



# Palm Island Voice

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**VISIT &  
MEETING  
(FREE BBQ!)  
TODAY:**

**25-26 August 2009**

TODAY Minister for Housing Karen Struthers and her Director-General along with Local MP Mandy Johnstone will meet with Council before taking a walk around the mall to meet with community from 5-5.30pm.

A BBQ will be held from 6.30-8pm at the PCYC.

All Palm Island community is welcome.

On Wednesday the group will tour the retail store and the new government offices before meeting with Palm Island NGOs at the PCYC at 10am.



**Rodeo  
'huge' success  
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## Youth patrol to be extended

**A recent crime wave on Palm Island has prompted the Palm Island Community Company to extend their Youth Patrol over the next few weeks in an effort to stem a sharp increase in break and enters and damage to property.**

PICC has also extended an invitation to all Palm Island youth to come to their Family Hub (in the old kindy) to tell youth workers what sort of activities they would like to see in the evenings.

The wave of criminal activity has included the theft of several bicycles belonging to the Cathy Freeman Foundation, a rash of burglaries and the trashing of the Red Cross premises.

Several businesses have been targeted over the past week including the service station last Tuesday night, the Red Cross, PCYC and dog pound.

Officer-In-Charge of the Palm Island Police Station, Senior Sergeant Paul James said most of the bikes had now been returned and some suspect juvenile offenders have already been spoken to.

"There has been an increase in the number of break-ins in the past couple of weeks," Sgt James said.

"We know the majority of those have been juveniles and a number of those have already been spoken to.

"We want to urge parents to take some responsibility and not allow their kids to be running around the streets until all hours."

Sgt James also said the police were on the Island and available for call-outs seven days a week, 24-hours a day.

"If we're called we will be there so anyone who sees anything, young people hanging around where they shouldn't be or whatever, should let us know," he said.

PICC General Manager Rachel Atkinson said the Youth Patrol would be extended to Monday and Tuesday nights for the next few weeks.

"Our Youth Patrol is our youth workers driving around and if they see kids out there they'll get out and have a yarn with them about what's going on their lives and most of the time they'll actually take them home from there," she said.

"Kids need to feel safe to talk to us about what they want, within reason of course, but the Youth Patrol is part of that."

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# Call for parents to stop passing the buck

Red Cross Indigenous program manager, Mark Hollingsworth, said he was shocked at the senselessness of the crimes.

"I am shocked by the wanton vandalism," he said. "There does not seem to be any rhyme or reason – why they would want to do this to a organisation that's only trying to do good in the community.

"It just seems to be senseless waste and a senseless action on their part, valuable first aid kits that save peoples lives have just been trashed."

PIAC Enterprise officer Jody Ryan said the service station had also been burgled of more than \$140 in goods.

HACCS spokesperson Merle Robertson said she feared for her own organisation's safety and urged parents to take responsibility.

"It falls back to the parents - there's no discipline, there's no control in the home which a lot of these kids lack," she said.

"The way I see it, if the kids get on their parents' nerves they are quick to say 'go, go do something, get out of my hair' - they are quick to pass the buck on to someone



*Damage to the outside (and inside) of the Red Cross offices pictured above was "wanton vandalism" said Indigenous Program Manager Mark Hollingsworth*

else to take care of their kids

"What happened at the Red Cross could happen here as well.

"This is an old building and I dread coming to work each day wondering if my place will be safe here tonight and when I come to work the next day will it be smashed up?

"I think that it should be stopped and furthermore they don't understand or respect other peoples property."

Palm Island Aboriginal Council CEO Barry Moyle said the Council was keen to see offenders caught and reprimanded.



**Q-Build trainees and supervisors were recently given the opportunity to see commercial, domestic and factory construction first hand, with site visits to a number of different projects in Townsville.**

**Apartments and homes in the city, Kirwan and Garbutt were on the itinerary for Ingai Geia and Trevor Murat, both pictured here taking the opportunity to see various projects at work.**

# Funding boost for jobs and health

**Earlier this month Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Local Government Minister Desley Boyle announced more than \$3 million in funding to help support jobs, boost services and quality of life on Palm Island.**

"The Bligh Government is working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander councils, like Palm Island, to ensure they are equipped to give residents access to better services, more jobs and essential infrastructure," Ms Boyle said.

