

Athletic wins in strong performances at carnival



Palm Island's best 52 athletes competed in the Annual 'Red Track' event held at the Townsville Sports Reserve earlier this month.

Strongest performers of the day came from Shayron Baira and Dan Namoa in the sprints, Zayhlee Pointer and Levi Baira in the Shot Put, and Chylesiah James, Mericka Friday and Levi Baira in the 200m and 800m.

Chylesiah James, Rosie Bramwell, Waisie Miller and Rani Lind – our 11-year-old girls relay team – even broke the record!

Big congratulations to Levi, Mericka and Chylesiah for being named in the Townsville District

team to compete at the NQ championships next month.

Every student represented their schools and Palm Island with pride, and impressed everyone on and off the track.

This year we had to use a different form of transport due to some changes with the ferry and our usual accommodation.

All students and supporters flew over and back on the day, making the experience all the more adventurous.

For some students it was their first time in a plane.

We would like to thank West Wing Aviation and Palm Island Community Company for their generous support in getting the kids over to Townsville – we could not have done it without them!

It was certainly a day to remember!

*Story & pics with thanks to
Rosie Tennant*



Above & Left: on their way to the Red Track carnival

Mayor wins Canberran support

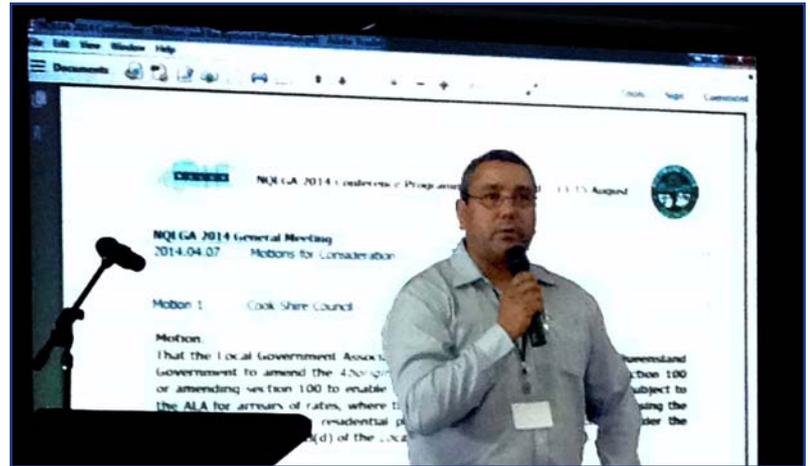
Dear Mayor

This is just a brief note to let you know I heard you being interviewed yesterday on the ABC concerning Palm Island's future and in particular, the point about 99 year leases.

May I offer you sincere congratulations for the way you represented your community and the issues at hand.

I'm aware (even from remote Canberra where I live) of the significant challenges Council faces there, but with fine Australians like you, I feel the people of Palm Island are in capable hands. Good luck and I hope wider Australia continues to hear of your successful endeavours.

All the best
Bob Konig
Canberra ACT



Above: In Richmond earlier this month, Cr Roy Prior extended Palm Island's invitation to all LGAQ Councils to the 2015 Local Government Conference to be hosted on the Island next year.

Cr Prior said he and the Council particularly wanted to thank Serina James and Murielle Morgan for their great work in support of the event.

It was a super moon...



Pic taken by Janet Lindsay @ Butler Bay



Plenty of Palm Islanders, including 6-year-old Tameira Robertson, Vyneika Haines, baby Fred Haines-Lacey and Eva Haines were at 20th annual Cultural Fest in Townsville, one of the largest such events in the country held in mid-August every year. More than 50,000 people helped celebrate 20 years of multicultural diversity on four stages where 80 or more groups performed as well as enjoying more than 30 food stalls at an international food court. Arts, crafts, meditation, healing, fashion and produce were also showcased in the Global Village marketplace.

Obe Geia Challenge will bring 400+ visitors

Students at St Michael's and Bwgcolman schools and at nine mainland schools are paying special attention to their attendance and behavior as excitement about playing in this year's Obe Geia Junior Rugby League Challenge builds.

