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PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

Election results too close to call

Federal election results prove Palm Island Aboriginal Shire has a genuine say in who wins or loses after a close result for the seat of Herbert, Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey says.

At one stage Labor candidate Cathy O'Toole was ahead by 348 votes after picking up a total of 392 votes from the Palm Island booth.

Latest figures (at the time of writing) suggest sitting member Ewen Jones will retain the seat for the Liberal National Party by the smallest of margins due primarily to postal votes.

Cr Lacey said with 452 people on the electoral roll on Palm, every vote counted.

"Palm Island could well have determined who governed the country," he said.

"In such a close election our numbers definitely make a difference, we've said this for a long time now and we'll keep saying it. Use your vote wisely and if you're not on the electoral roll, think seriously about taking up your rights.

"Don't think it doesn't count or it doesn't make a difference because it does."

Barracudas play goooooood football!

Five Barracudas have been picked to play at the next level after the team won two of their three games to finish second at this year's Remote Area Rugby League FNQ Challenge in Cairns.

Defending champions Northern Cape, Southern Cape and the Torres Strait Stingers played out the competition with star Palm Island fullback Gresham Ross junior named player of the carnival after dominating throughout.

The points table at the completion was Torres Strait Stingers 13.5, Palm Island Barracudas 11, Northern Cape 5, Southern cape .05,

Ross jnr was one of six Palm players selected in the Northern United team to meet Queensland Outback in Townsville this weekend.

The others were: Daryl Pearson, Obe Geia jnr, Fred Bulsey, William Blackman and Caleb Geia.

Mitchell Baira was named as a shadow player.

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In their first game the Palm Island Barracudas, which included former NQ Cowboys winger Obe Geia jnr, Raoul 'Tough As Nails' Miller, Fred 'The Head Hog' Bulsey and the Pearson twins Darryl and Clinton 'Dancing Feet' met Torres Strait Stingers.

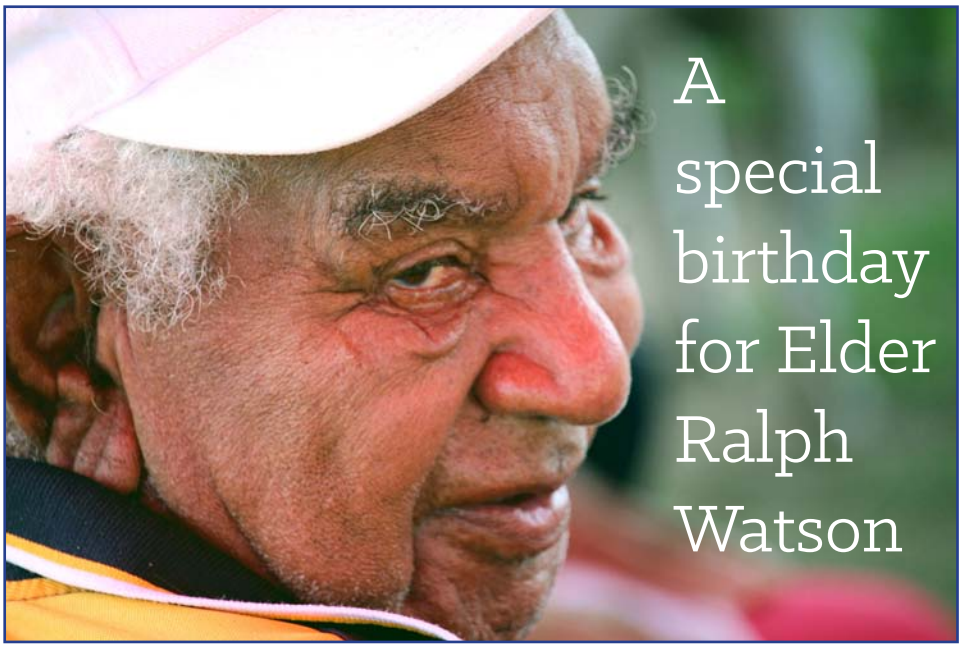
It was a great game and with eight minutes remaining scores were deadlocked but Torres Stingers went on to win 26–18.

Gresham Ross junior scored two tries, with singles to Simmeon Oui and Ezra Langlo. Clinton Pearson kicked the goal. Then Palm Island Barracudas defeated Northern Cape 26–10. Gresham Ross again scored two four pointers with one apiece to Simmeon Oui, Darryl Pearson and Clifford Beetham. Fred Haines jnr kicked four goals).