"This funding will help support jobs in the councils and go towards the costs of providing municipal services and improving community health.

## **Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council**

State Government Financial Aid Program - \$2,811,970

Environmental Health Worker Program - \$68,295

Revenue Replacement Program - \$150,200

**Total \$3,030,465**

"Some of the money will go towards funding environmental health workers who will perform a variety of tasks to help close the gap in health outcomes, including water testing, refuse management and pest control.

"There is also assistance for councils following the introduction of alcohol reforms.

Member for Townsville Mandy Johnstone welcomed the funding.

# Stolen wages in court



**Unions have stepped up the campaign for full recovery of the \$55.4 million in Stolen Wages reparations, originally promised in 2002 by former Premier Peter Beattie.**

Litigation commenced in the District Court last week with the lodging of a writ on behalf of claimant, Uncle Conrad Yeatman from Yarrabah.

QCU General Secretary Ron Monaghan said the issue was one of wage justice and the QCU was committed to helping these workers recover a fraction of what was actually owed to them.

"In 2002, former Premier Beattie estimated that up to \$500 million in wages could have been stolen from Aboriginal workers over the years and offered just \$55 million in reparations. This government cannot even honour its promise to pay this amount

to these workers," he said.

"Even though the government re-opened the Stolen Wages Reparations Scheme last year, they still syphoned off over \$20 million into an education fund for Indigenous children.

"We have no problem with the setting up of the fund however we do not believe it should be established using workers money.

"The \$55.4 million was set aside to repair the significant and long-lasting damage inflicted on workers whose wages were stolen and it should be used for that purpose and no other.

"All we are asking is that the government come good on its promise to pay these workers what was promised to them."

The legal action centred around Uncle Conrad Yeatman, a former carpenter and labourer whose wages were withheld from him since

he began work at 14.

"Uncle Conrad's story is one of hundreds we have heard during our visits with Aboriginal people throughout Queensland," Mr Monaghan said.

"When the government first announced the Indigenous Wages and Savings Reparation Scheme in 2002, Uncle Conrad refused the offer of compensation as he knew that what the government was offering was not a fair settlement.

"We are pleased to be able to offer our assistance to Uncle Conrad in his quest to gain wage justice and in the process, offer hope to all those workers whose wages were stolen."

Morning teas for elders and unionists were held in Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton and Brisbane on the day the action was lodged.

# We've got mail!!!

Hi Everyone

My granddaughter Noondi Wyles and I had a fantastic weekend at the rodeo.

We camped Friday night to Sunday night at the Rodeo Camping Grounds in our tent, alongside other campers who attended the two-day events, which was awesome.

Seeing the young ones ride, also the local Bartman doing his "deadly moon walk" after coming off his bull ride – You Go Boy!!!! The kids were well-behaved, food galore, fireworks were fantastic, my two little grannies Te'Ondra and Sharnita, really enjoyed themselves.

Just being there for the whole weekend was so relaxing, away from all the noise, so stress free.

I had the most peaceful sleep at night listening to the curlew and waking up to the sounds of the birds in the morning was so unreal.

I'd like to say a big thank you from the bottom of my heart to Uncle Shaun and Aunty Pauline, also the brothers, family members and friends who worked so hard to make it happen (Rodeo) on our beautiful Island Home (PI). May the rodeo get bigger and better in the future, for all the hard work you have done, it was magic, I'll certainly be there next year with my family same time, same place.

May our heavenly Father richly bless the Shortjoe families for allowing it to happen in 2009.

**Martha Marks and Family  
Mango Ave. Palm Island**

# Book makes finals list

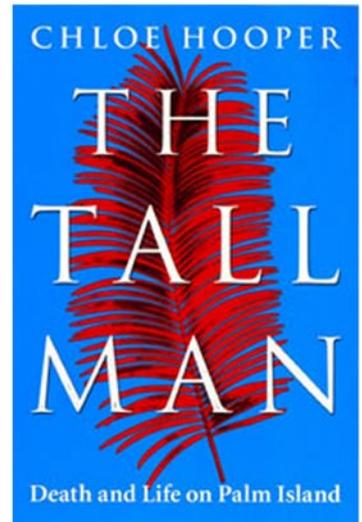
**Chloe Hooper's book 'The Tall Man: Death and Life on Palm Island' has made the finals list in two categories of the Queensland Premier's 2009 Literary Awards.**

The book is one of five finalists each short listed for the Non-Fiction Book Award and The Harry Williams Award for Literary or Media Work Advancing Public Debate.

