

# Palm Island Voice

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Pics by Alf Wilson

Captured here in full flight is Walter Geia scoring the second of his two tries for the Barracudas in their handsome 36–16 victory over Eastern Warriors in the grand final of the plate section at the Bindal Sharks Allblacks carnival late last month.

Walter has aptly been re-named Superman after cutting through the Eastern Warriors defence like a knife through butter.

He could have placed the ball

over easily in a corner, but decided to run around to place the ball near the posts to give Barracudas kicker Fred Haines jnr an easier shot for goal and two extra points.

With ball under his arm Walter leapt forward and was airborne when *Palm Island Voice* snapped this series of pictures.

**FULL STORY +  
MORE PICS INSIDE!**

# From the Mayor's Desk...



“We’re one of the best Indigenous Councils in the State..”

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey has nothing but good news to report from his desk as Council has successfully applied to fund not one, but two important infrastructure upgrades, and an all-clear on the Council’s Audit Report – for the 9th year in a row!

“We’re pleased we were able to secure additional funding for vital community infrastructure, particularly the sewerage upgrade, on the island,” Cr Lacey says.

“A \$1.7m upgrade to the aging facilities down at the sewerage treatment plant is our first piece of good news.

“That includes \$300,000 for the Council directly to create some employment for some of our local people.

“This will certainly future-proof Council infrastructure, and this is a win for the community. In a similar vein, we are pleased to have convinced the State Government to give us an extra \$1.3 million to upgrade the water treatment plant facility on the island,

to bring it up to a better standard. This will be a huge help to ensuring a reliable and clean water arrangement for the whole town. So, I’m pleased as the Mayor, and the Council is pleased we were able to secure these investments for the benefit of the whole town, and long into the future.”

Cr Lacey said the good news continued.

“The other thing I’d probably report on is we have our financial statement back from the Queensland Audit Office and Council once again has been successful with an unmodified audit,” he said.

“They used to call it unqualified (passed) and qualified (fail) reports back

in the old days, which is probably the language that the community is so used to but they’ve changed that now to the words ‘modified’ (fail) and ‘unmodified’ (passed).

“So with our 9th unmodified, or unqualified audit, I’m pleased our Council has continued to set the benchmark for Councils across the state with our good financial affairs and good financial auditing.

“It gives us a lot of confidence that what we’re doing and what we want to do is fully accountable.

“We’re one of the best Indigenous Councils in the state, which I think is an important thing.

“So this is all good-news for the community.”

# Bindal wins for Barracudas



It was a nervous start for the Barracudas (*above*) in their first game on Friday for the Bindal Allblacks, coach Roy Prior writes... And the Warriors U16 side (*below*) played extremely well in a physical game against the Townsville Cannonball side.

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## The Barracudas defended really well in the first 10–15 minutes but continued mistakes were taking their toll on the team, coach Roy Prior continues...

Frustration, dropped balls, not completing our sets and running arguments between players was pretty much the highlight of the game and some of our supporters did mention that it didn't look good to outsiders sitting on the sidelines.

Coaching staff helped to bring the team together at half time and ultimately we managed to get the win.

The two games on Saturday finished with one loss and one win for the team.

On Sunday morning the players were pretty upset from their loss on the previous day but we started our fourth game with a bang.

The team built some momentum rolling up the field and our forwards, led by Joigi Dabea, rolled up their sleeves and got the whole team moving. Our backs capitalised well.

I don't believe we played our best football until the plate grand final.

It was a special win for the team and our supporters after some pretty solid training for four weeks leading up to the carnival.

Physically I knew the

players would be fit and ready to play four to five games over the weekend, which they did.

After the game coaching staff sat with the players to get some feed back in why they would like to play for Cudas.

The replies were quick and fast.

Our supporters, our community and our families are what drives the team to try to be successful wherever we play.

I believe if the team stays focused on those principles – community, family, supporters – our young team will see more success in the future because it comes back to 'One Community One Team... BARRACUDAS'.

Overall all the players did play well and were led by don't like to lose attitude captain Daryl Pearson.

A big thanks you also to our coaching staff Lloyd Morgan, Genami Geia snr and supporting staff Clint Burns and Fred Haines snr.

Without them it wouldn't have been possible.

I would like to also thanks our Sponsors, who made it possible for the team to travel away and compete over the weekend.



*Top: Officials at the Bindal Allblacks; Above: TAIHS' Donald Whaleboat, Roy Prior, Jenny Pryor & Ref Dean Saunders; Below: Algon Walsh Jr; Bottom: Tyrone Yasserie and Cr Frank Conway*





## Warriors U16:

Early on Friday evening the Palm Island Bwgcolman Warriors' first game was against Cannonball.

The game was quite physical and the boys played extremely well, keeping themselves in the competition for the entire game.

We had two byes on the Saturday with teams not having enough players at the grounds.

The afternoon game with Walkabouts was very fast and the opposition was big but the Warriors players were faster and

we managed to get the win. That put us through to the grand final on the Sunday against Cannonball, who had already beaten us on the Friday night.

Our Warriors players went very well and made some spectacular tries but Cannonball was too strong and eventually beat the Warriors by a large margin..

Captain Isaac Bulsey along with Theo Willis, Marcus Ketchup and a few others led the team passionately. Our forwards were led by Thomas

Baira, Lachlan Friday and Tavis Murgha. Overall the team all played well and parents should be proud.

Once again I would like to thank our supporting staff Chris Evers snr, Bernice Robertson and Jason Poynter, and Kathy Haines for helping with the team and the preparation of the meals for the boys. And a big thanks you to our sponsors, Campbell Page, Klub Kuda and the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council.

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*Pic with thanks to Sondra Gorrige*

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# *2015 Bindal Allblacks*

