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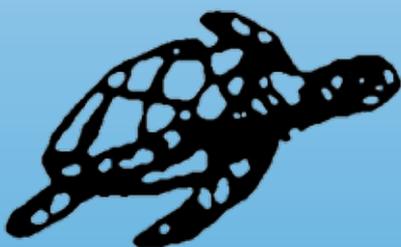
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## Council's 'beer-only' by-law to be lifted

**Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council has unanimously overturned a decade-old bylaw outlawing all alcohol in the community except for beer.**

The beer-only law was put in place in the early 2000s and is, Mayor Alf Lacey said, outdated.

"The Council has lifted this bylaw which was made before the Alcohol Management Plan," he said.

"So we wanted to let the community know that our alcohol laws are now in the hands of the State Government

"There's a 21-day period of public notification before this comes into place and then I'll be writing to the Premier and Ministers concerned to inform them we no longer see this as fitting for the Palm Island Shire.

"There's no need for us as a Council to have laws around alcohol, so this beer-only law will be taken off our books." Mr Lacey also repeated calls for a review of AMP laws across the state.

"Given the problems we've been having with alcohol management I'm pleased with this, and we think the timing is right in supporting that the Queensland Government

seriously re-looks at the AMP laws in Queensland," he said.

"All the mayors will be looking at this again next week at another round-table meeting to be held in Cherbourg.

"In our community the AMP has created more problems than it has solved.

"Our licensed venue has a huge number of restrictions on it but it is very important to our community and it's important to note that it's not always about alcohol.

"It is about allowing the community to have those choices and that you're allowed to go to a licensed venue and you're allowed to sit down and have a nice meal and have a nice drink and enjoy yourself responsibly.

"And that's what it's about." He said he wanted to call on the Government again to do a proper review of the AMP laws across all the communities concerned.

"We feel that now the AMP has now come to a point where a proper analysis need to be done," he said.

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# Council push for AMP reform

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"For Palm Island, for instance, we've seen more people in court getting fines over breaches to the AMP laws than in any other shire in the state, and in non-indigenous shires there's no issue," Mr Lacey said.

"But there's also no

consistency across all our own communities.

"Some communities are completely dry, and if that's supported by the community, that's fine, but in other communities some wine and spirits are allowed, some are not.

"If we're Local Government

Shires then respect needs to be afforded to us to us when we say we want to ensure we have a bit of a balance around allowing responsible drinking in our communities.

"And I think that's what's important, the Government needs to listen to us on this one."

## Unions show their support for claims on stolen wages

**OUTSTANDING Stolen Wages claims by Indigenous people, including many from Palm Island, was highlighted during the Labour Day street march along Townsville's Strand this year.**

Patrick Neliman, a member of the Maritime Union of Australia, is also on the Queensland Indigenous Committee of the ACTU. Mr Neliman carried a banner during the march as thousands lined the Strand looking on.

"We want the State Government to pay all of the outstanding Stolen Wages claims as many of the people are old and some die before they get any money," Mr Neliman said.



He said it was important to keep up the pressure and push for payments.

"We have to keep this campaign going to help people get what is rightfully theirs," he said.

In 2002 then Queensland Premier Peter Beattie estimated up to \$500 million in wages may have been stolen from Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander workers over the years but he offered only \$55 million in reparations.

Mr Neliman said so far only \$22 million had been paid to claimants and the rest had been budgeted to go to other things.

"I know of two twin brothers from the Torres Strait and one has been paid stolen wages and the other has not," he said. Mr Neliman said a request was made to the Premier Anna Bligh when she visited Townsville last October for full payment of claims.



**THE park across from the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, Retail Store and PCYC has taken on a new look over recent weeks.**

Several new buildings have been moved there and the area will be converted into a Cultural Precinct Mini-Amphitheatre for use by all locals.

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey said he was happy to show visitors what they'd done so far.

"An arts centre, a library and a museum will be there," he said.



