

Packing some PUNCH!



PALM Island boxers performed strongly at a huge tournament in Townsville earlier this month, winning two gold and two silver medals.

Experienced Raymond Haines (*right*) and youngster Musa Prior (*above*) won their bouts whilst Jase Thimble and Brayth Haines narrowly lost their bouts.

It was a good warm up for our boxers for the Palm Island bouts to be held on 2 June at the PCYC as a Centenary event.

Pic by Neil Olsen from Neilo's images with thanks to Townsville Amateur Boxing.

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Celebrations in full swing

I'd like to say a big thank you to the Palm Island community for your support at the launch of the Palm Island Health Action Plan 2018–2028 on April 20, Townsville Hospital and Health Board Chair Tony Mooney writes...

It was so nice to see so many of the community turn out for the launch at the PCYC. We had representatives from all three levels of government visit your community to support your vision for health care over the next decade. I was delighted to have partnered with Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council Mayor

Alf Lacey to launch the plan as part of Centenary Celebrations. The Townsville HHS is also proud to support the upcoming Obe Geia Rugby League Challenge and Netball Challenge on 8 June. Having youngsters develop an early love for sport is so important to developing healthy habits and leading a

long and active life. For everyone involved I am sure you'll have a fantastic day. The Townsville HHS will be providing some health essential 'goodie bags' for participants to take home with them. It has been a pleasure supporting Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council in celebrating its centenary this year.

Prevention and response work acknowledged at IFV Forum

The Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Prevention Forum was an event dedicated to celebrating the work done by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in preventing and responding to family violence.

It was an opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers to come together and learn from, share with and inspire each other.

The QIFVP highlights strategies and programs that could be used effectively by others, with discussions that relate to working with men, women and children who are either victims, or perpetrators, of domestic and family violence

The theme of this year's forum was 'Language of Change'.

Keynote speakers were Karla McGrady, who spoke on a new



national resource to support prevention, and Charlie King, who talked about what works.

Supporting organisations and presenters included SNAICC, Queensland Health, Junkuri Laka (Mornington Island), Act for Kids, Murrigunyah Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation (Woodridge, SEQ), Healing Waters (Townsville) and Mission Australia.



Pictured: Top: Janet King, Georgina Haines, Cr Deniece Geia, Andrea Kyle-Sailor & Aida David; Above: Cr Geia & Christine from Mareeba.



Asbestos defeats efforts to save Church

Palm Island's historical St George's Anglican Church is being demolished due to disrepair and presence of asbestos.

Built in 1935, the church building has needed repairs for some time.

Anglican Diocese Bishop Bill Ray said for some time he had hoped it could be saved.

But in December last year he told the *Palm Island Voice* (Issue 243 - pictured below

right) he was sorry to say the church had to be demolished because the building was unsafe.

"This situation has developed because of the lack of maintenance over the years," he said.

"It was important that the Diocese addressed the asbestos that was damaged.

"All the materials from the site are being removed from the Island."

He said he was thankful for co-operation from the Catholic Church.

"We are thankful that the Catholic Sisters are storing the plaques and other items used in worship," he said.

"As Bishop I was delighted the Roman Catholic Church had offered their Church for our worship.



Local church beyond repair

With "deep regret" the Anglican Church has announced the demolition of St George's Church on Palm Island.

North Queensland Bishop Bill Ray said the Anglican Diocese had made every effort to keep the Church open by undertaking some work to provide a space for worship.

"Sadly, that did not prove to be a workable solution," he said.

"With the Church in such disrepair, there were a number

of concerns about safety within the community.

"The Diocese thanks the Mayor and the CEO for their support and help in making the building secure until the demolition begins."

He was quick to add all was not lost.

"I am very pleased that the Sisters at the Parish Centre

on Palm and the Roman Catholic Diocese's Bishop Tim has allowed us to use their Church for Anglican worship," he said.

"This is a very generous offer. "Once the demolition work has been undertaken the Diocese will explore ways forward, both in terms of sacred space and ministry."

"Many Anglicans, while appreciating other felt they could not accept.

"When the demolition has been completed, discussions will commence in how we can move forward, not only in terms a Church building, but as the People of God moving into ministry."

Results of the Council's most recent population survey showed 22% of Palm Island's 3000 residents identified as Anglican and another 24% as "other Protestant".