Finally Palm Island Barracudas 38 thrashed Southern Cape 12.

The Northern United side will be coached by TI's Thomas Loban pictured above yarning to PICRL President Algon Walsh jnr at the

Mollison Robertson Snr has achieved 40 years of service with The Palm Island Power Station. He started on 6 July 1976 and is still going strong. He says it was his privilege to work with Tom Wharton from the Department of Aboriginal & Islander Affairs and Dave Steele from Ergon Energy. Well done Mollison!!!



A special birthday for Elder Ralph Watson

Congratulations to Parish Elder Ralph Watson on his 80th birthday last month. Uncle Ralph received a special blessing at Sunday Eucharist and his birthday was celebrated with cake and candles, as well as being presented with a small gift from the parish community. They were joined at the special morning tea by the Youth With A Mission Group (YWAM) who were staying on the Island at the time.

'Come and Try' yoga class success for Ferdy's

Ferdy's Haven and SOS Health Service are working together to encourage health through movement and to that end held a successful 'Come and Try' yoga session late last month to celebrate International Day of Yoga.

Eight people participated in the session led by SOS Health Service physiotherapist, Tamara Matulick, while others who were interested watched on. Delicious fresh fruit, provided by Ferdy's Haven, was enjoyed after the event.

Yoga is a great form of exercise because combines the mind and the body. Regular practice builds a strong, flexible body and a calm mind.

Tamara visits Ferdy's Haven Thursdays at 10am for health education, physiotherapy treatment sessions and exercise.

Gorden Tallis Cup action!

Many thanks to Denis Righetti, Mahalia Ottaviano and Zina Prior for tagging the *Palm Island Voice* in these fantastic pics from the Townsville and District Junior Rugby League's annual Gorden Tallis Cup earlier this month.

More than 60 teams, including two from Palm Island, competed for several plates and shields over the two day competition played on five or more ovals in Townsville.

Tully Tigers Mum Linda Davies said she spent all weekend at the games.

"I thoroughly enjoyed watching the Palm Island kids play," she said.

"They were obviously enjoying every minute and it was so good to see kids having so much fun.

"Well done fellas."

Out & About

Watch this space! There are still many MORE of these to come over the next few Issues!

Above Left: Gary Pearson jnr, Traysean Burns, Zena'e, Gary and Arremi Pearson; Top: Michael Conway & Esmay Huddy; Above: Nazine & Fred Bulsey

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Public & Community Notices

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PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

Operating Hours for Council are Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm

If you have any questions please contact Reception on 4770 1177 or 4770 0200

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council has 1,214 'likes' on Facebook!!!

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Thursday 21 July

FOR PUBLICATION

Thursday 28 July

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or email boleen@cathyfreemanfoundation.org.au

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Kindergarten Assistant

St Michael's Kindergarten, Palm Island

Commencing Monday, 11 July 2016

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Kindergarten Assistants to join St Michael's Kindergarten, Palm Island. This position is part-time Monday - Wednesday each week for 40 weeks a year.

The successful applicant will have:

- Cert III in Childrens Services or Education Support or working towards
- Working with children suitability card (Blue Card)
- Student Protection Training prior to commencement.

Salary equivalent to the Catholic School Officers Award.

Expressions of Interest to be sent via email to:

kindergarten@tsv.catholic.edu.au or call 1300kindergarten to enquire.

Applications close Friday, 22 July, 2016.

www.tsv.catholic.edu.au/employment

PALM ISLAND NAIDOC 2016 10 July - 17 July

Thursday 14 July

8-9am Market Stalls, Historical Displays
9am NAIDOC MARCH
10-11am Traditional Dancing
11am-2.30pm Bwgcolman Community School & St Michael's Open Day Activities & Lunch
1.30pm Fishing competition continues + Entertainment – Music
2.30– 3pm Traditional Dancing Session 2 Activities/Workshops
3-5pm Junior Netball (JPCYC), OZtag & Volleyball
4.30– 5pm Traditional Dancing Fishing Comp CLOSES (last weigh in at 6pm)
6-9pm Karaoke (Cultural Precinct), Senior Netball (PCYC), Dart & Pool Comp