*THEY were aptly described as the 'Golden Girls' of Palm Island during their final farewell on Palm Island last Sunday. Full story and more pics next page...*

## 12 Palm Island players named in historic Foley Shield side

**TWELVE Palm Islanders have been named in the first squad to represent a combined Palm Island/Bowen side in the Foley Shield Rugby League competition tomorrow night in Townsville.**

Selectors Rod Wells and Dick Walsh chose the players after the Barracudas drew 24-all against Bowen in a selection trial in Ayr on May 7. The full side (at time of deadline) is:

**Matthew Brunker (Bowen),  
 Fred Bulsey (Palm Is),  
 Jason Bulsey (Palm Is),  
 Austin Walsh (Palm Is),  
 Jioji Dabea (Palm Is),  
 Adam Fletcher (Bowen),  
 Gelam Geia (Palm Is),  
 Geoff Grace (Bowen),  
 Keith Gustavson (Bowen),  
 Steven Lowatta (Palm Is),  
 William Marpoondin (Palm Is),  
 Daniel Mason (Bowen),  
 Ezra Miller (Bowen),  
 Raoul Miller (Palm Is),  
 \*Tim Miller (Bowen),  
 Rowan Nott (Bowen),  
 Paddy Payne (Bowen),  
 Thom Walsh (Palm Is),  
 Robert Snyder (Palm Is),  
 Aaron Miller (Palm Is),  
 Gabriel Geesu (Palm Is),  
 Keiron Winton (Bowen).**

Former champion Townsville Foley Shield star Rod Wells said players were picked after

he and QRL Development Officer Dick Walsh watched the trial.

"It was a great game played in the right spirit of the game and was a much better spectacle than the game that followed it I can assure you," he said.

"I need both areas to check that the players are available and get back to me if any want to pull out.

"We also need to confirm a coach from each area. There won't be a lot of time for the team to gel together but we are only starting out and it will be a development year and we might have to jump a few hurdles.

"The standard of the game was as good as the A-grade I watched yesterday so it shows that with a combined team the Palm Bowen District team should be able to compete at the next level."

\*To avoid any confusion and/or curiosity Palm Island Voice can assure readers that the TIM MILLER named in the side is not the manager of the local Palm Bwgcolman Radio Station, but instead a namesake from Bowen district. Our Mr Miller is better known as a rodeo bull rider.

**More footy round-ups and pics on pages 14-16 ...**

# Sisters' farewell in Palm Island style



**A liberal sprinkling of tears flowed, along with laughter and hugs when Catholic Bishop Michael Putney travelled to Palm Island to officially farewell three Franciscan Missionaries of Mary Sisters who have served here with distinction.**

It was an emotional affair for Sisters Maria van Galen, Madge Hore and Christina McGlynn, all of whom will leave Palm on 24 May.

A smaller farewell was held at St Teresa's Church in Townsville a fortnight ago.

The Sisters of the Order have served on Palm Island or at the former leper colony of Fantome Island since 1944.

The farewell mass was held at St Anthony's Church where Father Mick Peters from Townsville and Father Daniel from Palm assisted the Bishop.

Elder Ralph Watson did a welcome to country outside the church while Archie Fraser performed a traditional smoking ceremony.

The church was packed inside as the sisters were presented with paintings by the Palm Island

# Mother's pampered for special day

**Despite grey, miserable drizzle, volunteers turned up in their droves early on Palm Island's special Mother's Day event to help ensure the day was a success.**

Organiser Deniece Geia said the Mums came too, for their free gifts, donated food parcels, hair style cuts, makeovers, pedicures and manicures. "It was obvious everyone was having fun and fun it was," she said. "While listening to the tunes of Allan Jackson's 'If tomorrow never comes', provided by PCYC's Bernie Mead, Aunty Erykah Kyle and Bernice Day (Owner Manager of Day & Day Shipping) as well as Sister Christina and Sister Madge waltzed the afternoon away. Much appreciation and thanks goes out to all our Sponsors, FaCHSIA, Palm Island PCYC, Palm Island Community Company, Coolgaree CDEP and the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council. Appreciation and gratitude also goes out to all our wonderful and friendly volunteers, those teachers,

police officers and detectives who came and provided all the hands-on tasks. I would not have been able to provide these 'special treats' to our mothers if it were not for our volunteers who gave up their Saturday to come and share their gifts and talents. Also thanks to Coolgaree CDEP who provided a beautiful assortment of fresh food and desserts." Mrs Geia said the event had been deliberately planned for the day before Mothers Day so mums could spend the actual day at home with their own families.

