the success of the Netball Challenge.



Invitation to Tender

(Tender Number PSA2014)
Preferred Supplier Arrangement

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council invites suitable suppliers to tender for the following service types. The period of the tender will be 1 September 2014 to 30 August 2015. Council reserves the right to extend the tender period up to a maximum of 3 years.

Service Types:

- Electrical maintenance including supply of related goods
- Building maintenance including supply of related goods
- Water and wastewater maintenance including the supply of related goods
- Road constructions and maintenance and the supply of related goods
- Plant hire including backhoes, loaders, graders, water trucks, tipper trucks, excavator, bulldozers
- Freight, air services, office equipment, office supplies, motel supplies, aged care supplies including food and drink, workshop supplies, fuels and oils
- Other equipment hire, goods and services deemed advantageous for Council to place on a preferred supplied arrangement.

Documentation: Tender documents can be organised by emailing john.mugambi@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au

Enquiries: Contact John Mugambi on 07 4770 1177

Lodgement of Tenders:

Tenders must be lodged with Palm Island Aboriginal Council to Ross Norman, Chief Executive Officer, 1 Main Street, Palm Island, QLD 4816. Tenders should be clearly marked as "Confidential: Tender PSA2014".

Closing Date: 31 July 2014 at 5.00pm.

Under Section 228(7) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 relating to changes to tenders may be applied.



Kathy Tarpaulin Memorial Shield

"It it was good to see community parents supporting their children and supporting community sports in general," he wrote in a letter to CFF.

"It certainly was the main discussion last night at our family's dinner table with my daughter being involved.

"It was a great day and very enjoyable."



Happy Birthday!

Guess who turned 18?!

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS & BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL FROM THE HAINES, MURGHA, GORRINGE & RYAN FAMILIES TO:

VYNEIKA GEIA-SIBLEY	3RD
RONALD HAINES	3RD
KALANI PEARSON	9TH
KAYLAN SIBLEY	9TH
ENA ARCHIBALD	10TH
NEVILLE HAINES	11TH
SIERRA SIBLEY	11TH
GARY PEARSON	17TH
MIRANDA BROWN	23RD



To the Lacey twins, Alfred & James, Happy Birthday!
With love from your Dad, Mum, all your brothers & sisters, nieces & nephews & the Lacey & Prior families.

AND

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALINAH GEIA & MICKEAL SIBLEY WHO WELCOMED A BABY BOY ON FRIDAY THE 20TH JUNE.

AND

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THE NEXT PALM ISLAND VOICE DEADLINE (for Issue 158) will be **THURSDAY 10 July** for publication on Thursday 17 July

Palm Island Aboriginal Council **National Competition Policy Review**

The Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council is undertaking a review of possible anti-competitive provisions contained in the following proposed local law and proposed subordinate local law as required by the *Local Government Act 2009* –

Proposed Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2014 and Proposed Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Administration) 2014

The purpose of these reviews is to assess whether the possible anti-competitive provisions, as identified by Council, should be retained in the public interest or reformed in the public interest.

Written submissions regarding the public interest tests for the local law and subordinate local law are now invited and must be received on or before the 24th of July 2014 (*see below for details*).

PROPOSAL TO MAKE LOCAL LAWS AND SUBORDINATE LOCAL LAWS

The Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council has proposed to adopt the following Model Local Laws and has proposed to make the following Subordinate Local Laws –

Local Law & Subordinate Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2014: The purpose of this local law and subordinate local law is to provide a legal and procedural framework for the administration, implementation and enforcement of the local government's local laws, subordinate local laws and specific regulatory powers under legislation, and to provide for miscellaneous administrative matters by setting out requirements for the granting of approvals for prescribed activities; and,

Local Laws & Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2014: The purpose of this local law and subordinate local law is to regulate and manage the keeping and control of animals in the local government's area in a way that balances community expectations with the rights of individuals; and protects the community against risks to health and safety; and prevents pollution and other environmental damage; and protects the amenity of the local community and environment; by providing for – the regulation of the keeping of animals in terms of how many, what type, how, and where animals can be kept; and the prescription of minimum standards for keeping animals; and the proper control of animals in public places and; and the management of dangerous or aggressive animals other than dogs; and the seizure and destruction of animals in certain circumstances; and the establishment and administration of animal pounds; and,

Local Law & Subordinate Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management) 2014: The purpose of this local law and subordinate local law is to protect the environment and public health, safety and amenity within the local government's area by providing for the elimination or reduction of risks and threats to the environment and public health, safety and amenity resulting from – inadequate protection against animal and plant pests; and vegetation overgrowth; and visual pollution resulting from the accumulation of objects and materials; and fires and fire hazards not regulated by State law; and community safety hazards; and noise that exceeds noise standards; and,

Local Law & Subordinate Local Law No. 7 (Indigenous Community Land Management) 2014: The purpose of this local law and subordinate local law is to provide for the authorisation of persons to enter, be in or live in the trust area, complementing provisions of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities (Justice, Land and Other Matters) Act 1984*, part 6; and the regulation of scientific research within the trust area; and the designation and regulation of the use of parks and reserves within the local government's area.

During the period for receipt of submissions, copies of the public interest test plan and the local law and proposed subordinate local law are open for inspection at the Council's public office at Main St, Palm Island and may be purchased at a cost of 40c per page.

Submissions must state:-

- (a) the grounds of the submission; and,
- (b) the facts and circumstances relied on in support of the grounds.

All submissions will be regarded as public documents unless otherwise requested.

Ross Norman
Chief Executive Officer
c/ Post Office, Palm Island, Q 4816



Last week NRL player Lachlan Coote and under-20s player Sam Pau visited both schools on Palm Island as part of the North Queensland Cowboys Adopt-a-School program.

Bwngcolman Community School: Drills and skills Lachlan worked with older kids while Sam worked with younger kids with a game of touch at the end.

St Michael's School: The boys went to prep, years 1 and 2 to introduce themselves to the kids and join in what they were doing in the class room.

We would like to say thank you to Stockland and Dreamtime training on giving us the opportunity to attend these schools.

MEANWHILE BLOCKBUSTING Palm Island Skipjacks forward William Marpoondin made a marathon road trip to Aurukun and played two games of rugby league in the Cape Cluster League in May.

Aurukun was one of six sides which contested rounds one and two of the Cape Cluster Northern Zone rugby league competition featuring teams from all over the Cape.

Marpoondin said that he was highly impressed with some of the players in the Aurukun side.



Above: Edna Coolburra and William Marpoondin in Townsville earlier this year. Left: Former rugby league great Petero Civoniceva came over to the Palm Island Open Day. He's pictured here with Mayor Alf Lacey.

