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Vacation care a big hit with PI kids



Palm Island children aged six to 12 who attended Vacation Care during the school holidays had a ball during a field day on mainland Townsville last week. They are pictured here along the waterfront with Palm Island Community Company youth workers Samuella Conway and Moarna Sam.

A New Year's message from Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey

Firstly I'd like to wish everyone in the community a very happy, healthy & successful 2011.

I hope everyone enjoyed their festive season and the break we've all had. I trust all our families have stayed safe and enjoyed their time together. 2010 was a good year for the

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council. We've seen some big changes, such as 12 new residences built. We wish those families well in their new homes, some of them have been waiting on our housing lists for quite some time. It doesn't end there, we hope that by the end of this year we'll

see more homes built, so that's going to be exciting to see and will go some way to addressing our wait list needs in the community. 2011 should also be a good year, our Councillors and staff are all looking forward to working together on a range of new projects.

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We are currently planning a Foundation Stone for the community, which will recognise the origins of our Palm Island community and acknowledge our history from our mission days to today.

This will be one of the most important projects this Council will undertake.

These are just some of the highlights we will continue to strive for in our work as the community gives us their support towards achieving good outcomes for the people of our Shire.

I want to promise the

community that I will continue to be vocal about the Alcohol Management Plan, and I will continue to be very strong on that until the Government understands that this policy is failing. We will continue to speak on the community's behalf in letting the powers-that-be know that you're not happy.

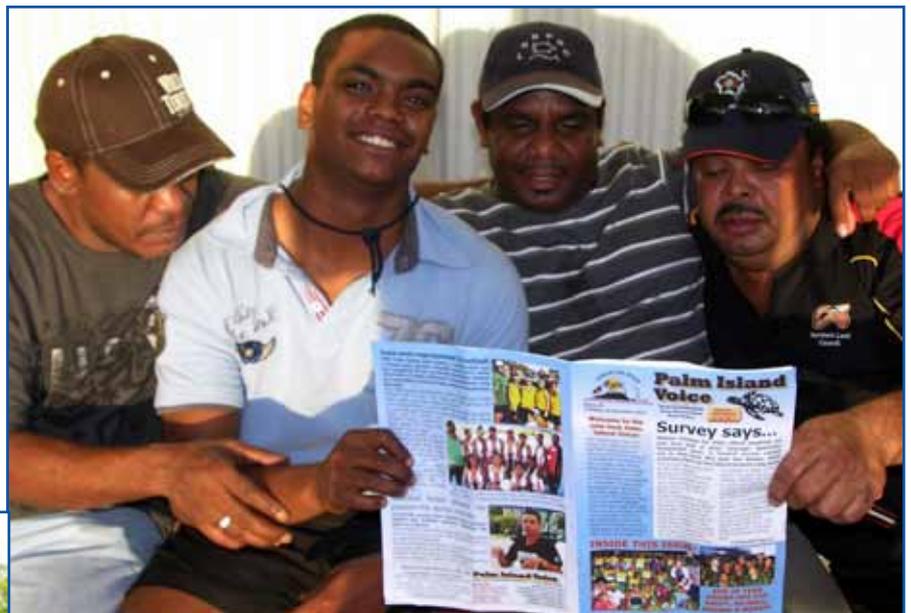
As we also enter into the New Year, we hope there will be good positive social changes in our community. This will require government and non-government agencies to deliver their services to you as the residents of this town.

As a Council we will continue to advocate and work hard towards making sure this happens.

I look forward to keeping you up to date with our other projects - and there are many more in hand for 2011 - in future issues of the *Palm Island Voice*, which is your local voice. Our Council doors are always open so please let us know what you think we should be doing in the Shire, as your elected Mayor I'm always here for you.

**Yours in Community Spirit,
Mayor Alf Lacey**

THE new look full-colour Palm Island Voice has been well-accepted by the community and people living on the mainland, and looks set to be read far and wide...



Above: from left Century Zinc workers Clinton Bourne, his son Christopher Bourne, Gerald Aplin and Edwin Jacob. Left: Gloria Walton Below: Sasha Pearce & Winnie Obah



Justice Group in good hands

Justice Group Coordinator Selena Shepherd will be taking leave for three months from the 28th January to 29th April 2011.

"I will return to work on the 1st May 2011," she says.

"Taking my place will be Miss Loretta Prior & Miss Gertie Richardson."

