



# Palm Island Voice

**Your Community Your Newsletter Your Voice**

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**Merry Christmas  
& a Happy New Year  
from the  
Palm Island Voice!**

*With our highest regards and respect for those who may have lost loved ones and elders over the year, Palm Island Voice editor Christine Howes & reporter Tim Miller would like to wish all our readers a very happy and relaxed break over the Christmas and New Year season.*

*We'd especially like to thank those who have contributed to the Voice over these past few months, and those who are thinking about it for the new year ;) While we're looking forward to the break, we also know we'll be raring to go again at the end of January with our first issue for 2009.*

*Don't forget our deadlines and dates are on the back page, we'll look forward to seeing you then!*

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Your Newsletter,  
Your Voice.**



## Still no word on pub licensee — Council

**The Palm Island Council wants to again send the message to residents that the hotel on the Island will not be opening for Christmas, and may not open again for some months.**

Mayor Alf Lacey said management of the license no longer has anything to do with the Council.

"People are thinking the pub is going to open again, but it's not and we need to get that message out there," he said.

"People have applied for the license and that is being processed at the moment - it's very important that we allow that process to happen.

"The Premier herself has indicated that to me personally.

"I'm not sure how long it's going to take, but certainly it's important that we be really mindful of those processes.

"I know people are anxious, and not happy in terms of not having an outlet here on Palm for the Christmas/New Year break, but unfortunately it's out of Council's control.

"We've tried to bang the drum as hard as we can but the buck stops with the Liquor Licensing Commission, it's totally out of Council control.

"What the Council would like to say to the community members is if you have any queries about this, we want to encourage you to write directly to Liquor Licensing, or to Andrew Fraser as the Minister and also to Premier Anna Bligh.

"I think it's important to know any information is from them, not the Council, because we don't have any control over this process.

"The Justice Group has also spoken to Liquor Licensing but it's out of all of our control, we just can't do anything about it."

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# Northern Regional Road Rescue Championships



**Our Rural Fire Brigade did us proud when they competed in the Northern Regional Road Rescue comp in Townsville earlier this month.**

The championships pit the best teams from the northern regional command against each other in a test of their skills.

The teams represented were Townsville, Magnetic Island, Charters Towers & Palm Island. Our team showed the others that we have a professional crew here (*pictured above*) which we have every right to be proud of.

Townsville Fire and Rescue won the day but the

# New principal announced

**The position of Principal of St Michael's School has been accepted by Barbara Anderson.**

Currently Barbara is working as an English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher, working with African refugee students at St Patrick's College in Launceston, Tasmania.

She brings a wealth of experience to this position having worked in refugee camps in Thailand and Cambodia as well as having been Principal at St Patrick's School in Brewarrina, NSW, and at the Parnngurr Community School Aboriginal Corporation in the Great Sandy Desert, near Newman in WA.

points were close and all our teams should be proud of their efforts.

Palm Island has a State Emergency Service and Rural Fire Brigade that is the equal of any, and better than some on the mainland. While only a few are able to go on the competitions we can all be very thankful for the work these services do.

# More drama workshops on the way for 2009

**Palm Island recently hosted drama tutors Luke Carroll (seen recently in RAN), Adam Drake and Dominic Kelsall from the Australian Theatre for Young People (atyp).**

The tutors spent a week at Bwgcolman Community School working with a group of young people from Years 7-10.

It was the second set of atyp workshops for these young people, all of whom chose join in the fun based on their experiences of atyp's first visit back in June.

Rae-Rae, Ronella, Jameeka, Sharmika, Shannon, Alice, Alison, Ivy, Jaetina, Gina, Mishlam were just some of those involved in the project,

which resulted in the creation of a short performance around the theme of "the future".

Presented as part of the end-of-year celebrations at the PCYC in early December, and created by the students themselves, it was about expressing a journey from shame to pride and self-confidence using masks, physical theatre and original song and dance.