To be held at the Palm Island Rugby League Club (The Farm) on Friday, 12 September, the Carnival will bring together some 400 players, teachers and supporters for a day of rugby league and cultural exchange.

Each young footballer has to earn the right to play in the carnival with regular

attendance and positive behavior at school during the year.

As part of the reward for their efforts each player will receive an Obe Geia 2014 players T-shirt from the Toyota Cowboys.

Now in its sixth year, the Challenge is a partnership between the Palm Island community and the North Queensland Toyota Cowboys with support from the NRL, Sealink, Bun Lek Solutions, Dreamtime Training and Evolution Mining.

“It’s a huge day for many of the kids – four hours of travel for those who come from Townsville or Magnetic Island, a couple of kilometers walking as well as five modified length games of rugby league – but a very enjoyable

and educational one as well,” North Queensland Toyota Cowboys community manager Fiona Pelling said.

“Once all the teams have arrived we all take part in a community welcome to country which includes some traditional dancing.

As well as giving children from Palm Island and the mainland the chance to play some footy, the carnival gives the local community an opportunity to showcase the Island and their culture.

It also aims to strengthen interschool relationships and promote sport, health and fitness.

Matches will begin at 10am with the final round starting at 2.40pm.

Presentations will be made at 3.20pm.



Obe Geia on Palm Island in 2012

Combined team in Garbutt AFL carnival

A combined St Michael's and Bwgcolman State School team represented Palm Island in a 'Boys Into Men' carnival in Townsville last week.

Ten primary schools competed at the Australian Rules carnival organized by Garbutt Magpies.

Players performed well considering most of them have played rugby league.

Teacher Lyndal Thompson said some had only ever played Aussie Rules once before.

The motto behind the carnival was: 'In traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies, male role models were highly valued, however in contemporary society, their role is somewhat unclear. The Garbutt Magpies project introduces past intergenerational male role models to new generations, providing young local kids role models to aspire to. Our history is worth telling to the next generation'.

Jermaine Ross played a didgeridoo at the official opening. Drew Ross of Palm Island and Darnley Island descent welcomed guests to country on behalf of the Bindal people.

"Garbutt Magpies was so much more than a sporting club," Drew said.

"I used to look forward to each weekend as entire families of our people would meet at the football - it was my initiation to becoming a man and brought families together.

"Youngsters are the future."

Uncle Alec Illin, Townsville City Councillor Pat Ernst and Jamie Richardson from sponsor Ausco Jamie also spoke to the students.

Garbutt Magpies Cup

"Boys Into Men"



When: Friday 22nd August
Time: 9:30-2:00pm
9:30 Opening Ceremony
10:00 Round robin competition

Where: Murray Complex
Who: Schools list below

Schools competing

- Currajong SS
- Heatley SS
- Bohle SS
- Garbutt SS
- Rasmussen SS
- Kirwan SS
- Shalom Christian College
- Combined Charters Towers
- St Joseph's Strand
- Bwgcolman Community School
- St Michaels Catholic School

Community members are encouraged to attend - support your school team and enjoy a day supporting the Garbutt Magpies and talking about old times.







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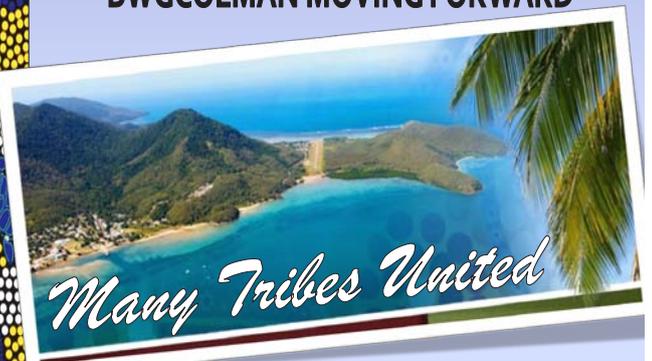
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The Townsville Hospital and Health Board announces