She said anyone with any queries or issues should not hesitate to contact them.

Justice Group numbers are 4770 1155 or 0457 243 791 or email justicegroup@picc.com.au



Yarrie flood appeal supported by local band Mother's Dust



A flood relief appeal held in Yarrabah earlier this month "went very well", said organiser Brad Higgins.

Mr Higgins said a highlight of the night for locals was Palm Island visitors 'Mother's Dust' (above).

"Special guests were Palm Island

band Mothers Dust, featuring Walter Foster and Rosetta Thimble, who gave the crowd a good show, performing a couple of their original songs," he said. More than \$1000 was raised, specifically to help out residents in Woorabinda, Cherbourg and Rockhampton.

Local journo takes senior position in mainstream

Former 4K1G receptionist, broadcaster and station manager Velma Gara has been appointed to Win Television's Townsville newsroom as Chief of Staff.

Velma, or 'Vee', visited Palm Island many times when she worked for 4K1G.



Vee left Townsville in April 2009 to take up a position of News Editor for the Torres News on Thursday Island. Her media career, which has been in print, radio and television, began in the mid-1980s with the Townsville Aboriginal & Islander Media Association (TAIMA) as a receptionist then as a trainee broadcaster.

She has always maintained the late Palm Island Cr Mick Thaiday, along with his brother Bill, played a major role in her career development.

"I love Palm Island and would like to get stories from there and look forward to visiting," she said.

Velma could be the first Indigenous person in Queensland to be a Chief of Staff – a highly ranked position – in a mainstream media organisation.

Stable event a favourite for Palm Islanders

SCORES of Palm Islanders took a break from hectic Christmas shopping to attend the famous Stable on the Strand held beside the esplanade in Townsville last month.

Henry Dempsey, Cedric Barry, Brendon Roberts and Brandon Pryor were amongst the Palm Islanders happy to be there.

Mr Dempsey and Mr Barry got to meet the renowned circus performer and stilt man Roy Maloy who gave them a special performance as he created balloon characters.

"We have had just a wonderful time here and it was funny to see the stilt man," said Mr Dempsey. Youths Brendon Roberts and Brandon Pryor were with a group who enjoyed the entertainment on the nearby beach.

Strand Park was transformed into the interactive town of Bethlehem, where visitors met shepherds, sheep, wise men, camels, and characters playing King Herod, Roman soldiers, Mary, Joseph and of course baby Jesus. Guest artists included Kim Cooper and Vicki Saylor as well as the three wise men, clowns and buskers roving throughout.



Roy Maloy the stilt man with, from left, Henry Dempsey, Cedric Barry & Kingston Jingles

Free tea, coffee and fruitcake was available to all and many kids were excited to get free rides on a huge ferris wheel. Youth on the beach nearby had a focus area for a knockout soccer comp (inside a huge blow up arena), mobile gaming centre, fire jugglers, hair and nails beauty salon, abstract art and acoustic music lessons and comps. Rain affected several nights.

Circus performer and stilt walker Roy Maloy braved the rain to set a new world record during the event. For his world record Mr Maloy had to walk 40 paces with 35kg attached to each leg of his stilts. The record was signed off on by statutory declaration by MC Rev Bruce Cornish, and is now registered with Record Holders Republic (the officiators of World Records). There was a big countdown from the crowd and everybody cheered when the attempt was successful.

"I guess this is the hardest stunt or record I have set because it is just such a heavy weight in the first place with 35kg per leg and it requires such a high level of both balance and physical strength over a long distance," Mr Maloy said.

Mr Maloy has already has two previous world records to his credit, one for walking on 17m high stilts and another for laying on a bed of nails and bearing 550kg block of ice on his chest as it was smashed with sledge hammers.



L-R: Stannis Agita, Brendon Roberts, Brandon Pryor, Chris Nai, Devante Reuben & Paulie Bunangam

Ferry terminal named and open for business

Late last year the new Peter "Gulimbrah" Prior ferry terminal, adjacent to the Reel Women Jetty, was officially named and opened.

The site where the ferry terminal is situated is the site where Peter Prior (then native police) shot Robert Curry (the then superintendent of Palm Island) who went on a wild rampage, shooting his family and many innocent people. The unveiling was a joint community venture by Queensland Transport, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, Palm Island Community Company and the Prior family.



