



WARNING! Some images in this Issue may contain deceased persons which may cause distress to some people.

Cameras saving big \$ in repairs

SECURITY cameras placed at strategic locations around the Palm Island CBD and Shire Council office have proved their worth in successfully reducing property crime Mayor Alf Lacey says.

The 10 CCTV cameras have been a genuine deterrent to vandals subsequently dramatically reducing damage bills for Council.

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey said in the past the cost of repairs had been prohibitive.

“We had to send out Council workers and foot the bill for repairs and even if offenders were caught they never paid restitution,” he said. “The cameras have certainly brought down property crime.”

He said while the majority of

residents support the use of the cameras he was aware a minority felt their privacy was invaded and they had a feeling ‘Big Brother’ was watching.

“Council weighed up the cost of public damage and many people had complained about vandalism so we made the right decision,” Cr Lacey said.

He said the cameras were tested before being switched on.

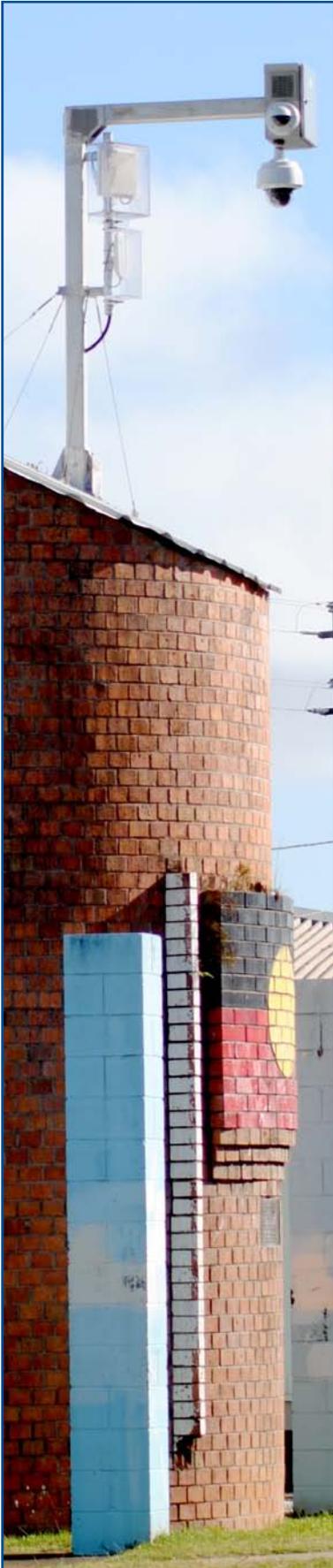
Similar cameras at the Palm Island Airport have been there for many years.

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Great chance to catch up for travelling friends

Cr Eddie Walsh got an unexpected surprise during the Spring Fair when a man he had met six months earlier in the Northern Territory spotted him in his role as MC on the day.

In March Robert Bryce was riding around Australia on his motorbike and was in the Northern Territory when he stopped at a roadhouse to refuel.

“Whilst filling up a 4x4 pulled up to have a break and out hopped this smart looking fellow,” Mr Bryce said.

“Being a friendly Queenslander I said ‘giddy’ and we got to talking about this and that until he saw my Queensland number plate and asked where I was from.

“I told him very proudly Townsville, to which he then told me he was from Palm Island.

“Throughout the conversation we realised we had mutual friends in Townsville, it was then Edward gave me his card and told me to look him up anytime.

“I read in the paper about the Spring Fair on Palm Island, as I had never been to the Island and now I knew someone on the Island I



decided to go.

“I saw the Mayor on stage and decided to ask him if he knew Edward Walsh, and there on stage was Edward, it was really great to see him again and I hope we can cement our friendship even more in the future.

“I had a great day.”

New shop!

Coolgaree Aboriginal Corporation has recently opened a spare parts shop.

If you need any parts for your vehicle drop down and see Nev, there's a good chance he can help you out!

