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Palm Island Community acknowledges the following "Unsung Heroes"

Blokey (Henry) Wilson
Mavis Foster
Moira Clark
Iris White
Pansy Watson
Linda Noble
Renarta Langdon
Edgar Maytown
Bobby (Robert) Wilson
Midget King
Cocky (David) Prior
Alf Willis
Kenny Watson
Marcia Ketchup
George Friday Snr
Daisy Friday
Muriel Bramwell
Mary Spencer
Ann Walsh
Sylvia Palmer
Berryl Gorringe,
Blanche Blanket
Louisa Murray
Bella Walsh
Agnes Wotton
Totie Thompson
Erica Fullfor
Erykah Kyle
Roddy Smith
Edna Lowatta
Philomena Barry
Reg Barry Snr
Fred Lenoy
Syd Casey
Morris Coolwell
Potter (Kelvin) Langdon
Betty Geia

Thumbs up for NAIDOC!



Joe Reuben (above) was at the official opening of Queensland's 20th Indigenous Knowledge Centre (IKC) last Friday, giving a 'thumbs up' at the event dubbed as the highlight of NAIDOC celebrations on Palm last week.

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey said he wanted to congratulate everybody for their involvement in NAIDOC celebrations on the Island.

"The Council acknowledges the 'unsung heroes' of our community both present and past," he said. The new 'Bwgcolman Indigenous Knowledge Centre' was opened by Mr Lacey who described the event as empowering.

"Knowledge is power," he said. "It is empowering that in the 1950s the only library we had on Palm Island was a small one owned and managed by the government.

"While the building that housed

that library is still standing in the community, I am proud to open in 2010 an Indigenous Knowledge Centre that is owned and controlled by the people of Palm Island."

State Librarian Lea Giles-Peters said Indigenous Knowledge Centres played an important role in capturing and preserving local history and traditions.

"The State Library partners with the community to provide support and an ongoing series of programs that encourage intergenerational sharing, and literacy and lifelong learning opportunities," she said.

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Members of the Ingham Chamber of Commerce were special guests at the opening during a visit to Palm Island.

Terena Hopkins, read a message from Queensland Premier Anna Bligh.

"This is an exciting initiative which provides a community hub for sharing information, knowledge and cultural heritage," she read on behalf of Ms Bligh.

"The Bwgcolman Indigenous Knowledge Centre provides a place to gather to learn and celebrate.

"It is a shared initiative between the local community and my Government through the State Library of Queensland.

"It is owned, managed and staffed by Council and caters for the needs of the local community."

The centre was blessed by Sister Christina McGlynn who told the *Palm Island Voice* the new centre was a genuine asset for the entire community.

Eddie Walsh displayed a flag with the names of eight tribes on it while various speakers praised Mr Lacey for his hard work and vision as he was presented with an historical photograph of the former library.

"I can recognise two of the men in this picture," Mr Lacey said.

Elder and former Mayor Erykah Kyle told the audience that the centre provided opportunities for Palm Islanders.

"This is a special event and I am very emotional," she said.

"This gives our people the opportunity to read and write and the library pictures will provide beautiful memories," she said.



A ribbon at the door was cut and the new centre was open to the public.

MEANWHILE the public holiday last Friday was family day for Palm Island NAIDOC celebrations was very popular.

Excellent music was provided by Leonard Beckett of DJ Beckett Jammin' Indigenous DJ Hire and he was helped by local Jason Poynter.

Karleen Pearson was painting the faces of children and dancers entertained large crowds in the afternoon.

The Joe Reuben TSI Descendants Dance Group proved particularly popular and down at the local football oval a 7-a-side rugby league carnival was held (**see pages 7-8**).

Gaining control of animal issues

PALM Island animal control officer Fred Bulsey has attended a week long management course in Cairns where ideas were exchanged with similar workers from other Indigenous communities around Queensland.

Fred was in Cairns from June 28 until July 2.

"We have been at a certificate three animal control course and other officers from Bamaga, Aurukun, Mapoon, Wujal Wujal, Kowanyama and Yarrabah," Fred said.

He said it had been great to meet with other animal control officers and to network ideas.

