



PLEASE note there may be some images of deceased persons within this publication.

# Here they are! Primed and ready to RUMBLE!



Pictured: CAMP PALM ISLAND boxer Patrick Clarke (centre) with (L-R) trainer Ray Dennis and assistants Sterling Aden, Telstan Sibley & Albert Gorringe Jnr. Pic by Gabriel Geesu. **FULL STORY INSIDE...**

## New Closing the Gap agreement offers new opportunities - Mayor

Palm Island Mayor Mislam Sam is keen to make sure the Palm Island community doesn't miss out on any opportunities to align local aspirations with what a new National Agreement on Closing the Gap is trying to achieve.

The Agreement was signed by the Federal Government's National Cabinet, the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) and a Coalition of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peak organisations.

The Coalition of Peaks said the new Agreement was a pledge from all governments to change the way they worked with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities

and organisations through four Priority Reforms.

They said the Agreement also established 16 national socio-economic targets in areas including education, employment, health and wellbeing, justice, safety, housing, land and waters, and Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander languages.

Mayor Sam said he wanted to develop a 'dashboard' of targeted local aspirations which were

aligned to meeting those targets.

"This is about who's responsible and the dollars hitting the ground because there will be some hard questions we need to ask ourselves as we start moving forward," he said.

"If the Palm Island community has localised targets aligned to that national level, we can go in from there to work out who is responsible for meeting those needs. *Continues...*

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"I want to do this because I think the community wants a fairer say, they've had enough of not knowing what's going on," Mayor Sam said.

He said the community's need for community-control could be based around national level targets.

"The targets were set up to improve lives on the ground and they could help to get us into a better space into the future," he said.

"So we need to have a genuine community conversation about our goals and how we will get there.

"That will involve seriously having a good hard look at ourselves."

He said his previous role as chair of the Palm Island Community Company meant he already had some runs on the board in terms of moving to community control.

"That has been probably two years in the making and they are almost there," he said. "The former-Council actually endorsed PICC going into community-control and that's almost done.

"So I think we definitely need that serious conversation at a local level so we've got something to look at and something to work towards."

He said in the first instance he would work with the federal National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) to establish exactly what they needed to do.

"I want to make sure we know how to get this done," he said.

"And then I'll be looking at running some community consultations into the future, because we will be responsible for helping ourselves to meet these needs within whatever framework we'll have to work with."

## Nothing less than hard work, dedication and perseverance has put champion Palm Island boxer Patrick Clarke on the world stage for his first pro bout, Palm Island Mayor Mislam Sam says.

"He's gotten himself and Palm Island into the world spotlight through hard work and dedication to his craft and that's what sets champions apart from the average person," Cr Sam said.

"I hope it shows the youth of Palm that anyone can achieve anything – he persevered, he became a



really good fighter, and he's taken that all on board himself."

Long-time trainer Ray Dennis said Patrick was looking good.

"Patrick will be pretty bloody fit by the time that fight comes around," trainer Ray Dennis says.

"I think he'll probably knock the bloke out."

He said he had trained many boxers, but Patrick was the one who kept going ahead, even against all odds.

Townsville-based trainer and promoter Dennis Clancy said Patrick was doing Palm Island proud.

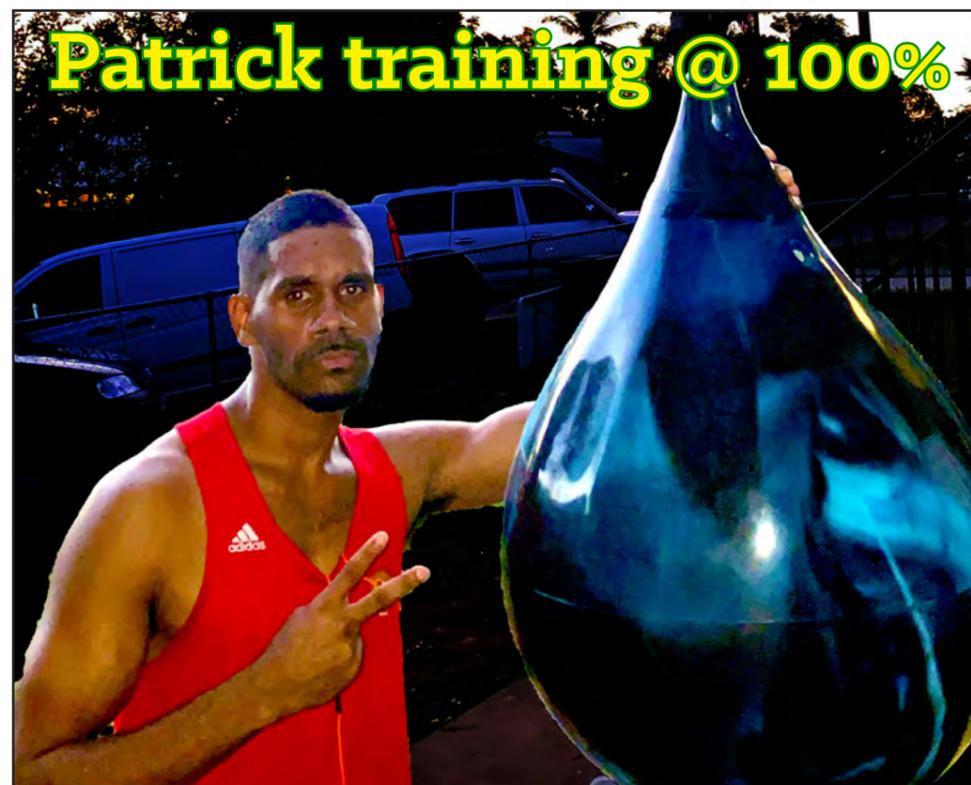
"It's a big thing for him, and it's a dream to make your professional debut on television, and this is going to be broadcast all over the world – this is a big thing for all of us.

