



*Reflections on a life lived well -
see inside for more!*

Raymond Haines wins Gold in Cairns

Rising Palm Island boxing star Raymond Haines won two gold medals at the Sunstate Amateur State Titles in Cairns last month.

His first gold came in the Junior 60kg division when he beat silver medallist Kyle McCarthy from Guillotine Boxing Club Caboolture.

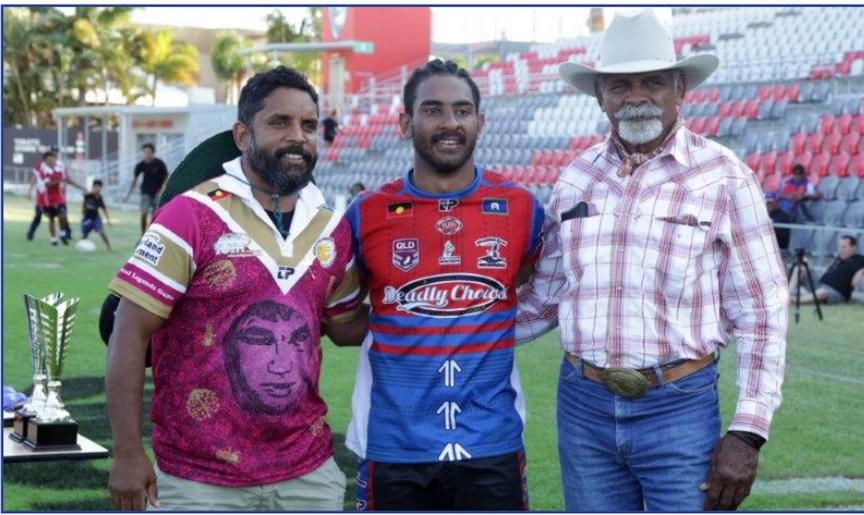
Haines also won a gold in the Junior 57kg after no opponents could be found to fight him.

Held on September 15 and 16 at Edge Hill Primary School Hall,

the cream of male and female amateur boxers from around North Queensland competed in divisions from 35kg to 91kg plus.

Boxers from Townsville, Cairns, Rockhampton, Mareeba, Palm Island, Babinda, Caboolture, Charters Towers, Home Hill, Newell Beach, Yungaburra and TI battled it out.





Legendary footballer and Palm Island resident Vern Daisy, right, was pictured at the Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri Knockout at Redcliffe pictured with former NRL star Preston Campbell and Yamba Bowie who played for the winning team. See page 7 for the full story!



Remarkable activist leaves remarkable legacy

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey says he was saddened to hear of the passing of Dr Evelyn Scott and would be doing his best to attend her funeral in Townsville tomorrow.

“Dr Scott did a lot for north Queensland and had worked closely with people like Mrs Eva Geia, who was the former National Aboriginal Conference member for the Palm Island and north Queensland area (QED),” he said.

Dr Scott will be the first Indigenous woman to be granted a state funeral by the Queensland government.

A statement from the Scott and Backo family said Dr Scott was a remarkable woman.

“Our mother’s work and

achievements were recognised across her career,” they said.

“...awards were important to her but more important was the recognition and friendship she received from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people particularly from the remote communities of Cape York and the Torres Strait.

“One of her extraordinary talents was her ability to engage with all sections of Australian society...

“Our mother loved to fish and every day was a good day

for fishing as far as she was concerned.

“Her other greatest joy, outside of fishing and political activism, was spending time with her grandchildren, instilling in them the values she learnt as a child from her father; those of honesty, hard work, respect, and justice.

“She is survived by her son, four daughters and seven grandchildren.”

Her funeral will be held at 1pm tomorrow (6 October) at the Townsville Stadium, 40-48 Murray Lyons Crescent, Annandale.



Keeping things safe during Spring Festival

During Spring Festival Palm Island police worked in conjunction with Water Police to conduct vessel patrols, as well as their usual foot and vehicle patrols.

