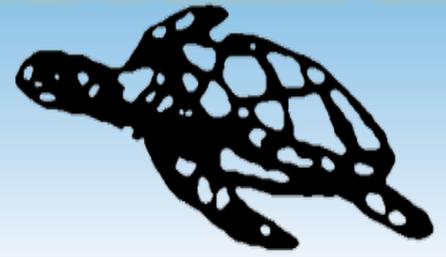




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Ow, look out! They're out there again...

The Stinger Season has arrived with one person from Palm Island already confirmed as stung by one of the marine creatures.

It's a timely reminder that prevention is better than cure, says paramedic Ian Day.

The young person concerned had her stinger suit purchased for her the week before, but wasn't wearing it at the time of the attack.

After a painful night in hospital she told the *Palm Island Voice* she wouldn't be going into the water again without it. QAS Palm Island has just taken delivery of this year's supply of stinger suits and for the first time now cater for all ages and all sizes from size 2 child to size 28 adult.

Mr Day said some sizes were limited and sales would be on a "first in, first served" basis. He also said they could not take book-ups, only cash.

www.BarrierReefAustralia.com



Condolence message from Brigadier Stuart Smith

The most senior Army officer in north Queensland has sent an exclusive message of condolence to the *Palm Island Voice* to mark the passing of "greatly admired" elder Bill Coolburra.

More than 500 Palm Islanders and visitors from the mainland attended Mr Coolburra's funeral service on the Island last weekend. Brigadier Stuart Smith said "all ranks of the Australian Army in north Queensland mourn the passing of Bill Coolburra".

"In life, Bill was greatly admired by our Army for three reasons," he said. "First, he was an accomplished soldier. "Indeed, he had proven his bravery as a combat engineer with the 3rd Field Troop, Royal Australian Engineers during operations in South Vietnam. "He was also a strong local leader. He worked tirelessly to foster greater understanding and cooperation between peoples within the community. "That is why we named our annual social Rugby

League match between the Palm Island Skipjacks and Lavarack Barracks Army as the Coolburra Shield event. "Lastly, and most importantly, he was a mentor. He encouraged young people to consider a career in the Australian Defence Force. "His gentle advice, compassion and honesty were an example to all. "We were proud to consider him a part of our military family. "Ever after, but especially on ANZAC Day, we will remember him. "Lest we forget."

Smoke alarm saved lives

A smoke alarm potentially saved the lives, and a good deal of discomfort, for residents in Gribble St last week.

Palm Island paramedic Ian Day said the occupants of the house were all asleep when a possible electrical fault caused their washing machine to catch on fire, filling the house with thick black smoke.

"All the occupants of the house were asleep when they were awoken by the sound of the smoke alarm going off," he said.

"When the occupants came out of their rooms they found the house filled with black thick smoke, they all managed to get outside before being overcome with the smoke.

"The residence was ventilated and the fire in the machine was put out.

"The moral of the story the smoke alarm has saved lives here - all residents should check their smoke alarms and if the batteries need replacing do it.

"You never know when this could happen to you and again, prevention is better than cure."



Cleaning up our beautiful Island

On Saturday 7 November Rotary Ingham and Day & Day hosted a Clean Up Day for Palm Island in conjunction with PIAC. Teams of volunteers emu paraded from the foreshore area to the farm, so we can all enjoy a clean view once again...



Pictured here is Mark Spinks from TAFE Pimlico teaching a combination class of trainees from Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, QBuild and Coolgaree CDEP. They're doing the ATSI Housing Maintenance Course, designed to teach them skills which will mean local people taking the place of QBuild in doing that type of work on the Island.

Close games mark Cardwell commemoration

Palm Island Jets earned the respect of a huge crowd when they travelled to Cardwell to play a game of football in memory of Jack Henry and Desmond (Joe) Romelo last weekend, writes roving *Palm Island Voice* reporter Alf Wilson.

The Jets played the Girringun Pirates which included many top quality Tully club players who compete in the strong Cairns A grade rugby league competition.

Girringun Pirates beat Jets 48-40 in the A grade match played at Cardwell Sports Ground in front of 500 people.