"There are the same problems at all the communities we come from with animals," he said. On Palm Fred has to deal with stray dogs and horses amongst other animals. He is also a top class footballer for Skipjacks club and the Barracudas. He will attend two further courses later this year.



Fred Bulsey, left, with co-worker Raoul Miller

Boxing champ spars with local hopefuls

CHAMPION boxer Danny Green proved a big hit with local boxers when he made a whirlwind visit to Palm Island late last month.

Green and his trainer Angelo Hyder spent an hour at the PCYC with the Palm boxers after being brought to the island by Channel 7 who were there filming the training session for the "Sunday Night" program.

The Green Machine, as he is known sparred Reggie Palm Island and female boxer Noby Clay.

"It was bloody wonderful to have Danny Green here and he really mixed with the boxers," trainer Ray Dennis said.

"He is their idol, they think the world of him."

Mr Dennis met Mr Hyder in 2008 at the Sunstate Amateur Boxing Titles in Townsville.

After leaving Palm, Green travelled to Townsville where he was a special guest at the Bad Boys Gymnasium at the Townsville Showgrounds at the invitation of Show Manager Mr Chris Condon. There he met and had his photo snapped with Palm Islanders Cedric Barry and Reggie Bligh. The pair said they would be hoping that Green would soon have a rematch with Anthony Mundine, who beat him by unanimous points decision over 12 rounds in May 2006 in Sydney.

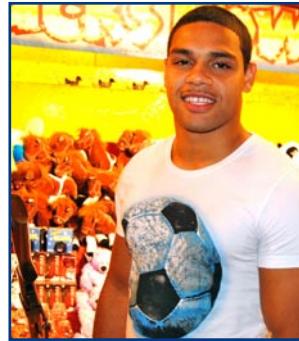
"We have put out the challenge and are waiting to hear back from Mundine," Mr Hyder said.

It was one of the most watched fights in Australian boxing history.





It was a packed ferry from Palm Island a couple of Fridays ago when families took the opportunity to go to Townsville for the annual Show. It was opening night and Palm Islander men, woman and children where there in their hundreds. North Queensland Cowboys footballer Obe Geia jnr was there, having a shot at one of the rifle galleries. Valmai Aplin was also there with a big mob of family, some of whom had won prizes in sideshow alley.



Townsville wedding draws big Palm Island crowd



Zac Sam, his sister and members of his family

Palm Islanders turned out in big numbers to see Titom Jomen "TJ" Tamwoy marry Mona Kaupa Haddon in Townsville earlier this month.

TJ is from Injinoo with descendants from Badu Island whilst his lovely bride lives in Townsville and has forebears from Darnley Island and the Cook Islands.

Zac Sam also has forebears on Darnley Island

and was at the wedding with members of his big family.

He also was delighted and emotional to meet his sister Brancis Sipa.

"We are all one big family," Zac said.

Many people travelled down from the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area for the wedding which was performed by Pastor Neil Scott of the Assembly of God.

Holiday boon for fishing and fish shop

Palm Islanders took the chance offered by a public holiday last Friday to get out and about in their boats with the added bonus of light winds and calm seas to help get them out there.



The low tide was no barrier, as the picture above shows, with many launching their outboards from the area on the Council office side of the jetty.

MEANWHILE the Palm Island Snack Food shop proved one of the most popular places on Palm last Friday during the public holiday. Long lines of customers usually queue up in the store during normal open hours but they were even busier with the retail store closed. Randall Parker has worked there for 11 years and along with other staff, they were ran off their feet for most of the day. They still managed smiles though.