Both were carried out without incident.

Palm Island OIC Dave Rutherford said they had enjoyed the festivities.

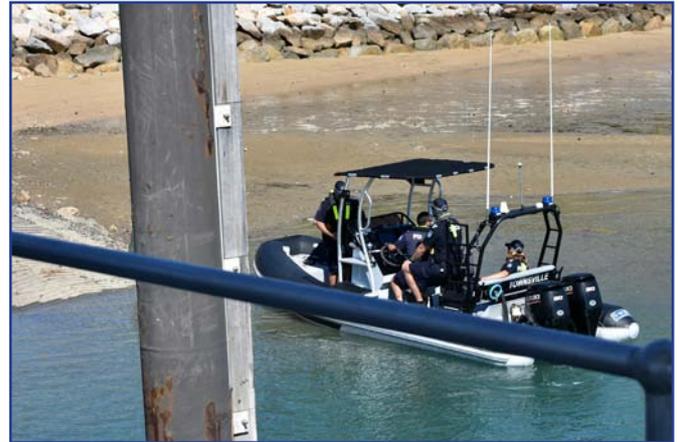
“It was great to see people of Palm Island come out and enjoy a fantastic community event,” he said.

Water Police OIC Matthew Pegg was similarly impressed.

“During patrol activities it was pleasing to see that vessel operators were making attempts to ensure that the vessels they were operating were equipped with the correct safety equipment for the intended voyage,” he said.

“It was also pleasing to see that there were no drink driving offences identified during the Water Police patrols over this period.

“With the weather warming up and people wanting to get out onto the water more and enjoy themselves it maybe timely to remind everyone of some of the basic safety checks they can undertake before heading out.”



Boat Safety Check

1. Prior to departing on a voyage to ensure there are enough life jackets on board the vessel for each person. It is vitally important that children's life jackets are carried and worn when young people are on-board vessels. Adult life jackets are not designed to correctly fit young people.
2. Ensure the vessel you are operating is currently registered and is being operated by someone who holds a marine drivers licence.
3. Ensure that distress signalling flares are carried on board your vessel and in date when intending on travelling outside of smooth water limits.
4. Ensure that you carry a registered EPIRB when operating on open waters. The carriage of an EPIRB can at any time of distress greatly expedite the search and rescue process and has helped save many lives during marine distress incidents.
5. Tell someone where you are going and when you intending on returning. This can also greatly assist with any search and rescue response if you are reported overdue from returning from your intended voyage.



I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the leaders and elders of the past that have laid the foundation and paved the way for individuals such as my mother and many others, Harry Reuben (*pictured left*) writes...

Their actions are what became the catalyst that inspired my mother to follow her dreams and to carry the torch and set a light, a challenge to the Government, to consistently improve the capabilities and the quality of life for the Bwgcolman people.

Just like Martin Luther King had a dream, a dream of equality, a dream of empowerment, my mother also shared in this dream.

In this dream she envisioned local jobs for local people, local housing for local people and their families, a community that is self-sustainable and governed by its people, for its people; with an aim that Palm Island would become a shining example of Indigenous self-determination.

Sylvia Jean Reuben (aka Jeanie Mack), a Palm Island born and bred woman, had a vision for the betterment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Palm Island.

A strong and passionate leader, an uncompromising individual that stood tall in her commitment to strive to create equity and prosperity for fellow Palm Islanders.

A woman who was dedicated to empowering the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of her cherished home.