Winners will be announced at the State Library of Queensland on Tuesday 8 September.

The Queensland Premier's Literary Awards is a national awards program which encourages and supports the development of up and coming authors whilst recognising established authors across a variety of genres.

For more information about the book see <http://www.thetallman.com.au>



**This term the SEN B class are learning about "Natural Disasters".**

We have just completed our research on Volcanoes. Now we will be looking at the other disasters such as Earthquakes, Floods, Tsunamis, Cyclones and Fires. We use a number of resources to find information like: the Internet, books, posters, DVD's and videos. We will also be making a display of these disasters in a cardboard box using paint and plasticine. We really enjoy searching the Internet where we have found a lot of interesting things about natural disasters and reading information about how dangerous they can be.

**From the SEN B class  
Miss Georgina & Miss Beryl**

## Deadly BBQ marks Protection Week and 'Deadly Safe' project

Last Wednesday many a Palm Islander may have detected the lovely scent of steak, onion and sausages coming from the Palm Island Community Company – the aroma prompted ever-intrepid Palm Island Voice reporter Tim Miller to investigate...

Palm Island Community Company Hub Practice Supervisor Daphne Lawrence (*pictured right*) told the *Palm Island Voice* they had organised the BBQ for Child Protection Week and to mark the launch of their 'Deadly Safe-Kids' project. "We would like to have two books and a CD done," she said about the project. "It's all the kids input we want, and hence the BBQ."

"Hopefully we can generate copies for all the communities because it is all coming from the kids – no input from the adults, it's all from the school age children about how to be safe at home, school or wherever."

Hub Arts Worker Jeanette Hutchinson said kids aged between six and 18 were welcome to join in after school activities at the Hub (the old kindy) every Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

"We will be making deadly pictures with words, painting, drawing, cutting and gluing stuff," she said.

"The art works will be made into a special book for kids and parents called 'Deadly Safe-Kid's Guide to being Safe'.

"The book will have lots of young people from Palm Island, good ideas on how to keep them safe and where to go for support if they need it.

"We will also be making a CD that is recorded locally on which children and young people read the guides for how to keep safe for those with low literacy levels.

"So come and enjoy an afternoon of making art and a deadly book from the young people for the young people on Palm."



## First aid course inspires confidence

As is often the case in a serious situation, there was plenty of laughs to be had during training organised by JobFind for Senior First Aid Certificates last week.

Keith Davies, from Jarby's Logistics, who helped deliver dummies and put bandages on.

the course, said the two-days brought people together and will help the community.

"They have enjoyed the fact that they have done something like this, they feel that more confident and more comfortable in giving someone first aid, so we are very happy with today," he said.

"Yesterday was all the theory, today was the practical demonstration day where we



"I must admit today was the most enjoyable day, we have had so many laughs and so much fun.

"But what it has done for our mob today – there were a lot of people scared to blow into the dummies and do heart compressions.

"The fear factor has now been overcome because they physically had to do it."

Reserve Training & Safety's Greg Holland agreed

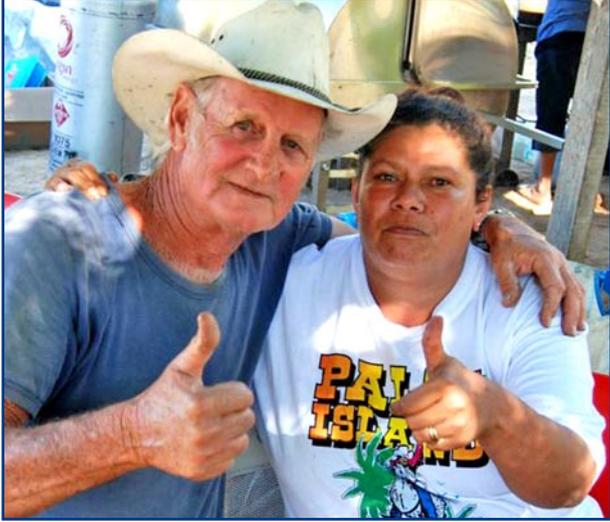


people had started "a bit hesitant".