"The purpose of having such an annual event like this is to remind us all of how valuable and precious our Mothers are to us," she said. "We don't say it often enough that we do love our Mums."



Community Company's Diversionary Centre arts and craft section co-ordinator Vaughn Charles.

They were painted by talented local artist Krishna Robertson.

A morning tea and cake cutting was held in a building on church grounds.

Then large numbers of well-wishers moved to the nearby Palm PCYC where respected elder Allan Palm Island welcomed guests to country.

Deputy Mayor Raymond Sibley was the MC at the PCYC where there was entertainment, speeches, story sharing, music and photo displays.

One touching moment was when Mr Watson played his guitar and Kathy Gibson and the guests sang, "Old PI My Beautiful Home".

There was a very emotional speech by local Sidney Charles who praised the sisters for their work on Palm as he struggled to hold back tears.

Mr Charles than hugged the sisters who were sitting at a table with Bishop Putney, Mayor Alf Lacey and others.

Two huge cakes were then cut and everybody got to have a slice.

Around 1:30pm a feast was provided by the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council and prepared by CDEP hospitality workers.

Those in attendance described the food as equal to any restaurant on the mainland.

The sisters said they will remember Palm Island for the rest of their lives.

Sister Christina has already requested a PDF version of the *Palm Island Voice* be forwarded to them after they leave.

"We will always have Palm Islanders in our prayers and will keep up with what is going on through the pages of the *Palm Island Voice*," she said.



# CFF to host schools' information day

**Six schools from Brisbane, Townsville and Toowoomba will be coming to Palm Island for an Information Day hosted by the Cathy Freeman Foundation in partnership with the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation next week.**

The two organisations are pleased to be offering scholarships to Palm Island boys and girls in 2012.

All interested students, parents, teachers and community members are invited to the Bwgcolman Community School's Tama Thompson Hall on Wednesday, 25 May 2011 from 12:30 to 3:30pm to learn about the schools, curriculum, what campus life is like and how to apply.

CFF provides full scholarships to Palm Island students to broaden their experiences and offer alternative pathways of education during secondary school.

Each scholarship school is committed to supporting Indigenous children and works to give the students a quality education, comfortable accommodation, a good social experience and everything a student needs to succeed at school.

The CFF Scholarships schools warmly embrace the celebration of Indigenous cultures in their school communities.

Schools expected to attend include St Peters Lutheran College, St Saviour's College,

The Cathedral School, Clayfield College, Marist College Ashgrove and St Joseph's Nudgee College.

They will each be on hand to answer questions, provide forms and offer assistance to students and parents.

Since 2009, the Cathy Freeman Foundation has provided 13 scholarships to Palm Island girls to attend boarding schools in Townsville and Brisbane.

CEO Sonya Stephen said they hoped many parents and families would come along.

"We have been very proud of our scholarship girls," she said.

"In keeping with our commitment to the education of every child on Palm, it is a great pleasure to be able to open the scholarships to boys in 2012.

"We hope to see lots of interested boys and girls and their families at the Information Day." She said light refreshments would be provided.



## Diabetes a serious and increasing risk

**A Townsville forum has heard there has been a huge increase of 28% in the number of diabetes sufferers on Palm Island over the past three years.**

The Queensland Health and National Diabetes forum was held at Townsville Entertainment Centre on May 6 and 7.

Islanders with any symptoms of type 2 diabetes have been advised to see a doctor.

The forum heard that 7200 people from Townsville, Charters Towers, the Burdekin and Palm Island had type 2 diabetes.

The increase in Townsville

since 2007 was 42%, 37% in Charters Towers and 47.2% in the Burdekin cities of Ayr and Home Hill.

More than 300,000 Queenslanders have the disease, which is a lifestyle condition.

Diabetes is widespread around Australia and often can be controlled by maintaining a health lifestyle including lots of exercise.

Diabetes is caused by too

much glucose in the blood and is usually controlled by a hormone insulin.

Type 1 sufferers require insulin injections.

Symptoms include excessive thirst and urination, weight changes, weakness and slow healing of wounds and tingling or numbness in the feet.

Diabetes can lead to fatal health conditions such as heart attacks or stroke.

