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Mayor puts Palm on international stage

United Nations Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay met with a number of Aboriginal people, including Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey, in Yarrabah last month.

Mr Lacey said he and others took the opportunity to point out discrepancies in Australian law between their people and others in matters such as the Northern Territory intervention and Alcohol Management Plans.

He and Yarrabah's Deputy Mayor Sandra Horton also called on the Australian Government to start seriously looking at ways in which a treaty might be entered into.

"My private audience with her, was in terms of laws in the country and human rights being violated," he said.

"We don't support the Northern Territory intervention and we don't want it in Queensland.

"Nor do we want the AMPs in Queensland, it's about two different sets of laws for two sets of groups of people.

"One, if you live in an urban area you're okay to do whatever you want.

"If you live in an Aboriginal community or shire there is a different set of rules.

"So, I've basically spoken to her about our

human rights issue in terms of things haven't changed since the 1967 Referendum.

"We are still not being treated equally and we still have some issues that needs to be sorted."

"My call also, along with Sandra Horton, the deputy mayor of Yarrabah, was for the Australian Government now to start looking at a treaty with Indigenous Australians.

"It's time that Australia grows up and enter into a treaty like other Commonwealth countries.

"And my message was also on behalf of the Palm Island people in that I welcome their visit to the country."

Ms Pillay told a media conference she had sensed "the deep hurt and pain they have suffered because of government policies imposed on them".

"I also saw Aboriginal people making great efforts to improve their communities but noted their efforts are often stifled by inappropriate and inflexible policies that fail to empower the most effective local solutions," she said.

"I would urge a fundamental rethink of the measures being taken under the Northern Territory Emergency Response. "There should be a major effort to ensure not just consultation with the communities concerned in any future measures, but also their consent and active participation. Such a course of action would be in line with the UN Declaration (on Human Rights)."

Historic games in Foley football - all the news and hero pics pages 8 & 9



Ambos to star in national campaign



The federal Department of Health and Aging have selected five Indigenous Australians from all parts of the country to appear in

an ad campaign around the benefits of making a career in health. Palm Island's Gemma Armit (*above right*) was one of

five selected from many applicants Australia-wide. The campaign will start broadcasting in July on all TV networks.

FOOTY!!!

Due to circumstances beyond their control PIRL would like to advise that matches scheduled for last weekend will now take place tomorrow (Friday 3 June).

NQ's 'top cop' here on Palm Island



Top cop: Paul Enders

DETECTIVE Sergeant Paul Enders has been named the Townsville Bulletin North Queensland Police Officer of the Year for his work on Palm Island, in particular with youth, the Townsville Bulletin has reported.

Sgt Enders, the officer-in-charge of the Palm Island criminal investigation branch, said he was humbled to have been recognised and honoured and that the young people on Palm Island had embraced him since he moved there in October 2005, the Bulletin reported on 18 May 2011.

The Bulletin said Sgt Enders gave up three nights a week to run activities at the Palm Island PCYC, volunteered once a week as the Adopt-a-Cop at St Michael's Primary School and on weekends and school holidays ran youth activities like camps, fishing trips and jet-ski rides.

Sgt Enders beat 50 other nominees from across North Queensland, the Bulletin said.

Healing Gathering a success

Link Up Qld conducted the first Healing Gathering for people of Palm Island on Palm Island last week.

Mayor Alf Lacey said the event had been good for Palm Island.

"Certainly Palm Council welcome the Healing Gathering to Palm to help local people to sit there and talk about issues that are affecting them," he said.

"The community response was good and I hope it becomes a regular event for the community.

Palm Island Voice will have the full story and pics for readers in our next Issue.