In the earlier under-17 game Palm Island Barracudas defeated Girringun Pirates 44-20.

The day of sports and cultural activities was hosted by the Girringun Aboriginal Corporation who deserve glowing praise for their efforts.

Not only did they organise a traditional welcome to country by elders, but events such as face painting for the kids, three legged races, tug of war, touch football, and other activities were ongoing over the day.

That night everybody enjoyed a Kupp Murri, karaoke or a band.



Barracudas under-17 team celebrating a good win in the curtain-raiser for a great day

More on pages 8-9

Unions slam government 'defence' of stolen wages

The Queensland Council of Unions has slammed the State of Queensland for claiming it has no responsibility to Aboriginal people whose wages were forcibly controlled by the state for decades.

The government has lodged its defence against legal action undertaken on behalf of Uncle Conrad Yeatman in August this year.

QCU General Secretary Ron Monaghan said the Parliament enacted the legislation.

"It's outrageous to hear that the State of Queensland claims that the protectors were not in a position of special trust and confidence to Uncle Conrad," he said.

"It was "The Aboriginals Preservation and Protection Act" that provided for the

protectors to take control of his wages. It's hard to believe that the government can now claim that it doesn't have a fiduciary responsibility after enacting such laws."

Mr Monaghan said the government had also claimed in its defence, that it had been too long since the alleged acts took place and any records that could have proved this case have been destroyed.

"The State of Queensland had a moral responsibility to keep accurate records of the acts of the Protectors," he said.

"It is astounding that the State would now rely on the destruction of those records. This has just added insult to injury for Uncle Conrad and his fellow claimants. The Government should allow this matter to be determined on

its merits. If the Protectors are found to have done the wrong thing, then the Government should pay Uncle Conrad fair compensation. They shouldn't be hiding behind legal technicalities. Uncle Conrad has been trying for years to have justice done and he now stands accused by the State Government of letting too much time pass. Uncle Conrad and his fellow workers should not be carrying the can for this. All the government needs to do is come good on its promise to pay these workers what was promised to them in 2002. Queensland unions will continue to fight for Uncle Conrad in his quest to gain wage justice for himself and all those workers whose wages were stolen."



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Albert Gorrings' apprentice Daryl Huddy is pictured here with TAFE assessor and lecturer Ian Dockray.

Ian was on the Island to sign Daryl Huddy off on his last block work for the year. Daryl is now in his third year as a cabinet maker and will now be exposed to mainstream furniture manufacturing in Townsville. Ian will be setting this up once contact has been made with a suitable workplace. As a result of this experience Daryl will gain additional vital skills which he can then utilise back on Palm.



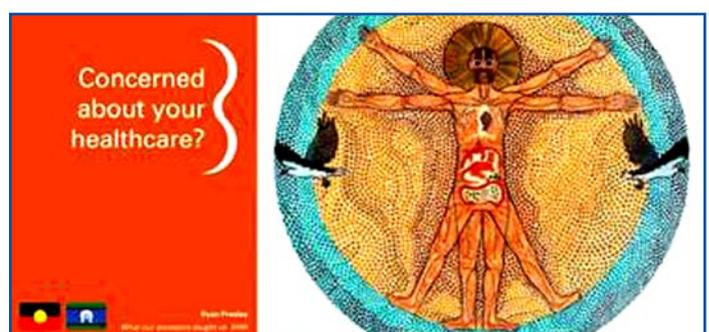
Dawn Bligh started work with Coolgaree in early May as our receptionist.

Dawn has been very good for the office area, she has a great sense of humour and is always willing to take on additional tasks. She is currently preparing for more training in book keeping with the MYOB system, as well as working with experienced senior staff members to develop her skills so she can eventually be promoted to the next level of administration within Coolgaree.

Queensland's independent health watchdog is urging Indigenous Queenslanders to speak up about the safety and quality of their health care.

Less than two per cent of complaints and enquiries to the Health Quality and Complaints Commission (HQCC) were made by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people this year. In response, the HQCC has launched new information cards (pictured) - featuring basic information and contact details, as well as paintings by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists.

