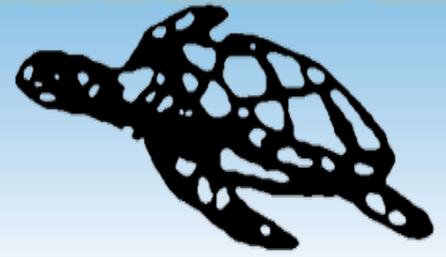




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## Obe Geia Jnr Challenge 'fantastic'



**North Queensland Cowboys guests to the inaugural Obe Geia Jnr Challenge have dubbed the event 'fantastic', saying it featured 'football of the highest standard'.**

Four mainland and two Island teams competed in the event which was also attended by Cowboys player and Palm Island local Obe Geia, Toyota Cup players Ben Henaway, Michael Morgan and Michael Parker-Walsh, and Cowboys Development Manager Dean Payne.

Although the event is only in its first year, Cowboys Community Relations Manager Fiona Pelling said she was working to establish it as a permanent fixture on the North Queensland junior rugby league calendar.

"We're really excited about bringing the Obe Geia Junior Challenge to Palm Island – usually participants from Palm have to travel to the mainland so it's great they had the chance to host us and showcase their beautiful area at the same time," Ms Pelling said.

"The day is all about having fun, strengthening relationships

between the schools and enjoying a healthy lifestyle through rugby league, and we'd love to set this up as an annual event.

"We're extremely grateful to all of our event partners who have donated a range of gear and services to make it all possible."

Ms Pelling said it was an "amazing" event.

"The Cowboys and the visiting school communities enjoyed the day and loved the Island and the community atmosphere," she said.

"The food was fantastic and the football of the very highest standard – all the kids were such great athletes and such great sports.

"At the end of the second last round any one of the six teams could have made the finals so it was such a close competition.

"After some very hard games Heatley won the trophy over St Joeys 12 – 4!"

# See you at the corner of Clump Point Road and ... where, sorry?

**Recent vandalism to some signs around the Palm Island town area has disappointed Council, says Mayor Alf Lacey.**

He said other than that community response to street signs erected earlier this year has been very good.

"We're call on anyone in the community who sees anyone damaging these signs to come forward and let us or the police know who it is," he said.

"It's very disappointing because it's an extra burden and puts an extra cost to the community to keep replacing



the signs.

"It's already cost quite a lot of money to put these signs up.

"They belong to the community, they're community assets and we have to maintain them.

"They've had a good response from community members and

we want to make sure the signs don't continue to get damaged by vandals."

The signs were funded through the State Government's Transport Infrastructure program and erected by the local Palm Island workforce.

## Water warnings still in place despite rain

**Palm Island residents are being warned that small amounts of rain recently have failed to ease issues around water consumption. Council CEO Barry Moyle said the community was still using water faster than it could be treated.**

"Council wants to remind residents again to continue to reduce water consumption," he said. "The community is still using water faster than it can be treated through the water treatment plant."

He said Council has asked residents to not use excessive water by hosing driveways and washing cars etc.

"It's also important the community helps us out through doing things like reporting leaking taps and other possible wastage," Mr Moyle said.

"Unfortunately if the current use continues Council may have to enact heavier water restrictions."

He said Council was seeking everyone's cooperation in this matter.



**Motorbike riding has again been raised as a concern by Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council after complaints from concerned residents about unregistered vehicles racing through the town area and the cemetery grounds. Universal signs have been erected to indicate where restrictions on riding will be enforced. CEO Barry Moyle said PIAC had community support to reduce the nuisance caused by disrespectful riders.**

# New sports club work well underway



**Work on the sports clubhouse, at the oval at the farm, is ongoing and something we should all be proud of, says Coolgaree CDEP chair Steven Boyd.**

Council CEO Barry Moyle said the joint project between the CDEP and the PIAC was funded through the Federal Government's Indigenous Coordination Centre.

"This is a project that has been a long time in the making," he said.

"Council has been working very hard to make sure that it progresses and so far things are going pretty well.

"Very shortly there will be the upgrade of the grounds so the football ground will be ready for playing on next year and we will continue to do the work on the clubhouses."

He said they also hoped to find the funds to upgrade the netball playing surface in the very near future.

Mr Boyd said the CDEP workers (*pictured above*) had been doing a good job.

"We can see here they have been doing a good job," he said.

