

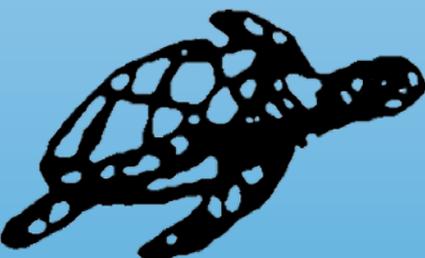
## **A SHORT ISSUE**

**It seems almost everyone is on 'half-time' with the flu in particular wreaking havoc (especially on the editor, Christine Howes, currently working bedside from Cairns!) at the moment.**

**The end result is a short issue of the Palm Island Voice, just for this fortnight, but a bumper issue to come after the rodeo next week and to catch up with the Mayor and other business, as things slowly get back to normal.**

**If you have contributions, ads, letters to the editor or just something to say, please don't hesitate to drop a line to the contact details on the back page.**

**We look forward to being fully back on deck very soon!**



# **Ready to ride??!!!**

## **Rodeo weekend set for take-off**

*by Alf Wilson*

**Three truck loads of bulls will arrive by barge this Saturday for the second rodeo on Palm Island in 33 years.**

There are 42 riders nominated already in the top divisions, with more than 40 are expected in the junior bull and calf rides.

Organisers Pauline and Shaun Shortjoe are confident that more than 3000 spectators will enjoy the action. "This year all events will be in the cool of night," Mrs Shortjoe said. Riders from as far away as Cherbourg, Woorabinda and other communities are expected to battle it out for a huge Indigenous Shield on the Sunday night.

"It will be a great weekend with lots of Palm Island competitors and others from the mainland like Townsville," she said.

"There will be a small team still coming from Cherbourg."

Sunferries has catamarans travelling to Palm from Townsville on Friday and Sunday.

John Moss from Bucko Billy Rodeo Promotions will again run the events and will judge alongside Darcy Davidson.

"The bulls for the open bull rides and open will be provided by Grant Liversage from Charters Towers and Keith Poole from Townsville is providing the animals for the junior bull and calf rides," Mr Moss said.

"They will go over from Lucinda by barge on Saturday."

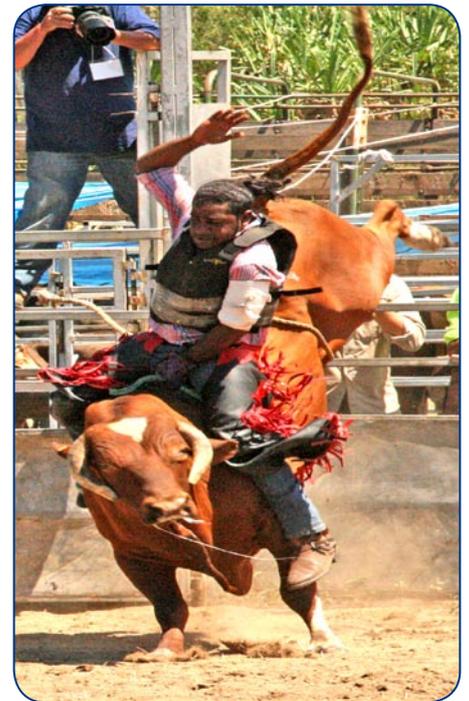
Moss said the angry bulls would vary in weight from between 500kg and 1000kg and would prove tough for all competitors.

Open bulls include Rampage, Stock Squad, Gun Metal, Sirius, Sister Fury, Little Bird, Romeo, Nasa, Telstra and Mexican Gunslinger.

Novice bulls are The Pig, Rip Curl, Merluma, Black Cat, Agent Orange, Black Magic, Hornet and Destination Unknown.

Once again the rodeo announcer will be Justin Price from Townsville and the shoot boss will be Darryl Tremlow of Brisbane.

"I am going over on Thursday and everything is looking great," Mr Moss said.