Murri Carnival protest upheld

A PROTEST by officials of Kulpiyam after the side narrowly lost the grand final of the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council (QAIHC) Arthur Beetson Murri Rugby League Carnival in Redcliffe has been upheld.

That gave Kulpiyam the title of champion side at Queensland's biggest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Allblacks carnival.

The carnival was an alcohol- and drug-free event during which more than 1500 health checks were carried out on competing players.

NITV broadcast the final day live nationally. No Palm island team entered however some of our players lined up for Jabirus in the men's section.

Way to go (in case of emergency!)



Front row above: Heath Lacey, Tarika Cummins, Janesha Robertson, Kathleen Haines and Shirl Barry–Curley with police and SES officers, and Sam Savage from Red Cross. Paul Cannon is second from left back row.

Emergency Services may end up being the career of choice for several young Bwgcolman students who have entered a new cadetship program.

Year 11 students Heath Lacey, Tarika Cummins, Janesha Robertson, Kathleen Haines and Shirl Barry–Curley have signed up in the hope they may one day be able to help.

In past years Palm Island has been severely damaged by tropical cyclones including Yasi so State Emergency Service (SES) officers with local knowledge are vital.

“These practical activities will commence in term four and lead into certified Public Safety Certificates in year 12,” Bwgcolman Community School’s Head of Teaching and Learning Jess Kleinschmidt said.

Several of the female

students are quality boxers who have represented the community with distinction, fitting the department’s criteria which includes a good education along with physical fitness. The students are also passionate about gaining jobs on Palm Island which has a high adult unemployment rate.

Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, Townsville Area Office Regional Community Engagement Officer Paul Cannon said a Palm Island Emergency Services Cadet Advisory Committee was on Palm in September to promote the program.

“The ES Cadet program provides an opportunity for

Palm Island youths to be part of an exciting package that explores the skills, knowledge and attitudes for a career in emergency services and volunteering, as well as to raise the level of individual and community preparedness to natural disasters on the Island,” Mr Cannon said.

“The program provides an opportunity for Palm Island youths aged between 12–17 to experience a wide range of emergency service skills and activities, to really give them a taste for the roles available to them and greater interaction with serving emergency services staff.”

High school scholarships on offer from CFF & AIEF

Students from Bwgcolman Community School and St Michael's Catholic School were recognised for their school achievements at the recent Cathy Freeman Foundation Starting Block Awards.

More than 240 awards were presented at the Term 3 Awards recognising students for their hard work throughout the term in school attendance, behaviour and literacy improvement.



Parents of students in Year 6 and 7 are encouraged to apply for a 2015 scholarship for their choice of ten schools in Queensland over the coming weeks.

The Cathy Freeman Foundation (CFF) Scholarships Program, is delivered in partnership with the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation (AIEF) and provides scholarships to Palm Island students to broaden their education experiences and opportunities during secondary school.

Scholarships are valued at up to \$80,000 which provides an excellent opportunity for the students and families of Palm Island.

The CFF team are available to assist all parents with the application process.

Partner schools include:

- The Cathedral School, Townsville (Co-ed)
- Clayfield College, Brisbane (Girls)
- St Joseph's Nudgee College, Brisbane (Boys)
- Marist College Ashgrove, Brisbane (Boys)
- St Peters Lutheran College, Brisbane (Co-ed)
- Brisbane Boys' College, Brisbane (Boys)
- Ipswich Grammar School, Ipswich (Boys)
- St Augustine's College, Cairns (Boys)
- St Saviour's College, Toowoomba (Girls)
- Toowoomba Anglican College & Preparatory School, Toowoomba (Co-ed)

Three students will complete their Year 12

scholarship with CFF and AIEF this year after CFF began working with students on Palm Island eight years ago when these students were in Year 5.

CFF's Early Learning Coordinator Nazareth Youngblutt is the mother of a scholarship student who will finish Year 12 this year.

Scholarships are available for students who are eligible for ABSTUDY, are in financial need and whose family or guardian are supportive of the enrolment.

