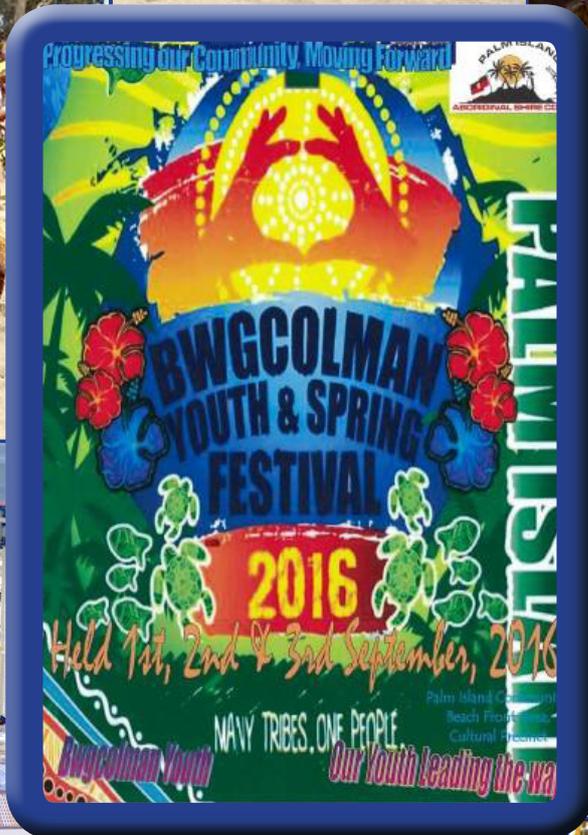
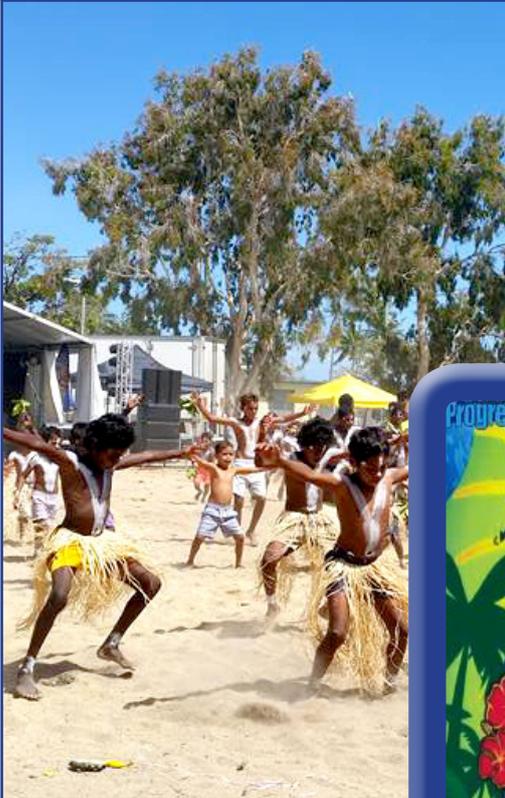


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Pics thanks to Maryam Clay

# Youth & Spring Festival a busy success!

Hundreds of Palm Islanders and visitors have taken advantage of perfect weather to celebrate this year's Youth & Spring Festival, held last week.

An unprecedented number of local and imported food, crafts and paintings were sold at the festival by enterprising

locals who were entertained by a line up of local and visiting dancers, including Onemaru and Yarrabah.

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey said the Festival had made them all proud. "It was a great success," he said.





