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Mum was the word



Bernice Day, left, and Rotarian Tony Caruana with mums, a child and grocery hampers each mother received to the value of \$60

WONDERFUL Palm Island mothers, grandmothers, great-great grandmothers and even a few great-great-great grandmothers were pampered at an “Honouring Mother’s Lunch” at the local PCYC the day before Mother’s Day earlier this month – and they all loved it.

Women aged from 17 to 80+ were treated to massages, had their hair styled, nails painted, and make up applied.

The event was organised by Deniece Geia of

the Palm Island Red Cross, with assistance from Lavenia Tuibua, and support from PCYC manager Police Sgt Bernard Mead.

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DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!!

**THIS SATURDAY, 22 MAY, POLLS OPEN 8AM – 6PM
 AT BWGCOLMAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

THE LIST OF EIGHT CANDIDATES IS: Wesley Lenoy*; Susan Pryor; Veronica Coutts; Hal Walsh; Cindy Clumpoint; Victor Daisy; Delena Foster; Robert Blackley.

* NB Wesley Lenoy was not listed in Palm Island Voice Issue 54 for reasons beyond our editorial control.



LARGE potholes have been an ongoing problem for vehicles at the carpark of the Palm Island Airport, but they will soon be a thing of the past. Heavy machinery is presently working hard to totally resurface the parking area. Much of the work is being done over weekends to ensure as little inconvenience as possible for airport users.

Barracudas win recognised on QRL webpage

The magnificent 40-4 win by the Palm Island Barracudas over Bowen in the curtain raiser to the Foley Shield earlier this month has been praised on the official Queensland Rugby League website.

The website is accessed by tens of thousands of football fans weekly and the Barracudas had a TEAM PHOTO snapped after the victory and a story on it.

Under the headline of 'PALM ISLAND'S BIG DAY OUT' it reads:

"A ONE off game against Bowen has highlighted Palm Island's incredible passion for rugby league.

In a major boost for the Palm Island community, the Barracudas were able to showcase their skills at last weekend's Foley Shield Carnival in Townsville.

The enthusiastic side tackled Bowen on Sunday in a curtain-raiser to the Foley Shield final between Townsville and 2010 surprise packets Mount Isa/Mid West.

The Barracudas romped in, displaying all their usual attacking flair in the big 40-4 victory.

Palm Island fans, who took the ferry to Townsville for the big game, threw their support behind the Barracudas.



"It was the loudest the crowd was all day," said QRL Northern Division manager Scott Nosworthy.

Although badly beaten on the scoreboard, the match provided a victory of sorts for Bowen. The town contested its first rugby league match after a lengthy 13-year absence.

Now known as the Bulldogs, Bowen's rugby league faithful have some big plans in the pipeline.

The website can be accessed at <http://www.qrl.com.au>

MORE FOOTY NEWS ON PAGES 10-11

Boxers walk the red carpet in Sydney



Selwyn Seaton, Craig Desatge, Dennis Haines Snr, Dennis Haines Jnr, Noby Clay & trainer Ray Dennis at Townsville airport

Palm Island boxers, family members and trainer Ray Dennis were treated like royalty when they travelled to the Sydney Opera House for the world premiere of a documentary about their boxing club earlier this month.

The film was one of two films chosen to open the 2010 Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival. Palm Island Boxing Club trainer Ray Dennis, star female boxer Noby Clay, male fighters Selwyn Seaton, Craig Desatge, and Dennis Haines jnr, along with official Dennis Haines senior made the trip.

"We walked along the red carpet and were treated like celebrities, it was so deadly" Noby said. 'Boxing for Palm Island' was shown a number of times at the Festival and in other venues, and will be shown nationally on ABC television later this year.

It is expected the film will be publicly shown on Palm Island before the tv screening.

"We had four film showings including one at the Blacktown Arts Centre in Sydney," trainer Ray Dennis said.

"It was a great trip and Palm Island got some of the best positive coverage ever."

On their return the boxers agreed it had been a great experience.

"It was just so good to see the Opera House and meeting new people," Selwyn said.

Craig said it had been a "great experience because I had never been to Sydney before and we were treated like stars."

A highlight for Noby was when they went to

Bondi Beach and met the stars of television show 'Bondi Rescue'.

"We really loved that as we are all fans of theirs and they said now they are fans of us," she said.

Dennis Snr said he felt proud when they received a standing ovation at the Opera House.

Dennis Jnr said he enjoyed sight seeing around Sydney.