"This is something we should all be proud of in this community and we hope when it is all done a lot of our people will respect this area.

"It will be somewhere for our younger generation to go to and put some self pride to the community."

## JP graduates set to make their mark

**The Palm Island Justice Group recently hosted Justice of the Peace training brought to the Island by the Court Innovations Program in Brisbane.**

The trainer was Nathan Higgins and once certificates and stamps are delivered next week the Island will have five new JPs.

As respected persons some of these new JPs may also train to be JP Magistrates which means two or three of them can sit on the bench in court and hand down just penalties for minor offences such as truancy and public nuisance.

They cannot sentence an offender to prison, but they can hand down fines and community services orders.

Elders and other respected persons have been encouraged to take these courses which will mean people on the Island will have some authority to deal with matters



*New JPs (Left-Right) Collette Wotton, Svea Pittman, Yolanda Coutts, Georgina Haines and Deniece Geia celebrating their graduation in the new George Reid Courthouse*

as they happen, taking some burden from the usual Magistrates Court processes.

Graduate Deniece Geia said it was a privilege to be a part of the course.

"It's been a privilege and an honour to pass and to receive this award," she said.

She said JPs were needed on the Island and when they had their stamps they could sign and certify legal documents for the community.

# A letter from Napranum...

In July this year the *Palm Island Voice* reported on a proposed scheme for outside workers on communities to attain a 'black card'. The idea was widely reported in the media, but word sometimes travels a little more slowly around communities themselves! The letter below is currently 'doing the rounds' on email networks and is reprinted here with the author's permission.

**I am a Wik woman who works for Rio Tinto Alcan in Weipa.**

I'm writing to you to let you know that myself and others here in Weipa support the idea of the 'black card'. I have lived in my Aboriginal community (Napranum) all my life and now have children of my own. I believe that only those people that

respect and understand the Aboriginal

way of living should be allowed to work among us.

Those people who are looking to work in communities just for the money should not be welcomed at all, for they are on the outside looking in and are being judgmental and stereotyping Aboriginal people when they should be helping themselves to understand the culture and to break the barriers between western cultures and black fulla way of living.

Here in Weipa the bauxite mine is on Traditional land, there are 11 clan groups in this area that in being mined.

Policies have been put in place to ensure that before commencing employment with Rio Tinto Alcan ALL employees have to complete a two day Cultural Awareness course, as well as refresher course every 24 months. This course helps people understand more on the history of the area, customs, bush foods and the 11 clan groups that the mine is situated on.

I think this is very important so we can educate and open the eyes of outsiders about the culture and customs the we have and believe in.

Because it doesn't matter how long they are employed in their jobs, Aboriginal people will always be here for many years to come.

Thank you for reading my email I just wanted to express my feelings about Cultural Awareness. **Kind Regards, a woman from Napranum.**



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## Mayor calls for workers to hold 'black cards' on communities after public health scares

**'It's worrying, but don't panic', is the message from Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey.**

A recent case of swine flu on the Island, along with the death of a four-year-old girl in Doomadgee over the weekend (not from swine flu), has prompted the Mayor to call for an overhaul of how health services are delivered to communities, particularly outside of Cape York and Yarrabah. Mr Lacey has also, with Council support, called for the introduction of a 'black card' system for all government and non-government workers, similar to those which have already been issued in Woorabinda.

Communities in the Cape and Yarrabah are already some years into a transition period from state-controlled primary health care delivery to community control. Mr Lacey said the same thing needs to happen on all Aboriginal communities. "We're calling on the government now to look at a new framework for the delivery of health services in Aboriginal communities," he said. "Queensland Health needs to engage communities more heavily in terms of appointments of doctors and things like that. "The other thing is, if you have to have a blue card to work with children, I think we need to have a black card for anyone from outside of a community who wants to work in our community. "It's working on Woorabinda, to get a black card people have to show they have some knowledge of cultural awareness and the particular history of the community they want to work in."

The 'black card' idea was the brainchild of Bill Thaiday and Willy Sullivan, both based in Woorabinda, and has the support of their Shire Council. Mr Thaiday said he was thrilled to hear Palm Island was interested in the idea. In the meantime the Mayor encouraged the community to take heed of the health advice that's being given at the moment.