Garbutt Magpies AFL  
Townsville 2016



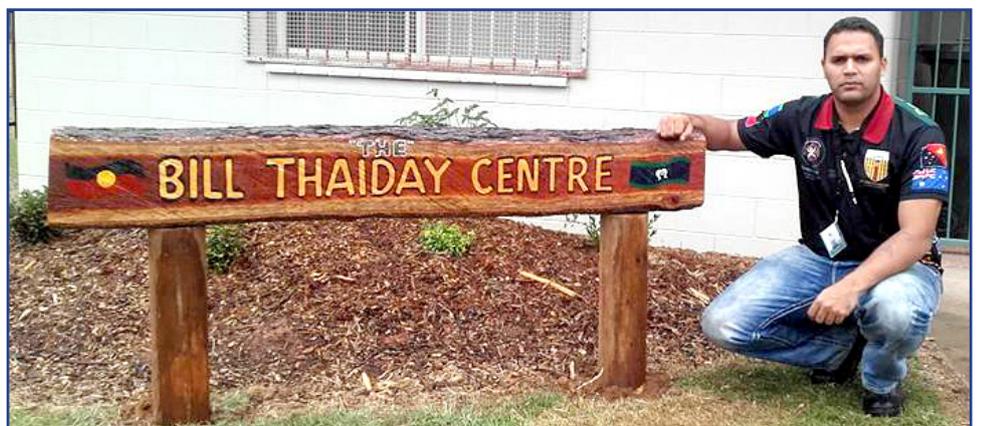
## Radio pioneer remembered in Woorabinda

The wife of legendary veteran broadcaster Bill Thaiday delivered a moving speech in the central Queensland community of Woorabinda, ABC Radio reported late last month.

Rosa Thaiday paid tribute to her late husband – an elder who established the Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Media Association and dedicated his life to mentoring young broadcasters.

The community honoured him by naming the town’s new Red Cross building the Bill Thaiday Centre and Mrs Thaiday, along with her family, officially opened the building.

In her speech, Mrs Thaiday



said her husband had been a humble person who would not have wanted all the fuss and referred to the new centre as

his legacy.

“It’s too bad, poor old Dad will just have to take what he gets,” she said.

Source: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-08-24/woorabinda-elder-honoured-by-new-red-cross-building/7781230>

# Regional plan development should win jobs for Palm

The North Queensland Local Government Association Conference, held on Palm Island last year, was hosted by Cloncurry this year, Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey says.

The North Queensland Region takes in Palm Island, Townsville city, Hinchinbrook, which includes Ingham, Charters Towers and the Burdekin.

We are the only region in North Queensland that doesn't have a regional plan, similar to the southeast plan.

And basically that about looking at better opportunities to work collaboratively in terms of infrastructure spending.

It means we will have a regional document to support all of our different communities which will provide a good base to any application for government funding around major projects.

I think it's pretty good for Palm Island because it gives us a bit of teeth to argue for

better projects for Palm.

I think it's really important, especially given that tourism is starting to pick up, in terms of developing Palm for more growth and more jobs for our people.

There will be community consultation across the five council areas in the region, so our community will get an opportunity to be a part of the consultation, give their ideas and put forward any new suggestions or rehash the old suggestions in terms of where Palm should be moving, in terms of development and that.

I think it's a win for Palm and certainly a win for the North Queensland region.

I am currently Chair of the local regional organisation of Councils in the north here.

That will be the vehicle to put the plan together through the working group.

The estimated time frame the Minister

has set is 18-months, but the mayors asked if that time frame can be shortened so we get the document done and put out into the community.

Everywhere is different – Townsville talks about big development, the Burdekin and Hinchinbrook talk about agriculture; Charters Towers talks about the beef industry; and on Palm tourism and aquaculture would be a priority for us.

This will be about more road infrastructure and more community infrastructure in terms of diversifying the arrangements in respecting each of the shires' individual uniqueness about each of the shires.

There is an opportunity now for Palm to really get on the regional stage in terms of that document then being used to promote the North Queensland region – Palm is a part of that and this will bring a lot of benefits to Palm.

*Charters Towers Mayor and President NQLGA Liz Smith and Hinchinbrook Mayor Raymond Jayo with recently elected NQLGA executive member Deputy Mayor Roy Prior*





“It was great to be in Townsville recently to discuss the North Queensland Regional Plan (NQRP),” Deputy Premier Jackie Trad said.