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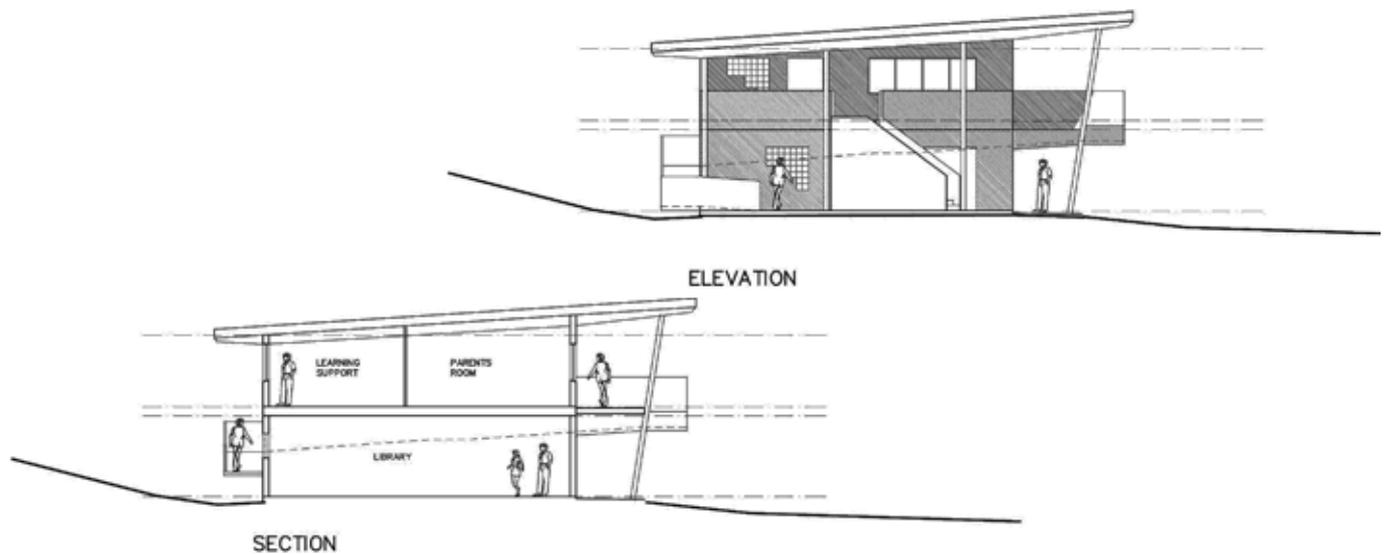
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New building represents 'significant' investment into Palm Island community says Mayor



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Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey has welcomed a multi-million dollar investment into Palm Island with the announcement that a new building along with various upgrades to existing resources, will be taking place at St Michael’s school over the next few months.

Townsville Catholic Education is the progressing three stages of the project which will involve a combination of building, rebuilding and refurbishing the school to deliver 21st Century learning environments for students and teachers.

Mr Lacey said it was particularly good for students.

“Making our kids comfortable so they can learn properly provides more opportunity for students on Palm,” he said.

“We know that in run-down classrooms kids can’t learn properly, but all our futures will benefit from this investment.”

Townsville Catholic Education Director Dr Cathy Day said the project was an exciting development for the

community, which was also to be teamed with a range of innovative curriculum initiatives.

“Stage 1 of the project is nearing completion and we have accepted a tender from builders to begin stage 2,” Dr Day said.

“We expect all three stages will be complete by the end of 2012.”

The overall project will include the construction of a covered sport and play area, extensions and refurbishments to the administration building, refurbishments of most classrooms, the tuckshop and pupil amenities.

A highlight of the development will be the construction of the ‘The Lighthouse Centre’ which will be home to a library

resource centre, a parent community centre and learning enrichment centre. “The Lighthouse Centre will be a rich addition to St Michael’s, providing the school community with quality learning resources in a dedicated space,” Dr Day said.

“Townsville Catholic Education has greatly appreciated the support of the Palm Island Council in helping to bring these plans for St Michael’s to fruition.” Mr Alf Lacey said Townsville Catholic Education was investing significantly in the school and in our community. “We look forward to the completion of the project, in particular the Lighthouse Centre which will be a fantastic resource for our community,” he said.

Townsville hosts 'Reconciliation Brekkie' for cold and weary Palm Islanders

MORE than 20 Townsville-based Palm Islanders enjoyed a special sausage sizzle breakfast put on by Centrelink as part of National Reconciliation Week celebrations in the last week of May.

The bbq was held on the banks of Ross Creek which is across Victoria Bridge from the CBD.

National Reconciliation Week 2011 is nationally recognised across Australia from 27 May to 3 June.

Chantelle Daphney, Terence Kidner, Malcolm Nugent, Francis Nugent, Mervyn Ketchup, Les Nugent and Matthew Marpoondin were some of the Palm Islanders present with some of them intending to return to Palm on the ferry later that day. They all said it was good to eat some hot sausages on a cold morning.



...Out & About...



Above: Bus driver Doris Watson

Right: Behind pram is Theresa Massey, with Wendy Massey and Wendy's three children Merlin Massey, 7, Polyanna Nomoa, 2, and baby Veronica Nomoa, 11 months.



Bishop Bill visits on a mission



The Anglican Bishop of North Queensland, the Right Reverend Bill Ray of Townsville visited Palm Island in May, on a short, but important fact-finding mission.

He said he was looking to find out how to provide ministry that is relevant and culturally appropriate to the Island.

Bishop Bill was met at the Airport by Community and Parish leaders and given a Traditional Welcome to Country.

He then made visits to St George's Church and other Parish facilities where he celebrated a Service of Holy Communion to about 40 parishioners.

Pastoral visits to parishioners who were house-bound was high on Bishop Bill's agenda.