"If you're feeling sick and you've got a big sniffle and things like that, present yourself to the flu clinic on Palm," he said. "They're handing out Tamiflu, so do the course. "And make sure you clean up behind you, you know, be thinking about yourself in terms of washing your hands, and after you sneeze, and sneezing into a tissue rather than into your hand and things like that. "We just do the right thing and follow the health messages and the health warning that have been given out."

Mr Lacey said after meeting with the Deputy Premier and Health Minister Paul Lucas and Queensland Health Officer Dr Jeanette Young on Friday on the Island, the Council was in the process of developing their own posters and health messages specifically for the Palm Island community. "They've arranged for the Queensland Health publications unit to work with us on that, so they'll foot the bill," he said.

# Literacy teaching trial shows good early results

**A new reading and writing teaching method called Accelerated Literacy is being trialled at your own Bwgcolman School this term, with some good early results.**

Already one year 6 student, Fred Ross, is now writing a full page of story telling – just four weeks ago he could barely write a paragraph.

The new method has been adopted by most remote schools in the Northern Territory over the past two years.

It is a powerful set of strategies, developed by Professor Brian Gray of the Charles Darwin University, designed to teach kids who have “missed the boat” in terms of learning to read and write.

With Accelerated Literacy they can catch up quickly and develop the skills required for them to read and write like other children of their age.

Accelerated Literacy involves going beyond older literacy teaching systems, it’s about actually getting behind the story and linking it at different levels to the bigger story behind the book or whatever it is they’re trying to learn from.

Teachers use specific language teaching strategies and do a number of repetitive activities every day with spelling and assisted writing .

These include “transformations” in which small sections of text are taken apart and put back together with the author’s intentions being clearly spelt out, and “chunking” which is a new approach to teaching spelling.



“Scaffolding” is also used widely in all the processes, and that’s a carefully guided system of providing help for students as they go.

Students in the Northern Territory have had brilliant successes with this teaching method. At present Bwgcolman is running the trial to assess whether the system works with our kids who haven’t yet mastered reading and writing skills, along with children in the lower grades who have been finding learning to read and write very challenging.

School Head of Curriculum Joe Istria is overseeing the “test run” on a day-to-day basis and is hopeful the children selected for the trial will show it is an ideal literacy training program to run for the whole school next year.

Kim Luke and James Ward are the teachers running the day to day teaching for three trial groups from Years 6/7 and 3/4.



## BITS & BOBS...

### • Indigenous community leaders urged to set anti-smoking example

Smoking is a scourge and among the most important health issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma said in Darwin recently.

Mr Calma called on policy makers and governments to implement a comprehensive, longer-term national tobacco control strategy to drastically reduce smoking rates as soon as possible.

"If we are to beat this scourge, Indigenous people themselves must start to own this issue as a major problem within communities," he said. "Anyone in a position of leadership, including parents, must take this on as their business and focus their efforts towards creating a no-smoking norm in Indigenous communities so that young people don't share the insidious legacy of tobacco addiction."

### • Governor-General's Indigenous Student Teacher Scholarships

Federal Minister for Education Julia Gillard has announced the establishment of the Governor-General's Indigenous Student Teacher Scholarship to assist one Indigenous student in every State and Territory to undertake Education studies at university.

More information about the Scholarships is available on the DEEWR Website at <http://www.deewr.gov.au/Indigenous/Schooling/Programs/Pages/IndigenousTeacherScholarships.aspx>

### • New funding for Indigenous theatre development

Minister for the Arts Paul Lucas has invited applications to a new fund dedicated to growing Indigenous theatre. Mr Lucas said the Fund was a one-off initiative focused on providing theatre companies, playwrights, directors, actors and theatre professionals with the opportunity to produce new work.

To view the funding guidelines, visit the Arts Queensland website [www.arts.qld.gov.au](http://www.arts.qld.gov.au) or telephone (07) 3224 4896.

## Year 6 health focus

The senior A class of year 6 students at Bwngcolman Community School are up to their necks in a Health unit.

Their focus for term 4 learning was the health and wellbeing of Indigenous Australians and adolescent girls and boys.

So far they have been investigating the human body, illnesses and making healthy lifestyle choices.

While investigating the human body, students are developing their knowledge of the organs and their functions.

Students have also been researching nutrition, in particular, the importance of iron, protein and calcium for growing teenage bodies.

Their ability to identify risk factors for diseases that are prevalent in Indigenous communities has also been a focus. The senior A class have discovered that making smart social choices, exercising regularly and eating a range of healthy and nutritious foods, can dramatically reduce the risk of Coronary Heart Disease and Diabetes.