"Over the two days they have grown towards the course and they have enjoyed it," he said.

"We have done CPR and we have done bandaging and we have had

to treat a few different types of wounds the types of injuries they are more likely to see here on Palm."



# Palm Island Rodeo successful again

**Palm Island's second rodeo in 33 years attracted more than 1500 spectators and was hailed a huge success by everyone involved.**

It was all night-time action over the weekend for riders taking on bulls weighing-in between 500-1000 kilograms.

The alcohol-free event saw spectators gathered around the ring on both nights – the first was open and the second for Indigenous competitors only – with events running until well after 10pm.

On night one the calf ride was taken out by Andrew Willis Jnr (Townsville), from Joyce Tapp (Palm Island) and Fred Ross (Palm

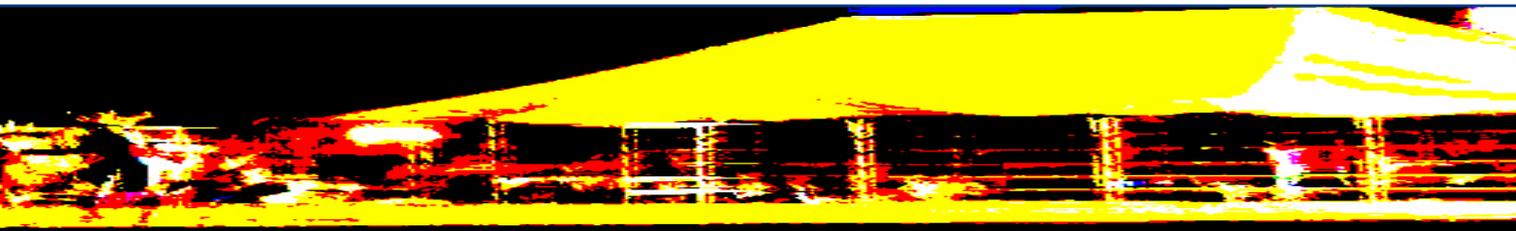
Island) who came in 3rd. The Novice Bull Ride went to Shane Morrison (Charters Towers), from Gavin Bramwell (Palm Island).

The highlight event – an Open Bull Ride – went to Mark Griffiths (Charters Towers) from Roy "Boy" Murray (Palm Island).

On night two, Kowanyama rider Telwyn Gibbo was the only rider to stay on a bucking animal for the full eight seconds and he took out the Novice Section in the Indigenous section.

In the second round of that event,





Gibbo fell heavily from a raging bull and severely injured his right hand, requiring ambulance attention and treatment. However he backed up soon after in the open bull ride. No rider stayed on a bull for the required time in the Open Bull or Juvenile rides.

It was not for the want of trying though as Gibbo, Shaun Shortjoe, Desmond Bramwell, Roy "Boy" Murray, Gavin Bramwell, and Norman Johnson senior tried to tame a beast only to be bucked off before eight seconds in round two of the Indigenous open bull ride, the last event of the rodeo.

In the Indigenous calf ride Andrew Willis Jnr from Townsville beat Rio Walsh Jnr and Fred Ross (both Palm Island) in an event in which three year old Anthony Tyson had a supervised exhibition ride.

The rodeo was organised by Pauline Shortjoe and her hard-working husband Shaun.

"We are delighted with the turnout and next year it will be even bigger," Shaun said.

John Moss from Bucko Billy Rodeo Promotions ran the events and was also the judge along with Darcy Davidson of Charters Towers. Moss paid tribute to Pauline and Shaun Shortjoe for their hard work in making the rodeo a success.

"Without them this wouldn't have gone ahead," he said.