A family's financial contribution towards the student's educational expenses will be agreed with the school at the time of enrolment.

Scholarship payments are made directly to the scholarship school to cover the shortfall between (i) the payments received from ABSTUDY and parent contributions and (ii) the cost of boarding and tuition fees and some incidental expenses such as books, school excursions and uniforms.

For more information please contact CFF staff Ruth Gorrige on 4770 1555 or Daphne Lawrence on 0448 219 424.



Palm Island PCYC has had a busy time these holidays with an assortment of activities happening on site.

Fitness training and basic boot camp has been run some afternoons during the school holidays.

Pilates has continued on, although Physio Jane has left, classes are still being run. It is great exercise and stretching for anyone.

We have also had the Mackay Region Tackling Smoking and Active and Healthy lifestyle team come to teach the Good Quick Tukka program.

They showed how easy it is to make a quick healthy inexpensive meal.

Day 1 was a beautiful chicken curry and rice and the second day was rissoles and a fresh crunchy Asian style salad.

The team will be back again in a month or so keep an eye out as it was very popular with young and old.

YWAM students came along and assisted with face painting, which also became body painting and got very messy!

Last week kids learned how to juggle, one of our new staff members Jade is very good at this skill, and we are also making the juggling balls with balloons and rice.

This is to show the people from Circus Oz that the kids on Palm Island can juggle.

Oz tag and soccer have been very popular activities, and we are hoping for a big turnout for the disco as we have received new lights.

The canteen will be open, even though it was broken into last weekend and we lost a lot of stock, and sustained damage.

It is a shame these offenders make everyone else suffer for their stupidity and selfishness.

The PCYC just cannot afford the ongoing damage bill for repairs and theft so all monies raised from the disco will be directed to repairs and replacement of stock. We were fundraising from the disco for a pool table to go in the Pulse room.

Circus Oz will be having workshops on Friday 10 October and have a performance on Saturday 11 October.

More details will be on the posters around town.

Acting Sergeant Janet LINDSAY

Relief Branch Manager Palm Island Police-Citizens Youth Clubs

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Dear Editor

I thought I would send you the attached in hope it might inspire some young person who feel as hopeless as I did during my young life on Fantome Island. I'm very proud of my achievements and



want to be known as the Fantome Islander who, after 11 years of growing up in isolation 'Under the Act', was able to move on with my life and achieve many good things within the Aboriginal Communities in which I lived and worked over the past 40 plus years.

Cheers

Selwyn (Joe) Eggmolesse
Maryborough Qld

September 2014



The 1945, seven-year-old, Fantome Island boy receives Order of Australia Medal; mainly for 40+ years of community work within Aboriginal Communities in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. This included assisting the Palm Island Council with the successful application for Fantome Island to be Heritage Listed.

Outstanding Alumni Award Recipient

Congratulations, Mayor Alf Lacey has written to Dr Gracelyn Smallwood.

"On behalf of the people of Palm Island, what can we say?!" he wrote to her from himself, the Palm Island Council, Elders and the People of Palm Island Shire.

"You have done good work for us all, this only goes to show that the plight of our people is being heard. Well done, you deserve it! Thank you also for supporting our community in good times and hard times, your outstanding contribution speaks for itself."

Here is what the University Media Release said about Dr Smallwood:

Professor Gracelyn Smallwood has been an outspoken advocate for the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples since 1968.

In 1986 Dr Smallwood was named Queensland Aboriginal of the Year.

In 1992 Dr Smallwood was awarded an Order of Australia medal for service to public health, particularly HIV-AIDS education.

In 1993, Dr Smallwood received a Masters of Science in Public

Health (JCU) for her work on HIV education in North Queensland Indigenous communities – the first Indigenous Australian to do so.

In 1994 she became the first woman, first Indigenous person and first non-paediatrician to receive the Henry Kemp Memorial Award at the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

In 2007, Dr Smallwood received the Deadly Award for Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in Indigenous Health and until 2011 held a part-time role as Special Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Indigenous Matters at James Cook University.