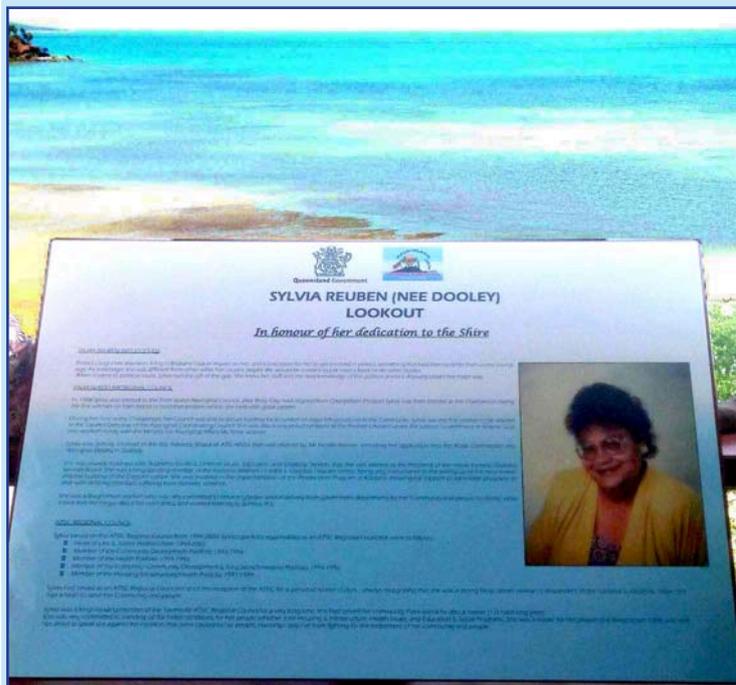
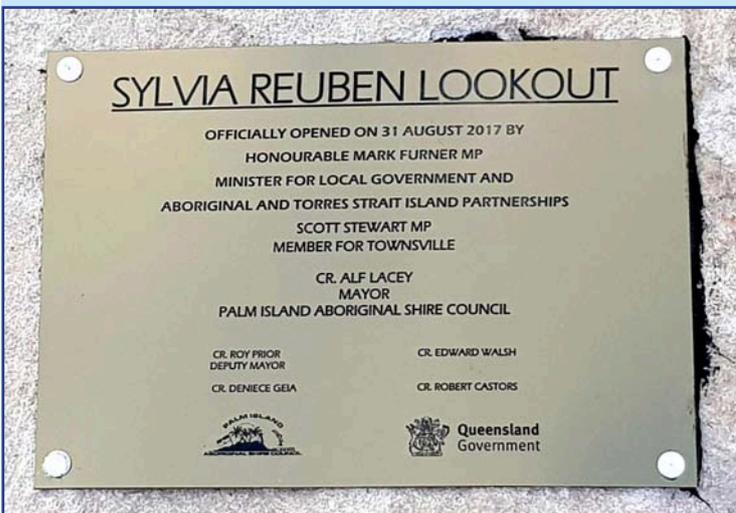
The Sylvia Reuben Scenic Lookout is a beautiful gesture towards recognising her contribution as one of many strong and proud leaders of Palm Island.

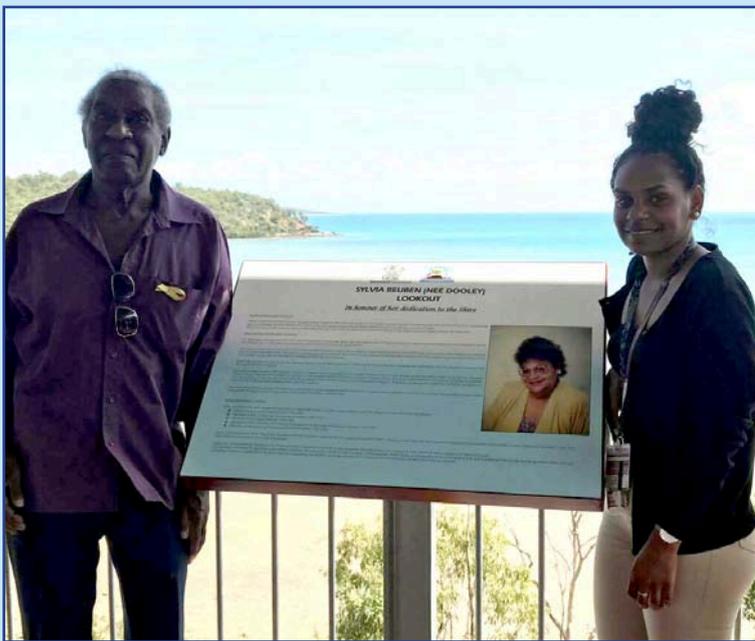
Personally, I think the lookout is a significant and insightful gift, as I feel that it compliments my mother's great vision of the future of Palm Island.

