

Our Centenary year is launched, as is our new foreshore development!



Foreshore development pics thanks to Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs

Yesterday Palm hosted hundreds of visitors and locals in one of the biggest and most successful celebrations ever held on the Island. The event combined a launch of the newly redeveloped foreshore (pictured) and the official opening of the Palm Island Centenary 2018.

SEE FULL COVERAGE IN OUR NEXT ISSUE!!!

CFF leads march back to school

A new partnership between the Cathy Freeman Foundation (CFF) and Viva Energy Australia came to life at the beginning of the school year when volunteers joined staff in a significant and powerful 'Back to School' march late last month.

The initiative aimed to encourage families to return to their community in time for day one of the school term and rewards students who attended the first day.

It included students, teachers, local police, government officials and CFF staff, and moved through the community before dropping students off to school.

The partnership between the two organisations is a four-year deal billed as the largest in the history of both organisations in support of Indigenous education.

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CFF Co-Founder and Director Cathy Freeman said it was an exciting time.

“It is very exciting to have Viva Energy partner with CFF, as well as join the first ‘Back to School’ march in Palm Island,” she said.

“The march was a powerful symbol of community support for education and kicked off the school year by inspiring more students to succeed in school.”

She said they were very pleased to welcome Viva Energy on board “as the largest corporate partner we’ve ever had”.

She said they were proud to be a major beneficiary of Viva Energy’s unprecedented community program, which supported a range of

organisations focused on addressing issues of mental health, Indigenous participation and substance misuse.

Viva Energy’s funding would be used to support education programs in four of the largest remote communities in Australia including Palm Island and Woorabinda in Queensland as well as Wurrumiyanga and Galiwin’ku in the Northern Territory.

Viva Energy’s Indigenous Advisory Group Chair Daniel Ridgway said they were proud to support the Foundation’s work.

“Our partnership with the Foundation also supports the work we do with the Federal

Government to address at-risk behaviour and to help support Indigenous youth through the power of education” he said.

During the four-year partnership, Viva Energy will be the national partner of the Horizons Program – a personal development project building resilience and providing students with tools to set and achieve their own goals and to finish Year 12.

Viva Energy is also a major supporter of the Activities Program on Palm Island, which encourages school attendance and achievement via extra-curricular sport, recreation and cultural activities for students.



LGAQ joins housing appeal to PM

The Local Government Association of Queensland has launched a campaign to draw attention to the impact of the Government's looming withdrawal from the long running National Partnership Alliance on Remote Housing program.

The program has created hundreds of jobs and provided thousands of new or refurbished homes.

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey said the loss of the program will have a devastating effect on our people.

"Before this program came into being we struggled to build more than a handful of houses a year on our communities," he said.

"And now, just as we are starting to make inroads, they are pulling the pin again.

"This is about jobs – putting roofs over our heads and food on the table, and that means

we need backing by both State and Federal Governments."

LGAQ chief executive Greg Hallam said ending Commonwealth support for the program would undo the hard-won gains in ensuring Queensland and the rest of the nation supported a decent level of housing to Indigenous communities.

"We are not going to stand by and watch Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull walk away from a program that is so fundamental to the future of Indigenous communities in Queensland," he said.

"The Prime Minister is due within days to report to

Parliament on progress reaching targets on Closing the Gap in Indigenous disadvantage.

"Any move to axe the Indigenous housing program will not only cast a large shadow over what he says, it will amount to an abrogation of the Government's Closing the Gap responsibilities."

The LGAQ has written to members of the Senate Economics Legislation Committee asking them to examine the impact that defunding the Indigenous housing program would have on other projects aimed at easing overcrowding and homelessness in Australia.