Pics courtesy Donna Willis & Gary Prior: Top: Jacob Baira, his wife Paula & granddaughter; Middle: L-R: Noel Rumble (DMR), Donna Willis, Renarta Prior, Charmaine Koroi, Jeff Brown (CEO); Below Left: Kenneth & Heath Prior; Below Right: Mersane Oui Snr & Manny Blackman



Alcohol searches 'racist' – Deputy Mayor

Palm Island Deputy Mayor Councillor Raymond Sibley raised a number of issues around police searches of bags at the Townsville Sunferries terminal in December.

Palm Island has a restrictive alcohol management plan which limits the amount of liquor residents could possess to one carton of light or midstrength beer per person.

Cr Sibley said the bags of white people travelling to Palm Island are mostly ignored by police.

"They seem to have ignored searching bags of white people on the same ferries," he said. Police had been expected to check bags of passengers on the packed ferry which left Townsville's Ross Creek terminal at 8am on New Year's Eve.

"They didn't come and I reckon that was because it has publicity in the local media beforehand and they didn't want to be filmed treating us like second class citizens," Cr Sibley said.

He said Palm Islanders had been made to feel like criminals on two previous occasions when police searched bags on mostly indigenous passengers.

"They searched us in front of 200 people and it is racist," he said.

"One bloke had four casks of wine which they cut open on the lawn near the terminal, they slashed it with a knife."

Cr Sibley said once people purchased a ferry ticket they were bound by harsh Alcohol Management Laws (AMP) which allowed locals to bring just one carton of midstrength or light beer to the Island.

"One person dropped others off at the terminal and had six bottles of alcohol and wasn't even going to Palm but they searched him," Cr Sibley said.



"They phoned superiors and couldn't charge him with any breach - it is ridiculous."

LNP Shadow Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Economic Development and Hinchinbrook MP, Andrew Cripps

(pictured), has expressed his concern about reports that police are searching the baggage of Palm Islanders waiting for ferry services on the mainland in Townsville, outside of the regulated Palm Island Alcohol Management Plan restricted area.

"The regulation establishing the Palm Island AMP covers the Palm Island Shire Council area," Mr Cripps said.

"It does not extend to areas or people outside of that area, notwithstanding that they may ordinarily be residents of Palm Island.

"If police are attempting to enforce the provisions of the Palm Island AMP outside of the declared area, then that is a concern."

State Member for Townsville Mandy Johnstone said she had been advised by the police minister's office that searches were only conducted if and when police reasonably suspected people were carrying contraband.

"The concept of this strategy at the Townsville Sunferries terminal is designed as a preventative deterrent measure and persons are not randomly searched," she said.

Mayor Alf Lacey, along with Mayors and Councillors from 13 other Aboriginal Shire Councils, called for a review of AMPs during a round-table discussion on Palm last October.

Mr Cripps also repeated previous calls by the LNP for a review of the effectiveness of AMP's and said the Opposition had warned the State Labor Government that the regulations would not be effective unless they were supported by well-resourced rehabilitation programs in the local community and unless authorities enforcing compliance were also well-resourced.

"The regulations under the existing AMP's apply to people when they are located in a particular place and all residents living in an AMP declared area, indigenous and non-indigenous, are subject to the regulations," he said. "Outside AMP declared areas, all Queenslanders, indigenous and non-indigenous, are subject to the provisions of the Liquor Act."

...Out & About...



IT was a happy occasion for Terence Creed as he carried his four-year-old son Zion over his shoulders walking along the esplanade last year.

The 2pm ferry has just arrived and with the pair were Raymond Sibley Junior, his son Ahzali Sibley, aged 2, with Yarna, 8, Charesa, 7, and Terri-Lee Sibley, 5.

Parents encouraged to get kids to school

Member for Townsville, Mandy Johnstone, has joined forces with Bwgcolman Community School Parents & Citizen Secretary Deniece Geia to encourage parents and carers to make sure their children are at school all day, every day in 2011.

Ms Johnstone said when children go to school all day, every day they learn more, make friends and have a brighter future ahead of them.

"Parents and carers have a responsibility to ensure their children attend school every day and it's great to see most parents are doing this," Ms Johnstone said.

Ms Geia said parents needed to make sure students were enrolled.

"We need to also focus our energy on those students who are not currently enrolled or families that need assistance in getting their children to School," she said.