"Our youth in north Queensland need to take note that this is what you can do and what you can achieve if you do positive things, and they can achieve this too.

"Hopefully we'll be able to build off this over many years to come, and produce more and more champions."

He said a big mention should also go to Ray Dennis for all the time and effort he's put in over the years.

"It's a big achievement on his part to get this young fella into this arena," he said. "This is going to be something special for



everyone, not just Palm, for us on the mainland too – to see Palm up there achieving this, and that's why I'm a 100% behind them."

He said Patrick's training was

going better than well.

"To me, he's 100% on the mark to where he's going, he's doing everything right and he's fully committed to everything he does,"

Boxers training for Palm Island in 2020 – some of whom will fight at Brothers this Sunday at 1pm in Townsville – include:  
Brayden Nallajar (17) – 70kgs  
Elijah Ketchup (17) – 65kgs  
Jase Thimble (16) – 63kgs  
Ian Ketchup (14) – 42kgs  
Zac Morton (13) – 35kgs  
Sincere Sibley (12) – 43kgs  
Phyllis Clarke (12) – 48kgs  
Cyril Haines (10) – 45kgs  
In Mareeba: Raymond Haines Jnr (18) – 64kgs.

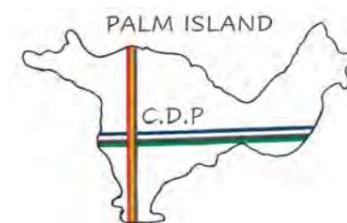
he said. "He will get the rewards on the night from his preparation because that's what boxing is all about, you can't lie in the ring, the ring will tell the truth."

## ADS & COMMUNITY NOTICES

### UPDATE ON THE CDP REQUIREMENTS

August 2020

The National Indigenous Australian's Agency (NIAA) have advised that there is to be a stepped return to full servicing of the CDP program and mutual obligation requirements.



Job seekers are encouraged to attend the office for their appointments and return to their chosen Work for the Dole activity.

Please contact the CDP office on 07 44454101 to make your next appointment or attend the office if you already have an appointment booked, and work with your case worker to ensure you are placed in your preferred activity.

Shortly, penalties will be applied for non-compliance, including suspension of payments.

Buses will resume pickup and drop off to activities and you need to remember to sign that you have attended.

**If you have any questions, please call CDP staff on 44454101.**

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## WARNING



### CROCODILE SIGHTING

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY 12/8**  
**TIME: 7PM**  
**AREA: LONG BEACH AREA**

Council has been informed by a resident of a Crocodile sighting. State Government has been advised as the responsible authority for crocodile management.

Residents are advised to be extremely careful, at the Farm area (Long beach, Wallaby Point).

Residents should exercise extreme caution whilst near the water.

If you have any questions, please call us 47700 200.

Please Be Careful – and share this information



For the most up-to-date information re COVID-19 see the Council's website at <http://www.palmcouncil.qld.gov.au>



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# New video relays important new health messages



"If you have any symptoms, no matter how mild, just get tested – for yourself, for your family and for your community," Palm Island PHCC Dr Francis.

The Joyce Palmer Health Service, with the Townsville Hospital & Health Service, has made a video with some very important health messages for the Palm Island community.

You can be tested for Covid-19 at the Palm Island Primary Health Care Centre. You can watch the video on the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council Facebook page or on our website at [palmcouncil.qld.gov.au/health-says-get-ready](http://palmcouncil.qld.gov.au/health-says-get-ready)

**Covid-19 testing is available at the Palm Island Primary Health Care Centre**

SEE THE PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL FACEBOOK OR WEB PAGE FOR THE FULL VIDEO!



## CURRENT VACANCY

### Operational Services Officer

Joyce Palmer Health Service - PALM ISLAND

Status: Permanent full-time.

Salary: OO2, \$1979.10 to \$2146.00 per fortnight (full-time)

This position will:

- Provide services to the Joyce Palmer Health Service including cleaning, mopping, vacuuming and maintaining supplies at hand basins and toilets

Is this the opportunity for you?

- Ability to work independently and communicate with staff and clients
- Hours of duty will be 0630 to 2030 Monday to Sunday on a rotating roster
- We encourage applications from members of the Bwgcolman community with accommodation on Palm Island

Applications close: **Monday 24 August 2020**

Enquiries to: **Judith Townsend-Stahre 07 4752 5121**

APPLY Online via

<https://smartjobs.qld.gov.au/jobs/QLD-TV350215>

OR email your application to

[Judith.Townsend-Stahre@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Judith.Townsend-Stahre@health.qld.gov.au)

RURAL AND REMOTE



## SPECIAL ISSUE COMING SOON

Council inherits a \$7m budget deficit: the 20/21 PIASC Budget was adopted on 30 July predicting a \$7m deficit over the coming year, CEO Adele Young says.

A separate budget issue of the *Palm Island Voice* will be out in the next week with details about where we are at, to be followed by regular community updates to residents about what will happen next.

# OUR NEXT DEADLINE (Issue 307) will be Thursday 20 August for publication on Thursday 27 August!

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