# ...Out & About...

**Top: Deputy Mayor Raymond Sibley (left) and Mayor Alf Lacey were spotted on their way to Cherbourg via Brisbane, earlier this week. A roundtable meeting similar to the one held on Palm Island last year, will be held in Cherbourg with Minister Curtis Pitt expected to attend.**



**Middle: Worker Shane Smith helped move two buildings 400m to the park near the CBD where a family and cultural precinct will soon be built.**



**Below: Lauren & Irene Watson outside their home.**

**Bottom: Alwyn Fullerton, 17, sitting happily looking at the water of a full Palm Island dam. "It is very peaceful up here," he said**



# Planning underway for huge day of Strike 57 celebrations

## STRIKE OF 1957 COMMEMORATION DAY FOR 2011

FRIDAY 3rd June 2011  
9am to 3.30pm

“COME AND CELEBRATE A FUN FILLED DAY OF ACTIVITIES”

Cheering on your local OZtag, Netball, Pool and Dart team/players  
Battling out for the Winner of the Strike Day Commemoration Trophy  
“UNITED WE STAND”

Traditional Dancing  
Traditional Games  
Face Painting  
Junior Art & Dance Competition  
Storytelling  
Slide shows of old P I  
Tea/Coffee provided —10am to 12noon  
@ the Coolgaree Sports & Bar Bistro

There will be Food and drinks on sale

Contacts: Pool & Dart Comp—Zac Sam  
OzTag—Milton Thaiday  
Cliff Lymburner  
Netball—Sister D

TO TOP THE DAY OF A DINNER DANCE & KARAOKE COMPETITION  
WILL BE HELD 6PM TO 11PM @ THE COOLGAREE SPORTS & BAR BISTRO

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FROM EVELYN @ CDEP

WE HAVE REQUESTED FROM THE COUNCIL  
FOR SUNFERRIES TO DEPART PALM ISLAND @ 4PM.

Picture: 1932—Beach huts in front Palm Island

# **A day of celebrations and activities to commemorate the 1957 Palm Island Strike is being organised by the grandchildren of Palm Island's strikers.**

Friday 3 June has been declared a public holiday on the Island as a day to remember the Strike of 1957 when the people of Palm Island met in silence to fight for better wages and living conditions.

As a result of these meetings seven men were branded as leaders and troublemakers.

While they may have all passed on now, the families of Willie Thaiday, Albert Geia, Eric Lymburner, Sonny Sibley, Bill Congoo, George Watson and Gordon Tapau, are working to ensure they will not be forgotten.

These men and their families were rounded up by police in the early hours of the morning and forcibly removed from their homes and banished from the Island.

Most of them were never to return until decades later.

Mrs Dulcie Isaro, daughter of the Late Willie Thaiday will be a special guest this year, and will be visiting the local schools to talk to students and teachers.

It is also hoped the last surviving widow, Mrs Alma Geia, will also be able to visit Palm Island for this special Day of Commemoration.

"We should all stop and remember that day back in 1957 when these seven men and Palm Island people stood up for their rights and said no more to the Government people who controlled their life," co-organiser Evelyn Lymburner said.

"This was the time when our parents and grandparents were living under 'The Act'

living as slaves and living by the bell to wake up for work and down for sleep at night.

"They had no say in what they can do or where they can go.

"They could not meet in crowds, segregation and boundaries, children were separated from families and put into dormitories.

"All were from different tribal backgrounds, and were taught and told to speak English and not their own traditional language.

"We have this freedom now of choosing our own path in life.

"To acknowledge this day every year is our way of healing and helping the reconciliation process between all races of people.

"We are proud Bwgcorman people of Palm Island."

## **FULL PROGRAM**

### **1. At the old oval opposite Council Chambers we have:**

9am to 10am (Formalities) - Traditional Owner Welcoming; Traditional Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander dancing; Mrs Dulcie Isaro speaking on behalf of the Strikers' families; Mayor Lacey and blessing of the day.

10am to 2pm - OzTag and Netball Matches and a Pool and Dart Competition playing for the Strike of 1957 Commemoration Trophy which will be used yearly for the competition and kept in the Council Chambers. Donated by Elizabeth Seibel CPA.