It was an inspiring to see and the audience went wild when the young people took to the microphone to announce that their future hopes and dreams were

to be lawyers, miners, artists and models.

atyp Regional Manager Amy Hardingham and film maker Samantha Lang represented atyp at the performance, and have been busy making plans with the school for more workshops.



*Jameeka & Ronella*

# Appeal to be lodged against 'disappointing' decision

**As most would no doubt know by now, late last week a District Court judge in Townsville ordered the reopening of the coronial inquest into the death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee.**

Boe Lawyers' Andrew Boe and Paula Morreau, who represent Tracey Twaddle, the Doomadgee family and PIAC, said in a statement last Friday that an appeal would be lodged against the decision.

"The decision by Judge Pack yesterday is of course very disappointing for Ms Tracey Twaddle, the Doomadgee family and the Palm Island community," they said, in part.

"It is being reviewed by our team of legal experts and an appeal will be lodged as soon as possible.

## **Intolerable**

"The community and the family now face a further intolerable period of legal wrangling.

"Although litigation will ensue for as long as the vast resources of the Queensland Police Union are available to Senior Sergeant Hurley, the processes have done little to address the primary rights of the family and Palm Island community.

"The circumstances of this death (and) how it has been examined by the institutions of this State must be examined with the unhindered powers and independence of a Royal Commission."

Local MP Mike Reynolds agreed.

"Holding a new inquest into the death of Mulrunji after such a long period of time will be extremely sad and traumatic for the family," he said.

## **Timing**

"The timing of this announcement, which comes just one week before Christmas, is extremely unfortunate for the people of Palm Island who have lived with the anguish caused by the November 2004 death in custody for over four years.

"In all of that time the public still has not seen the results of the Police's own internal



investigation into the handling of the initial investigation conducted by Police officers who had well known connections to Senior Sergeant Hurley himself.

"Over the past four years every other aspect of this affair has been trialled, appealed, reviewed and publicly scrutinised except for the initial Police investigation into Police.

"Now, with a fresh coronial inquest to be opened, it is the time for the Police report into the initial investigation into Mulrunji's death to be made public."

## **Leadership**

Mr Reynolds comments were supported by Bond University criminologist Professor Paul Wilson, who told ABC radio it was time Premier Anna Bligh stepped in and showed leadership.

"There is so much odour about this particular incident," he said.

"It is so important for the people of Queensland, especially the Aboriginal community, to have faith in the criminal justice system that a Royal Commission is badly needed."

PIAC Mayor Alf Lacey said he agreed the timing was once again "off".

"I don't want to dampen people's spirits, this is a couple of days out from Christmas and people are working on getting ready for that," he said.

"We don't want to have this nonsense sitting in our lounge rooms over the break, we just want to get on things."

# Christmas / New Year message from local MP Mike Reynolds:

**I would take this opportunity to wish residents of Palm Island the very best for Christmas and the New Year.**

2008 has again been a difficult year for Palm with many challenges and an opportunity for the community to work together and move forward in a positive way.

As your local Member, I have been very impressed and indeed proud, of the response by leaders, family members and individuals to problems and concerns that have overshadowed the very positive work that is being undertaken on Palm Island.

Through adversity has come a tremendous resolution to move forward, to challenge the status quo and to speak out about injustice.

At this time of Christmas 2008, it is time for reflection and to look towards the positive outcomes which we can collectively work towards in 2009.

I know that there is a tremendous community spirit on Palm Island, and it is that spirit that maintains the strong feeling of community through good times and bad.

During Christmas 2008, we reflect on the fact that there are more than three billion people celebrating Christmas around the world. It is a celebration that transcends languages, cultures and even religions.

Whilst Christmas as we know it is a Christian celebration in origin, it is celebrated across the world's cultures in a rich variety of ways. It also coincides with other religious or national festivals, making it a time of peace and goodwill for many around the globe.

For me, Christmas is about family and the good fortune we have as Australians to share such a lucky country. Importantly it is also a time to ensure that our first Australians have the respect of all Australians and are given the same social and economic opportunities so that our lucky country is celebrated in a just and equitable way.