In 2011 she completed her PhD Thesis Human Rights and First Australians Well-being; Dr Smallwood was the first Indigenous PhD graduate in the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Molecular Sciences at James Cook University.



In October 2013, Dr Smallwood was awarded the United Nations Association of Australia Queensland Community Award – Individual, in recognition of service to public health, in particular HIV-AIDS, contribution to Australian universities, and consultation to the World Health Organisation.

In 2014 she was awarded the NAIDOC Person of the Year Award and appointed a member of the Queensland Mental Health and Drug Advisory Council.

Quality football on show at local finals decider

BUTLER Bay Bulls won their fifth Palm Island domestic rugby league competition grand final in seven years when they beat arch rivals Skipjacks 38–18 in the 2014 decider in September.

It was held at Palm Island football oval on 20 September before a big crowd.

Bulls coach Lloyd Morgan said it was a good quality match with lots of talent on offer in both sides.

Morgan said Bulls had won premierships in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2013 before the latest triumph.

“Forwards Billo Wotton and Raoul Miller played very well, as did backs Obe Geia jnr, Pita Morgan and Simmeon Oui,” Lloyd Morgan said.

Former champion boxer Pita Morgan is one of the smallest players in the competition but

amongst the most talented.

Geia jnr is the only Palm Island footballer to have played for the North Queensland Cowboys and oozes ability.

Lloyd Morgan’s cousin Alex Morgan is the Skipjacks coach and said that giant forward Jiji Dabea and backs John Baira, Rob Snyder and Esrom Geia centre shone.

In the qualifying semi final Bulls defeated Skipjacks whilst Jets beat Bwgcolman Brothers in the elimination semi.

Skippies rolled Jets in the preliminary final to get another crack at Bulls.

Meanwhile dual registered Palm

Islanders Fred Bulsey and Clinton Pearson played major roles for Norths Club which defeated Brothers 16–10 in the Townsville and District Rugby League competition reserve grade grand final.

Bulsey played prop and Pearson, who scored a try and kicked two goals for eight points, in the backs.

TDRL Operations Manager Kerri Ritchie said it was an historic first premiership for relatively new club Norths.

“Norths reserve grade were actually wooden spooners last year so from last to first is a great turn around,” she said.

Carnival season keeping players on their toes

Four of the 16 men’s teams set to contest the Bindal Sharks Allblacks rugby league carnival at the Townsville Sports Reserve will be from Palm Island this weekend.

Barracudas, Aja’s Boys, Hornets and Bwgcolman Warriors will all compete this year. Bwgcolman Warriors will be organised by Cr Roy Prior.

“I’m hoping to just use all our local players here from home with maybe three outsiders coming in to assist,” he said. “The majority will be the players we brought through our junior ranks, they are at an age now where they should be leading from the front instead of waiting for our senior players so it’s going to be a challenge but we will see how things go. We will be there when the whips are cracking.”

It will be carnival organiser

Jenny Pryor’s 28th year.

She said the venue was changed to the Sports Reserve to cater for the alcohol- and drug-free event. Ms Pryor said Townsville Aboriginal & Islander Health Services were a major sponsor of the carnival and would be holding health checks on all players as well as other promotions throughout the event.

“We’re committed to ensuring the health and wellbeing of our players, so we have asked all players to have a health check prior to the carnival and to submit a medical certificate before they will be allowed on the field,” she said.

MEANWHILE Palm Island footballers and their fans have a bevy of Allblacks carnivals to look forward to.

The popular Cairns Allblacks carnival will be at Barlow Park from 17–19 October. That will clash with the Zenadth Kes (formerly Torres Cup) at Ken Brown Memorial Oval on Thursday Island from 17–19 October.

The Gordonvale carnival will start on 24 October.

The well-supported Dan Ropeyarn Cup will be held at Bamaga on 30–31 October and 1 November with last year’s champion team Argun Warriors from Badu Island expected to be there.