2013-14 ACHIEVEMENTS



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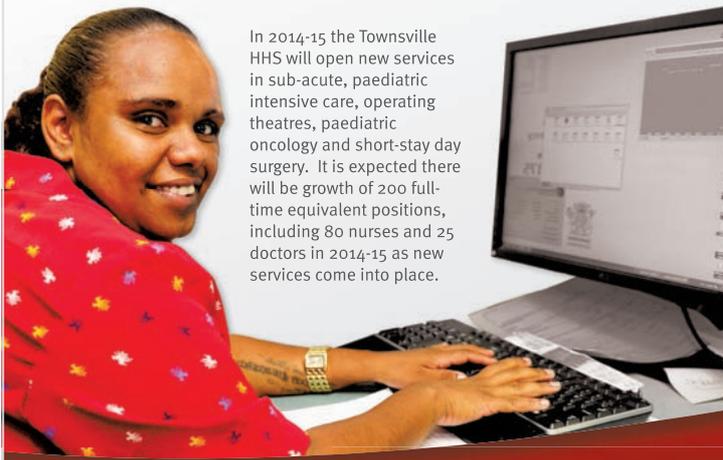
Patients waiting longer than the clinically recommended time for elective surgery:

| | June 2012 | June 2013 | June 2014 |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Urgent | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Semi-urgent | 317 | 73 | 0 |
| Non-urgent | 199 | 31 | 0 |

*Clinically recommended time for urgent elective surgery = 30 days
** Clinically recommended time for semi-urgent elective surgery = 90 days
*** Clinically recommended time for non-urgent elective surgery = 12 months



Townsville Hospital Emergency Department Presentations



In 2014-15 the Townsville HHS will open new services in sub-acute, paediatric intensive care, operating theatres, paediatric oncology and short-stay day surgery. It is expected there will be growth of 200 full-time equivalent positions, including 80 nurses and 25 doctors in 2014-15 as new services come into place.



'As Board Chair, I am proud and delighted to share the success of the Townsville Hospital and Health Service over the past financial year. The hard work of our staff has benefited individuals, families and communities.'

John Bearne, Townsville HHS Board Chair

Achievements for 2013-14 include:

- ✓ Upgrade of renal dialysis services on Palm Island began.
- ✓ Palm Island Health Advisory Group formed to give community input into health service delivery at Joyce Palmer Health Service.
- ✓ Appointed a Youth Health Worker for the Joyce Palmer Health Service to support young families.
- ✓ Appointed an Indigenous Hospital Liaison Officer for the Joyce Palmer Health Service to assist local families to access care.
- ✓ Indigenous Hospital Liaison Officers cover two shifts per day, seven days a week at the Townsville Hospital Emergency Department to support and assist Indigenous patients and their families.
- ✓ Building commenced on the new Home and Community Care centre at Joyce Palmer Health Service.
- ✓ Josephine Sailor Adolescent Inpatient Unit and Day Service opened: the first North Queensland overnight inpatient facility and day-therapy service for adolescents who live with a mental illness.
- ✓ North Queensland Persistent Pain Management Service outreaches to Cairns, Mackay and Mount Isa.

The 2013-14 operating surplus has provided:

- ✓ An investment of \$500,000 for a mobile health van on Palm Island.
- ✓ A commitment of \$3 million in staff accommodation for the Joyce Palmer Health Service.
- ✓ An extra \$7 million of care including more than 500 surgeries and 3000 specialist medical and surgical outpatient appointments in 2013-14.
- ✓ We have created an estimated further \$20 million operating surplus in 2013-14 which we will use to benefit our communities in 2014-15.



To provide your feedback on any aspect of the health service please email townsvillehhs-engagement@health.qld.gov.au or phone 4433 1074.

Great state. Great opportunity.



Boxing News

Palm Island boxers have a busy September to look forward to with a tournament in Charters Towers and the State Titles in Cairns.

A team will make the 130km road trip from Townsville to Charters Towers on 6th September.

Two weeks later on 19th and 20th September male and female Palm boxers will converge on Cairns for the Sunstate Amateur State League Titles.