2pm - Finalist of the Junior Dance Competition performs

2.30pm - Presentations of Trophies for the winners of the OzTag, Netball, Pool and Dart Comp, Junior Art and Dance Competition.

3.30pm - Closing

**FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE ON SALE - TRADITIONAL AND HAMBURGER STALL.**

### **2. At the PCYC**

10am to 2pm - Netball matches battling it out for the Strike of 1957 Commemoration Day Trophy for 2011 donated by the Palm Island Council

### **3. At the Coolgaree Sports & Bar Bistro**

10am to 12noon - Showing of old slides of Palm Island.

10am to 12noon - Elders and community - Morning tea provided and Community lunch provided @ 12.30pm.

12.30pm to 2pm - Pool and Dart Comp finals battling it out for the Strike of 1957 Commemoration Day Trophy for 2011, donated by Day & Day Shipping.

### **4. At the Mall:**

10am to 2pm - Children's activities (games and face painting etc) organised by Deniece Geia and the Red Cross

10am to 2pm - Junior Art display and Dance Competitions.

# Palm Island Voice

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## POSITIONS VACANT

**Day & Day Shipping provides a daily barge service from Lucinda to Palm Island, Monday to Saturdays. We pride ourselves in providing a reliable and professional freight service to the community of Palm Island.**

### **MANAGER PALM ISLAND FREIGHT DEPOT**

We are seeking a suitably qualified person on a full-time basis to manage our Palm Island Freight Depot where goods are transhipped from the mainland for distribution on Palm Island.

To be eligible for this position, applicants must have:-

- A Good understanding of Weights and Measures
- Be self-motivated and work well within a team environment
- Excellent communication skills
- Good organisational skills
- Very good customer service skills
- Ability to work well under pressure
- Forklift Ticket
- A high level of fitness
- A neat and tidy appearance
- A current Driver's Licence
- A HR Truck Licence

### **TRAINEESHIPS in TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS (WAREHOUSING & STORAGE) TL 130107**

We are offering two Traineeships in Transport & Logistics (Warehousing & Storage) TL 130107 on Palm Island.

To be eligible for this position, applicants must have:-

- A willingness to learn
- Be self-motivated and work well within a team environment
- Good communication skills
- Good organisational skills
- Have the ability to operate a Forklift
- Ability to work well under pressure
- A high level of fitness
- A neat and tidy appearance
- A current Driver's Licence