To view the information cards, please visit our website: <http://www.hqcc.qld.gov.au/>
To order, email your details to: engage@hqcc.qld.gov.au



Call for parents to 'do something about it'

Staff at the Sandy Boyd Aged Care Hostel are fed up with kids – some as young as seven or eight – making noise, throwing rocks and burning things at night around the centre.

Trainer Hilda Winks said while there was no set pattern, it was almost a nightly event.

"They have no respect when you come out and growl at them," she said.

"They stand there and mouth off at you with every foul obscenity that they can think of.

"When you threaten to call the police they say 'by the time the police come we are off sister' and so what do you do?"

"There is no patrol, they disappear and then an hour later they are back and its on again, all night, until 4am or 5 am.

"I have seen a horse been ridden on the veranda of the old hostel, when they were approached they just laughed and took off again.

"That's putting the horse's life in danger as well as any one who gets in the road."

She said it was the same group every night.

"Surely other parents see them doing these things but they don't do anything, maybe they are afraid of family or the parents on their back about it."



A quick word from...

**Paul James
OIC Palm Island**



Motorbikes

Everyone will have seen the new signs up around the town – trail bike riding won't be tolerated. I am happy for kids to be out riding motorbikes but you need to go out in the bush and do it, don't ride on the roads or footpaths. We have tried to give everyone a fair go but people haven't stopped riding on the roads or footpaths or racing around in town on noisy bikes. We have received a lot of complaints about the bikes and given out plenty of warnings so we will have to start charging people and seizing bikes now. What is particularly annoying for people is motorbikes racing around the cemetery when funerals are on. I would urge any parents to have a good think before buying their kids a motorbike about how and where they will ride it and whether they are prepared to buy a trailer as well.

Dry places

People may apply to have their homes declared a dry place. If you want to do this come to the police station and complete the application that we send to the Townsville Courthouse. All the tenants must agree to it so if you can bring a copy of your tenancy agreement that would be good. What it means is that your

home becomes an alcohol free zone and it becomes an offence for people to take alcohol there. If you want to do that it might create a good environment for your children and family.

Coolgaree Bar & Bistro

Whatever your views on alcohol the Canteen will be opening again at some stage. Essentially restrictions are put in place to prevent things like alcohol related violence and health problems. It has been a tough job for those behind the Canteen and its future will depend on those who use it and how they behave. It will be only when the Canteen is not contributing to problems on the Island that there will be an opportunity for them to expand on their services.

I am going to be working at Ayr over the next couple of months but I will be coming back and forwards. **Tony Hosie (pictured above) will be running the station when I am gone.** Every time I go away for a couple of days lately people think I have left. I will go before I end up in Sandy Boyd but I will be here for awhile yet and I will say goodbye before I go.

Paul James

We've got mail!

OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Community Members,

On Thursday 5th November 2009 the Kootana Members had a protest in relation to the Palm Island Community Company and the Department of Communities. Our protest was due to the decision by the Department to cease funding to Kootana and allocate the funding for the service that we provided to the new Palm Island Community Company.

The reason for this was due to the Director General Linda Apelt and the Minister Karen Struthers were not confident that we were delivering a service. We have been delivering this service for the past 24 years and the decision to shut us down is unfair and unjust – no reasons have been provided to us, not even an opportunity to respond to any concerns that they may have.

The Department wanted us to sign a new Service Agreement to agree for the Palm Island Community Company to take over our services. We refused to sign this because we believed that we had signed a three-year Agreement with the Department on the 28th June 2007. They have refused to release funding to us unless we agree for the Palm Island Company to take over. We have been delivering a service to our women and children in crisis up until now.

A Petition signed by 1026 community members requesting that Kootana continue to be funded to provide this very important and vital service in our community is being sent to the Minister Karen Struthers.

The Department have asked us to vacate the premises before or on the 1st December 2009 so that the Palm Island Community Company can take over.

We ask that all community members support us the Department and the Palm Island Community Company cannot come and mislead us to believe that they are here to help us when they are taking over and causing these services to be obsolete and their Staff unemployed.

Yours Sincerely,

Board of Directors, Staff, Clients and Members of Kootana Women's Centre Palm Island Aboriginal Corporation.

Out & About ... in Cairns!