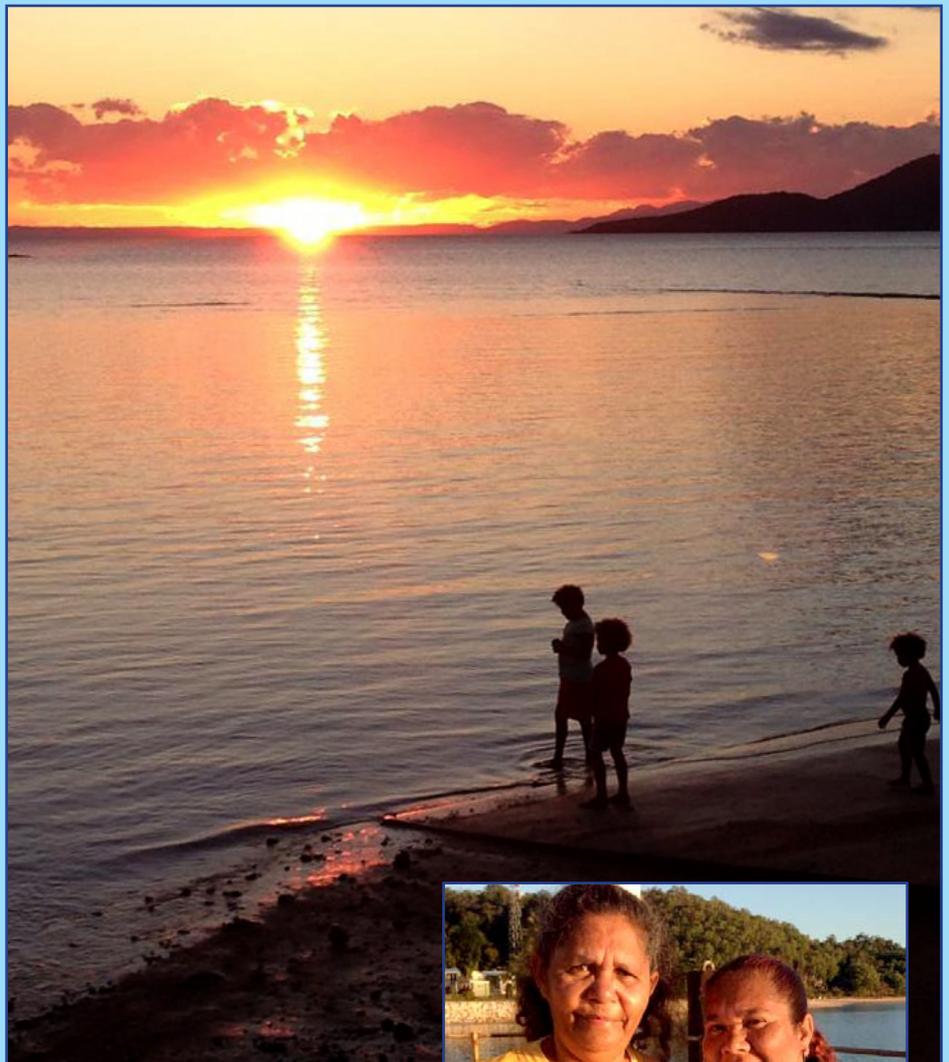
Daniel Nomoa, Levi Baira, Brayden Nallajar, Natalie David, Darryl Richardson, Josie Nallajar and Kathleen Haines are amongst those local boxers expected to compete in either or both tournaments.

A big group of boxers have been training hard at the Palm PCYC Gym in recent weeks.

They have been sharpening their skills after weather forced them to cancel a trip to Rockhampton for the Global Tournament on 9th August.

“The ferry from Palm to Townsville was cancelled because of rough seas,” their trainer Ray Dennis said.

He said they were also very grateful to Hutchinson Builders who have sponsored the Palm Island boxers with donations of gloves, singlets and head gear.



Former PI paramedic Ian Day visited his old friends and workplace earlier this month. Mr Day said it had been two and a half years since he'd been to the Island. He is pictured left with colleague Bill Landers. Above is Marjorie Burns and Jenni Prior; and a spectacular sunset taken at the old jetty on Beach Rd.