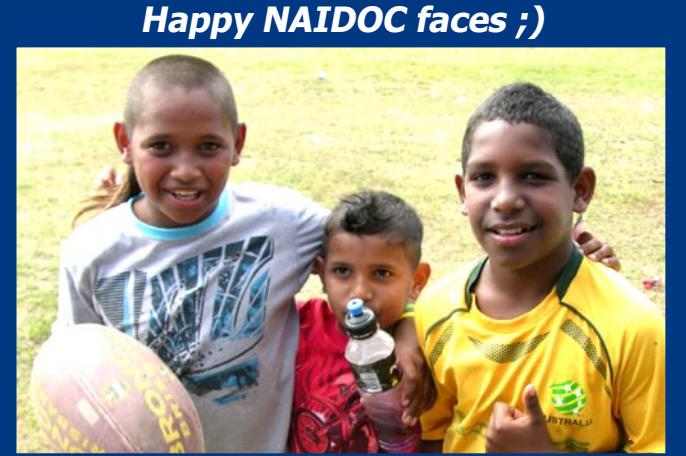
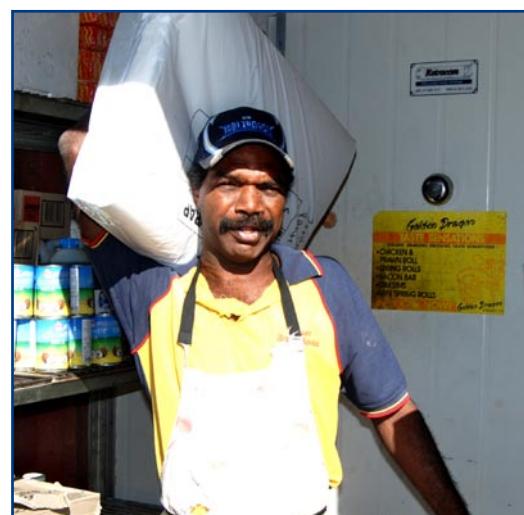
Hard worker cooks up nine years

UNEMPLOYMENT may be high on Palm Island but popular local worker Robert Chookie has been in his job for nine years.

Robert is a jack of all trades at the Palm Island Snack Food shop where he does a variety of tasks.

You can see him cooking fish and chips and other culinary delights for customers and the shop is often full with a line of customers waiting for a feed.

"I really love working here and another worker Randall Parker has also been here for a long time," Robert said.



Happy NAIDOC faces ;)

Pro-boxer fills in for Raiders

PROFESSIONAL boxer Peter Bonner says he is enjoying playing rugby league for Mount Bentley Raiders in the local Palm Island domestic competition.

Peter, 28, proudly wore his Raiders number eight jumper as he travelled to Townsville by ferry last month.

"I played front row for Raiders when we beat Brothers 78-12 on June 19 and enjoyed it," he said.

Peter was a top Palm Island-based amateur boxer before turning professional.

He made his professional debut bout at Maroochydore late in 2008 and won by a third round knockout of Tavita Vika. He has two pro fights under his belt, including a loss to Brisbane boxer Craig McFadden by TKO in April 2009.

Quietly spoken Peter was also scheduled to fight Mick King on a night dubbed the "Bombay Brawl" also in late 2008 but the event had to be cancelled when what turned out to be a hoax after a bomb threat was received.

So instead, Peter went down to the Townsville Sports Reserve the next day and lined up for the Palm island Barracudas in an Allblacks rugby league carnival.

These days Peter lives in Townsville and travels to Palm on weekend for football matches.

"I am also training for a comeback to boxing and I think Raiders can make the semi-finals and do well," he said.



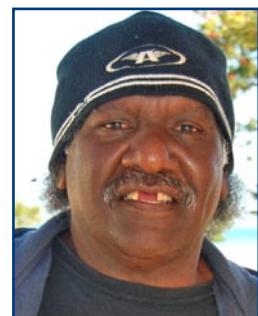
'Those were the days,' says Bairra

WHEN David Bairra watches domestic rugby league matches on Palm Island he goes for a welcome trip down memory lane to the golden days when the Barracudas competed in the Townsville and District competition.

55-year-old David was one of the stars for the Barracudas and only retired when aged in his early forties. David played in the forward pack but was renowned for moving out to

the backline where he created havoc for defenders because of his size and speed. "Some of the great Barracudas players were Vern Daisy, Algon Walsh jnr, Tommy Geia, Ron Geia, Reynard Bairra, Josh Geia, Fred Haines, Hector Poynter and many others," he said. These days David never misses a local game. "We always yarn about the Barracudas and I hope with the talent here that a side gets into the Townsville comp again, but it comes

down to finance," he said. Sometimes David sees visiting workers on Palm whom he knew from the days when the Barracudas played regularly at the Townsville Sports Reserve. "They thought I was dead and gone and I think it is great that Palm has a seven team competition," he said.