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#### **Tuesday**

Depart Lucinda: 9.00 am  
Arrive Palm Is: 11.45 am  
Depart Palm Is: 2:00 pm  
Arrive Lucinda: 4:30 pm

#### **Wednesday**

Depart Lucinda: 8:00 am  
Arrive Palm Is: 10:45 am  
Depart Palm Is: 12.30 pm  
Arrive Lucinda: 3:00 pm

#### **Thursday\***

Depart Lucinda: 8:00 am  
Arrive Palm Is: 10:45 am  
Depart Palm Is: 12.30 pm  
Arrive Lucinda: 3:00 pm  
*\*Thursday departure from Palm Island is subject to change. Please call on the day to confirm time.\**

#### **Friday**

Depart Lucinda: 8:00 am  
Arrive Palm Is: 10:45 am  
Depart Palm Is: 12.00 pm  
Arrive Lucinda: 2:30 pm

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## A quick word about...

### Sondra Gorringer

Sondra is an administration trainee who goes to TAFE here on Palm, as well as on the mainland, doing Business Studies. She also works at our Garbutt office



after TAFE and is working in Urgent Works, which means she is taking calls from people who have who have maintenance problems such as broken windows and doors, electrical, painting and bathroom problems. This gives her an understanding of how a large office operates and the smaller one on Palm. When she finishes her training she would like to work on the mainland where she will do very well.

**John Newbould, Q-Build  
Indigenous Training Support Officer**

**Palm Island rugby league reigning premiers Butler Bay Bulls have been training hard to defend their title against Skipjacks, Brothers, Jets and Raiders.**

When this pic was taken in late July the Bulls which defeated Skipjacks in the 2008 grand final were uneaten after six rounds. The following fixture was put off due to the swine flu outbreak on the island.

Coach Lloyd Morgan, pictured left, has his squad training hard and the players remained



confident they could do the job come finals time and win the decider. Swedish photographer Maria Ericksen, who was pictured

with Brothers in the last edition, is with the Bulls here.

**Alf Wilson**



**The Catherine Freeman Foundation**

**UPDATE**

**Unfortunately Catherine was not able to come back to Palm Island on Tuesday the 21st of July for the Palm Island School's NAIDOC celebrations, due to the flu being so wide spread in the community.**

We had hoped to bring our newest Board member Wesley Walden to Palm to meet with the community. We also planned to continue the Catherine Freeman Foundation

non-truancy program, or bikes program as its known, which has awarded bikes to the students who are making the most efforts to attend school regularly with one bike being given to a student from each year level at both Bwgcolman Community School and St Michael's. Hopefully we will be able to reschedule this visit very soon. We would like to thank Yolanda Coutts for all her hard work on the bikes program, and also Leonie and Gary the school Principals and Bernie the PCYC Manager for their support on this program, its a great pity we could not make it but we are sure the school kids had a great NAIDOC anyway. Catherine and Svea look forward to being back on the island as soon as possible!

We are also looking to set up a Consultation Group on the island, as was reported in the last issue of the Palm Island Voice. If you are interested in being involved with this please email Svea on either svea@catherinefreemanfoundation.com or programs@catherinefreemanfoundation.com CFF hopes everyone on Palm who was unwell are getting over the flu. We know the rodeo will be a huge great success this weekend. If you want to check out the CFF web site the address is catherinefreemanfoundation.com

**District Athletics**

**Bwgcolman & St Michael's kids are all training very hard in the lead up to the District Athletics Carnival in Townsville on Tuesday August 25th.**

This year is very exciting for us because we have 36 students competing and we are taking some cheerleaders too.

We are travelling over in the morning on Sunferries leaving Palm at 6.30am and will be returning that night at 6.30pm (big thank-you to Zina & Council for organising).

**Remember everyone needs to meet at the jetty at 6.00am!**

Parents & families are welcome to come along too, just buy your boat ticket on the day.

# All Things Science

Science is alive and kicking at Bwgcolman Community School with students of all grades prodding, poking, investigating, examining, classifying, exploding, combusting and much more. Year 8 students passed their Bunsen burner licence and celebrated the event with a spectacular "Flaming Ceremony" (see photos below). Year 10 students took to the reef to identify coral species and other invertebrate animals. Primary classes dissected toads to compare the internal organs of a cane toad to that of their own. Year 8 and 9 students have also become very confident in identifying and using laboratory equipment precisely and safely. This semester will again see high school students learning about science as part of the curriculum provided at the school. Year 8 and 9 students will begin to study the physical sciences (Physics). More specifically, Year 8 will investigate the "forces" that control the universe and therefore our lives and Year 9 will be studying "energy" in all its forms. I hope to see more of the primary classes this semester as we try to promote the innate interest children have in the world around them.



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