For the Deacon-in-Charge of St George's Church, the Reverend Noel Cannon, it was an important occasion because it was Bishop Bill's first visit to Palm.

Many ideas were shared by the people and noted by Bishop Bill. The facts will be used in the formulation of plans for the future.



Also on Palm Island last month was Catholic Bishop Austen Crapp, OFM, photographed here arriving at the Palm Island airport for the farewell to the three sisters. The Bishop has worked on Palm Island before.



A LARGE numbers of family and friends attended the baptism of one-year-old Zebrion Landers at St Anthony's Church on Palm Island early last month.

As little Zebrion was held by her mother Charity Landers surrounded by well-wishers, proud grandfather was Palm ambulance man Bill Landers, who couldn't hide his delight. "I feel very happy and proud," Bill said.

...Out & About...



Moving along a rough road towards Bamboo Creek on horseback is a smoother way to travel, or so it would seem to Alf Lacey jnr and Ben Baira on their trusty steeds.

Alf jnr, the son of Mayor Lacey, was riding 'Amber Jay', and Ben was on the somewhat strangely named 'Hitler'.

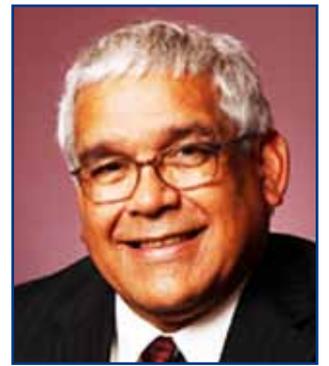
"I called it Hitler because the horse tries to dictate," Ben said.



These two visitors to Palm Island were enjoying their seat within the grounds of St Anthony's Catholic Church on a bright Autumn day last month. They were pondering over what islands they could see in the distance

across from Palm. Enter technology: the man pulled out his mobile phone, went onto the internet and soon had access to a GPS map of the area, helping them to identify his view as Fantome and Curacao Islands.

Gooda urges 'lateral violence' awareness



Mick Gooda

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner and respected leader in Aboriginal affairs, Mick Gooda visited Palm Island last week to talk about what is known as 'lateral violence' in communities.

Speaking at the Coolgaree Bay Hotel, Mr Gooda said this insidious form of social violence had been experienced by almost everyone.

"Everyone has experienced lateral violence, the name given to behaviours such as harassment, bullying and intimidation of those who may disagree with a particular stance or position someone else may be taking," he said, adding it was often the result of "disadvantage, discrimination and oppression."

Mr Gooda then led a discussion between staff from the Palm Island Community Company and representatives of the Palm Island Elders Advisory, as well as the Palm Island Rugby League and participants from the under-18s mentoring program run by the Palm Island Community Company Diversion Centre.

In the session it was suggested that those without social power often try to attain that power, not by trying to better things for themselves, but by bringing others down.

Unfortunately, those they bring down are often those closest to them – their own people rather than strangers.

This may give a fleeting sense of power, but it is extremely destructive to the community as a whole.

Lateral violence is no stranger in any

community, but in a relatively closed community like Palm Island, it is a destroyer. Older people, children, and those with disabilities, the weakest among us, are the easiest targets.

He said according to those aware of the problem, when you see it, you should call it for what it is – social violence – and name and shame those responsible.

Mr Gooda is currently a Board Member of the Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health Queensland, and is the Australian representative on the International Indigenous Council, which focuses on healing and addictions.

He also has an interest in the Lateral Violence Program in Canada and has been working closely with the First Nation people of Canada on the relevance of this program to Australia. Mrs Iris White, as Chair of the Elders Advisory, formally welcomed Mr Gooda on behalf of the Palm Island community.

It was a timely and informative address, but just a beginning to solving this difficult and pervasive problem.

The Palm Island Community Company organised the event and said Mr Gooda was committed to continue working with them to help address lateral violence in our community.



Pictured from left is Gertie Massey, Muriel Bramwell & Nerida Lampton outside St Anthony's Church

They did us proud

PALM Island footballers did themselves and their community proud when they competed at the prestigious **Foley Shield** carnival in Townsville from May 20 to 22.

Hundreds of Islanders were at the Brother's League's Club Manski Oval to see the combined Palm Island/Bowen side in its debut in the competition which started in 1948.

Palm Island/Bowen kept their best form for their last game when they lost 42-26 to the powerful Cairns team.

Try Scorers for Palm Island/Bowen were Paddy Paine (2), Gustavson, Jioji Dabea and Rowan Nott whilst Robert B... booted three goals.

In their first two games Palm Island/Bowen lost 62-... Townsville City, which reached the final, and then 44-... Northern Outback.

Palm's Alex Morgan and Lloyd Morgan were assistant coaches and Victor Daisy the team manager.