FORMER long time Palm Island truck driver Gordon Johnson always enjoys catching up with his mate Kevin Barry.

Gordon says his Canberra Raiders football jumper may deceive some into thinking they were his team. "I get behind the Brisbane Broncos in the NRL," Gordon said. Kevin said he was a big fan of the Newcastle Knights.





Bulls blue win NAIDOC 7-a-side comp

BUTLER Bay Bulls Blue defeated Jets 26-14 in the grand final of the Palm Island seven-a-side rugby league competition held over two days as part of NAIDOC Week celebrations.

Tries for Bulls Blue went to Billo Wotton, Darryl Pearson, David Bulsey, Pita Morgan and Tony Morgan.

Conversions were kicked by David Bulsey, Pita Morgan and Tony Morgan.

For Jets, tries went to Hosea Murphy, Tabua Oui and Costa Sam with Tabua Oui also chipping in with a goal.

It was unlike the normal domestic 13-a-side competition where forward clashes often determine the outcome.

In the sevens it was the speedy backs and the little men who played a major role in determining the outcomes.

Eight sides entered with Bulls having two in blue and gold.

Other clubs Skipjacks, Jets, Mundy Bay Warriors, Hornets, Mount Bentley Raiders and Brothers had one each.

In the semi-finals Bulls Blue 26 defeated Bulls Gold 16, and Jets 28 rolled Skipjacks 22.

There was a game to decide third and fourth place getters where Bulls Gold 18 defeated Skipjacks 14 after scores were deadlocked at 14-all at full-time.

For Bulls, Jason Poynter scored two tries and Alex Dennis one, whilst for Skipjacks Thomas Foster, Kevin Morgan and James Sibley crossed.

"Each team had to play three games in the qualifying rounds and it was a great success," said Palm Island Rugby League President Ili Dabea. Games were played over two seven minute halves.

In the loser's round Mundy Bay Warriors beat Raiders 32-16 in the grand final.

For Warriors, speedster John Oliffe, Allan Brown and Davin Haines scored two tries apiece, and for Raiders John Baira crossed twice, with singles to Jerome Baira and Morris Watson.





Footy Round-Up: Week 10 (3 July)

Brothers Darryl, Clinton and Todd Pearson proved to be “triple trouble” for Hornets when they starred for premiers Butler Bay Bulls in the 80-nil win.

Backs Darryl and Clinton each scored three tries, while forward Todd chipped in with two.

“We were pretty happy with our form, Hornets are a young side,” Todd said.

Meanwhile Skipjacks coach Alex Morgan said forwards Fred Bulsey and Walter Geia, and back Kevin Morgan, shone in their win over the speedy Raiders combination which had scored two big previous wins.

“It was a good all round performance,” he said.

There were no fixtures on July 10 due to the NAIDOC Week seven-a-side competition.

THE RESULTS

Week 10: 3 July

Butler Bay Bulls 80 d Hornets 0

Skipjacks 44 d Raiders 16

Jets d Mundy Bay Warriors (forfeit)

Bye: Brothers

Current League Table:

- 1. Butler Bay Bulls**
- =2= Skipjacks & Jets**
- 4. Raiders**
- 5. Brothers**
- 6. Mundy Bay Warriors**
- 7. Hornets**