"Those families are encouraged to speak with a school employee. Kids who are truant need attention and assistance in obtaining

a good solid education, and as a community, we should ensure they get the support they need. Education is everyone's business."

School communities are also encouraging children to attend school by providing them with a hearty start to the day through their breakfast programs.

Bwgcolman Community School P&C Treasurer Merle Robertson said children sometimes didn't go to school because they did not have breakfast.

"The Red Cross now provides a daily breakfast programme Monday to Friday for students of both schools and also the high school," she said.

"We ask parents to encourage their children to use this breakfast program. It will

help them to focus and concentrate on their schooling and get the most out of their educational experience.

"Even though we have the school tuckshop, we also urge parents to send their children to school with a packed lunch. "Free fruit will also be available at the tuckshop."

Ms Johnstone also wanted to encourage parents to support their child's education.

"I encourage parents, carers and elders in Indigenous communities, such as Palm Island, to be involved in students' education as engagement is key to getting students to school." Ms Johnstone said.

Ms Geia said she wished all of Palm Island's students, both new and returning a happy new year.



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Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council: Meeting Dates 2011

January

Tuesday 11th Delegation
Tuesday 25th Land Trust Meeting
Thursday 27th General Meeting

February 2011

Tuesday 8th Delegation
Wednesday 23rd Land Trust Meeting
Thursday 24th General Meeting

March 2011

Tuesday 8th Delegation
Wednesday 30th Land Trust Meeting
Thursday 31st General Meeting

April 2011

Tuesday 12th Delegation
Wednesday 27th Land Trust Meeting
Thursday 28th General Meeting

May 2011

Tuesday 10th Delegation
Wednesday 25th Land Trust Meeting
Thursday 26th General Meeting

June 2011

Tuesday 14th Delegation
Wednesday 29th Land Trust Meeting
Thursday 30th General Meeting

July 2011

Tuesday 12th Delegation
Wednesday 27th Land Trust Meeting
Thursday 28th General Meeting

August 2011

Tuesday 8th Delegation
Wednesday 24th Land Trust Meeting
Thursday 25th General Meeting

September 2011

Tuesday 8th Delegation
Wednesday 28th Land Trust Meeting
Thursday 29th General Meeting

October 2011

Tuesday 11th Delegation
Wednesday 26th Land Trust Meeting
Thursday 27th General Meeting

November 2011

Tuesday 8th Delegation
Wednesday Land Trust Meeting
Thursday 24th General Meeting

December 2011

To be advised...

Public & Community Notices



Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council is closed every second Friday (Council pay week) for RDO.

The next RDO is Friday 4 February. For emergencies on a Friday please call 0458 789 010

For more information contact the Council on 4770 1177



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Coolgaree Aboriginal Corporation for CDEP wishes to employ an individual in either a full time or part time positions to increase the rate of success of CDEP participants in completing training and being made ready for available employment opportunities.



Purpose of the role

The role of the **CDEP Youth Mentor** is to support CDEP youth participants as part of the work readiness stream, including participation in community development projects. The Mentor will respond to training and employment issues experienced by individual youth and their families as they navigate the interrelationship between CDEP, Job Services Australia (JSA) and Centrelink, trainers and employers. The Youth Mentor will achieve this by doing the following things:

- Provide support and assistance to participants with issues impacting on their ability to attend training;
- Assist in building of trust with CDEP participants, families, support agencies, training organizations, and potential employers;
- Identify gaps in participant's skills that could jeopardize success in either vocational training or employment;
- Support participants to attend the training programs;
- Refer participants to relevant Community Support Services that can assist in achieving success in training and employment;
- Maintain strict confidentiality and respect for participant information;
- Assist in the coordination of vocational training programs with appropriate service providers (Internal, TAFE, and other service providers);

- Assist in building a positive relationships with agencies (Job Services Australia [JSA], Centrelink, etc) to facilitate transition and engagement with new arrangements;
- Prepare and provide reports on outcomes achieved to the Coolgaree management;
- Ensure that vocational training is directed towards the achievement of milestones and outcomes to meet the requirements of the CDEP Employment Pathway Plans;
- Work closely with other mentors and the Employment and Training Manager (ETM) to ensure that vocational training fits in with CDEP objectives and budgetary guidelines;
- Assist with CDEP participant's involvement in the Community Development Projects that can provide opportunity to develop or demonstrate employment skills
- Work harmoniously with staff from diverse backgrounds and promote a safe workplace that is free from discrimination and harassment.