“The NQRP will establish a vision for the region.

“It will give the councils and the community a chance to address issues specific to North Queensland and work with the state government to seize opportunities and respond to challenges. The regional

plan provides the basis for the planning and delivery of infrastructure and services, connects council areas and improves opportunities for economic development and liveability.

“I acknowledge the work the five councils are doing for their

communities and the regional plan will build upon this.

“The development of the plan will be a genuinely collaborative process with councils to ensure the delivery and implementation of specific projects across the region.

“It will be informed by community views and consider local and regional initiatives, highlighting the skills and knowledge held by North Queenslanders.”



*•The NQLGA is all councils north of Rockhampton and the Regional Planning Committee is only the five mayors from the north. Left and Seated are Deputy Premier Jackie Trad and Local MP Scott Stewart with the five Mayors*

# Palm Island Voice

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has 1,248  
'likes' on  
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Thank you!!!

The Palm Island Mayor & Councillors would like to thank the Committee who put together the 2016 Youth & Spring Festival for their hard work and commitment towards this year's event.

## JPHS visiting clinics & services September 2016

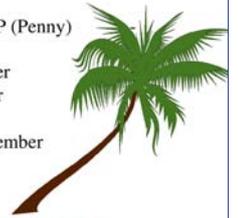
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Or talk to your Dr or any member of your Healthcare team.

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- Physiotherapy clinic Wednesday- 14th, 28<sup>th</sup> September
- Endocrine/Diabetes & Dietitian -Tues, 13<sup>th</sup> September
- Podiatry Clinic -Tues, 13<sup>th</sup> September
- Chronic renal disease, in dialysis unit-Tues, 13<sup>th</sup> September
- Paediatric clinic – 12<sup>th</sup> September



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# 3 Palm Island teams to field Bindal carnival

Palm Island Barracudas will field sides in the open men's division and under 16 grade at the QRL sanctioned Bindal Sharks Allblacks carnival to be held at the Townsville Sports Reserve from October 7 to 9.

Organiser and community stalwart Jenny Pryor has earned the title of the "Iron Lady" of north Queensland Allblacks carnivals during her three decades of coordinating North Queensland's biggest Allblacks carnival.

Her first carnival was in 1987 at the Townsville Showgrounds and the 30th will be held at the local Sports Reserve in October.

During those three decades Jenny has seen many Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal footballers develop into NRL stars and these include Ben Barba, Chris Sandow and Robert Lui.

Barracudas will play, although Palm Island Community Rugby League President Algon Walsh said he would like to hear from potential sponsors of the Barracudas.

The 16 sides nominated for this year's Open Men's are:

- JP Sharks United (Tsv and all over players who

families have been with Sharks/Bindal Sharks over the 30yrs – in honour of organiser Jenny Pryor's 30th year);

- Juru Gubulla Munda – Bowen & district;
- Bowen Stingers;
- Bowen;
- Cannonball – Townsville & all over;
- Barracudas – Palm Island – winners of last year's Plate;



- Eastern Warriors – Torres Strait team Tsv/Torres Strait;
- Boars United – Torres Strait team Townsville/Torres Strait;
- Coastal Balaz won last year – young lads from Townsville & all over;
- Mt Isa Sundowners – Mt Isa;
- GH United – Mackay and Black Bream – Charters Towers – may include Cronulla NRL fullback Ben Barba.

Under 19's teams are: Eastern Warriors – Torres Strait team – Townsville & Torres Straits Cannonball – Townsville team, Walkabout – Townsville, Young Bloods – Townsville, GH United – Mackay, Woorabinda – Woorabinda.

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- AJA Boys – organised by the Geia family from Palm Island;
- Elijah Heroes – promoting Autism Townsville;
- Walkabouts – Townsville;
- Defence – all over Australia;
- Fantome Hunters – team of family from Townsville and all over honouring father Tom Martin snr;



# Sharon Finnin Netball Cup Cairns 2016



*Pics by Christine Howes*