This year, as always, each of our families will find our own way to celebrate Christmas, whether it is over a traditional roast dinner or a family BBQ in the back yard or a picnic at the beach. For many, it is the occasion to be with friends and relatives, to share love and friendship and of course the time Santa visits. And regrettably for some of us, it is also a time to enjoy and consume perhaps too much food.

However your family celebrates Christmas 2008 on Palm Island, I wish you a happy and healthy time along with a safe and prosperous New Year.

**I very much look forward to working with you all during 2009.**



## **Palm Island Voice**

*Palm Island Voice* is a fortnightly community newsletter, first launched in August 2007. Advertising space is available to any businesses, organisations or individuals who have an interest in promoting services and events to members of the Palm Island community.

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# Bwngcolman School puts on a concert to remember!



The Bwngcolman end of year school concert on Tuesday 9th December was night to remember with all the kids putting on a great performance for their teachers, family and all the community. Held at the PCYC there was room for all and it seemed like most of the community turned up for the event. Members of Centacare were also there to cook the hamburgers and everyone had a great feed and a good time. We can only hope that this signals a start of a great Christmas for all the families on the Island.





## From the **Mayor's Desk**

### **Welcome again to the *Palm Island Voice.***

Firstly I'd like to apologise for not being able to write as regularly as I would have liked to over the past month or two – it's been a busy time, with national and state level meetings to attend, but I can only hope the community will understand as I outline just some of the things myself and the Council has achieved during this period.

Overall in the past eight months the Council has worked very hard on getting a number of projects on track including the re-sealing of the road, finalising plans for the clocktower, the elders' units on Mango Avenue are almost completed, we've got the airport upgrade happening at the moment and the dredging of the wharf will probably happen early February. I think it has been, and is exciting times for Palm Island in terms of us all moving forward. I've also spoken to some of our community organisations over the past few weeks and the Palm Island Vision Plan process may be up and running back in 2009 so we can work for everyone finding a way forward in terms of that process.

In early November I attended the first Australian Council of Local Government meeting in Canberra, as you saw in the last issue of the Palm Island Voice.

The meeting was important, I think it was the first time local shires from across the country have actually sat in the same room with the federal government around national local government issues, and particularly infrastructure issues across the country.

Palm Island, as with a lot of other shires, was successful in getting a \$100,000 infrastructure grant from the Commonwealth Government to spend on the ground.

The indication coming from Council at this stage is that we'll put some of that money into parks development on Palm, so that's been a good thing.

The other important thing was that I had the opportunity to talk face to face with the prime minister about Palm issues in terms of the backlog of things, mostly around infrastructure.

So the meeting gave Palm good exposure and was a good opportunity to speak to very senior Ministers.

I also had a conversations with Infrastructure Minister Anthony Albanese and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, as well as a very briefly to Climate Change & Water Minister Penny Wong and Environment, Heritage & the Arts Minister Peter Garrett.

It was a good meeting and I think some good things happened out of it, particularly in terms of being able to do stuff on the ground.

In terms of supporting those results, I also went to Brisbane a week or two back, to attend the State Government's Roundtable meeting with all the Indigenous Mayors from around Queensland.

Housing was one of the major issues that we dealt with on the first day, talking about a new way forward.

There are going to be some changes for our community, especially in terms of tenancy management.

There's a recommendation that tenancy management be outsourced to an organisation other than Council, to bring our tenancy management into line with the rest of the state.

Unfortunately Council has to comply with that because if we don't we won't get any housing money.

Palm isn't the only one, they're asking across the state that all the Councils hand over this management.

I think it's important that we do as much as we can to get community members working with Council on this to ensure that we get some good results. That means all of us, not only council, but also our tenants.

There's going to be some things that we're not going to like in 2009 and no doubt the Queensland Government is not going to like some of our stuff.

But the way forward towards getting extra houses for Palm is that we need to be working with the new tenancy management people to ensure we get the housing we need.

Some good news is the Council of Australian Government's (COAG's) agreement around housing, health and economic development in terms of \$2 billion nationally over ten years.