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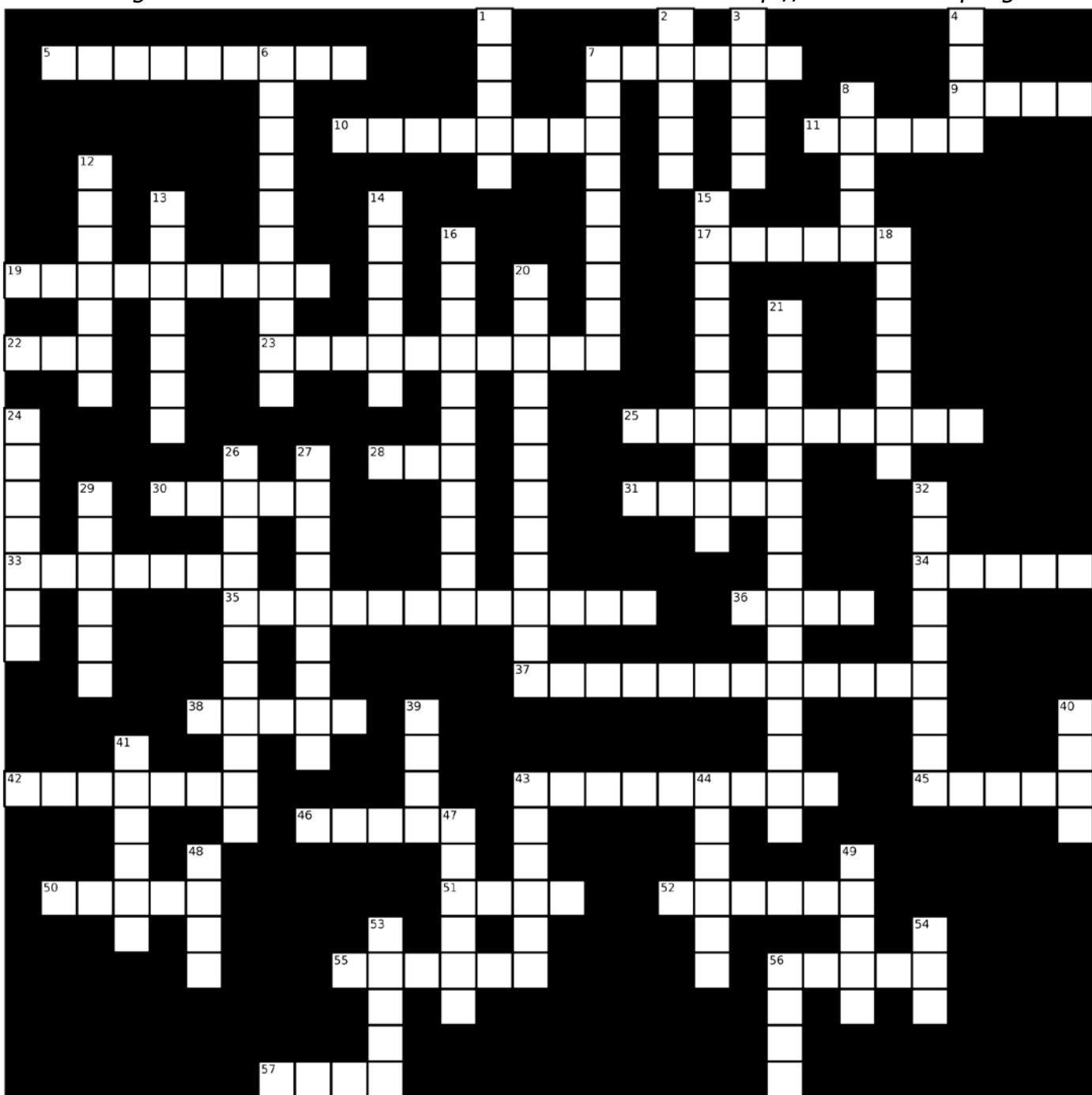
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Across

- 5. _____ Radio, 97.3FM
- 7. "Every cloud has a _____ lining"
- 9. Piece of fishing gear
- 10. Monarchists don't like this
- 11. ANTAR's Sea of _____
- 17. Used to receive radio and TV signals
- 19. Former prime minister (2 words)
- 22. Large passenger vehicle
- 23. Townsville NBL team
- 25. Took a stand against NSW blues (2 words)
- 28. National footy comp (initials)
- 30. Cultural festival
- 31. What Bangarra does
- 33. In the distance
- 34. Some call it Calamari
- 35. PI boxing champ (2 words)
- 36. High in the sky and affects the tides
- 37. This inventor appears on \$50 note (2 words)
- 38. book of maps
- 42. Footy match controller

43. New internet scheme

- 45. Exciting horse event
- 46. distress signal device
- 50. Native _____
- 51. Long legged, long beaked scavenger bird
- 52. Cricket match official
- 55. Sea cow
- 56. Great Dividing _____
- 57. Cloudy with a chance of _____