Raoul Miller tried his heart out all weekend and came under serious consideration for selection in the North Queensland Marlins side, named after the grand final.

Rob Snyder, one of the smallest players at the carnival, impressed. Inspirational Palm Island forward Fred Bulsey was honoured in the game against Cairns with the captaincy.

Bulsey missed game two due to a painful knee injury but started in the first match.

"I really felt good to play and was just so happy to play for Palm Island in that competition," he said.

"A Bowen player was captain on day one and to be given the role against Cairns was great." Mackay Sea Eagles, coached by former Manly and NQ Cowboys star Owen Cunningham,

defeated Townsville City 30-14 in the grand final.

MEANWHILE former Palm Island player Fred Haines Jnr has been named in the North Queensland Marlins side to compete at the Divisional Championships on the Gold Coast in June.



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The speedster now plays for Atherton club in the Cairns and District competition and represented for Innisfail/Eacham at the Foley Shield.

"The whole family is extremely proud of Fred," his mum, Inniss Haines said.

"The last living family member on his father's side (Beryl Gorrige – nee Haines) would like it mentioned that his great grandfathers John Haines and George Smythe played in the Eacham side in 1927.

"It took until 2011 for another family member who carries the name to play in the Innisfail Eachem side."

She said it is a real bonus Fred was named to play in the side.

"We as parents are very proud and his dad said as long as he keeps his head up and plays to his full potential, is consistent and always remembers where he came from," she said.

"Overall this is big honour for the Haines family."

From the Mayor:

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey said he wanted to congratulate the Palm Island Barracudas for some great days of competition and for playing 'goood' football.

"Barracudas always shine whether we win or lose," he said.

"And they always shine when it comes to putting pride back into the Palm Island community, so that's a big thumbs up from me as the mayor for the boys.

"There's more games coming and you want to keep that up – Palm Barracudas always play 'goood' football!"



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You will have excellent communication skills and the capability to work in a positive team environment is essential, as well as taking on autonomous roles.

Director of Community Services

The Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council is seeking the services of a highly motivated individual to serve the Council as the Director of Community Services.

This person will be primarily responsible to ensure the efficient operation, planning, maintenance and upgrading of all community facilities within the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council and organise and co-ordinate the management of community services to achieve maximum community participation and cost effectiveness of operations.

You will have excellent communication skills and the capability to work in a positive team environment is essential, as well as taking on autonomous roles.

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Picture: 1932 - Beach huts in front Palm Island

57 STRIKE DAY 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 - 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.

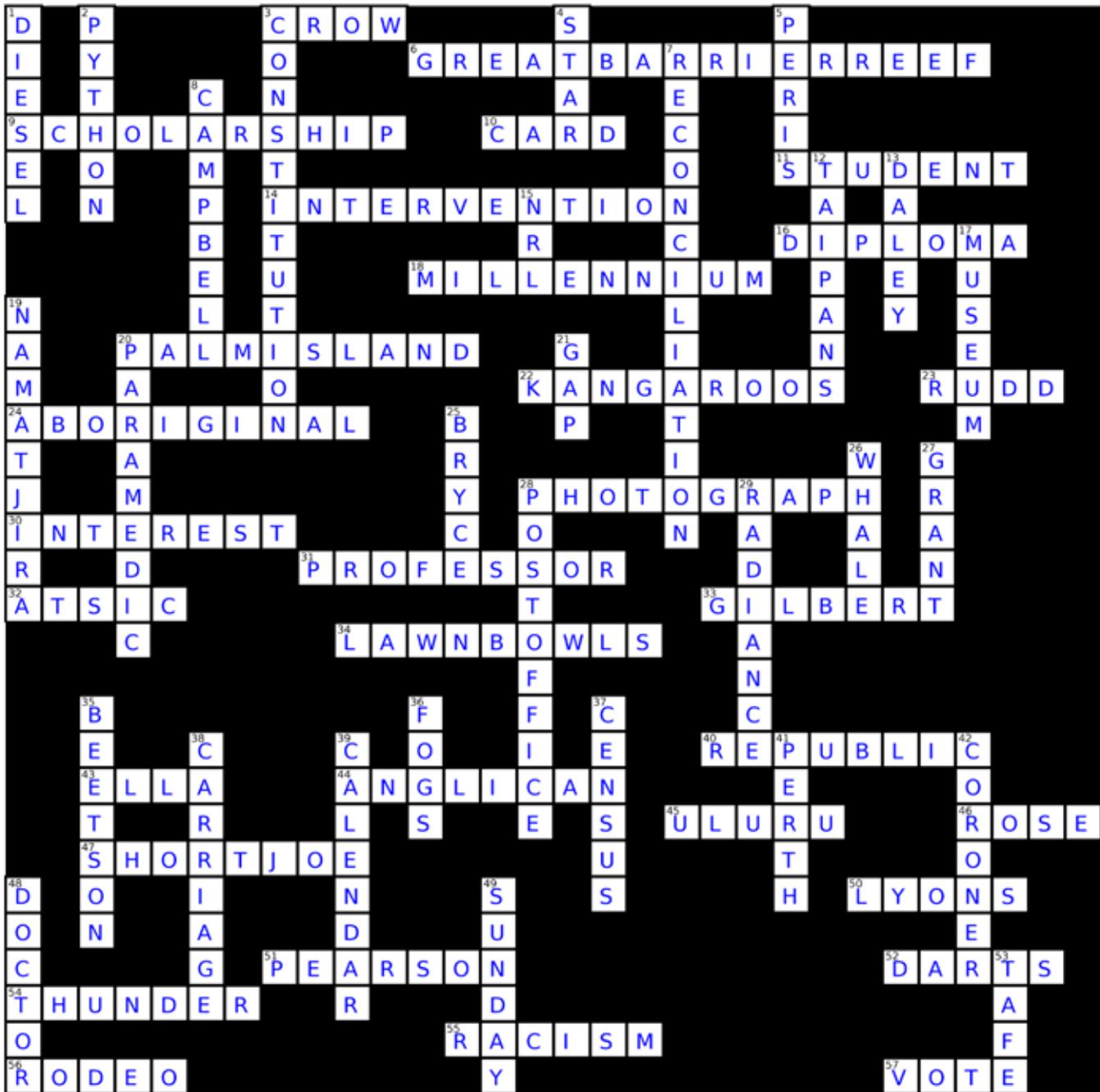
12.30pm to 2pm - Pool and Dart Comp finals battling it out for the Strike of 1957 Commemoration Day Trophy for 2011, donated by Day & Day Shipping.