Australian bantam weight professional boxing champion Fred Mundraby was delighted to catch up with some Palm Island mates in an unexpected manner at a restaurant in Cairns the other week.

World-ranked fighter Fred turned up for breakfast at Sizzler during the last morning of the Cairns Allblacks carnival which had two Palm Island senior sides and an under-18 team entered.

As Fred walked around the food area he spotted the entire Palm under-18 side sitting down to enjoy brekkie.

"It was good to see the boys and my mate Selwyn Seaton is there and a few other boys. There are some talented boxers on Palm," he said.

When Palm Island football teams and boxers travel away they inject lots of money into economies where they go to. They spend money on food, accommodation, hire vehicles, fuel and the Palm under-18 contingent was by far the biggest party at Sizzler that morning.

Fred said to say 'hello' to Palm boxing trainer Ray Dennis and he expects lots of Islanders to be cheering for him when he fights in Townsville in December.

Words & Pics by Alf Wilson



Drama 'striking a pose' at Bwngcolman school

Bwngcolman Community school's year 3-4 classes have been busy doing drama this term.

Miss Kirsten and Miss Rhiannon's class (MidA) have been busy striking poses this term for their Drama Drama Drama unit.

In this unit students create and perform roles as they participate in a story book drama based on the text 'Amy and Louis' by Libby Gleeson and Freya Blackwood.

Every week students have been participating in a variety of different Drama stories -and enjoying the acting.

Some of the drama activities include: Tableau, where small groups of students create a freeze frame of an object using their bodies, Gossip Mill, where students have to spread their ideas about a fictional character in the book to others and then find out which rumours are the most popular, and Thought tracking emotions, where students freeze as different 'Amy and Louis' characters and respond as their characters when touched.

The students especially enjoy creating Tableaus and the Call & Response activity in which a blindfolded student must follow the special call of another student until they find them.



Here are some of the things students enjoyed the most about the activities:

Zareese Baira loved being blindfolded in the Call & Response activity;

Tallis Ross liked participating in the Clumps warm up activity in which circulating students have to sit down in 'clumps' of a number that is called out;

Dianne Fulford, Davena Miller, Sarkeita Williams and Tarrisha Baira enjoyed turning themselves into a car; and, Eliar Charles and Edward Robertson liked making a human computer in the Tableau activity.

Everyone has been eagerly participating in all drama activities!

On November 18 and 19 we will also be having a drama and circus performer come from Townsville's La Luna Youth Arts theatre to run a two day workshop with our students.

Hopefully we'll learn some special tricks and put on an amazing performance!



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.

Cardwell memorial footy day success

The undoubted highlight of the day was the first grade football match.

Not many locals gave Jets much of a hope considering they were heavily outweighed in the forward pack by a Pirates side with many top notch Tully players.

At half time Pirates led 24-18 but Jets team was firing with inspirational captain Caleb Geia and another back Tabua Oui providing the platform for a comeback.

With 15 minutes remaining Jets led 34-30 but Pirates scored three late tries to one by the Palm Islanders to win narrowly.

Young back William Blackman was outstanding scoring three tries after backing up from a top performance in the under 17 game whilst Tabua Oui scored 20 points from two tries and six goals.

Moa Sam and Alf Clay junior were leading the way in the forwards and Craig Desatge was safe at fullback.

Tabua Oui was named best and fairest in the final and William Blackman player of the tournament with the under 17 match also considered. Best back was Nelson Muriata and best forward Tony Talama both of Pirates.



A Grade: Girringun Pirates 48 (Darryl Grant 2, Nelson Muriata 2, Shane Muriata, John Boslem, Neil Jesse, Shaun Mothe 1 tries, Shaun Mothe 2, Chris Muriata 2, John Boslem 1 goals) d Palm Island Jets 40 (William Blackman 3, Tabua Oui 2, Craig Desatge, Alf Clay jnr 1 tries, Tabua Oui 6 goals).
Under-17: Palm Island Barracudas 44 (David Sam, Clinton Burns, William Blackman, Robert Bulsey, Kenny Wilson, Frank Aden, Selwyn Seaton 1 tries, Robert Bulsey 4 goals, Gary Marpoondin 2 goals) d Girringun Pirates 20.