Although I am proud of such recognition, there are also others that need to be recognised as well for their hard work and contribution towards creating a better and prosperous Palm Island.

I myself know that my mother would like to see more past shakers and movers acknowledged and recognised for their involvement.

I think it would be unjust to have a lookout recognising my mother without including people such as Uncle Jack Tomachy and Syd Casey.





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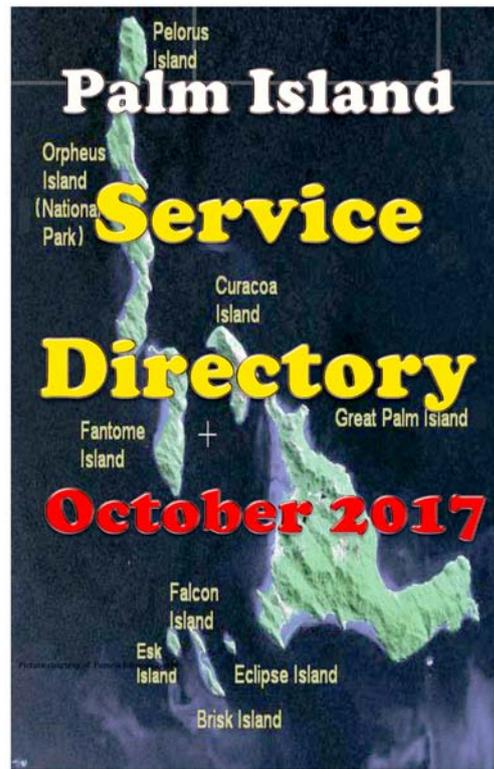


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Bindal Allblacks to host junior exhibition game

Tremaine Pryor-Murray, 9, has been running with and for the Bindal Sharks and Sharks United since he was 6-years-old.

He was thrilled to find out he'll get a run in a junior exhibition game to be played at the Bindal Sharks Allblacks carnival next weekend in a team he got to choose, at his grandmother Jenny Pryor's request.

The team name - Bindal Sharks Mhumpa Broncos - acknowledges the Sharks and the Broncos.

Mhumpa is his Kaanju language name after his great great grandmother Bessie Lymburner (her totem Sea Eagle).

Tremaine is proud of his heritage being a strong Kaanju, Bindal-Juruman and respects and learns his culture and stories of the survival of our people's history.

Once Tremaine got the 'okay' to play in this year's carnival, he rounded up his friends - black and white - and members of his family to join the Bindal Sharks Mhumpa Broncos team.

He also called on his Uncle Terry Abdul-Rahman to be his coach, along with his Uncles Leon and Kenny Pryor as his Managers.

His mother, Viaella, has been the organiser, helping Tremaine to fundraise for his jerseys, shorts, socks and polo shirts.

The support given by the players' parents and family has also meant 100 extra polo shirts were able to be bought to support the team.

Ms Pryor, who is the convenor of the carnival said she was proud of him.

"We have to give opportunities for our young ones coming up," she said.

"Whether in the management, running or playing, it's all about making Allblacks carnivals are here to stay as a way of our families and Mob getting together on a happy time and watching our Mob play good football."

Tremaine has already pulled his weight, and then some, with the Sharks, coming out to every game day and helping out wherever he could.

