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Thumbs up for NAIDOC Week footy



Big smiles from Tina Marpoondin & Randall Parker who clearly love their footy, making sure they were in their own box seats for the NAIDOC week clash between Skipjacks and Army.

For more NAIDOC Week pics see pages 8-9...

Yasi repair submissions boosted by visit

A bid by Council to ensure Palm Island gets what's needed to repair damage caused by Cyclone Yasi earlier this year has been boosted by a visit from a key player to inspect what needs to be done.

Queensland Reconstruction Authority CEO Graeme Newton met with Mayor Alf Lacey (*pictured right*) and Council engineers "to get a better understanding of the damage sustained as a result of Cyclone Yasi", he said.

Mayor Lacey said Council had put up submissions and developed an initial report into the damage to the foreshore at Palm Island.

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Yasi repair bids boosted by visit

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"Our bid was for repairing the foreshore and damage that's been caused over a couple of kilometres across the main part of the whole town," Mr Lacey said.

"Graham's visit was certainly welcome by Council, in particularly welcome by me as the Mayor.

"It's given him a better understanding on what he's looking at and certainly what he can now support the Shire with in terms of our application whilst he's given no commitment."

Mr Newton said he was still stunned by the force of the Cyclone.

"The impact of the Cyclone is still quite evident, , and as with many of my visits to disaster affected areas, I'm still stunned at Mother Nature's force" he said.

"The Mayor and I undertook several site inspections – we looked at the damage done to the sea wall from the high seas, including the area around the helipad, and also the road damage across Palm. "It was a very productive visit and the Authority will continue to work closely with the Council in relation to its Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) application for repairs."

Mr Lacey said Mr Newton had also suggested they apply for some funds to fix the helipad. "Certainly there's a section where the helipad is that's badly damaged so he's given

some very serious thought and consideration and has asked us to put up an application just for that little bit of works that need to be done there," he said.

"With the foreshore in particular the cost is high.

"Council is pushing through and certainly I am, as the Mayor, will be arguing very strongly on all applications and that's one thing I won't let go of.

"As the Major of the Shire I will continue to fight for what is best for us and certainly what is best for the community, particularly the foreshore.

"Once we have any more news on that we'll be updating the community."

MEANWHILE Mr Lacey said he and Deputy Mayor Raymond Sibley had been in touch with Minister for Main Roads, Fisheries and Marine Infrastructure Craig Wallace about the pine forest.

"We are negotiating what we hope will be some good business outcomes on behalf of the community," Mr Lacey said.

"Coolgaree CDEP is also talking to us this week about re-vegetating the old pine forest

so it re-grows again as well."

If the trees knocked down by Yasi were to be sold as logs they could provide an unexpected windfall for the community.

Cr Sibley told the Koori Mail earlier this month that at least 400 trees could be recovered and sold as logs.

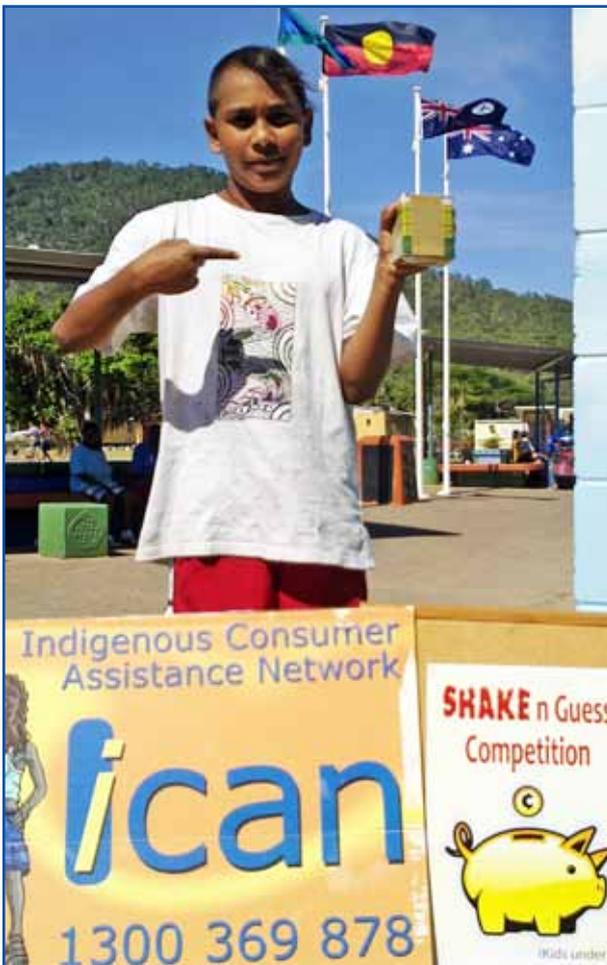
"The last thing I want is for them to go rotten," Cr Sibley said.

"As it is they are blocking the access to places which are popular with locals especially on weekends.

"I am confident of a good outcome and we would get trucks up to where the trees are and it would create jobs for locals."