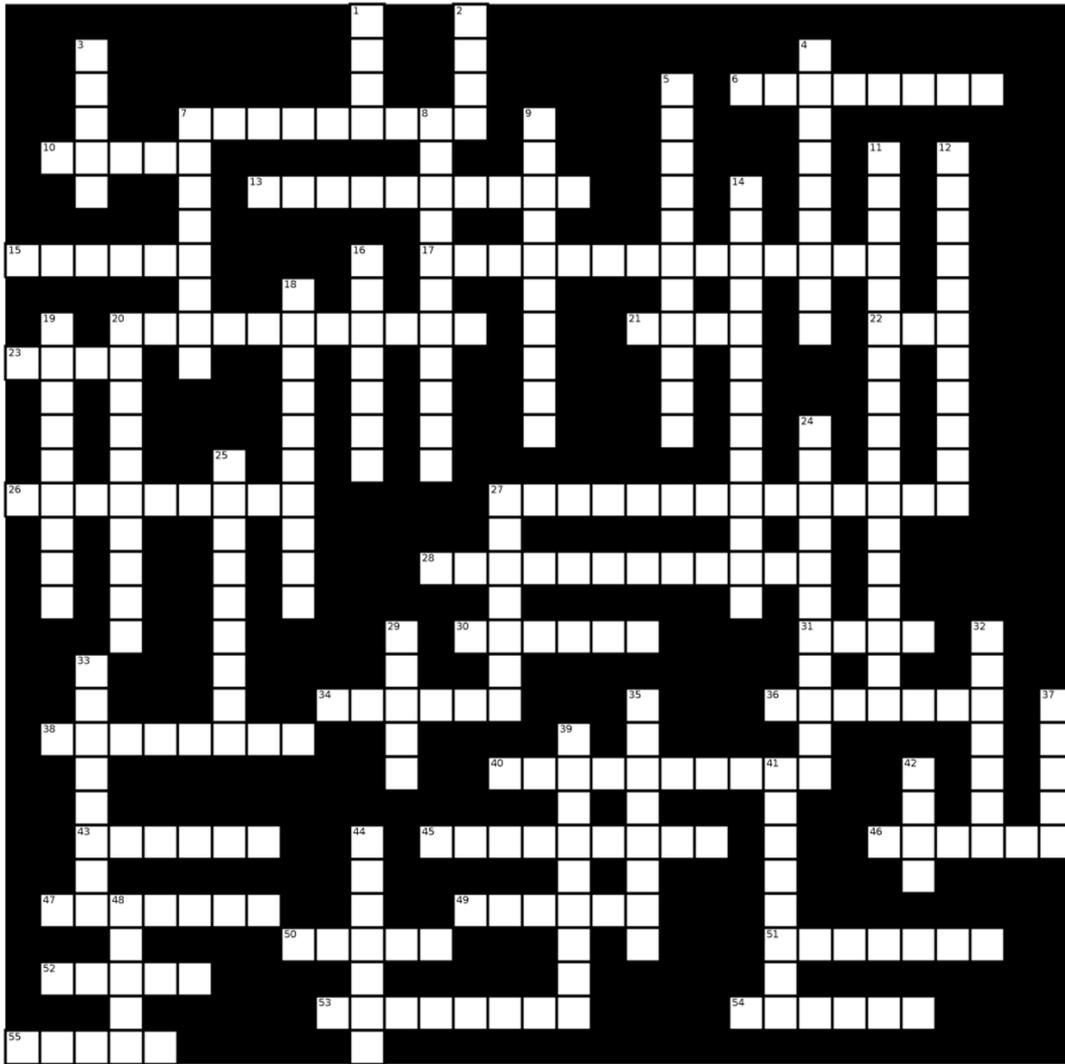
Ray said all his boxers were stars who deserved red carpet treatment.

He said he was looking forward to more success in the ring.



Selwyn Seaton, Noby Clay & Craig Desatge

PI Voice Crossword 55



Across

6. Famous indigenous dance company
7. What NSW players call the Queensland SOO team (2 words)
10. This Sam is in the RL indigenous team of the century
13. So-called 'Emperor of Lang Park' (2 words)
15. First indigenous member of Federal parliament, Neville ?
17. Most workers get 9% on top of wages into this fund
20. What QLD players call the NSW SOO team
21. Training programs held here
22. A hot drink to start the day
23. June 3 celebrates this high court victory
26. Indigenous newspaper (2 words)
27. Training period before you qualify in a trade
28. Traditional communication method and name of a popular TV show (2 words)
30. Sea cow
31. Indigenous TV station continuing with new funding
34. You get this in return for full time paid employment
36. Champion NQ sprinter off to the Commonwealth Games soon, Patrick _____
38. Indigenous actor nominated for TV Logie award, Aaron ?
40. Field technician who works in agriculture
43. This Melbourne Storm player visited Palm Island recently, Greg _____
45. Unpaid charity worker
46. Uni students want one of these
47. School educator
49. Final year of high school
50. ATSI Social Justice Commissioner, Mick _____
51. What you get when you complete TAFE
52. New national congress to replace ATSI (initials)
53. Site of 1966 Gurindji stockmen strike (2 words)