It was a fine all-round effort by Palm Island Barracudas to win.

Best and fairest from both sides was back Robert Bulsey, best back William Blackman and young achiever award going to David Sam.

Pirates George Beeron was the best forward. At the presentation former-Palm Island Deputy Mayor Zac Sam said that football was the winner.

"We hope this will become an annual event and we remember young Joe Romelo who played on Palm Island," Mr Sam said.

Palm Island Voice was there for both games and yarned and snapped pics of many of the Palm Islanders who travelled to Cardwell, including one of the Jets Club founders Elizabeth Clay.

Alf Wilson

Palm Island Senior Campus
PISC News

November 2009



As this will be our last lot of news for 2009, staff of PISC would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over this past year and look forward to next year. We would also like to wish you a safe and merry holiday season.

We have exciting, and sad, time ahead. Our year 12 will be finished their secondary school lives on the 20th of November.

This is exciting as within the week they will be commencing their post school lives and we all wish them the very best in what lies ahead.

Then on the 27th of November the year 11s will finish for the year, ready for a well-earned holiday.

This doesn't mean that attending up to these dates is any less important as the students still have work to complete.

Also just as a reminder school hours are 9am to 3pm and students are required to be on campus during these hours.

It is great so see some students are arriving before this and accessing our breakfast facilities.

It is also great to see students remaining on campus during their lunch breaks. We would greatly appreciate it if any community member who see our students roaming around the community to send them back to school.

It would also be appreciated if shop owners would refrain from serving Palm Island Senior Campus students between the hours of 9am and 3pm.

The most important up coming date for our campus is our awards ceremony.

This will be held on the 19th of November at the PCYC and will start promptly at 10:30am.

During this ceremony we have a number of awards to give out.

We also have several students that have

completed one or more certificates which will be handed out.

It would be great to see as many parents attend as possible.

This will be a catered event and we would love for you to stay for a bite to eat afterwards.

One of the things that have brought us a joy this year is the way that students and community have taken pride in the senior school.

We would like to commend everyone on taking an active roll in keeping the school grounds and building relatively free from graffiti and vandalism.

With the Christmas holidays just around the corner this means that the school will need extra eyes to keep the building and ground in such good condition.

As a final bit of news our current co-ordinate, Sylvia Wagner, will be leaving us at the end of the year.

She has decided to go back to country next year and we wish her all the best.

Once again we wish you all a safe and merry Christmas and look forward to see you all again next year.

Yours in Education,

Sylvia Wagner, Co-ordinator

Stephen Malpas, Mathematics

Dane Paulsen, English

Iaga Viri & Lindsey Malone, Case Managers

Hints for horse owners – teeth (3)

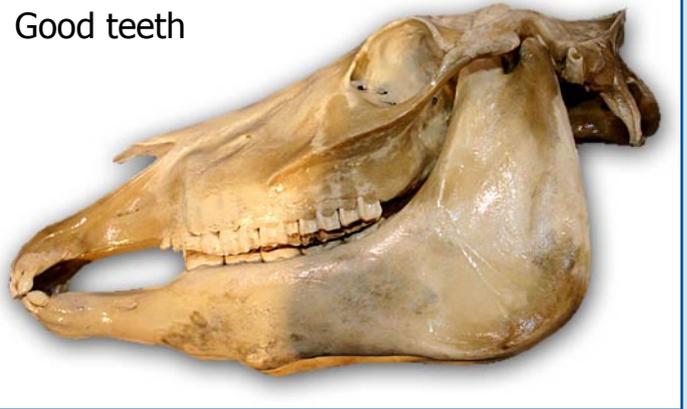
We all need to go to a dentist regularly so we keep healthy teeth which help us chew food to help good digestion. So does a horse.

Care of your horse's teeth is a very important part of owning a horse. A horse with bad teeth can lose a lot of weight because it can't eat properly and digest its food. Bad teeth can cause other problems as well such as painful gums, face swelling and discharge from the nose.

Any horse with a smelly mouth or nose will more than likely have badly infected teeth.