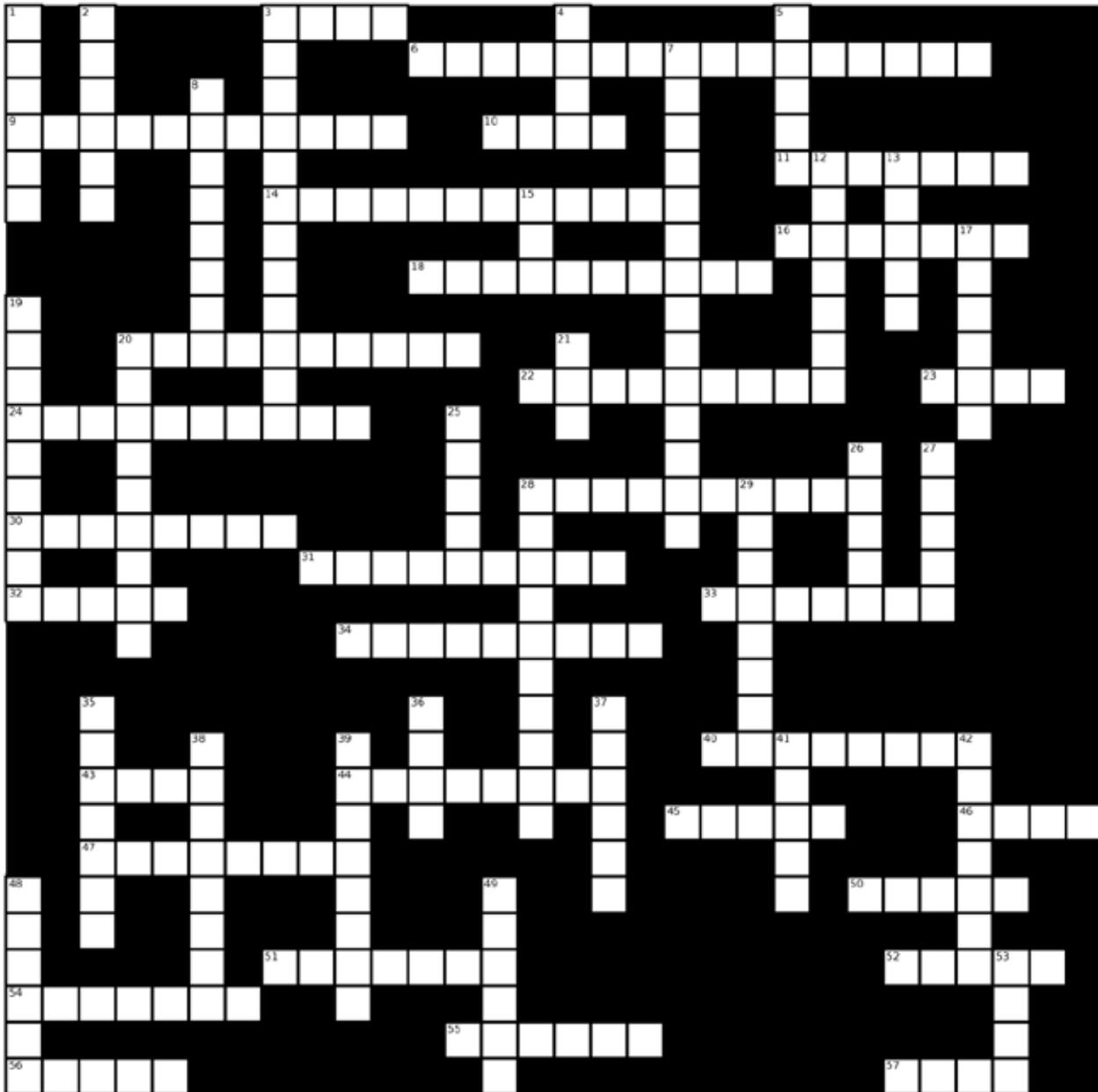
**As key members within this organisation, applicants will need to demonstrate that they are reliable, punctual and hardworking.**

**Applicants are required to fax resumes to:-**

Business Manager  
Day & Day Shipping  
Fax: 07 4776 3012

**Applications close Friday 20th May 2011.**

# PI Voice Crossword 79



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

## Across

- 3. Black scavenging bird
- 6. World's longest coral reef system (3 words)
- 9. Type of student funding award
- 10. Euchre and 500 are this type of game
- 11. One who goes to school or college
- 14. The Northern Territory copped this Howard-Brough action in 2007
- 16. Certificate of achievement
- 18. A thousand years
- 20. Located at 18.7 degrees latitude south, and 146 degrees longitude (2 Words)
- 22. Winners of this year's trans-Tasman RL clash on the Gold Coast
- 23. This PM led the Stolen Generations apology, Kevin ?
- 24. Harold Thomas designed the ? flag
- 28. Taken with a camera
- 30. Extra money paid on a loan
- 31. A type of university worker
- 32. Now defunct indigenous commission (initials)

- 33. Famous Aboriginal cricketer who bowled Bradman for a duck, Eddie ?
- 34. Played with a jack and led by the skip - the ends keep changing (2)
- 40. The call is out for this post-Royal Wedding form of Government
- 43. Rugby's awesome trio, Mark, Gary and Glen ?
- 44. Christian church founded in England
- 45. Australia's famous monolith
- 46. Famous boxer, Lionel ?
- 47. PI's King and Queen of rodeo, Shaun and Pauline ?
- 50. Rugby League great who played for Manly, Cliff ?
- 51. Cape York Institute Director, Noel ?
- 52. Around the board and land with a bulls eye
- 54. Lightning strikes followed by this
- 55. Nicky Winmar's famous jersey lifting message in 1993 was about this

- 56. Cancelled again, but this bucking bronco show will go on
- 57. Method of election

## Down

- 1. Type of fuel used in trucks
- 2. Long and mostly harmless snake
- 3. Set of rules governing a country
- 4. The sun is the only one of these in our solar system
- 5. Hockey and athletics legend, Nova ?
- 7. Bringing indigenous and non-indigenous people together
- 8. Indigenous All Stars NRL founder, Preston ?
- 12. NBL runners up to NZ Breakers, Cairns ?
- 13. State of Origin champ turned coach and commentator, Laurie ?
- 15. National Rugby League (init)
- 17. Where historical items are collected and displayed
- 19. Famous Australian artist from the mid-20th century, Albert ?
- 20. Ambulance officer
- 21. The Social Justice Commission is trying to 'Close the ?'

