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Spring Festival is on the way!

Excitement in the community is mounting as plans for this year's Spring Festival come together.

Applications for food and market stalls for next month's gala event are open now through the Council office.

2017 Spring Festival polo shirts are also expected to be in high demand when they go on sale on Friday 1 September.

No pre-orders on the shirts will be taken, they can be picked up from Sapper Park Beach Road from 11am on the day.

Stall prices for locals and visitors are for two days and include a marquee, table and two chairs provided by Council.

See the Council or their Facebook page for more information.



Elderly to benefit from one-off funding

New medical and mobility equipment, along with larger kitchen equipment is set to be installed into the Sandy Boyd Hostel, Townsville-based Government Senator Ian Macdonald says.

"This one-off funding will assist the elderly aged care recipients on Palm Island in very practical ways, ensuring a culturally sensitive, well serviced and comfortable

environment for both residents and visitors," he said.

The one-off grant was part of the \$3.7 million allocated under the Australian Government's National

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program, in response to applications from aged care providers, mainly in remote locations across Australia.

INSIDE: NAIDOC PICS + MORE

School celebrates centenary

Townsville's Cathedral School marked its centenary on July 21 this year, with students from Palm Island, Bamaga, Dauan and Boigu Islands, Hope Vale, Cooktown joining in celebrations.

TI born former 4K1G broadcaster and Torres News Editor Velma Gara works at the school as a Teacher Assistant - Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Support.

She said she was proud of the students.

"We're so happy to be part of the school and to celebrate such a great milestone has been wonderful," she said.

"To see the school spirit with many past students travelling from all over Australia and even overseas has been wonderful."

She said her 15-year-old daughter Patrina Gara was a current student.

The Foundation Day ceremony included a full school service with address from Class of 2001 graduate and fourth generation past student, Louisa Kippin, music performances and singing of the highly anticipated Centenary song composed by widely acclaimed Australian composer, performer, musical director and educator, Paul Jarman.



Shaylan Haines was one of the students who modelled uniforms from the past at last month's celebration at the Cathedral School

After the Foundation Day there was a ceremony for the unveiling and dedication of the Centenary Project called the Connection Place, which is a unique outdoor structure on the base at the School's famous lagoon that pays tribute to all the people who have been a part of the School in the first 100 years.

The glass panels around the outside of The Connection Place contain the names of almost 13,000 staff and students who have lived, worked or studied at St Anne's, or The Cathedral School, since 1917.

After the opening of the Centenary Project the much anticipated 'Lagoon Dash' took place, with staff and students, past and present, running a relay race around the lagoon.



LEFT: Bwgcolman supporters for Elijah in Townsville, pic thanks to Freddy Kyle; ABOVE: Gimuy Fish Festival cook-off winners, the Mama Coco team, consisting of chefs Caleb Blackley, Tomas Prihoda & Davy O'Rourke at CIAF last month.



Vet students take in some Palm Island life



JCU veterinary science students have made the most of the chance to get hands-on and join the Palm Island community during a two-week remote rural and health elective.

This year students Katie Knights and Chris Bozzo participated with some generous financial support from the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Centre and the College of Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Sciences.

The elective was an opportunity for the final-year vet science students to develop an understanding about living and working within rural and remote communities.

It also improved their awareness of cultural and Indigenous issues and the necessity to adapt their knowledge and clinical training to the resources, culture and needs of communities.

Katie said the experience gave her a better understanding about community life on Palm Island.

“Everyone is part of the community, they all support each other,” she said.

“It is much more family-oriented.

“Young people seem to care more for elderly members of their community.

“They are proud of their culture and happy to share it and are very

accepting of others.”

One of the highlights of the experience for Chris was being able to participate in the surgical desexing of animals under the supervision of veterinarian Dr Caroline Mann, who conducts regular animal clinics on the Island.

Chris also said he enjoyed the laid-back and friendly atmosphere within the community.

During the experience, students were also assisted by PIASC Director of Community Services Lyn Freckleton and Palm Island Animal Control officers, Raoul Miller and Thaddeus Sam.

Dr Lynore Geia from the College of Health Care Sciences acted as cultural broker, advisor and community liaison.

While on the Island, students were able to witness a number of cultural celebrations surrounding the 60th anniversary of the 1957 workers strike on Palm Island.

The celebrations helped Katie and Chris to better understand the community and how its history has shaped the proud traditions and values of the community.

The elective was a joint activity developed in partnership between the Palm Island community and James Cook University.

Over the years, the work of the Shire Council and the regular veterinary clinic attended by Dr Mann has resulted in a steady improvement in the health of the local dog population.

More work is needed to improve the health and welfare of the local animal population and to assist the community to see how animal and human health are intertwined; and that any steps in improving animal health will also help improve the health outcomes for the community.

It is hoped that this on-going partnership will play a role in helping the community’s agenda to improve animal health on Palm Island, while contributing in a positive way to the education and skills of veterinary graduates from James Cook University.

Words thanks to Assoc Prof John Cavalieri, College of Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Sciences, James Cook University

HAPPY NAIDOC PALM ISLAND!!!



Pics of NAIDOC Day thanks to Paul Enders and Dave Rutherford, Palm Island Police; Dinner pics thanks to Alf Wilson - MORE PICS NEXT ISSUE!!!





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Happy
Birthday to
Mayor Alf
Lacey!!!

Magpies Cup up for grabs next week

Bwgcolman Community School students will be amongst 200 primary school children competing for the Garbutt Magpies Cup next Friday in Townsville.