He started playing junior rugby league with Brothers at 6-years-old, and has been with Centrals



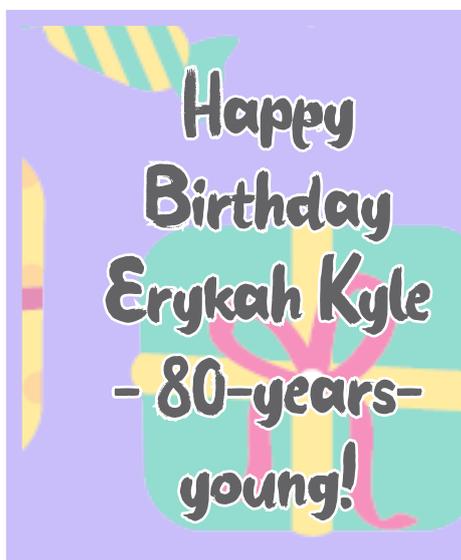
(white) under 9s for the past two years.

Brett Tait is his coach.

Young Tremaine is passionate about the game, knows all of his NRL players and supports the Cowboys, Broncos Storms and Roosters.

He also wants to play for his great grandmother's community the Palm Island Barracudas as his first TDRL senior team.

He was recently invited to play for Palm Island Barracudas under 11s as a mark of respect for his family connections as his great grandmother and great grandmother's Island home.



8 October



Ikanau picked for Aussie Indigenous team to play in SA

Ikanau Conway, 12, has been playing netball since she was nine-years-old and has been chosen to play for the Australian Indigenous Netball team at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide in December.

Ikanau has played in many competitions, mostly as goal shooter or in defence, and has won a few finals as well as several best and fairest medals and trophies.

She was first selected in 2015 at the Sharon Finnan Cup in Cairns to be a shadow player for the Queensland Budgies, however did not get a chance to play.

In 2016 she was selected again from the Sharon



Finnan Cup 2016, this time making the team and travelling to Sydney earlier this year, where she was selected to play at the Gold Coast Carnival in July this year. That competition was won by her age group.

From there, she has been selected to represent the 2017 Indigenous Australian School Girl Netball team to play at the Pacific Games in December 2017.

*Words & pics thanks to proud mum,
Keri Morton*

Palm players shine in Brisbane comp

Richard Martin, Robbie Congo and Algon Congo recently shone for the Dhadhin Geai Warriors, who won the grand final of the Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri Knockout rugby league carnival in Redcliffe, near Brisbane last month.

Dhadhin Geai Warriors also included four NRL players who altogether thrashed SEQ Indigenous All Stars 48-nil in the grand final.

It was the seventh running of Queensland's biggest Allblacks carnival, with 28 teams in the Deadly Choices Men's section, and nine sides in the Queensland Government ladies division.

There were also sides in the University of Queensland under 15 grade.

Brenko Lee (Canterbury Bulldogs), his cousin Edrick Lee (Cronulla Sharks), youngster Jonus Pearson and Travis Waddell (both Brisbane Broncos) all made outstanding contributions for the Dhadhin Geai Warriors.

The Warriors were undefeated throughout the carnival and in qualifying matches beat Wynnum Manly 38-6, Arafura Heat 12-8, Inala Wangarra Panthers 38-6 and Brisbane Blacks 40-nil.

In their quarter final Dhadhin Geai Warriors defeated the classy Southern Dingoes side 10-6.

The Grand Final was expected to be a close encounter but Dhadhin Geai Warriors completely dominated and raced to a 24-nil half time lead.

Astute coach Terry Abednego, who was a former NRL Volunteer of the Year, told his players at half time "to stay in the grind".

"Don't change your style of play," Terry said.

Games were seen by tens of thousands live streamed on the carnival website.

One of the commentators remarked that the "Badu boys were having a party at Redcliffe" and he wasn't wrong.

Jonus Pearson and fullback Yamba Bowie each scored three tries and flying machine Bernard Mosby crossed for two four pointers in the last two minutes.

Now the focus for north Queensland football fans will include several Allblacks carnivals to come in Cairns, Townsville, Mossman and Gordonvale as well as Zenadth Kes on TI and Dan Ropeyarn at Bamaga.