Often a horse develops sharp edges on their teeth that cut into the tongue and gums; this makes it very painful for the

Good teeth



A male horse has 40 permanent teeth and a mare may have 36 to 40 permanent teeth. These teeth grow throughout their life time, so they need to be looked after properly to ensure they last the lifetime of the horse.

A vet or a competent horse dentist should check your horse's teeth at least once a year. They will smooth off any sharp edges with a file called a "float". Problem teeth in horses can also cause food to drop out of the mouth, drooling, head-tossing or bit chewing and blood in the mouth.

Bad teeth



horse to eat.

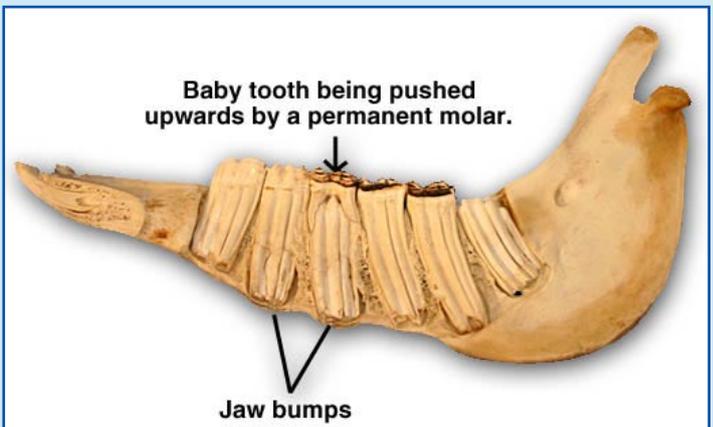
Horses have baby teeth that are replaced by permanent teeth but sometimes baby teeth need veterinary attention if they don't come free by themselves.

Sharp or jagged teeth also makes a bit uncomfortable in the horses mouth and make them difficult to handle in the bridle.

Male horses grow what is called a wolf tooth when they are about four years old and if you want to ride the horse this tooth has to be removed by a vet. It is cruel to ride a horse with a wolf tooth until it had been removed and has had time to heal.

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!

Baby tooth being pushed upwards by a permanent molar.



Jaw bumps

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Public & Community Notices



Stinger Season 2009 -
2010 be prepared Stinger
Suits now available

Prices of suits - Infants Sizes 2 - 8 \$20
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Department of Community Services
Palm Island Ambulance (QAS)
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DAY & DAY SHIPPING

Palm Island Service Schedule **"MV OLYMPIC"**

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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
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For all bookings please
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DAY & DAY SHIPPING

Palm Island Voice Crossword 46



Queensland
Government

Careers with Queensland Health

Advanced Health Worker

Joyce Palmer Health Service, 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. (f/t), or Salary rates; \$23.81 - \$26.19 p.h. (p/t) employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Several full time and part time positions, hours negotiable. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) JAR: H09TV10371. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide an advanced level of contemporary primary health care skills (with minimal supervision), aimed at supporting the health and wellbeing of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, with particular reference to health priorities and healthy lifestyle issues. Advocate for client needs, and provide culturally respectful services by negotiating and consulting with community members, and networking with other professions and service providers. Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position. 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: Judy Ruru (07) 4752 5161 or (07) 4752 5100.

Advanced Health Worker (Indigenous Sexual and Reproductive Men's Health)

Joyce Palmer Health Service, 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., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H09TV10533.

Duties/Abilities: Work collaboratively within the multidisciplinary team to provide quality sexual health care of Men's Health to the clients of Joyce Palmer Health Service. 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: Rachel Tipoti (07) 4752 5100.

To apply for the positions grouped above:

Application Kit: (07) 4750 6775 or

www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

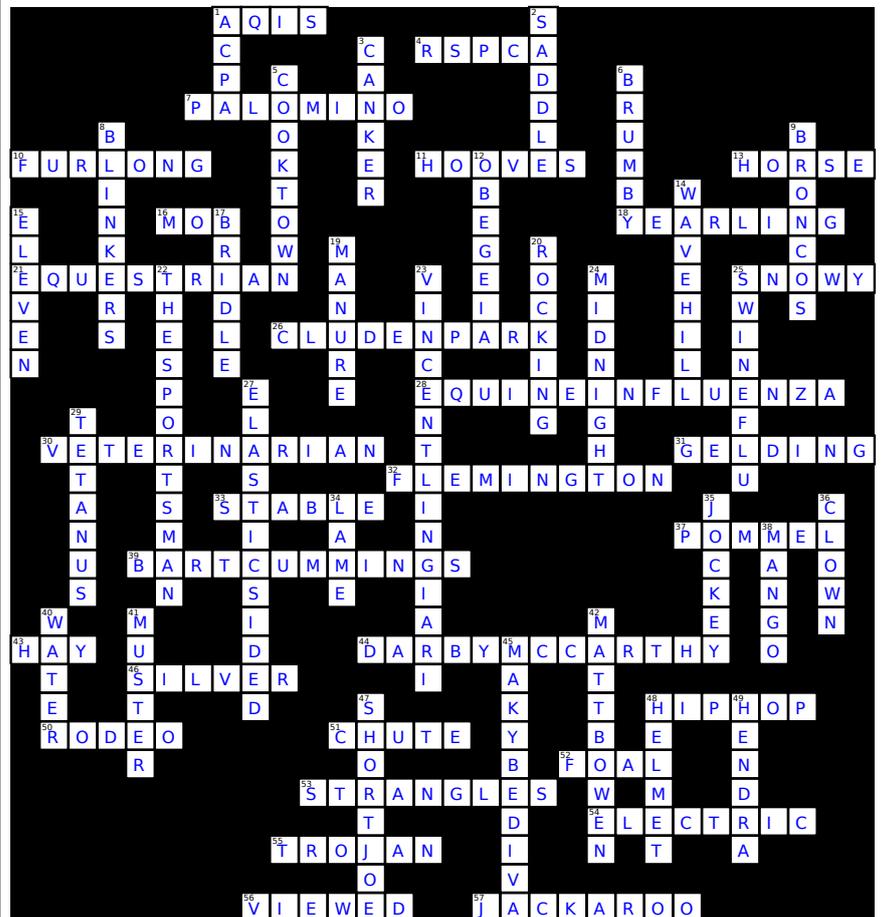
Closing Date: Monday, 30 November 2009.

You can apply online at

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.

Here are the answers to last week's crossword from David Goeldner, put together with the help of the crossword puzzle maker at <http://www.armoredpenguin.com.crossword/>



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Cricket organisers keen for Palm Island involvement

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Story & Pics by Alf Wilson

The Rainforest Cup was held in Tully on October 31 and November 1 and is the second biggest Indigenous cricket carnival in Australia behind the huge Imparja Cup held annually at Alice Springs.

Brisbane based Larry Budd, the chairperson of the Indigenous Cricket Advisory Committee Queensland, was at the latest Rainforest Cup in Tully and told the Palm Island Voice that plans were in place to invite a Palm Island side next year.

"We are looking at inviting former Australian opening batsman Matthew Hayden to come here and also hopefully NITV will film it and Indigenous Radio Station 4KIG will do a live broadcast. Also we plan to invite a Palm Island side here and will invite Tasmanian Imparja Cup star Bernie Lamont and his brother Colin who was born there," Mr Budd said.

Lamont is one of Australia's best Indigenous cricketers and is now based at Latrobe in Tasmania.

An all-rounder, he has been a star for Tasmania at recent Imparja Cup carnivals where his side was beaten by Queensland in the last final.

His brother Colin Lamont was also born on Palm Island and both have played A Grade cricket in Sydney, Townsville and in Tasmania where they are now living.

"We are very excited about the prospect of a chance to play at the next Rainforest Cup for Palm Island and would love to get back there during the trip as we were born there and it special to us," Colin Lamont told the *Palm Island Voice* last week.

Hayden is one of Australia's greatest ever opening batsmen and is heavily involved in the development of Indigenous cricket, and Budd hinted he may even line up as a guest player for Palm.

Although no cricket fixtures are played on Palm, many local residents have played the game



Colin Lamont at home in Tasmania – excited about the chance to play in Tully next year

whilst attending schools on the mainland.

The leg work for a Palm side competing at the Rainforest Cup was done when four Australia A cricketers visited the island during July.