Essential qualifications (or eligible to obtain):

- Blue Card;
- Current drivers license;
- Capacity to travel for work;
- Cleared Police checks;

Please forward EOI by 4 February to:
COOLGAREE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION FOR CDEP
Employment & Training
Ph: 4770 1233

Palm Island vet Caroline Mann and vet nurse Deneal Hoyle are on the Island almost every Wednesday to provide veterinary services for dogs and cats and sometimes wildlife.

"We do not do horse work generally but will try and help you with horses if required," Ms Mann said.

"We set up our clinic down at 'the pound' on Farm Road opposite CDEP and are usually there by about 9.30 or 10am until about 3 or 4pm. We can desex your dog or cat, male or female, vaccinate them and treat them for injuries or sickness. We can put to sleep old or sick animals

at the owner's request. For desexing we need the animals to turn up fairly early in the day (preferably without having eaten that morning) and we get you to sign a form for consent to anaesthetic. We also sell a few dog shampoos and flea and tick products at very cheap prices, as well as worm tablets." She said animals must be registered with the Council to access their services. "We don't charge

for our services, but you need to get your animal registered at the Council offices, dogs \$30 each and cats \$10 each," she said. "Hopefully animal registrations will help us to continue providing vet services. If your animal needs treatment or to be desexed and isn't registered, please still come and see us, and we will give you a registration form as well as help you out."

She said any inquiries about the service, or for requests for urgent help, should go through Bryan Conway, Blacky Miller, Fred Bulsey or Thaddaeus Sam at the Council offices.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

I have been employed as the renal nurse at the Joyce Palmer Health Service for the past six and a half years. As of the New Year I will be leaving Palm Island and will eventually be relocating to NSW. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Council for their ongoing support over the past few years. It has been very much appreciated.

I feel privileged to have met the clients of this service but also the people of Palm Island. It is a truly special place and you have all welcomed me and enabled me to call Palm Island home for the past few years.

No matter where I go I will always speak highly of Palm Island but above all the kindness and generosity of spirit of the people. I sincerely wish yourselves, the Council and the community of Palm Island all the best for the future and with your permission would love one day to come back to visit.

Thank you.

Kindest regards,

Tina Katsanevas
Clinical Nurse
Haemodialysis Unit
Joyce Palmer Health
Service

...Out & About...



Clara Fullarton, Dexter Hero (middle) and Clarrie Huddy all say they are looking forward to 2011 with enthusiasm.

They were pictured in the Townsville CBD on the last day of 2010.

"Many Palm Islanders have come over to Townsville around Christmas and some stayed with relatives here," Clara said.

Palm Island Interagency Services



OPEN DAY



Come along to find out more about the services available right here in your community!



B-B-Q

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Department of Communities
Centacare
Queensland Health
Queensland Health—Community Mental Health
Queensland Health—Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Services
New Way Agencies
Ferdys Haven
Mary MacKillop Gooddo Daycare
Probation and Parole
Catherine Freeman Foundation
Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service (QIFVLS)
Australian Red Cross

Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network (ICAN)
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Palm Island Community Company (HUB)