54. This bridge, this harbour, this famous walk happened ten years ago here

55. A time clock used to sign in and out of work

Down

1. A large trade show, there's one in Shanghai right now
2. Rugby League origin greats, dedicated to 'closing the gap'
3. A record of your achievements, curriculum _____
4. You might go to one of these to get a job
5. Underpaid wages to indigenous workers known as this (2 words)
7. A signed document setting out terms and conditions
8. Record holder of most State of Origin tries (2 words)
9. Good marks at school could get you a place here
11. NQ league star signed for another three years (2 words)
12. One of these will pay your study fees
14. Football series between Queensland and NSW (3 words)
16. Indigenous Affairs Minister, Jenny _____
18. A person who writes for a newspaper
19. Cowboys try scoring fullback (2 words)
20. Annual business or political meeting
24. ABC radio show in its 20th year (2 words)
25. PI boxing trainer in Sydney recently (2 words)
27. Student living allowance
29. Guides a ship through safe passage
32. Someone who supervises a business or department
33. Some get paid this for working extra hours
35. Tent embassy established in this city
37. Popular career choice in health, more are needed
39. Head of a school
41. This day coming up on 26 May (2 words)
42. Employment program
44. Australian idol winner back in 2004, Casey _____
48. Base rate of set pay in your trade

A QUEENSLAND coroner's inability to deliver a definitive finding on the death in custody of an Aboriginal man was a "tragedy", the deceased's family has told AAP journalist Evan Schwarten.

Lawyer Andrew Boe told the same reporter the actions of police had forced Coroner Brian Hine to issue an "open finding" into his death. Mr Hine said the unreliability of witnesses meant he was unable to say whether the injuries suffered by Mr Doomadgee during a struggle with Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley were inflicted intentionally or accidentally. Pictured here are supporters at the handing down of Mr Hine's findings in Townsville last week.



Pictured:
Top left: Aunt Mary Twaddle, followed by Tracey Twaddle & Andrew Boe;
Top Right: Gracelyn Smallwood & Ernie Hoolihan face the media;
Middle Left: Milton Thaiday;
Middle Centre: Shane Robertson & Zoe Wills,
Middle Right: Erykah Kyle & son Osmon, also facing the media;
Bottom left: Alf Clay Snr & David Bulsey

A special day for Mums



From page 1...

"This day was all about building community spirit and I want to thank all volunteers from the bottom of my heart," Sgt Mead said.

"Deniece and Lavenia have worked very hard for this."

Participants were served up non-alcoholic champagne and lunch and desserts cooked and prepared by a chef from Townsville.

Organisers particularly wanted to thank the numerous sponsors of the event including Rotary and Day & Day Shipping which provides barge services to Palm Island.

Other major sponsors included Palm Island Community Company and Glama Co, along with Palm Island Red Cross, Palm Island PCYC, Palm Island Police, Palm Island Community Company, Palm Island Retail Store, Palm Island Shire Council, Day & Day Shipping, Rotary Club and Senior High School Palm Island.

"Can I also mention to thank all the community volunteers and the ladies that did all the pampering, the event would not have been a success without them offering their time and talent to the mothers of Palm," Mrs Geia said.

"A big thank you to all the mothers that responded to the personal invitations, it was amazing to see so many beautiful women enjoying themselves immensely."

Rotary provided each mother with a grocery hamper to the value of \$60 delivered to their houses after the event and there were lots of prizes given away.

Bernice Day of Day & Day Shipping and Rotarian Tony Caruana volunteered their time which was much appreciated by the mothers.

The message Mrs Geia wanted to get out to all Palm Islanders is to love and respect their mothers.

"Pampering our mothers on their special day has put words into action," she said.

"Mothers were pampered by local talented Indigenous ladies as well as non-indigenous locals who have volunteered their time and expertise towards the Honouring our Mothers' Luncheon."

By all reports everyone loved their richly deserved attention and it is expected the day will become an annual event.