A range of activities have inspired a keen interest in all our diverse learners.

These have ranged from art projects allowing students to represent the structure of the human body, posters that focus on food groups and investigative activities in both the computer and class room that allow students to research their own individual nutritional needs.

This week, students will be visiting the hospital to view specialised medical equipment that is used in treating Diabetic patients.

The students of senior A year 6 and their teachers, Miss Kerrie, Miss Avril and Mr William (Support), are very proud of their lively classroom and would like to say to everyone "Eat healthy, stay fit and live longer!"

## A quick word from...



# Isobel Baira



**Housing Officer Isobel Baira has been with the Council in her position for two and a half years now, football injury down-time aside. Born and bred on Palm Island, Isobel wanted to remind tenants that new changes are out of her hands, and that Qbuild is the place to go with repairs and maintenance issues.**

**"My job is tenancy management which means making sure the tenants are aware of their rights and responsibilities," Isobel told the *Palm Island Voice* in September.**

"And just helping them understand their surroundings, looking after their yard, their house, as well as what to do with maintenance and repairs

"Every community has got a blue box phone where they ring the call centre hotline, the call centre number is 1300 738 616.

"Sometimes tenants get frustrated, mainly with QBuild, because they found they didn't come but I explained to them after the phone call, it's like a one- to 14-day job.

"They'll come around and inspect the property but then go away and then come back in another couple of days or so, that's why they say one to 14 days.

"If there's a wiring issue then they'll be a priority.

"But if it's not a security issue and not dangerous, it's 1-14 days.

"There will be some changes under the new housing act and I went to a workshop in April this year in Cairns about that.

"A lot of other communities were there also.

"When it comes down rent will be 25 per cent of what the people in the household earn.

"Changes are going to be happening that are out of my hands."

**Call Centre Hotline**  
(for household repairs and maintenance)  
**1300 738 616**

## **Palm Island Voice**

**Seeing things around the community you think should be in the *Palm Island Voice*?**

**Heard about something you want to read more about in your newsletter?**

**Think you might have a knack for talking to people and taking pictures yourself?**

So why don't you tell us about it?!! It's easy, all you have to do is have a yarn to Tim or Christine to find out how you can contribute to your community voice on Palm Island.

See our contact details on the back page and give us a yell soon for more information.

# Inaugural Obe Geia Jnr Challenge

***Pictured:  
Right - St Michael's  
Middle Right -  
St Joseph's  
Below Right - Heatley  
Below Left - players  
kept PI Ambos busy  
for the day  
Below - Obe Geia Jnr  
has a yarn with Gary  
Pearson***





# AT THE CAIRNS ALLBLACKS

***Pictured (from Alf Wilson):  
Top Left - Cr Zina Prior with son, Musofsulari;  
Top Right - Bindal Sharks A grade coach Kevin Aldridge, Cr Alf Lacey and West Tigers NRL star Daine Lawrie, who played for Bindal;  
Above Left - Cr Ruth Gorringe and Jennifer Bligh;  
Below Left: Barra back Pita Morgan;  
Below Right: Margaret Parker, front left, with her group***

***More pics on p 15  
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# Palm Island Voice

## Public & Community Notices

**DAY & DAY**  
SHIPPING

### 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**

**DAY & DAY**  
SHIPPING



**NEW OFFICE NUMBERS**

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After/Hrs : 0419 749 714  
310 Boundary Street, South Townsville E: pibs@riversidemarine.com.au

### POSITIONS VACANT

**The Palm Island Community Company** is a not for profit organisation established to offer business services to non-government organisations, manage the delivery of a range of human services, and provide business advice and support to Palm Island non-government organisations and community members.

The company is a partnership between the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, the Queensland Government and the Palm Island community.

**The company is currently seeking to fill the following positions:**

**Youth Worker (Full Time)**

**Youth Worker/s - Night Patrol (Casual)**

**Parenting Support and Education Worker (Part Time)**

**Disability Support Worker (Casual)**

The above positions require the applicant/s to have or be able to rapidly acquire a Blue Card and it would be ideal to have a current "C" Class Drivers Licence or ability and willingness to acquire a current driver's licence during the period of employment. The company will provide assistance and support to successful applicants in applying for Blue Cards and Licensing.

All positions within the company have an element of mandatory training – both formal and informal – such training may require travel to Townsville from time to time.