4. At the Mall:

10am to 2pm - Children's activities organised by Deniece Geia and the Red Cross

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

PI Voice Crossword 79 Answers



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

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PIRL PLAYER PROFILE: PATRICK CHARLES

THROUGHOUT the footy season this year Palm Island Voice will profile a local Palm Island Rugby League player, coach or admin support each fortnight... (well, we missed one last week, so this week we have two! See also next page...)

PROUD Palm Islander Patrick Charles is an asset to any side he plays for whether it has been a local club team, the Barracudas, or Townsville team Bindal Sharks.

This season, 29-year-old Patrick had joined reigning premiers Butler Bay Bulls which won the last three Palm club grand finals. On May 7, Charles was a member of the Barracudas team which played a 24-all draw with Bowen in a Foley Shield trial in Ayr.

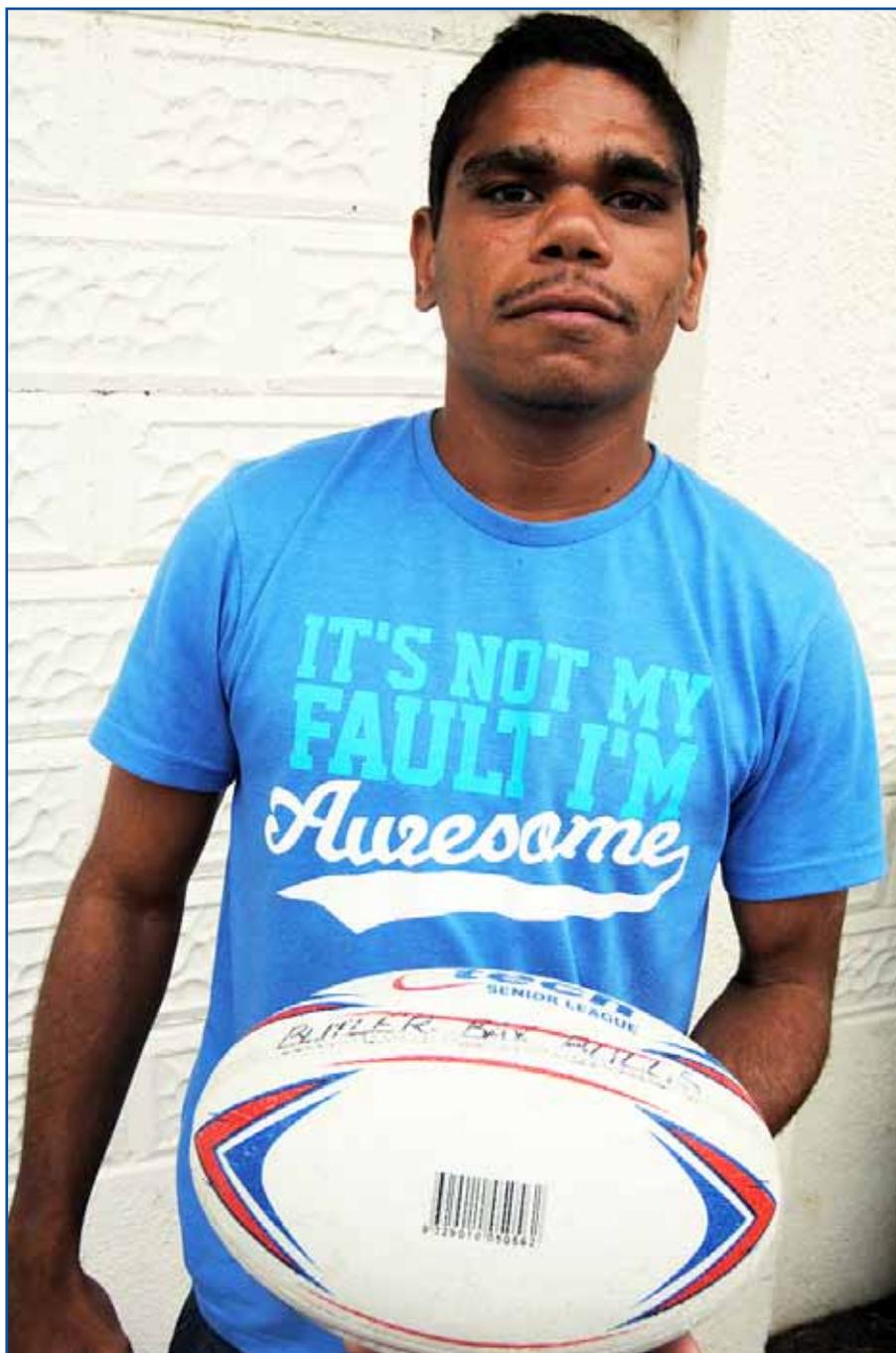
The next day Charles lined up with Bindal Sharks in the Townsville and District competition making him ineligible to also play for Butler Bay Bulls because dual registration is not allowed by the PIRL.

In 2008 Patrick played for Jets, then Raiders a year later and switched to then new Club Hornets in 2010.

Versatile Charles is a genuine Jack-of-all-trades playing at hooker and often has to take the ball from dummy half and can also adapt to several back line positions.

In the trial against Bowen, Charles showed more than a touch of class.

In one important passage of play, Patrick showed little concern for his own safety when along with another Barracudas defender held up a rampaging opposition forward over the line denying him a try.



Even though he was not considered for Palm Island/Bowen selection for the Foley Shield carnival, Charles was still at the ground barracking for the boys.

At the Bindal Allblacks carnival last October in Townsville Patrick lined up for the Dream Catchers, one of five Palm sides.

Patrick went to Bwgcolman Primary School and later to Shalom Christian College in Townsville.

PIRL PLAYER PROFILE: ESROM GEIA

CLASSY fullback Esrom Geia puts his body on the line every time he lines up for his local club Skipjacks or the Palm Island Barracudas.

The 26-year-old Esrom was born on Palm and made his A grade debut for Brothers club in 2008 season.