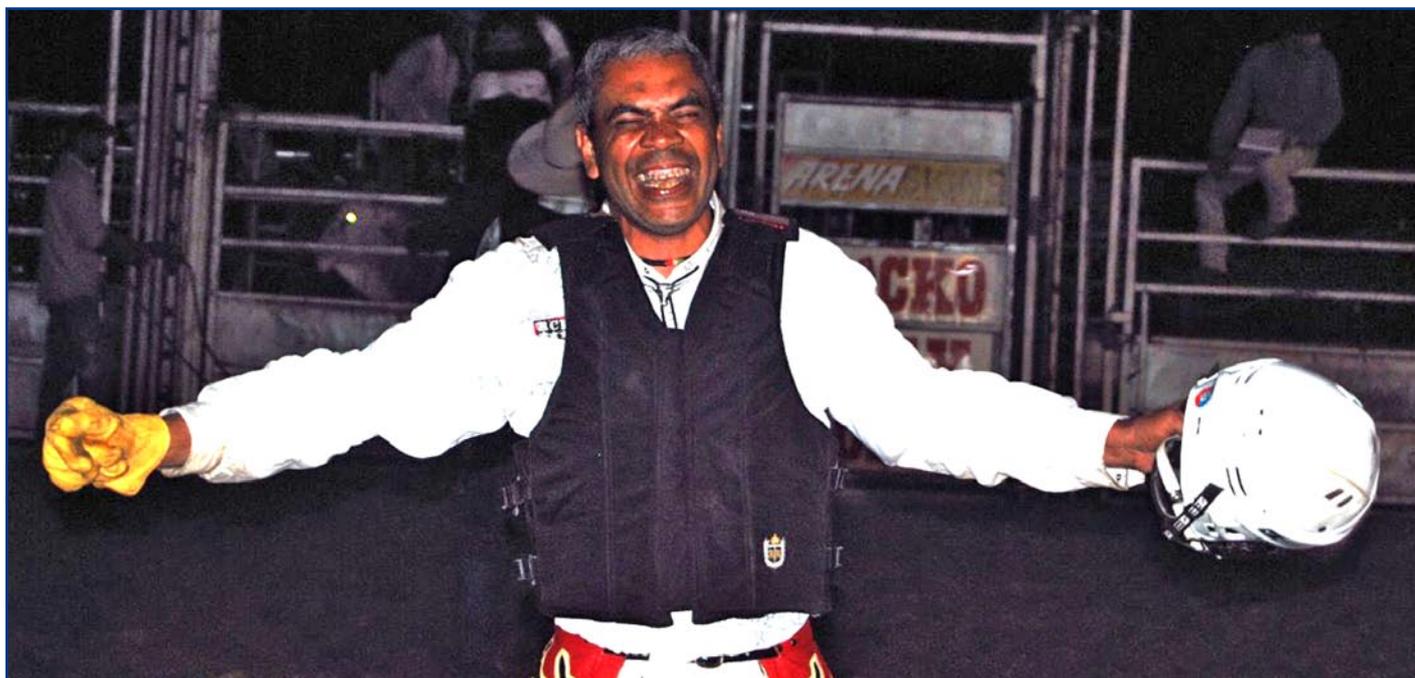
Enthusiastic Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey said the success of the second rodeo would encourage more mainlanders to invest in the island.

*by Alf Wilson*



*Pictures (from Alf Wilson):*

*Facing Page: Top Left: John Moss & Pauline Shortjoe; Bottom Left: Indigenous Calf Ride entrants; Bottom Right: the only stayer - Telwyn Gibbo from Kowanyama. This page: Top: the action went until well after 10pm on both nights; Bottom: pure elation after a short but exciting ride from Christopher Seaton*



# Palm Island Voice

## Public & Community Notices

### POSITIONS VACANT



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#### Home Care Worker

Operational Services, Joyce Palmer Health Service, Institute of Primary Health and Ambulatory Care, Palm Island, Townsville Health Service District.

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**Duties/Abilities:** Provide quality care to eligible clients of the Palm Island Home and Community Care. Observe and report changes in client status, recording observations as per Queensland Health policy and procedure guidelines.

**Enquiries:** Merlene Robertson (07) 4770 1664 or 0428 754 161.

**Application Kit:** (07) 4750 6775 or [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

**Closing Date:** Monday, 31 August 2009.

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You can apply online at  
[www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.