That's being rolled out for remote Indigenous housing, education and health outcomes across the country - that's specifically remote housing money for discrete Indigenous communities, not for Townsville or Cairns or anywhere else.

So housing is looking like it might improve but we've got to play our part as well, especially with our tenancy arrangements.

There's a lot of work that we have to do on the ground as a community too, while these dollars are being offered up the governments also have some expectations around that as well.

## We got mail!

**Dear Editor,**

I want to tell you how much I admire the people of Palm Island for their acceptance of two recent events which received a lot of media coverage.

The first was the police bravery awards ceremony in Townsville – there was apparently no demonstration.

Then there was the sentencing of Lex Wotton.

The acceptance of that sentence by his family with so much dignity and grace was a wonderful example for those of us that call themselves Christian.

My very best wishes to all the people of Palm Island. I hope Lex's time away from you passes quickly and well I do hope the living standards for everyone improve quickly.

I am yours sincerely,

**Patricia Byrne**

The second day of the roundtable meeting was about economic development.

One of the things is that we, as in Palm Islanders, need to start thinking differently about is where we want to go economically.

There's opportunities now that are being presented by the government and we need to take that bull by the horn, otherwise we'll fall behind and we need to be mindful of that.

I'll be asking around the community what you think needs to be happening around that.

That's just some of the most important business that's been happening over the past couple of months and if I could just remind readers that the *Palm Island Voice* is your voice and to take every opportunity to read some of the good stories that are coming out.

Lastly, but by no means least, on behalf of myself and the Council, we want to wish the community of Palm a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year for 2009.

**Yours in community spirit  
MAYOR ALF LACEY**

# Palm Island Voice

## Community Notices

### YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

to the

### **Palm Island Voice**

are welcome.

Contributions may include news, yarns, pics, letters-to-the-editor, poetry, community notices or advertisements.

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Article and photo submissions to the *Palm Island Voice* are welcome. Original submissions of articles or photographs must belong to the contributor, and/or delivered with an indication of the owner's permission to publish, no later than 5pm on deadline day.

Articles should be no longer than 500 words and digital photographs should be as high quality as possible (no thumbnails please!).

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### Townsville Health Service District



## Midwifery Refresher Program



Queensland Government  
Queensland Health

Have you been thinking about returning to work in Maternity?

**If you are midwife and have not practiced in that field for between 5 - 10 years then you are eligible for The Midwifery Refresher Program at The Townsville Hospital.**

The Midwifery Refresher Program is designed to meet the learning needs of midwives who have maintained their midwifery registration with the QNC, not practiced midwifery for between 5 to 10 years and who want to come back to work in Maternity.

The Townsville Hospital is offering this program to any midwife who meets the above criteria from anywhere within the Townsville Health District.

### Duration of program

The length of program is twelve (12) weeks supernumerary commencing on the 9th of February 2009.

### Cost of refresher program

The program will be provided free of charge to Endorsed Midwives. The clinical placement will run for a 12 weeks paid period and participants need to ensure that they are available to fulfil this requirement. Some theoretical education modules will need to be completed in own time prior to commencement of the clinical placement.

If you wish to discuss the details, please call Rhonda Taylor on (07) 4796 3555.

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**Closing Date: 9th January 2009**

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## Christmas/New Year TimeTable



### Tuesday 23/12/08

Dep Lucinda: 9.00 am Arr Palm Island: 11.45 am  
Dep Palm Island: 2:00 pm Arr Lucinda: 4:30 pm

### Wednesday 24/12/08

Dep Lucinda: 8:00 am Arr Palm Island: 10:45 am  
Dep Palm Island: 12.30 pm Arr Lucinda: 3:00 pm

**Thursday 25/12/08 NO SERVICE**

**Friday 26/12/08 NO SERVICE**



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**AA Meetings @ Ferdy's** are held day and night to help support people with drug or alcohol problems. Meeting times are 9am and 7pm. Call day staff at the centre on 4770 1152 in the morning to be picked up for the 7pm meeting.