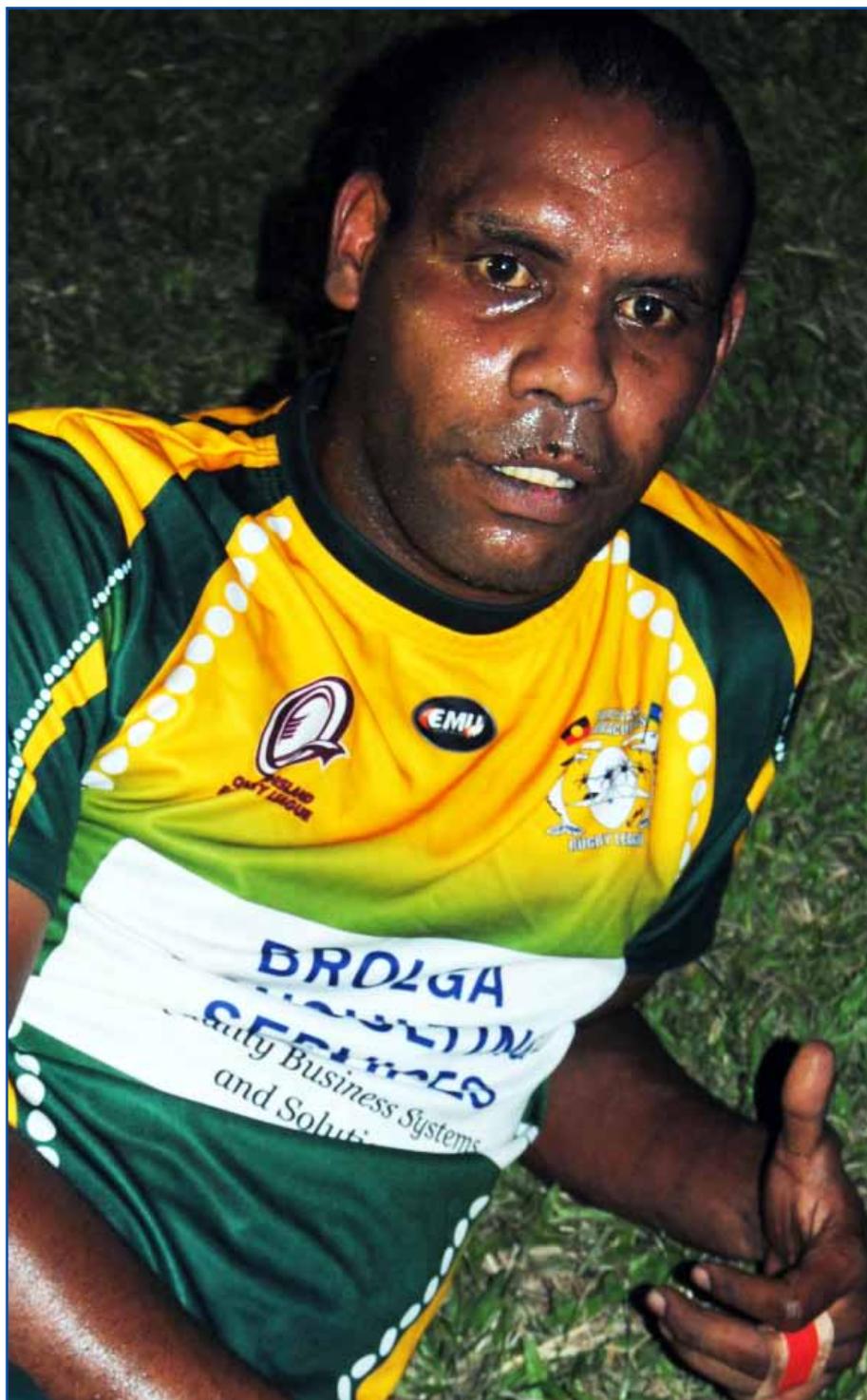
Esrom also had a season with Jets and has been with Skipjacks since last year.

A strong defender and attacking fullback,

Esrom has proudly represented the Barracudas many times.

He often finds himself confronted by much bigger opponents heading for the try line in his role as the last line of defence.

"I really am proud to play for the Barracudas," he said.



That was evident in the 24-all Foley Shield selection trial draw with Bowen and District in Ayr on May 7.

A huge Bowen forward came charging towards Esrom and somehow, with assistance from Patrick Charles, they managed to hold up the opponent saving a certain try. Quietly spoken off the field, Esrom also played for Skipjacks in the game against Australian Army Thunder in 2010 for the Bill Coolburra Memorial Shield. Esrom is the son of the late and great Palm Island boxer Esrom Geia senior.