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#### Education Queensland North Queensland Region

##### Position Title: Teacher Aide (Educational Interpreter – Auslan Transition Project)

**Work Unit:** Bwgcolman Community School

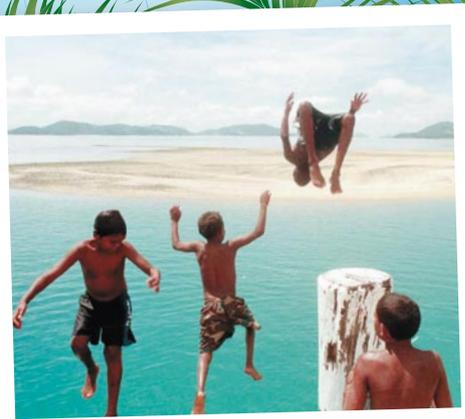
**Classification:** TA004 (Other Than Public Servants Award) – hours vary school to school

##### Role:

- interpret in and out of the classroom environment and assist with the communicative needs of deaf/hearing impaired students using Australian Sign Language (Auslan) according to the specific needs of the students
- maintain effective communication between students and teachers at all times

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# PUBLIC MEETING

THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED to a meeting to be held on Wednesday 2nd September at the PCYC commencing 10am and closing at 12 noon. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. The meeting is to discuss issues such as:

- Corporate Planning process
- Town Plan
- Sport complex redevelopment
- Land Subdivision
- Indigenous Land Use Agreement
- Cultural Precinct
- Jetty Shelter Shed
- Health Action Plan
- Education Action Plan

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNCIL ON 4770 1177**

## School Sports Rugby League

This Thursday (26/9) the Bwgcolman & St Michael's Rugby League team are travelling to Townsville to compete in the NASCA challenge. The boys are playing at Brothers all day Friday so if you are in Town please come along and support us. We are also going to watch the Cowboys beat the Broncos that night and the boys will get the opportunity to run onto the field at Dairy Farmers at half time.

## Swimming Carnival

Bwgcolman and St Michael's are having a Swimming Carnival down at the St Michael's Beach on Monday September 7. Please come down and join in the fun. Stinger Suits can be purchased from the Ambulance Service for \$30 or 2 for \$50.

## Palm Island Voice Display

### Advertisements

(14 days to pay, invoiced on publication)

Full Page \$440

Half Page \$231

Quarter Page \$121

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Items for sale under \$1000 Public

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Sale Price over \$1000 & Other Notices – 4 lines – \$10

**Ads are to be submitted by no later than 5pm on deadline day**

**(see back page for details)**

For more information or bookings contact Tim at the Council on 4770 1177 or

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or the Editor, Christine Howes at [chowes@westnet.com.au](mailto:chowes@westnet.com.au)

**Please support the Palm Island Voice so we can continue to support you.**



## Palm Island Service Schedule "MV OLYMPIC"

### Monday

Depart Lucinda: 7.30 am  
Arrive Palm Is: 10.15 am  
Depart Palm Is: 11.30 am  
Arrive Lucinda: 2.00 pm

### 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

Please note that loading of the barge commences 60 mins prior to departure time. Scheduled departure and arrival times should be checked at time of booking.

**For all bookings please contact our office on (07) 4776 5055**



**Would you believe it won't be long until the September holidays and after that it will be the last term of the year, and the last term of school for our grade 12s!**

**Palm Island Senior Campus**

# ***PISC News***

**August 2009**



Over the past two terms our PISC students have been working on an art project.

During term 2 we looked at design principals which culminated in one final mural design.

These were many great ideas and most of the students were eager to contribute.

This term we have made the transition from paper to concrete, with many-a-day spent painting our mural design onto our concrete quadrangle.

The final design didn't look much like our planned drawing but this is great as there were many spontaneous ideas that occurred as the mural progressed.

At this stage it is not quite finished but we hope that it will be by then end of this week. All that is left is a few final touches and then the sealant.

Even in its unfinished form it's looking really deadly and when finished it will look totally deadly.

Staff and students would like to thank Mandy and Centrecare for their help with design and supplies.

Everybody had such a fantastic time we might look at doing a wall next year.



Three weeks ago school captains, Yolanda Kerr and Roland Bulsey, had the opportunity to go into town for a tourism workshop.

The students had a good time and represented our school and Palm Island with pride.

They looked really deadly in their full school uniforms as well. Many good ideas were discussed and the students had the opportunity to talk to other up and coming Indigenous youth leaders from around the region.

Overall it was a great time to share ideas and build connections for the future.

After many months of initial planning the Palm Island Senior Campus Parent and Friends committee has finally gotten off the ground with our first meeting.

Meeting dates are set down as the second Wednesday of each month which means our next meeting will be held on the 9th of September.

We are also looking at holding an open day BBQ on the same day.

Students will be send home with final details in the next week of so.

It would be really great to see as many parents there as possible so you can see some of the work your children have been doing this term, as well as our deadly mural.