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15 February**

FOR PUBLICATION

**Thursday
22 February**

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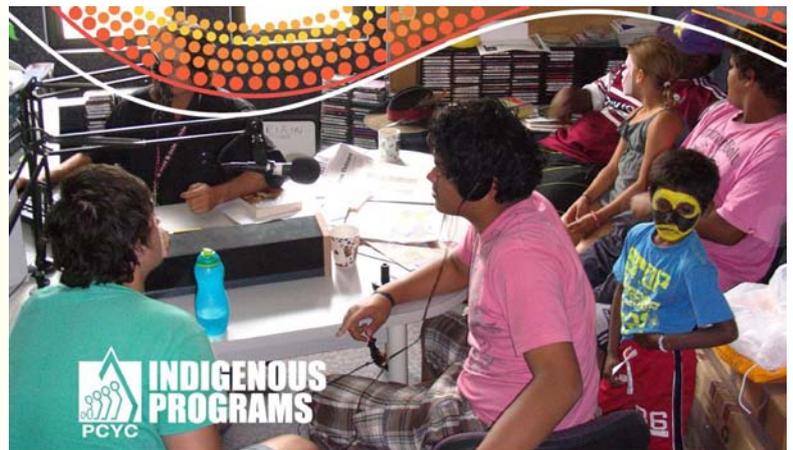


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Shire Council
has 2,074
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PCYC Palm Island: Radio Broadcaster

Casual (hours vary depending on the needs of the station)

\$22.00 (gross) per hour

PCYC Queensland is a trusted and respected charitable not-for-profit that delivers programs, services and venues to meet community and youth needs across the State. Our organisation currently operates 54 branches, two Leadership Development Centres and two Activity Centres across Queensland.

Our services and programs aim to develop and support, as well as challenge and inspire, and are designed to meet the unique needs of communities across Queensland. Our clubs and programs provide opportunities for young people to have positive experiences, get involved in a wide range of activities, and learn from great mentors and community leaders including our serving Police officers.

Palm Island PCYC is seeking enthusiastic people of all ages who are interested in a career in radio broadcasting to undertake training and support the delivery of a regular local broadcasting service that incorporates a range of programs that appeal to all ages within the local community. The aim of these positions is to increase the capacity to participate in the delivery of local program broadcasts by providing them access to organised training, mentoring, information and support.

Ability to undertake relevant training in Radio Broadcasting and a commitment to learn about radio broadcasting through a local station Broadcasting is highly desirable.

PCYC is committed to continual improvement of equal opportunity outcomes for our employees. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are encouraged to apply as we constantly strive to increase the diversity of our workforce to better meet the varying needs of our customers.

To be employed, you must be eligible for a Public Safety Business Agency & Suitability Notice/Blue Card.

There is no accommodation attached to this position.

To apply for this job please email: amanda.cowan@pcyc.org.au by 11 February 2018.
Phone: 07 4770 1793 or 0427 597 444 for more information.



PALM ISLAND
CENTENARY 2018
SHARE OUR JOURNEY

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE
DEADLY DIDGEDANCE
20 – 22 April 2018

THE CENTENARY COMMITTEE ARE HOLDING THE
DEADLY DIDGE N DANCE FESTIVAL

WE ARE LOOKING FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTERESTS FOR THE FOLLOWING

≈ **STALL HOLDERS**

- Do you make food or drinks?
- Do you make jewellery or art?
- What other items would you like to sell?

≈ **PERFORMERS**

- Are you in a dance group?
- Can you sing?
- Do you perform poetry or story telling?
- What other performances can you do?

≈ **WORKSHOPS**

- Can you teach someone to play the didgeridoo?
- Can you teach art?
- What other skills do you have that you can share in a workshop?

WE NEED
STALL HOLDERS, WORKSHOP LEADERS AND PERFORMERS FOR THE
Deadly Didge n Dance Festival.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT COUNCIL on 4770 0200 or
reception@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au

EOI Close by Wednesday 28 February 2018

St Michael's welcomes new principal



2018 is going to be a wonderful year with so many exciting programs for our kids at St Michael's School, new School Principal Katherine Alpert writes...

As a guest in the Bwgcolman community, I'd like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I've received since starting.