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Women's Centre
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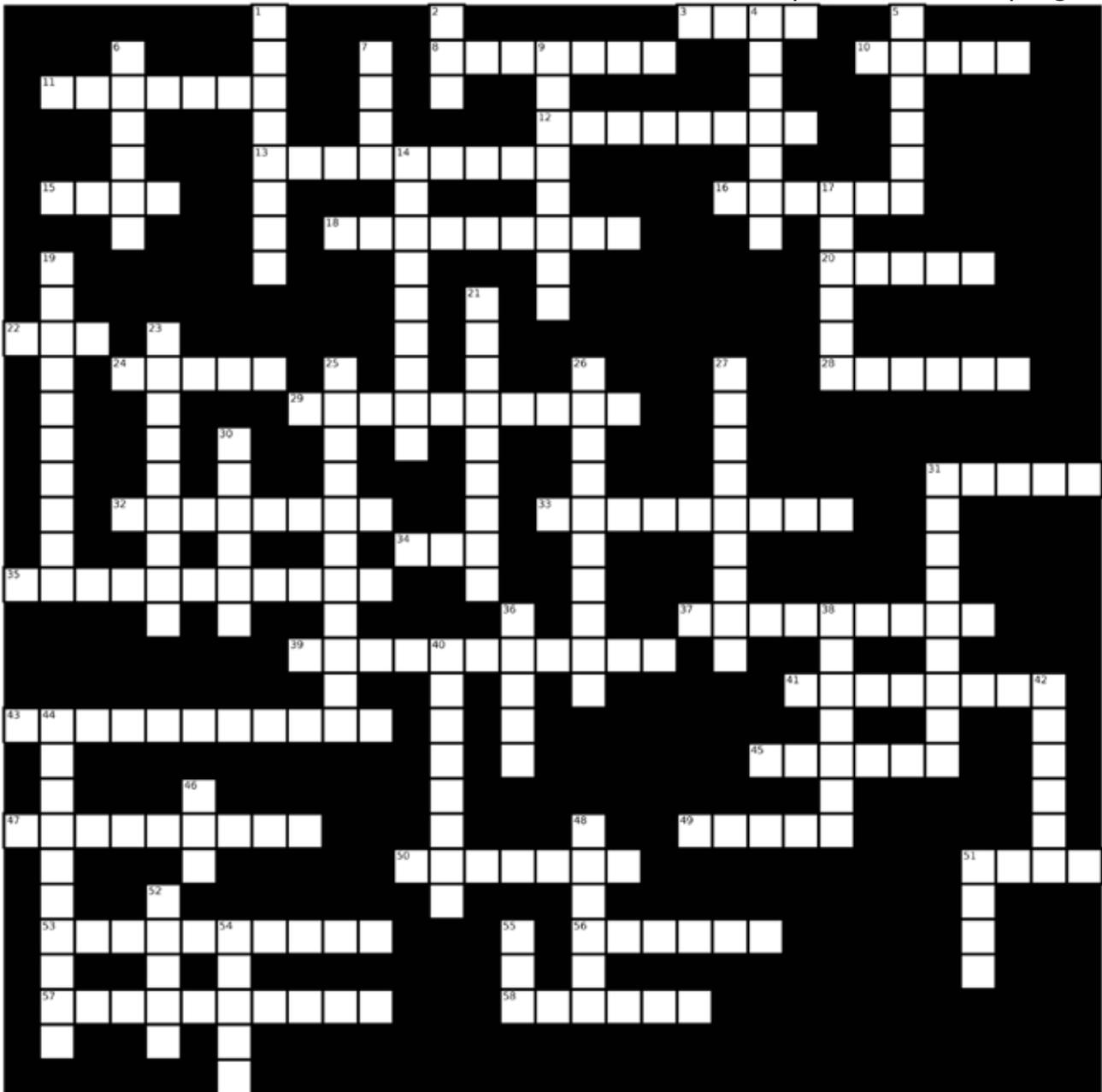
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PI Voice Crossword 71

With thanks to David Goeldner & the Crossword Puzzle Maker at <http://www.armoredpenguin.com>



ANSWERS in Issue 72... Good Luck!!

Across

3. Type of college
8. School students wear these
10. Powered by the sun
11. educator
12. Keyboard, mouse, software & hard drive
13. The imaginary line dissecting latitude
15. school test
16. Popular indigenous singer, Jessica ?
18. Large water storage
20. Rare heavenly object with a silver tail
22. Bureau of Meteorology (initials)
24. measuring stick
28. Filled with water or feed for farm animals
29. You can do maths with this
31. Substance covering 70 percent of Earth's surface
32. Famous Aboriginal opera singer, Maroochy ?
33. Australian of the Year 1992, Mandawuy ?
34. contains ink
35. What you get when you successfully complete your schooling
37. In charge of your school
39. Famous eye surgeon assisting Aboriginal

- communities last century (2 words)
41. Australia day also known as ? day
43. An expert who calculates water in the earth
45. period between classes
47. Queensland's third largest Aboriginal community - cut by flood in January
49. Fictional story in book form
50. Used to plough a field or cart a grass cutter
51. water craft
53. Measured distribution of water over crops
56. kids start back here after the holidays
57. Low barometric pressure - feeling down
58. Onboard-powered boat

Down

1. Another name for line of latitude
2. Public transport vehicle
4. Australian of the Year 1998, Cathy?
5. Nova Peris won an Olympic gold medal in this sport
6. Book of instruction
7. The highest of high tides
9. Social networking internet site
14. Type of policy to cover cost of damaged goods
17. Used to fill with water - careful not to kick it!