Position descriptions for the above positions are available from Job Find and the Hub. The description outlines the duties in detail and describes what is needed to make an application for the position.

**Interested persons can obtain further information by phoning 07 4721 2277.**





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## Careers with Queensland Health

### Advanced Therapy Assistant

Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Services, Institute of Primary Health and Ambulatory Care, Palm Island, Townsville Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$59 263 p.a., comprising salary between \$47 219 - \$51 941 p.a. (004) (Temporary position for 12 months. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) JAR: H09TV10395.

**Duties/Abilities** Provide high quality Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Services (ATODS) including clinical services, health promotion and education, primarily to Indigenous clients, their families and communities, and to service providers. Provide all staff within ATODS with specialist information, advice and training relating to Indigenous issues in the ATODS service provision.

### Therapy Assistant

Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Services, Institute of Primary Health and Ambulatory Care, Palm Island, Townsville Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$51 699 p.a., comprising salary between \$42 721- \$45 312 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (003) (Temporary position for 12 months. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) JAR: H09TV10393.

**Duties/Abilities:** Provide support in the assessment, education, brief intervention and support services primarily to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, their families and communities, and to service providers.

### Therapy Assistant

Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Services, Institute of Primary Health and Ambulatory Care, Palm Island, Townsville Health Service District. Salary between \$27 542 - \$42 909 p.a. (001/002) (Temporary position for 12 months. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) JAR: H09TV10240.

**Duties/Abilities:** Provide support in the assessment, education, brief intervention and support services primarily to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, their families and communities, and to service providers.

#### To apply for the positions grouped above:

Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

**Enquiries:** Sue Carr (07) 4778 9677.

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

**Closing Date:** Monday, 9 November 2009.

TMP Q076232

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.



## QBuild Apprenticeships/Traineeships

QBuild is a commercialised business unit of the Queensland Department of Public Works. It provides a wide range of services such as maintenance and construction, as well as in-house cleaning, security, furniture manufacturing and horticultural services.

QBuild is committed to providing quality training to Queensland's next generation.

QBuild invites applications for the following apprenticeships, to commence in February 2010:

#### PALM ISLAND OPPORTUNITIES

Palm Island – Carpentry (Indigenous)

Palm Island – Construction Worker Traineeships (Indigenous)

#### REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Ayr – Carpentry

Townsville – Carpentry, Electrical Mechanic, Refrigeration/Air Conditioning, Plumbing, Painting

Townsville – School-based Carpentry

Charters Towers – Carpentry, Plumbing

Ingham – Carpentry

#### ELIGIBILITY

QBuild is an equal opportunity employer with a diverse range of employees. Female and male applicants are encouraged to apply, including people who identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, people with disabilities and those from non-English speaking backgrounds.

Applicants must be a minimum of 15 years of age by February 2010.

Applicants may be required to produce evidence of their eligibility to work in Australia.

#### HOW TO APPLY

Applications can only be accessed and submitted online at [www.qbuild.qld.gov.au](http://www.qbuild.qld.gov.au).

If applying for more than one position, separate online forms must be submitted for each. There will be a workshop held on 4 November to assist with applications and to answer any questions you may have.

Further assistance with applications is available by contacting:

Indigenous Employment Officer  
Indigenous Relations Unit  
Department of Public Works  
PH: 07 322 44262

QBuild Palm Island  
PH: 07 4770 1426



Queensland Government

**CLOSING DATE:** Applications must be submitted by Monday 16 November 2009.

**LATE APPLICATIONS MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED.**



## Administration Officer – Works Area –

Council is seeking the services of a motivate person to take on the role of Administration Manager in the Works and Facilities area of Council.

These is a new position and will initially be appointed for a three month period. It is hoped this will be a permanent position following that period.

The person will be self motivated and able to work without direction.

The position will be responsible for the smooth running of the administration in the works area, answering phones, taking general enquiries and writing letters etc.

The position reports to the Works and Facilities Manager and will require good communication and computing skills.

All resumes to be directed to the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council CEO.

**Closing date Friday 13th November 2009.**

Happy First Anniversary Mary Anna & Keith Bligh  
from all the crew at Bwgcolman Radio



# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Interim Domestic

### Violence Service launched

As part of its new Women's Services, the Palm Island Community Company (PICC)

has established an interim Domestic Violence Support Service for victims and families facing domestic violence.