## SERVICE STATION OPERATING TIMES OVER CHRISTMAS

22/12/08 – 8am to 3pm  
23/12/08 – 8am to 3pm  
24/12/08 – 8am to 3pm  
25/12/08 - Christmas Day Closed  
26/12/08 – Boxing Day Closed  
27/12/08 – 8am to 12pm  
29/12/08 – 8am to 3pm  
30/12/08 – 8am to 3pm  
31/12/08 – 8am to 3pm  
01/01/09 – New Years Day Closed  
02/01/09 – 8am to 3pm  
03/01/09 – 8am to 12pm

## Are you committed to NAIDOC Week activities in your community?

**If so, here is your chance to  
contribute to NAIDOC Week  
celebrations nationally.**

The National NAIDOC Committee (NNC) is calling for new people to join the Committee. The NNC is an Indigenous Committee that sets the policy and the arrangements for the National NAIDOC Awards and NAIDOC Week celebrations.

The National NAIDOC Awards are designed to recognise the important contribution that Aboriginal People and Torres Strait Islanders make to Australia.

This position requires substantial commitment, including willingness to travel to attend committee meetings on weekends. Membership of the NNC is voluntary and no remuneration is provided for the position.

Applicants must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.

**Selection criteria is  
available online at  
[www.naidoc.org.au](http://www.naidoc.org.au)  
Nominations close  
Friday 30 January.**

**2009 will be a big year for the Red Cross with a lot more programs coming on line, all designed with Palm Island youth in mind. Co-ordinator of Red Cross Palm Island, Jeanie Ling spoke to the Palm Island Voice about what's to come:**



My name is Jeanie Ling, I'm the co-ordinator of a youth mentoring program for the Australian Red Cross on Palm Island. There are two of us and because we are Indigenous we have the culturally-appropriate one male and

one female worker.

We do have a variety of stuff for the community but it is mainly for the youth.

We do the breakfast programs at both St Michael's and Bwngcolman on Mondays to Fridays from 7am to 9am.

We have two breakfast co-ordinators who run those two programs for us.

We also get activated for IERT team, which is the Indigenous Emergency Relief Team.

This year we had a natural disaster at Mackay and we attended to help out Indigenous communities there, which was very good.

For the New Year I am in the process of organising programs

that have been identified for the community by community members to strengthen the youth of Palm Island, as they are the next generation.

So I have been going around the community to the various organisations arranging a verbal partnership to link in with the various programs.

The five programs we have identified are sports and recreation, animal husbandry, department and grooming, young men's program and cultural performing arts.

As these different programs come into being the Palm Island Voice will inform the readers of where and when they are being held.

## Palm Island Red Cross Project(s)



Australian Red Cross  
THE POWER OF HUMANITY

Volleyball on the beach, dance classes and lunch with friends.

Sounds like an idyllic way to spend a holiday or maybe a frivolous release from everyday problems.

Yet for school kids on Palm Island in Queensland activities like these are part of a whole-of-community approach to the serious problems that many Indigenous youth face.

These activities are part of an approach that aims to bring structure and the promise of a future to these beautiful young lives.

This program began last year when the Queensland Department of Communities asked Red Cross Queensland to provide a school holiday program for more than 800 young people living on Palm Island.

Since then the relationship has blossomed and Red Cross is now working closely with the Palm Island community to trial various ways of engaging with young people through the Outreach Cafe. In particular, links to health services, skills based workshops and training opportunities will be a key priority.

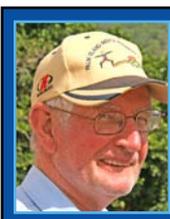
Two Red Cross Good Start Breakfast Clubs also provide free and nutritious breakfasts to children in order to improve concentration and attendance at school.

According to Red Cross Queensland Executive Director Greg Goebel, the key to the success of these programs lies in the close relationship that has developed between Red Cross and the Palm Island Community.

'Palm Island is a unique place, and ours is a unique relationship which involves the elders, traditional owners and the young people themselves,' he said.

'The shared commitment to improving the prospects for these Indigenous children is palpable, and the results can be seen in the very positive response from the young people themselves.'