19. First indigenous Australian of the Year (boxer) (2)
21. Aussie tennis ace from the 1970s, Evonne ?
23. Survival and Invasion day officially known as ? day
25. Indigenous-themed movie at this month's Sundance Film Festival (2)
26. Type of engine that burns fossil fuel
27. The tropic line at Rockhampton
30. Country where flooding caused many deaths in January
31. Mark Ella was the first indigenous captain of this national side
36. Much of Queensland hit by this in January
38. A local authority governing use of utilities and property
40. Classwork done after school
42. Opposite climate pattern to El Nino (2)
44. Mandawuy Yunupingu's famous band (2)
46. Southern Oscillation Index (init)
48. Australian of the Year 2009, Mick ?
51. Channel marker
52. Record of daily events
54. Lowitja O'Donoghue was this Commission's first Chairperson
55. Soil and water mixed together make ?

Boxers prepare for biggest challenge yet

Palm Island will have a second boxing club operating in 2011, trainer Ray Dennis says...

The new club was recently formed as Palm Island PCYC Boxing but it will be business as usual with both teams still training together under Ray Dennis and his assistant Chris Gundy.

The old club will remain under the banner of breakaway Queensland Sunstate Amateur Boxing League, where fighters cannot represent Australia at the Olympic or Commonwealth Games.

Four star Palm boxers have recently switched to the rival Australian Boxing Association (ABA) where they can bid to gain selection for Australia at the 2012 Olympic Games.

Classy pugilists Luke Lenoy, Reggie Palm Island, Patrick Clarke and female Noby Clay have recently been registered with the ABA by Palm Island Boxing trainer Ray Dennis.

The four will contest the ABA's Queensland Titles in Caloundra at the end of next week. Dennis said that young heavyweight David Sam may also join them.

"Only our very best boxers will be boxing with the Association to give them every chance to make it to the trials for the 2010 Olympics," Mr Dennis said. Mr Dennis is hopeful that Noby Clay will get a chance to fight an opponent her own weight which is 49kg.

"Reggie will be up against any boxer less than 52kg," he said.

"He has also never fought any boxer his own weight yet.

"Patrick will box in his light

welter division of 64kg.

"Both Reggie and Patrick will box against opponents under 19-years-old.

"Luke will box at welterweight 69kg and both he and Noby will compete as senior boxers."

Determined Mr Dennis said this would be the start of his attempt to get at least one of the Palm boxers to the next Olympics providing enough finance and sponsorship can be found to get them to the Association National Titles and Olympic trials.

"If they are successful at the State Titles they will have to travel to Melbourne for the Australian Titles during March," he said.

MEANWHILE local League boxing will most likely not start until March and Mr Dennis said it would cost a lot more in 2011 to register with both associations.

"I am very hopeful we can get a major sponsor to help out this year," he said.

"We will still have a very strong team to box at the Queensland Sunstate Amateur Boxing League Titles.

"I have two super weights already who have commenced training in Nat Seaton and Stacey Lenoy and I am expecting them to test any heavyweight in the State," he said.

Sterling Aden (63kg) should do well with more experience and Thomas Blanket (52kg) and is expected to be one of the best club boxers come

year's end.

Selwyn Seaton has also come back to training and Mr Dennis said when he gets his weight back down would be a big chance to join the Association and make the Olympic trials.

"David Sam is only 15 and will test any heavyweight under 19 and our two 12-year-olds Steen Walsh and Joey Geia will test any boxer anywhere in their weight," Mr Dennis said.

Ten-year-old Isaac Bulsey will be one of the stars of the future and Albert Gorringer (50kg), who goes to Abergowrie College, will test any boxer of his age and division.

Mr Dennis said that since he started training on Palm Island in 1999, his charges have won 41 gold medals at Australian Titles, 56 Queensland State Titles and 84 State Golden Gloves.

2010 was a very successful year for Palm boxers and Dennis reckons the Island has the only all Aboriginal boxing team in Australia.

"Our boxers travelled to Mareeba, Ingham, Atherton, Townsville, Mount Isa, Emerald, Mackay, Rockhampton and finally Hobart in Tasmania," he said.