This interim service started on October 1 and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please note that new phone numbers have been set up as a result – call 4770 1710 during business hours, or 4770 1758 after hours if you need assistance.

PICC is now looking to the future and would like the women of Palm Island to help decide how we can improve our support services.

PICC has engaged Dr Jackie Huggins, a prominent Aboriginal leader, to facilitate the development of a reference group and yarning circle made up of senior Palm Island women.

Both the reference group and yarning circle will help us to develop a best-practice model for the Women's Centre Service as well as identify a range of additional services to women.

PICC takes a holistic view toward the rehabilitation and healing of a family suffering from domestic violence and seeks to assist and support the perpetrator as well as the victim. By working with males who offend, PICC will endeavour to improve the lives of both the victim and the offender with a view to reuniting families wherever possible.

Various casual and full-time employment opportunities have arisen from the new and future services being offered by PICC.

**We welcome Palm Island residents to express interest in these job opportunities by calling us on 4721 2277.**

# Fire bans extended

**The Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) is appealing to all Queenslanders to remain on high alert with fire bans being extended across various parts of the State until midnight on Monday 2 November.**

Emergency Services Minister Neil Roberts said the Rural Fire Service had banned the lighting of all fires, including permit fires, in the affected areas as a precaution and that penalties applied for those who light a fire during a fire ban.

Fire bans remain in place in 31 local government areas across the state, including Palm Island. "It is essential that the bans are extended in these regions for the safety of the local community and emergency services personnel," Mr Roberts said.

Assistant Commissioner for Rural Operations, Steve Rothwell said it was essential Queenslanders kept their wits about them and took the necessary steps to avoid fires breaking out in the first place.

"In these conditions, even a small median strip fire has the potential to spread quickly into a large bushfire and put lives and property at risk," Mr Rothwell said.

If a serious fire does occur, regular updated information will be provided on the QFRS Rural Operations website at [www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au](http://www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au) or at [www.fire.qld.gov.au](http://www.fire.qld.gov.au) and residents are advised to listen to their local radio station.

## Palm Island Voice

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Please make your cheques/postal orders payable to:

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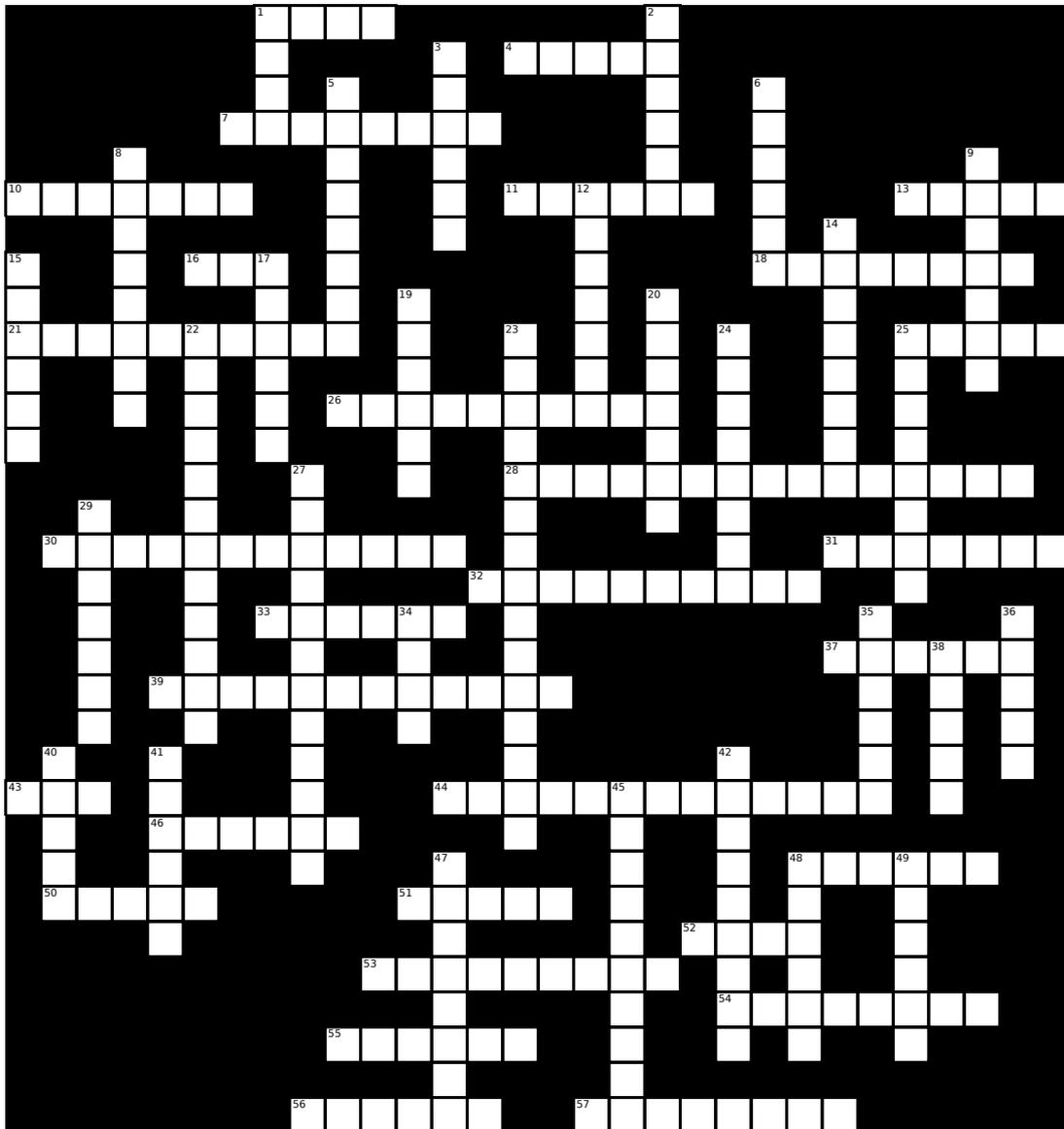
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# Palm Island Voice Crossword 46