- 25. Australia's Governor-General, Quentin ?
- 26. Blue, Sperm and Humpback are all types of this animal
- 27. Money given to a community project
- 28. Where you send and receive mail (2)
- 29. Deb Mailman and Rachel Maza starred in this central Queensland movie
- 35. Queensland's first State of Origin coach, Artie ?
- 36. Former State of Origin Greats (init)
- 37. This year's ABS population count
- 38. Love and marriage, horse and ?
- 39. Bunch of dates hanging on a wall - what day is it?
- 41. Capital of Western Australia
- 42. Deaths in Custody investigator
- 48. Another name for a physician
- 49. God is said to have rested on this day
- 53. Type of training college



# Boxers punch it out at Seaview

**FOUR Palm island boxers fought on a gala Sunstate Amateur Boxing tournament at Townsville's Seaview Hotel last Friday.**

Dennis Haines jnr won his bout whilst William Palm Island, Craig Desatge and David Sam lost narrowly. Scores of Palm Islanders were amongst the crowd including former Deputy Mayor Zac Sam, his wife Donella and former- Councillor Elizabeth Clay.

The tournament was put on by former professional boxer Gonzo Hooper of Townsville's Flatenem Boxing Club and attracted a large crowd producing a wonderful atmosphere.

William Palm Island lost to Mount Isa BB's boxer Elijah Lawrence on points in the 48kg flyweight division.

Soon after Dennis Haines jnr won a tough bout on points over talented Hawks club boxer Daniel Matheson in the 55kg featherweight class.

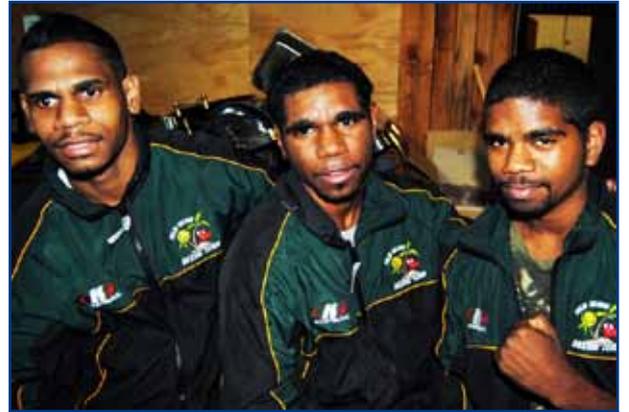
A large number of relatives and friend watched young Haines and cheered loudly.

In a light middleweight bout, which many in the crowd thought could have gone either way, Craig Desatge lost on points to Aaron Stahl of Hawks Club. In the first round Desatge unleashed some powerful left hooks.

Heavyweight David Sam fought older 26-year-old Flatenem boxer Jamie Allison who had a two-win one-loss record when he stepped into the ring.

Sam lost on points in what was another close decision.

Other Palm Island boxers travelled to Townsville for the tournament but opponents could not be found



for them.

Two of the star boxers Patrick Clarke and Reggie Palm each fought two minute exhibition bouts against their assistant trainer Chris Gundy.

"The crowd really enjoyed those," trainer Ray Dennis said.

Clarke and Reggie Palm Island will travel to Caboolture in southern Queensland next weekend for a Sunstate Amateur Boxing League tournament.



## Percentages count in PIRL's 4th round for 2011

**Premiers Butler Bay Bulls beat Hornets 24-20 and Jets defeated previously unbeaten Brothers (pictured) 37-34 on Saturday at the local footy oval in Round 4 of the PIRL held two weekends ago.**



Both of matches were decided by late tries in the dying minutes. To add a bit of spice to the competition Skipjacks scored a percentage boosting 72-6 victory over Mundy Bay Warriors to charge to the top of the table on for-and-against percentage. Bulls official Lloyd Morgan said his side - with only 13 players - had been trailing and scored a try with two seconds remaining to snare the win.