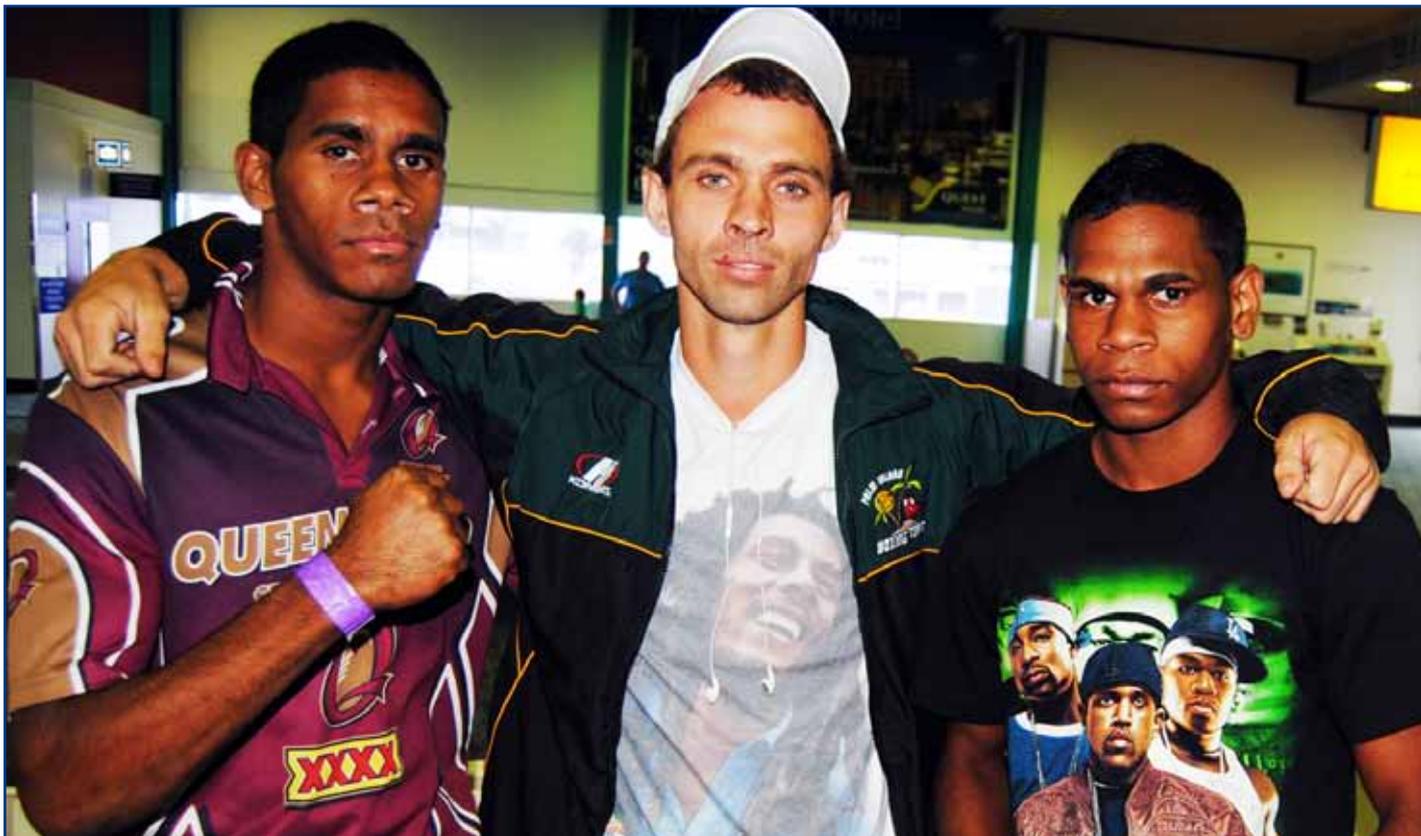
Talented Esrom also proved his ability away from the region when he was one of five Palm Island footballers to line up for winning side Mua Razorbacks at the 25th Island of Origin Series on Badu Island last June.

Esrom said he looks set to return to Badu over the coming Queen's Birthday long weekend after being invited.

"I think Skipjacks can really go well this season," he said.

If Skippies hold the trophy aloft come grand final day you can be sure Esrom will have played a major role.

Boxers stand their ground in 'international' bout



From left are Patrick Clarke, Chris Gundy and Reggie Palm Island

IT was described as an "international bout" when Reggie Palm Island beat Nauru boxer Blanco Wharton on a Boxing Queensland tournament card at Caboolture's Morayfield Tavern, just north of Brisbane, held just over two weeks ago.

Nauru is located in the deep blue Pacific Ocean waters north of the Solomon Islands. Trainer Ray Dennis said a large crowd watched the 32 fights on the card.

"Reggie won on points and it was an international bout - Palm Island versus Nauru," he said.

"It was a 56kg bout and Reggie gave away 4kg."

Patrick Clarke fought the main event of the night against Billy Tindall from Caboolture in the 64kg division and was narrowly beaten on points in an exciting fight.

His opponent Billy Tindall was much older and has represented Australia overseas in boxing.

Queensland Boxing officials were very impressed with the performances of both Reggie Palm Island and Patrick Clarke and said Reggie was a very strong chance of representing Australia at the World Championships.

The good news is that Palm Island boxers have been assured that they will be able to compete in Queensland Boxing league tournaments without having a ban put on them by the Queensland Boxing Association. So Palm Island boxers registered with the Queensland Boxing Association will have the chance to take part in trials to represent Australia.

Reggie Palm Island and Clarke are the two local boxers Mr Dennis feels have the ability to represent Australia at the next Olympic Games.

Mr Dennis wanted to thank sponsors the Palm Island Community Company for their assistance.

Palm Island's inter-school Athletics Carnival was held on Monday the 16th May. Six teams wrestled for the trophy, with students competing in every race to gain points for their teams. Well done to everyone on their valiant effort and a special congratulations to Curacoa of Bwgcorman community School who won.



Pics courtesy St Michael's School



Maroon connection



Palm Island gardener Joe Reuben has been on Palm for many years and is one of the best known workers.

He is an uncle of Queensland State of Origin star Dane Nielsen who shone for the Maroons in their 16-12 win over NSW in game one last Wednesday.

Joe said his family were all proud of his debut match.

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