"It's all about horses" as crossword geek David Goeldner has come up with a new set of clues for us to ponder on this Melbourne Cup Day. Once again he's done this week's crossword with the help of the crossword puzzle maker at <http://www.armoredpenguin.com.crossword/>



## Across

- 1 Government department that protects against exotic plants and disease (initials)
- 4 This society looks after animal welfare (initials)
- 7 A 'golden' horse - very fancy and could be your 'pal'
- 10 an old measure of distance on a race track
- 11 Check here every day for dirt and stones - your horse will thank you
- 13 type of fly with a nasty bite
- 16 Group 1 race winner four times - and part of the family: 'All Our \_\_\_'
- 18 horse on its first birthday
- 21 Olympic games horse event
- 25 Rode his wild pony from this cold river
- 26 Townsville's racecourse (2 words)
- 28 Another name for horse flu (2 words)
- 30 horse doctor
- 31 Neutered male horse
- 32 Where the Melbourne Cup is held
- 33 house for horses - they like their homes clean and shady
- 37 a horse you jump over in a gym
- 39 Australia's greatest horse trainer (2 words)
- 43 horses eat this, but they like a balanced diet
- 44 Famous aboriginal jockey (2 words)
- 46 Lone Ranger's horse: Hi Ho \_\_\_\_\_ away!
- 48 Style of music that rhymes with 'Clip Clop'
- 50 spills and thrills at this Palm Island event
- 51 entrance to the rodeo
- 52 baby horse
- 53 Vaccinate your horse against this 'choking' condition
- 54 keep horses away from this type of fence
- 55 ancient army hid in this horse, also a computer virus
- 56 Won the 2008 Melbourne Cup - saw that coming!
- 57 another name for a stockman

## Down

- 1 Animal Care and Protection Act 2001 (initials)
- 2 girth straps and stirrups are parts of this
- 3 Type of hoof rot caused by wet and dirty conditions
- 5 Palm Island street named after FNQ town
- 6 Australia's wild horse
- 8 stops a horse from looking sideways
- 9 League team with a horsey name
- 12 Junior League Challenge in honour of this Cowboy (2 words)
- 14 NT station where Gurindji stockmen walked off in 1966 (2 words)
- 15 a mare is pregnant for this many months
- 17 fits over a horse's head
- 19 Good fertiliser, but worm eggs grow here - better clean it up!
- 20 type of horse that moves back and forth: \_\_\_\_\_ horse
- 22 Popular racing guide, and name of this year's Moonee Valley Cup winner (2 words)
- 23 Indigenous Rights leader of the 1966 stockmen's protest (2 words)
- 24 'The pride of Bwgcolman' - DPIF student's horse care book 4
- 25 Vaccinations at Palm Island given in October for this - ouch! (2 words)
- 27 this type of boot worn by stockmen \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ boots
- 29 Injured humans and horses might need this shot to stop bacterial infection
- 34 Regular trimming and shodding hooves prevents a horse becoming this
- 35 Billy Slater's job before he played rugby league
- 36 rodeo performer - bozo was never this quick!
- 38 Busy Palm Island avenue with a fruity flavour
- 40 Keep this clean and fresh and easy to reach - horses get thirsty too!
- 41 Another name for a cattle round-up
- 42 Cowboys player who loves horses: says this in Bwgcolman horse care books (2 words)
- 45 Only horse to win the Melbourne Cup three times
- 47 Pauline and Shaun \_\_\_\_\_ helped organise this - action-packed!
- 48 Bike and horse riders both wear these - it's for your safety
- 49 Brisbane suburb where this horse virus first found