48% identified as Catholic, 5% listed no religion and 1% as Baptist. There is also a small number of Muslims on the Island.

Palm Island 100 years Centenary Boxing Tournament



Saturday 2nd June, 2018



Venue: Palm Island PCYC Arena
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First Fight at 11.30am

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Clockwise from top: Brayth Haines; Jase Thimble, Musa Prior & Raymond Haines. Thanks again to Neil Olsen from Neilo's images for these great pics!

Health week success for lucky winners

More than 150 young women, aged between 15–30–years–old, attended Palm Island Health Week for Females, making the event a great success.

The serious side women's health, lifestyle impacts, contraception and sexual health, as per the Palm Island Health Plan, were all in evidence throughout this important week.

On a lighter note, winners of the pamper packs and NRL jerseys included Innis Kennedy and Mallory Morgan. Congratulations girls!

A big thank you to everyone involved in the health screen including the JPHS team, the Townsville Public Health Unit (Elisha, Sue–Ellen, Leone and Alex), the North Ward team (Angela, Joy and Kylee), the Palm Island Aboriginal Council, the Bwgolman Community Store and the Coolgaree Bistro.

Special thanks also to the Campbell Page crew and the Peer Recruiting team who did an outstanding job!

And finally, thank you to everyone who attended

Stay tuned for the Men's Health Week, soon to be announced for later this year!



JPHS visiting clinics & services June 2018

Patients are asked to report to reception on arrival
Appointments should be made before each clinic date as most clinics require referrals from a doctor. Please note some will accept self-referrals. Walk-in patients, including staff, may be seen by any clinic with spare appointments.

- Optometry clinic: Monday 4 + 25 June: No referral needed
- Physiotherapy clinic: Wednesday 13 + 27 April
- Mobile Women's Health Nurse (Jan): Tuesday 5 + 20 June: No referral needed, see Leah or Tupu
- Australian Hearing: Adult Hearing Clinic: Thursday 7 June
- Diabetes & Dietitian Clinic: Tuesday 10 June
- Podiatry Clinic: Tuesday 10 June
- Chronic renal disease in dialysis unit: Tuesday 10 June
- Australian Hearing: Child Hearing Clinic: Thursday 14 June
- Paediatric Clinic: Wednesday 20 June
- Sexual & Reproductive Health (Men's & Women's Business): Every Wednesday: No referral needed, see Leah, Tupu, Bernie or Owen

If you would like an appointment please book at Reception or talk to your Doctor or any other member of your Healthcare team.

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The Townsville Hospital and Health Service is proud to sponsor the Obe Geia Rugby League Challenge and Netball Challenge.

Having children develop an early love for sport can deliver lifelong health benefits.

Best of luck for the event.

We are sure it is going to be an excellent day.

The Townsville HHS will be providing all participants with a health essentials 'goodies bag' to take home with them.





Junior rugby benefits wins from jersey donation

Palm Island Junior Rugby League wants to thank the Palm Island Community Company (PICC), and in particular Ms Rachael Atkins and the Board, for donating a signed framed Cowboys jersey to our local junior league club, Deputy Mayor Roy Prior says.

The jersey was won by PICC at an auction held at the Palm Island Centenary Fundraising Gala Dinner held in Townsville late last year.

“PICC has been one of many major sponsors to the club for some time and I would like to personally thank them,” he said.

“It means so much to the kids when we have local organisation supporting development in local junior rugby league.”

He said the club also wanted to thank the many Palm island community residents and visitors to the Island for their support.

“The funds we’ve generated will go towards the kids travel and meals whilst they’re away playing in the Townsville Junior Rugby League competition in 2018,” he said.



Well-known Townsville hotel identity Arthur McMahon fondly recalls boxing on Palm Island back in 1964.

“It was when Ron Richards was alive and I lost it, but it was a great tournament,” he said.

The 72-year-old Arthur fought 30 amateur bouts in his heyday, he enjoyed 16 wins and was associated with the Bad Boys Boxing Club in Townsville.

He said there were many quality Palm Island boxers around today and had no doubt the tournament at the PCYC on Saturday 2 June would be a huge success. **MORE BOXING INSIDE!**

 The advertisement for Palm Island Motel features a scenic view of the motel building and surrounding landscape. It includes two inset photos: one of the exterior building and another of a modern hotel room with a bed and desk. The text reads:

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