"It was a good win and other sides are now worrying about us," Morgan said. Best players were Austin Walsh with two tries, Pita Morgan and new recruits Allan Bonner and Ronald Palmer. Hornets official Bill Landers paid tribute to Bulls for scoring just before the

final siren to snare the victory. Landers rated Victor Courtney, Rob Snyder, Cooper Kerr, Christian Richardson and Mick Marpoondin as Hornets' best. It was a late 4-pointer by flying back Robert Bulsey which gave last year's runners up Jets the narrow win over Brothers. Best for Jets were Assan Sam, Moa Sam, Robert Bulsey, five eighth James Palmer, Greg Barry and Gelam Geia. Brothers official Vernon Walsh said forward Georgie Dabea, centre Malcolm Barry, fullback Francis Nugent and halfback John Baira went well. Scores had

been locked together at 16-all at half time. For Skipjacks coach Alex Morgan it was a satisfying win which was a genuine team effort. Classy lock Raoul Miller shone like a moonbeam to score five tries for Skipjacks and was well supported by five eighth Gary Pearson, front rower Gabriel Geesu and hooker Kenny Wilson. **There will be no local fixtures next weekend due to the Foley Shield in Townsville.**

### Ladder after Round 4:

- 1 Skipjacks - 6**
- 2 Brothers - 6**
- 3 Hornets - 6**
- 4 Bulls - 4**
- 5 Jets - 4**
- 6 Warriors - 0**



FORMER Palm Islander **Manatu Neliman** was a member of the Northern Marlins ladies rugby league side which reached the grand final of the Queensland Women's Championships at Caloundra earlier this month. Her team went down 26-8 to a strong South East Queensland team. "The team was mixed with girls from the Cape, Bamaga, Torres Strait, Cairns, Townsville, Burdekin and Mackay," she said. "It was one of the strongest Marlins women's team ever."



**PALM Island footballers will face a baptism of fire when they make their debut in a combined side with Bowen at the prestigious Foley Shield rugby league competition in Townsville from May 20 to 22.**

It will be an historical and emotional moment when a combined Palm Island/Bowen side takes the field against Townsville City in its Foley Shield debut on Friday May 20 at 7.15pm. The next day at 2.15pm Palm Island/Bowen will meet Northern Outback in what promises to be a ripper.

Palm Island is in the four centre Pool B with Cairns the other team.

Pool A consists of Townsville Country, Innisfail/Eacham, Mackay and Remote Area Regional League picked from players in the Torres Strait, Cape York, Kowanyama, Hope

Vale, Wujal Wujal and Cooktown.

Obe Geia jnr and Fred Haines jnr have been in fine form for Atherton club and were eligible for Innisfail/Eacham selection.

Palm Island/Bowen will be very much an underdog in qualifying matches, which will be played over two 30 minute halves.

Whatever the outcome Palm island is sure to have the most supporters as the best club footballers in North Queensland go into football combat.

Each of the other seven sides will have players with some connection to Palm Island.



**Palm Island Barracudas (above) played an exciting 24-all draw with Bowen/Collinsville at the Foley Shield selection trial in Ayr earlier this month.**

The fired-up Barracudas looked set to roll to victory after dominating the first half and going into the break with a commanding 24-10 lead.

Barracudas' tries were scored by Anthony Thompson, Rob Snyder, Esrom Geia and Fred Bulsey whilst five eighth Gary Pearson kicked four goals.

"We had good players all over the park and it was hard to single out anybody," said team medic Bill Landers.

Barracudas coach was Lloyd Morgan, his assistant Alex Morgan, selectors David Baira and Raynard Baira and team manager Victor Daisy.

Alex rated the best players as Fred Bulsey, Gelam Geia, Raoul Miller, Jason Bulsey, Austin Walsh and Gary Pearson, who was named Man of the Match.

Many Palm supporters travelled to the Burdekin to support the boys in a 50-seat bus.

**More pics p 15 and for more on the Foley Shield team see pages 3 & 15...**



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