Down

- 1. Infamously kidnapped Islander in 19th century
- 2. Torres Strait flag - blue, green, white and _____
- 3. Pick up and drop off here
- 4. nearest planet
- 6. Crime and _____ Commission
- 7. Australian men's soccer team
- 8. Central radio
- 12. Artists create on this
- 13. Infringement in a League game
- 14. Sunday service here
- 15. Where politicians meet
- 16. Famous eye surgeon (2 words)
- 18. Abbott leads this party
- 20. New prime minister (2 words)
- 21. Women's Wimbledon winner 1980 (2 words)
- 24. What the meteorology bureau forecasts
- 26. Sends TV and radio signals
- 27. Australia's women soccer team
- 29. Four _____ motor
- 32. Jimmy Little's popular album
- 39. Torres Strait flag - white dhari & _____
- 40. Used to catch fish
- 41. Government upper house
- 43. Popular PI sport
- 44. wild horse
- 47. In charge of a newspaper or magazine
- 48. Boxers win one of these
- 49. Levi Strauss invented these
- 53. Elizabeth is one of these
- 54. leaf brewed in a pot
- 56. Great Barrier _____

Shield match to play next month

A league match between Skipjacks club and an Australian Army team for the Bill Coolburra Memorial Shield will be played at Palm Island on Friday 20 August.

The game was originally scheduled for last Saturday during NAIDOC celebrations.

Inquiries about the day, which is expected to be a family-fun day for all the Island to enjoy, should be directed to Cr Raymond Sibley. Sunferries will run



two boats on that same day, which should ensure bumper crowd from the mainland. It will be the third clash for the

Shield named after the late and great elder Mr Bill Coolburra. Skipjacks have won the last two clashes held in Townsville.

Boxer bring home medal haul

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"Rising star Patrick Clarke stepped up from junior to intermediate and stopped a Mackay opponent on the first day," Mr Dennis said.

"Patrick stopped his opponent inside the distance in the 63.5kg division."

Patrick backed up on night two to defeat talented Raymond Cupitt from Yungaburra on the Atherton Tablelands.

"Patrick hit Raymond with a good body punch and the fight was over," he said.

"He is improving with every bout, that was his second gold medal and he has now won four recent fights within the distance."

Another future champion, Reggie Palm Island, also won two gold despite having to step up two divisions from 51kg against an older and heavier opponent.

"Reggie completely outclassed his older opponent over four by two minute rounds in the 57kg class," Mr Dennis said.

Female pugilist Noby Clay won a gold medal when she out boxed Tania Cabbassi who was 15kg heavier in the 61kg division.

"Noby will make it hard for any female boxer in Australia in her right weight division," Mr Dennis said.

Luke Lenoy won a gold and looked like he is

getting back to his best form.

"Luke defeated Tom Davis from Collinsville and then easily won over Dylan Katthagen from Mackay," he said.

Nathan James won gold in the 41kg schoolboy division and a silver in the 44.5kg class.

Diminutive Joey Geia easily beat a Yungaburra opponent in the 35kg class and then silver when defeated by fellow Palm Islander Steen Walsh in a split decision.

Joey also received an encouragement award. Steen Walsh defeated Shansee Preston from Mareeba in the 38kg class.

Albert Gorringe won gold for the 48kg junior division and then a bronze when he lost by split decision in the 51kg for a bronze.

Lanky Timothy Nardoo used his reach to advantage winning gold in the 67kg senior division and then silver when narrowly beaten by the more experienced Ben Kite from Cairns PCYC in the 71kg class.

Selwyn Seaton received gold when his Cairns opponent did not turn up to fight.

Luke Lenoy and Selwyn then had an exhibition bout which was popular with the crowd.

Palm Island boxers travel to Rockhampton to take on southern opponents on Saturday July 24.

Golden Gloves triumph for Palm!

TEN Palm Island boxers competed at the prestigious Golden Gloves Boxing Titles in Atherton earlier this month, and returned with an amazing 12 gold medals, three silver and one bronze.

Palm Island trainer Ray Dennis said it was the biggest medal haul ever.

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Above: Luke Lenoy & Timothy Nardoo;

Top Right: Selwyn Seaton, Patrick Clarke & Reggie Palm Island **Right:** Steen Walsh, Joey Geia & Nathan James



Footy fixture & NAIDOC Week's 7-a-side comp results on pp 7-8...

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