Friday 15 July PUBLIC HOLIDAY FAMILY FUN DAY

8am-5pm Market Stalls, Entertainment – Music, Traditional Dancing
10.30-11am TRIBAL RELAY – "Run...Walk...Ride" in tribal team of (3), four age divisions (carrying a Message Stick)
12.30pm Lunch – Supplied by Community – everyone bring some food to share
1.30-5pm Entertainment – Traditional Dancing
Netball FINALS + Announcement of competitions winners
2-4pm 'PALM FUN RUN'- Four age divisions
6-9.30pm PIASC GALA DINNER on the Esplanade + Fireworks

Saturday 16 July

9am Entertainment – Music – Traditional Dancing, Market Stalls, Food etc
12.30pm Lunch
1.30pm Competition – Junior Football at Farm
5-9pm Entertainment, U18 Disco (PCYC) + Fireworks, Bands, Singers, Dancers

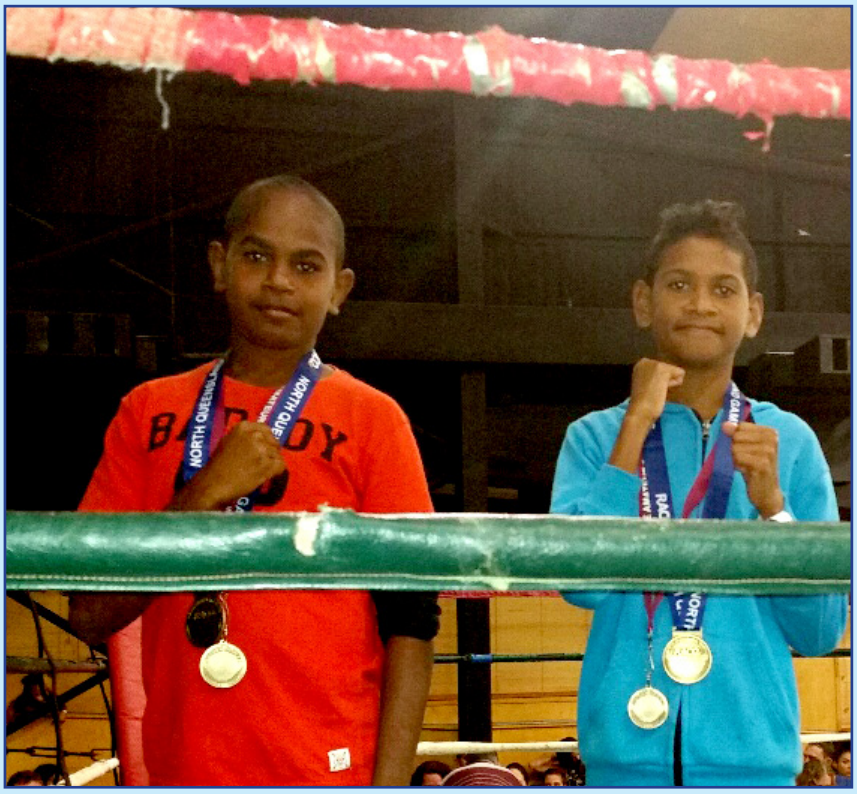
Sunday 17 July

10am Combined Church Service (PI Mall)
NOON – Lunch supplied by Churches
6-9pm Gospel Concert – Combined Churches

Thank you to everyone, have a great week!!!

SONGLINES: Living Narratives

Boxers star in Cairns



STAR Palm Island boxer Leelan Sibley won two gold medals for one bout when he travelled to Cairns for the prestigious Golden Gloves Boxing tournament on 24 and 25 June.

Young Palm boxers Preston Robertson and Brayden Nallajar also both won two gold medals even though neither had any bout.

The Golden Gloves, organised by the Sunstate Boxing League, was held during the huge North Queensland Games, which meant every bout winner, runner up or third placed boxer was presented with two medals.

Either a gold, silver or bronze from the Sunstate Association and another from the NQ Games Foundation.

Palm trainer Ray Dennis said there was 10 bouts on night one and another 16 the next.

"Boxers came from Victoria, NSW, throughout Queensland, Solomon Islands and Mornington Island," he said. "It was great for them to get two medals each."

Leelan scored his fifth win in six bouts when he knocked out Victorian Nick Taxidig in round two of his 54kg bout.

Preston and Brayden could not be matched with an opponent so won by walkover and each were presented with two gold medals.

Townsville Art of Strength trainer Scooter Hooper helped the team with travel and accommodation in Cairns. Thanks for the pics too Scooter!