I am so blessed to be here, and I am absolutely loving getting to know our students, our parents, our staff, and the stories that live in this community.

I'm passionate about making sure EVERY child has a bright future ahead of them.

So, 2018 is the start of a new era at St Michael's School.

We're getting our kids excited about learning.
We're getting them excited about their future.
We're getting our kids a deadly education.

It's important to start the day right, so we have free breakfast for all kids at St Michael's School and we'll soon be starting free morning tea and lunch for every child in Prep.

After breakfast, our kids get 30 minutes of PE every morning...and we're going to be bringing in a fitness and outdoor education program for our kids, Cultural Celebration Days, leadership programs, and lots more.

I am so proud of our fantastic staff, working hard to give every child the best education.

Getting children "Stronger, Smarter" is our way, and we make that our mission every single day.

So, come to school every day.

Get your deadly education at St Michael's School!

And if you see me in community say hello, I'd love to have a yarn!

NORTH QUEENSLAND TOYOTA COWBOYS

2019

INDIGENOUS JERSEY DESIGN COMPETITION



We're inviting all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to submit artwork for the North Queensland Toyota Cowboys 2019 Indigenous Jersey Design Competition.

The competition is a chance for talented Indigenous artists (aged 15 years and over) and their winning artwork to be recognised across Australia.

The winning artist will receive:

- \$2,500 prize money
- 2019 Cowboys Indigenous Jersey
- 4 Platinum memberships to all 12 home games at 1300SMILES Stadium (Eastern Grandstand)
- 2019 Season car park pass

Your artwork must reflect North Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, and include the following elements in the design:

- **UNITY** • **COURAGE** • **COMMITTED** • **INTEGRITY**

North Queensland Toyota Cowboys' Club values

To enter, please forward your artwork, together with a signed and completed entry form including your design story to:
Email: community@cowboys.com.au with an attached digital photo of the artwork.
Post: PO Box 577, Thuringowa Central Qld 4817

ALL ARTWORK MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5PM, FRIDAY 2 MARCH 2018.
Entry limit of one entry per artist. No late entries will be considered.



BOXING NEWS

Two new boxers have been training at the Palm Island PCYC gym with locals.

Palm police officer Dylan Maestri and Ayr tradesman Robert Cantarella have been there alongside local boxers including Patrick Clarke, Darryl Richardson and Tiquri Prior and several others.

“It has been good to have them and Patrick Clarke is looking very fit,” their trainer Ray Dennis said.

He said the Palm boxers were well on their way to getting ready for a Sunstate Amateur Boxing League tournament at the Centenary Hotel in Townsville early next month.

“I think Robert will still represent Rock Solid Boxing Club from the Burdekin and when Dylan goes to Townsville he trains with Gonzo Hooper from Flatenem Club,” he said.

“But we welcome them both to train here.”

Another boxer welcomed back was the experienced Raymond Haines, who has been in Mareeba.

The boxers are all looking forward to a Palm Island’s tournament on April 7 which will coincide with the Island’s 100 year birthday celebrations.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island and Non Indigenous boxers from clubs around the State affiliated with the Sunstate Amateur Boxing League have been invited to attend.

Good show for Palm at CT’s Goldfield Ashes



ABOVE: The Mallard Baby Magpies side;

LEFT: Jermaine Ross snr of Garbutt Magpies men having a bat against the West Indigies; BELOW: West Indigies XI and Garbutt Magpies men.



THREE teams with a majority of players having Palm Island connections competed at the Goldfield Ashes Cricket Carnival in Charters Towers last month.

Garbutt Magpies had a men and ladies side in B-2 grade and the Mallard Baby Magpies lined up in social division.

The players were descendants of the late Manny Ross. A record 240 teams battled it out at the Ashes which started in 1948 with just six men’s teams and has grown over the decades into the biggest cricket carnival in the southern hemisphere – possibly the world.

Ten teams were in A grade, 26 in B-1, 16 in the ladies, 130 in B-2 and 58 in social division.