**Yours in Education,**

**Sylvia Wagner (Co-ordinator),  
Stephen Malpas (Mathematics),  
Dane Paulsen (English),  
Iaga Viri & Lindsey Malone  
(Case Managers).**



# Skipjacks steal Army's thunder in annual reconciliation match



**The recent reconciliation rugby league match between Palm Island Skipjacks and the Army Thunder team saw history repeat itself when scores ended up deadlocked on 28-all at full-time.**

Under the rules of the Bill Coolburra Shield competition the Skipjacks retained the trophy because they scored the first try in the match.

The inaugural Bill Coolburra Shield was held in July 2008 when – ironically – the scores were also 28-all at full-time and the Skipjacks took that win because they scored the first try.

The game started with Skipjacks racing to a 10-nil advantage after 10 minutes before Army evened the score by half time.

In the second half, Army scored three times within 10 minutes to take the score to 28-10.

However, Skipjacks scored three tries and converted all

three goals to draw at 28-all. Palm Island born Bill "Kookaburra" Coolburra, an Australian Army Sapper of more than 40 years who served in Vietnam, Borneo, Singapore and Thailand, presented the trophy.

The Bill Coolburra Shield match is about relationship building between the Indigenous community of Palm Island and the Army. The strong history of Aboriginal and Islander men and women who have served in the ADF since the Boer war is well-known to the Aboriginal community.

As an Army sapper Bill performed heroically as a 'tunnel rat' with the 3rd Field Troop, Royal Australian Engineers in Vietnam. He left Palm Island when he was 18 to travel to Charters Towers. "I was going to get a job on a station, I met a mate who said the army was pretty good, so I went there instead," he said.

These days he is highly respected in the North Queensland community for his support and mentoring to Indigenous youth.

Over the years he has encouraged youth participation in sport as a pathway to a healthy and purposeful life.

Australian Army Thunder was a national Army side, with players based at Lavarack Barracks in Townsville and throughout NQ.

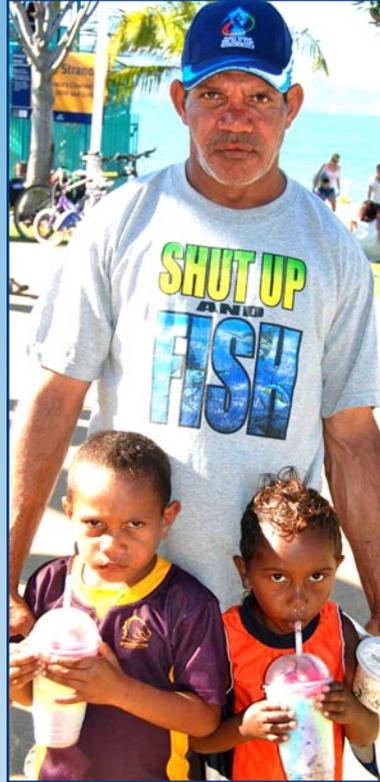
Skipjacks players were jubilant on their return trip to Palm Island.

Coach Alex Morgan said his best players were front rower Jason Bulsey, who scored the first try, centre Tabua Oui, halfback Maverick Fox, veteran Clinton Bourne and hooker Gary Fulford.

"We led early then Army had a good lead and we fought back with a late try," he said. "It was a great game and we are very proud."

*Word & Pic: Alf Wilson*

Earlier this month Palm Islanders turned out in force at the Townsville Cultural Fest held on the Strand, as captured by Palm Island Voice roving correspondent Alf Wilson. The five-day family event showcased the talents of Queensland's most exciting music and dance entertainers, foods and arts under the theme of 'Unity in Diversity'.



**Pictured**  
*(Clockwise from Left):*  
**Nathanial Walsh, Andrea Murray, Ben Kennedy with his kids Ben Jnr & Lindsay, Valerie Coutts, who performed with Dream Keepers at the Fest, and Genami Geia**



CHAMPION Palm island boxers Reggie Palm Island, left, and Patrick Clarke have been told they are great prospects for gaining selection in the Australian amateur team for the next Olympic Games. To be eligible for selection, they would have to switch leagues, which trainer Ray Dennis said was possible. ALF WILSON snapped their picture as they sat on the railing down at the Palm Island jetty on a trip in July.

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