Dear Editor,
 I just wanted to extend a very big Thank You to Mrs Deniece Geia for the lovely Mother's Day luncheon & pampering that happened on the weekend. All mothers looked very beautiful and becoming...they truly shone. Deniece and Red Cross worked very hard to ensure for this to happen. On behalf of all the Mums that attended I would like to say much appreciation and thanks to the Organisers and Volunteers that gave up their time to make the well deserved pampering to us Mums, Nannas & Aunties, a very worthwhile and rewarding experience.
 Selena Shepherd
 Justice Group Coordinator
 Palm Island Statutory Justice Group

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
 I would like to say thank you to Deniece Geia for the concept and the successful day which was really enjoyable and a first for Palm. Some of the comments from other women - "I had a lovely day" and "It was a wonderful day, wonderful atmosphere and it was lovely to see ladies of all ages coming together, thanks to the organisers".
 We all look forward to next year!
 Andrea Kyle-Sailor

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For an appointment to see the
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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Naming of the New Sports Complex

Nominees must provide their name and full contact details, their proposed name and the reasons for their proposal.

The Council appreciate your input and would like to encourage more community members to have their say.

All nominees will be contacted following the completion of the Council's general meeting in May 2010.

CLOSING DATE 21 MAY 2010.

**If you have any questions contact
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TENDER OPPORTUNITY

Two bedroom donga at Butler Bay. Removal is the successful tenders responsibility.

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MATES they be on weekend days but come Saturday and Alec Dennis, Chris Baira, Frank Aden, Morris Walsh and Allan Bonner won't always be barracking for the same team. Alec is a supporter of the Butler Bay Bulls in the local footy competition and the other four are Raiders fans.



Celebrating Fantome Island Memories

Monday 31st May, 2010

-Ferry departs Townsville Monday 31st May at 7:30am. Morning tea will be provided with ticket-
Ferry returns Tuesday 1st June. Ferry bookings Townsville to Palm Island contact Sunferries: Ph 4726 0800.

-Free Barge to Fantome Island memorial ceremony departs Palm Island at 10:00am-
(Limited numbers - preference given to former Fantome Island residents and their families)

-Memorial service continues on Palm Island from 12:30pm-
Followed by free lunch, an exhibition and entertainment. A Fantome Island DVD
will be available to purchase on the day.

For more information please contact:
Joni McCourt, Indigenous Catholic Council - 4726 3242
Dianne Foster or Sr Christine McGlynn, Palm Island Parish Convent - 4770 1764



Open Letter to the Palm Island Council

To Our Elected Leaders of Palm Island
What year are we in Councils 1810 or 2010,
why do you not have a gas delivery services
in this day and age "yes have rostered days
off". But can't you have alternated workers
days? My grandchildren have no gas to cook

their food, no gas to heat the water for a bath
- what are they going to do? Go back to the
old days, boil the old copper up, cook on the
open fire and ring that BELL
Looking to the future

Raymond Roberts, Butler Bay



A SUPER confident Jets and reigning premiers of the past two seasons Butler Bay Bulls are the undefeated sides after three rounds in the Palm Island domestic rugby league competition.

However new club Mundy Bay Warriors have added spice to the popular competition, having won their last two matches after a heavy debut loss in the first round.

Round two games, a week earlier, saw Mundy Bay Warriors score their first win, and Hornets go down narrowly.

Hornets coach Rio Walsh said his boys played with spirit and passion and he expects wins to come soon.

Walsh said all of his lads played well but when pushed to nominate the best named second rower Christian Richardson, hooker Robert Schneider, utility Gavin Bramwell, prop John Owens, and backs James Georgetown and Patrick Clark who formed a great combination in the halves.

That two point win by Raiders was the first game in round two and if the large crowd thought that was the end of the excitement they were wrong.

In the second game, Mundy Bay Warriors scored their historic first win by downing hot favourites Brothers 36-30 after trailing at half-time. A try in the last minutes by speedy John Olaff

sealed the victory for Mundy Bay Warriors and coach William Blanket was a delighted man.

Blanket said that his stand out players were William Marpoondin, Fred Larry, Luke James, Tom Walsh, Vincent Palmer, Neil Fraser and Olaff.

Warriors back Mark James played with a bandaged head after being injured.

"I went in for a tackle and got accidentally kicked in the head," he said.

Jets beat arch rivals Skipjacks 48-22 in the final game and it started at a cracker jack pace.

Early on Jason Thimble scored for Jets after a kick and Skipjacks equalled and soon after Jets led 12-6.

Man-of-the-match was classy Jets back Tabua Oui who had represented the Palm Island Barracudas with distinction the previous Sunday when his side hammered Bowen 40-4 in a curtain raiser to the Foley Shield grand final at Brothers Leagues Club in Townsville.

Oui scored the majority of Jets' points and was well supported by centre Caleb Geia.

Skipjacks forward George Dabea also went well.



MEANWHILE during the next couple of weeks just how much a premiership threat Mundy Bay Warriors are will be proven.