In the competition's fourth consecutive year, 12 schools from across far north Queensland will be represented.

The competition was established by the former Garbutt Magpies Club at the request of the AFL, who wished to engage more with Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander youth in Queensland.

Ausco Modular said they were proud to return as sponsors and delighted to be involved.

"The students participating in the competition will enjoy the mentorship of former Garbutt Magpies players who share stories and offer their perspective on life and growing up," Ausco Manufacturing

Manager Craig Canning said.

"For the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, watching mentors from their own cultural background will be a special experience."

Garbutt Magpies Cup chairperson Leon Stubbs said the competition was reminiscent of a time when community members played a greater role in the lives of young people.

"From the 1950's through until 1989 the Garbutt Magpies Sporting Club was an important part of the Garbutt community," he said.

"It was more than just a sporting club, it was a second family to the local kids who played AFL, rugby league, basketball, vigoro, cricket and softball. Over previous competitions the Garbutt Magpies Cup has proved itself to be a wonderful way for elders to re-connect with local kids and teach some important life lessons, all whilst enjoying a good old game of footy.

"Students are seeking an opportunity and they want respect and understanding.

"They know they have it and now need to stand strong and create their future."

For more information see:
www.garbuttmagpies.com.au

Garbutt Magpies Cup

"Boys to Men"

When: Friday 18 August
Time: 9:30-2:00pm
9:30 Opening Ceremony
10:00 Round robin competition
Where: Murray Complex

Schools competing

- Currajong SS
- Bohlevale SS
- Garbutt SS
- Willows SS
- Kirwan SS
- Kelso State SS
- Shalom Christian College
- East Ayr State School
- St Joseph's Catholic School Strand
- Bwgcolman Community School, Palm Island
- St Michael's Catholic School, Palm Island



Community members are encouraged to attend - support your school team and enjoy a day



Boxers encouraged to work harder

PALM Island's Leelan Sibley (*right*) was our only fighter to compete in a Sunstate Amateur League tournament in Townsville on July 29.

Townsville Club Hawks hosted the Sunstate Amateur Boxing League event at Brother's League's Club where a large crowd watched 10 bouts and four exhibition contests.

The 16-year-old Leelan lost to Hawks Jalen Tait in the 60kg division in his eighth bout, five of which he won.

Palm Island PCYC Boxing Club trainer Uncle Ray Dennis was too ill to attend but said he was disappointed more of the boys didn't get bouts.

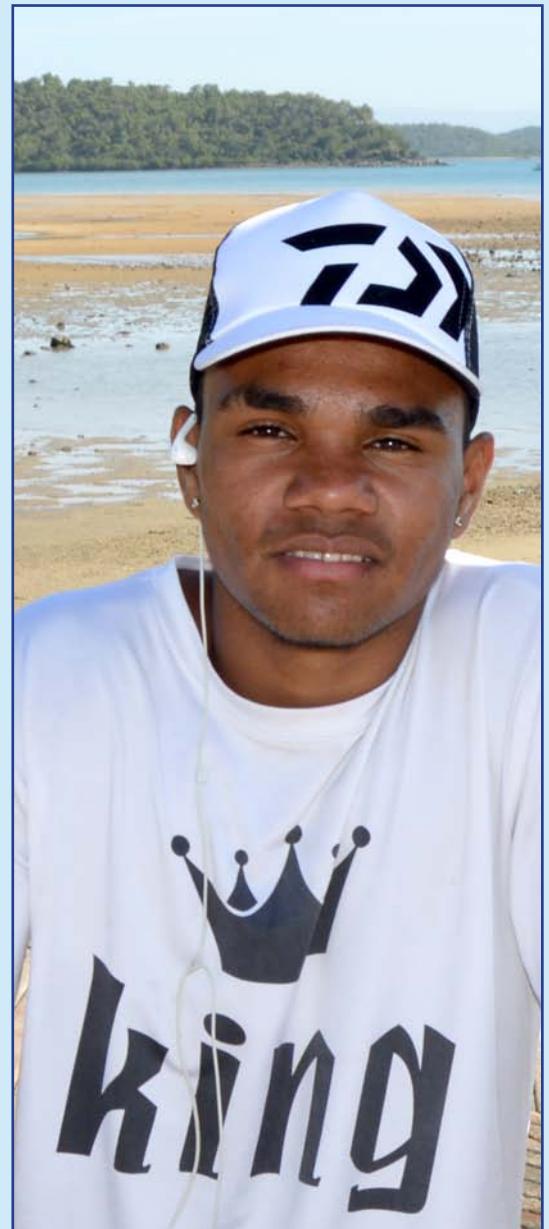
"I had expected more of our boys to have bouts there, but Leelan was the only one who turned up and he had limited training before," Uncle Ray said.

President of the Sunstate Amateur Boxing League Scooter Hooper was there on the night and said he was a big fan of Leelan's potential.

"Leelan has all the ability in the world, he can punch with either hand and has a good chin," he said.

"He just needs to focus and decide what he wants to do – if he had a proper diet and training schedule he would be someone to watch out for in the future.

"He was 2.5 kg heavier than Jalen Tait and really gave him a run for his money until Jalen's fitness came to the fore in the later part of round two and three."



Scooter said he had made Leelan an offer but at the time of printing was yet to receive a definite reply.

Uncle Ray said some Palm boxers would travel to Rockhampton for a card on August 19.

He said any sponsorship would be greatly appreciated.

Palm Island life...