## Hints for horse owners, riders and carers (2)

**Grooming is an important time to spend looking after, bonding and checking your horse for any injuries or sores.**

As horse owners one of our main responsibilities is to keep our horses safe and free from injury and pain.

A good all-purpose grooming brush will cost between \$10-\$20 and is a good investment in your horse's health – any produce store will stock these.

Grooming your horse to remove all dust and grit from the coat before being ridden will help prevent back sores.

Riding a horse covered with dirt and grit could cause these sores to develop.

Once a horse gets a sore on its back it should not be ridden until the sore heals.

Check the horse' back before riding as there could be a small wound that would open up into a bigger wound if ridden.

Whilst grooming keep your eyes out for any injuries.

Also check that your horse is walking normally and not limping. If your horse is in any way injured or showing signs of not being fit and healthy, don't ride it. If you do, you will only make him worse by tomorrow and he will need more care and money spent on him to make him better.

Grooming also helps get rid of little mites and some worm eggs.

This helps stop the worm eggs from getting into his stomach and hatching. (We will talk about worms and worming next time.)

Groom out all the burrs in his mane and tail as well.

His mane and tail are important to keeping away those pesky flies and mosquitoes.

Taking these few simple steps will make your horse more comfortable when being ridden and it will work better and be more interested in you and what you want to do.

***Hint for the rider safety first***

***Wash our hands thoroughly after grooming and riding;  
you don't want to get those worms either!***

**If you have a question about horses, send them in to the Editor and we'll get your answer for you. See contact details on the back page!**



## **AT THE CAIRNS ALLBLACKS**

***Pictured: Facing page - U18s side;  
Above - Bulls vs Waru; Right - Palm  
Island Rugby League President Ili  
Dabea; Below: Barracudas warming up  
(on a warm day!);  
Bottom: Bulls at half time.***

***Full Story on p 16  
More pics on p 9***



# Big Palm presence at Cairns AllBlacks

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**Queensland's biggest All-Blacks carnival was held in Cairns last month (October 16-18) at the Cairns Junior Rugby League grounds on Mann Street.**

30 teams played in the men's section, seven in the women and nine in the under-18s. Palm Island Barracudas and Bulls were there, as was our own under-18 side.

It was the biggest crowd most of the footballers had played in front of, with almost 12,000 spectators in attendance on the last day. Palm Island boasted the biggest number of supporters and they cheered every time their players scored.

A gallery of NRL stars competed at the Cairns carnival including Obe Geia junior who played for the Barracudas. Others included Cowboys backs Ty Williams for Innisfail Waru, Sydney Rabbitohs halfback Chris Sandow, plus Wests Tigers pair Robert Lui and Daine Lawrie. Injured champion Cowboy Matty Bowen coached a Hopevale team at the carnival. Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey and councillors Ruth Gorringer and Zina Prior were also there. Mayor Lacey had his pic snapped with Lawrie and Lui near the sideline.



*Taking on a bigger opponent (or two) was Palm Islander Darryl Pearson, who played for plate winners Bindal Sharks*

Sandow shone for the Cherbourg Hornets who lost the grand final 36-40 to the Argun Warriors, a team of players of TSI descent.

Lui played with Cannonballs who narrowly missed the semi-finals and Lawrie played with Townsville side the Bindal Sharks who won the plate grand final 46-4.

The ladies final was won 20-16 by Ivanhoe Maidens from Cairns over Murri Gumma's.

**More pics on pages 9 & 15!**

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