This Saturday Warriors clash with one of the leading teams Jets. Both Mundy Bay Warriors and Jets have won their last two matches. Jets had a bye in round one and Warriors lost heavily then.

There is no doubting Warriors are big improvers but Jets will still be favoured to continue on their winning way.

Bulls players should also have a victory lap when they meet Hornets although the latter will be fired up trying to snare that first win.

Alex Morgan coached Skipjacks who are warm fancies to roll Raiders who should never be underestimated.

Skipjacks were beaten grand finalists in 2009 and will be keen to avenge a loss to Jets in round 2.

SEND US YOUR PICTURES!!!

We can't always get to games ourselves, but if you find yourself at any of the Palm Island games of footy this weekend, Palm Island Voice would be happy to publish a photograph from you, whether it's of you with family and friends on the sidelines, or of your favourite team. Most phone pics should be ok, give it a try! See back page for contact details.



THE RESULTS

Round 2 Fixtures May 8:

**Raiders 36 d Hornets 34
Mundy Bay Warriors 36 d Brothers 30
Jets 48 d Skipjacks 22**

Round 3 Fixtures May 15:

**Jets 54 d Raiders 10
Mundy Bay Warriors 46 d Hornets 32
Butler Bay Bulls 58 d Brothers 26**

Current Points Table:

- 1. Butler Bay Bulls 12p (on %)**
- 2. Jets 12p**
- 3. Skipjacks 8p**
- 4. Mundy Bay Warriors 8p**
- 5. Brothers 4p**
- 6. Raiders 4p**
- 7. Hornets 0p**



Netball season finally back underway

The Junior Netball Social competition resumed at the Palm Island PCYC on May 10 after some games had been missed due to public holidays falling on the Monday.

In the under-15 grade, Red Roses won by forfeit over Midnight Strikers in game one and earned two points on the table.

Moonlight Strikers dominated in both halves against Bouncers winning 11-6 and also gaining the maximum two points.

Organiser Jodie Ryan said there was a junior interschool carnival coming up on Palm Island, details in the Palm Island Voice soon!

Senior Netball Competition

Round 1 Results

Nabal Vs Chalkees

Nabal won 19-3

Lakers Vs Sundowners

Sundowners won 17-15

Saints Vs Haines Hunters

Saints won 13-10

Keystone Kops Vs Dee St Diamonds

Keystone Kops won by forfeit

Panthers Vs Stealers

Panthers won 13-7



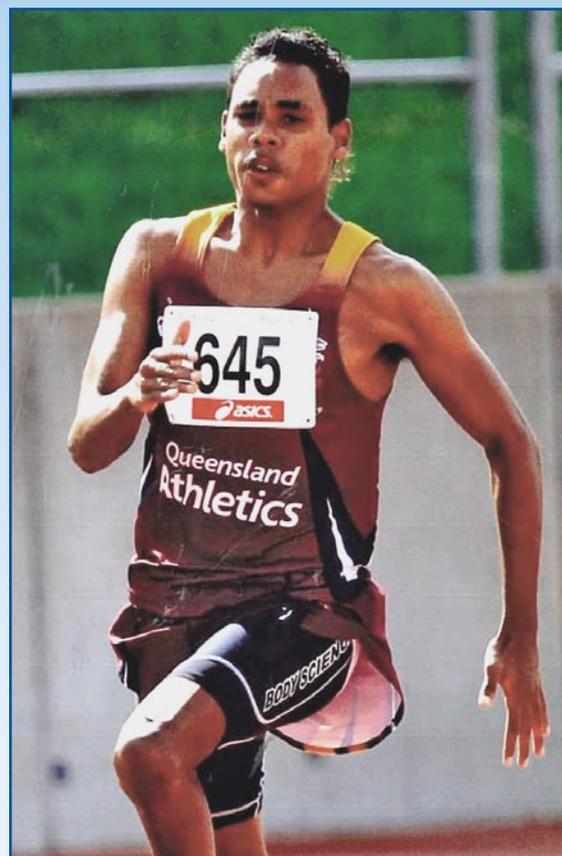
On a health kick, Council worker Leah Dabea was spotted earlier this month enjoying a feed of fish and salad from the locally renowned Palm Island Fish Shop. Hope you're keeping it up Leah!!!

Too fast, too deadly!!

Congratulations to 17-year-old David Bulsey Jr who competed in Sydney in the National Athletics Championships in March.

David placed 6th in 100m sprint and 3rd in the 100m relay.

David and his family should be, and are very proud of his outstanding achievements!!!



Palm Island Footy Round-Ups, Results & Pics ... See pages 10-11

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