(from: [http://www.redcross.org.au/ourservices\\_acrossaustralia\\_youtheducation\\_schoolprograms\\_palmisland.htm](http://www.redcross.org.au/ourservices_acrossaustralia_youtheducation_schoolprograms_palmisland.htm))



# Palm Island Boxing News

## **Palm Island Boxers have had a very successful year competing against the best boxers in Queensland and Australia.**

Selwyn Seaton won gold medals at the Queensland Golden Gloves, State and Australian titles.

He has now won the Australian title three times and been judged best junior boxer in Queensland three times.

Luke Lenoy and Reggie Palm Island both won a gold at the Queensland Golden Gloves and State titles, and silver at the Australian titles.

Reggie has only been boxing for seven months.

Patrick Clarke won silver at the Golden Gloves and State titles, along with two gold medals at the Australian titles.

Dennis Haines won gold at the Golden Gloves and the State titles, and would have won gold at the Australian titles if he had weighed in on time.

Anthony Bourne won his first five bouts, taking home gold from the State titles as well as gold and bronze medals from the Australian titles.

Albert Gorringer won a silver medal at the Australian titles.

Nat Seaton won silver at the Golden Gloves and the State titles before losing to an unlucky split decision to bring home a silver medal from the Australian titles.

Young Steen Walsh has made a very impressive start to his boxing career.

Steen is only ten years old and won two bouts on the one night at the Kirwan tavern.

He was very unlucky to lose a split decision in the final at the Australian titles but he did win his silver medal.

Noby Clay made a comeback to boxing after five years and bearing three children.

Noby received a silver medal when she was defeated by an opponent 12 kilograms heavier than herself.

Noby should have won gold for stepping up to fight four divisions above her own weight.

Our boxers also took part in tournaments held in Mt Isa, Cairns, Mareeba, Gordonvale, Townsville and the army camp, always winning more than they lost.

Peter Bonner was the first boxer from Palm Island in many years to become professional.

He won his first professional bout at Maroochydore when he stopped his 128kg opponent in the third round.

We are very grateful to the people who made it possible for us to attend titles and other tournaments this year 2008.

Our presence at these competitions – the Queensland Golden Gloves at Yungaburra (Townsville Bulletin), the Queensland State titles in Cairns (Cathy Freeman Foundation) and the Australian titles (Palm Island Aboriginal Council) – wouldn't have been possible without these organisations' support and assistance.

I also want to thank local MP Mike Reynolds (\$3500) and writer Chloe Hooper (\$4500 + taxi fares and some food at the Australian titles) who both put into the Council's account to assist our boxers.

JobFind has brought new singlets for our boxers for 2009.

I hope to have more support from the parents and community of Palm Island next year 2009.

**Ray Dennis**

## **2009 NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!**



### **Coffs Harbour, Saturday 7th March 2009**

If Clubs provide a Male and Female team they will receive Tournament T-shirts & Caps for all players and officials + water bottles for both teams. Teams will also be provide with LMRDT help in conducting a local fundraising event including sourcing of memorabilia and a sporting personality to attend.

Lloyd McDermott

**Rugby  
Development  
Team**



# Happy cruisin' for lucky teens

**On Sunday 14th December seventeen Palm Island teenagers were treated to a spectacular three-hour Cruise with the compliments of Day & Day Shipping.**

Denise and Ron Geia, with the help of Day & Day's Bernice Day, organised the event, which turned out to be a fun day for everyone.

Bernice also contacted Mark Day, a friend from Townsville, who generously provided his Jet Ski and a Biscuit for the day.

She said all the teenagers were exceptionally well-mannered and enjoyed meeting the Rotary Exchange Student Emma Teno from Sweden.

Emma is currently being hosted by the Rotary Club of Ingham, who also purchased Christmas gifts for the teenagers.

Denise Bowen presented the teenagers with their gifts on behalf of the Rotary Club and everyone enjoyed the delicious BBQ lunch funded by the Palm Island PCYC.



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