More than 40 Palm Island youngsters took part in a development coaching clinic on July 1 when four Australia A Cricket Team players Jason Krezja, Adam Voges, John Holland and George Bailey conducted a one hour clinic beside the Palm Island esplanade.

With them was Queensland Cricket Association Regional Cricket Manager Barry Weare and handed out Commonwealth Bank donated cricket equipment for the local community.

Townsvillebased North Queensland Indigenous Cricket Advisory Committee Representative Noel Gertz did much the local organization for the visit and said that it was a great success.

"At first about 12 youngsters took part and once they saw the others involved that ended up about 40," Gertz said.

They were invited into the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire office where they were welcomed by Deputy Mayor Cr. Raymond Sibley.



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Left: Bernie Lamont, also at home in Tasmania; Above: Crs Zina Prior & Mick Thaiday with Deputy Mayor Raymond Sibley and the four Australia A cricketers sharing a view with some of the young Palm Islanders who took part in the clinic; Right: The four Australia A cricketers in the Palm Island Council office accepting the gift of some local artwork.*



Cr Sibley was handed a signed photographic gift by the players and then presented them with a work of art created by a local.

Amongst the welcoming party was Maggie Blackley who is a committee member of the Palm Island Sports and Recreation Association.

"We have plans to develop a side from Palm which will compete anywhere in Australia including the Goldfield Ashes at Charters Towers and the Rainforest Cup in Tully. This has been good for the island," Mrs Blackley said at the time.

Weare and the four players then conducted the clinic watched by parents and family members with the youngest participant being

two-year-old Ian Ketchup.

Present at the clinic were Palm Island Shire Councillors Zina Prior and Mick Thaiday.

"We really enjoyed coming to the island which is a beautiful place and even looked for whales on the flight over but never saw any. It was good to see so many kids involved and hopefully they play cricket," said Bailey who hails from Hobart Tasmania.

After the clinic, the youngsters and guests were treated to some healthy fruit under a tent.

Home side Tully Bima defeated Waratah Road Runners of Ingham in the grand final of the 2009 Rainforest Cup Indigenous cricket which had nine men's sides.

Innisfail Dolphins took out the final of the women's section beating Waratah Tiddas with all carnival games played under the exciting Twenty 20 format.

Local team ousted by eventual winners in Yarrabah

PALM Island was rated the best team played against by Simon Anau, the coach of the grand final winning team Malu Kiai/Koey Zugub at the Bishop Arthur Malcolm Yarrabah Seahawks All Blacks carnival at Yarrabah Aboriginal Community over the November 7-8 weekend.



The visiting Palm Island side was amongst 12 teams at the carnival including other visitors from Hopevale, Wujal Wujal and Woorabinda.

Palm Island performed strongly in the qualifying matches reaching the semi final where they lost narrowly to Malu Kiai/Koey Zugu (pictured above).

"The Palm Island team was very good and it was a close game and we just won 18-16. They pushed us and would have been a big chance in the grand final if they had beaten us," Anau said.

The Malu Kiai/Koey Zugub team broke a long drought when they beat Townsville side Barkey Warriors 43-26 in the final of the carnival named in honour of Seahawks Patron Bishop Arthur Malcolm.

Coach of the Palm Island side was Thomas Morgan and the manager Robert Ryan.

Palm Island sides have travelled far and wide in recent months also playing at the Bindal Sharks United carnival in Townsville and the Cairns Allblacks carnival during October.

A week after the Yarrabah carnival Palm under 17 and A grade sides travelled to Cardwell for matches against local teams Giringun Pirates for games in loving memory of Jack Henry and Desmond (Joe) Romelo.

After a well earned break over the Christmas festive season Palm footballers will be training hard in the new year for the Vern and Frank Daisy Cup at Townsville Sports Reserve during early February.

Palm sides have also been invited to the Mount Isa Allblacks carnival soon after that.

Alf Wilson



A cricket side from Palm Island which could include guest players such as former Australian Test opening batsman Matthew Hayden and one of the best Indigenous players in the country - Bernie Lamont - will be invited to the 2010 Rainforest Cup carnival. Pictured is Larry Budd in Tully.
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