Overall he said he felt the most important thing was the boxers had learnt to be good sportsmen and women.

"Once again I wish to thanks all who helped during 2010," he said.

Bulsey ready to shine in 2011

THE 2010 rugby league season was a major success for Fred Bulsey, who is widely regarded and respected as amongst the premier footballers on Palm Island.

Known as "Fabulous Fred", the tough as nails front row forward has a CV which would be the envy of most.

That season culminated on November 20 when Fred was a key member of the Palm Island Jets side which travelled to Cardwell to play a 34-all draw against the highly rated Girringun Pirates.

During 2010, Fred had a wonderful year on the football field being a key member of teams which have won two major Queensland Allblacks rugby league grand finals, and as a member of a side which lost a decider.

Fred also had a great season for local club Skipjacks who finished in the top four of the local domestic club competition, and also narrowly lost the annual game to the Army Thunder for the Bill Coolburra Memorial Shield. He played in three Allblacks carnivals, the first being the prestigious Torres Strait Island of Origin series on Badu Island over the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June.

Fred and other Palm Islanders – Josiah Geia, Ezrom Geia, Walter Geia and Georgie Dabea - played for Mua Razorbacks who won the 25th silver anniversary Island of Origin final beating



A dedicated footy fan with Fred Bulsey on the left and Raoul Miller on the right

Malu Kiai from Boigu Island in the final. On October 10, Fred shone when the Palm Island Barracudas lost the final of the Bindal Allblacks carnival to Curacoa Crusaders 37-6. A week later Fred was off to Cairns to line up for the Cherbourg Hornets who rolled Kulpiyam, from the Torres Strait 28-20 in the final of the Cairns event, the biggest Allblacks carnival in Queensland and the second largest in Australia after the NSW knockout.

Fred was asked how all of the carnivals rated with him and he thought hard before answering.

"They were all pretty special and I love wearing the Barracudas colours," he said.

"The Island of Origin was very good because it was the first time I have been to Badu and I met family and friends from there and Moa Island."

Fred is looking forward to the 2011 season which will see a combined Palm Island and Bowen side make their debut in the prestigious Foley Shield competition.

Bamaga players bailed by Council

A Palm Island side travelled to Bamaga on the Northern Peninsula Area of Cape York for the 10th annual Dan Ropeyarn rugby league carnival in November last year.

It turned out to be the longest journey by a local football team for quite some time after the side got stuck because of rain and needed assistance from the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council to get home.

A number of Palm Islanders have family connections on the NPA and moves are underway to have a side from there travel to Palm Island for a new year match on a date yet to be announced.

In the grand final Alau Eagles won \$20,000 when they beat 8HB Brothers 36-16 before a large crowd.

Officials said it was great that Palm Islanders would travel so far to support their carnival.

Crusaders win Rocky comp

Palm Island's Barracudas and Curacoa Crusaders travelled to Rockhampton for the 4th Annual Central Queensland Indigenous Development Rugby League Reconciliation Carnival over last weekend and into Monday.

A total of 18 teams competed in six pools of three in the central Queensland town, which has been devastated by floods over recent months. Players travelled to Rockhampton by buses after the airport was closed due to water damage.

On day one each side played two games – the Barracudas lost 16-12 to Ghungalu Knights.

Robert Bulsey, Kevin Morgan and Les Brown scored tries. In their second game Palm Island Barracudas lost narrowly again, 14-12,

to Yeppoon Seagulls with tries to Tabua Oui, Alfred Waterton and Algon Prior.

The Barracudas then moved into the plate section on day two. Curacoa Crusaders won their pool beating highly rated CQ Warriors 16-10 in their first game.

Ricky Morris, Gordon Daisy and Trevor Bowman scored tries and Fred Haines jnr booted two goals.

In their second qualifying match Curacoa Crusaders beat Woorabinda Knights 18-nil, with two tries to Trevor Bowman and one to Palm's Butler Bay Bulls star Darryl

Pearson. Pearson booted two goals and Obe Geia jnr one.

In the shield quarter final on day two Crusaders thrashed Marcia's Mob 22-nil.

Dashing youngster Fred Haines jnr scored three tries and booted three goals for an individual tally of 18 points. Algon Congoo scored the other try for Crusaders who made the semi final on the last day.

Finals matches were held well after the *Palm Island Voice* deadlines: full results and rundown will be published in Issue 72 next fortnight!



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