Deputy Mayor Raymond Sibley inspects damage to the pine forest (above)



Congratulations to 11-year-old Joseph Nallajar who was the winner of the Shake n GUESS competition sponsored by ICAN and the Commonwealth Bank during NAIDOC Week. The total amount was \$45.65 in the money box and he guessed the exact amount. Well done!!!

New CEO on board this week

New CEO Ross Norman has taken up his position as of Monday this week.

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey said he welcomed the appointment.

"Our new Council management team will be taking up their positions over the course of the next two to three weeks," he said.

"We'll make sure you get to meet our new leadership team and new structure in the next issue of the *Palm Island Voice*.

"In the meantime I just want to say the Mayor and Council welcome Ross's appointment."



STAR Palm Island boxers Patrick Clarke and Reggie Palm Island recently travelled to Brisbane with coach Ray Dennis.

Find out how they went on page 13!!

Life's not 'PASSing' them by

THREE young Palm Islanders participated in a 'Life Skills Day' organised by PASS Australia on the Townsville Strand earlier this month.



Life Skill Days are organised twice annually by PASS regional offices and provide an opportunity to expose the organisation's Junior Coaches/Trainees to the various programs and career paths available to them.

Youths Ivy Accoom, Tibian Wyles and Genami Geia were there, enjoying games of beach cricket and basketball with their colleagues and mentors.



"VALUE OUR PAST AND STEP UP FOR THE FUTURE"

'Old Palm Island, it was their time, talking about the elders and the elder people, new Palm Island, now it's our time'

Palm Island Spring Fair 1-3 September 2011

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey has called the community to get behind, up and involved in this year's Spring Fair, which is looking like being the biggest event the Island has hosted for some time.

Mr Lacey said he did not want to see people sitting down and whinging about what was or wasn't going on during the event.

"Don't sit down and whinge, get up and get involved," he said.

"The message I've giving to the community is: it's your festival it's your Spring Fair.

"We want you to get involved even if it's in a small way."

Palm Island Council will be the major sponsors for the 2011 Spring Festival, to be held from Thursday 1 to Saturday 3 September.

Palm Island Community Company and a number of other organisations are also sponsors for the event.

"This year it looks like the Spring Fair is going to be a very successful event for the community," Mayor Alf Lacey said.

"As you can see with the program we've had some really good work put together by people

who have been volunteering their time and working with Council around putting together a good Festival.

"A lot of work still needs to be done to put it all together.

"I want to thank those people, on behalf of Council, for showing initiative.

"The elders group has been proactive in helping to pull this together and I

also want to thank them for doing that and there's been a lot of consolation with young people in the community particularly through TAFE and training programs.

"It is not a Council event. It is a community event. And I'll reiterate it – it's not a Council event, it is a community event.

"So we encourage the community to get involved as much as possible."

Sunferries have been asked to run daily services.

"Almost everyone in the community should get behind this event which has should have support and varying levels of participation from nearly every organisation and community group on the Island," Mr Lacey said. "This is about our Island community coming together."

A poster about the event will be posted around the community sometime before the end of this month.

Thursday 1 September

9-10:30am

MC Shaun Choolburra - Official Launch Spring Festival Traditional Welcome - ALLAN Palm Island, Mayor Alfred Lacey, Chairperson Elders Advisory Iris White and Bob Katter official opening of buildings

10.30-12midday

Dancers and Singers - Great Northern Dancers, Reuben Darnley TSI Dancers, Hula Dancers, Lockhart River Dancers, Aurukun Dancers, Murray Island Dancers, Masig dancers. Local Talent: Selena Shepherd, Maggie Walsh, Walter Foster, Gertie Richardson.

12midday to 2pm

Community BBQ Lunch at

the "Old Clock"

2pm-6pm

Stalls, workshops run by Mary G at the Schools

7pm Fireworks

Friday 2 September

8am to 10am

Community Breakfast at Old Clock Tower hosted by Red Cross and Disability Services from PICC

10am - 5pm Under-18 Barracudas

(courtesy Bindal Sharks) and PICC Youth Council to host greasy poll, greasy pig, spear throwing, tug o war, floats, face painting, kids rides, stalls by community, basket weaving, arts and crafts and Palm Islands Got Talent Competition

6:30pm-late Old time dance at school hall/disco

+ karaoke at Coolgaree Bay and Bistro

Saturday 3 September

10.30am - 4pm

Palm Island Rugby League at RL Grounds, fun full day of football, includes finals for u/16's u/18's and semi finals of PI RL Teams Yarrabah & Woorabinda confirmed to bring u16 and u18 Cherbourg TBC

4pm to late After games everyone invited back for the community bonfire at the old football field - more dancing and singing and includes official closing by Mayor Alfred Lacey Bullock courtesy Woorabinda - asking households to contribute their own plate of damper, rice, vegies or salad

Recovery pathways discovered through art

ARTISTS from Palm Island had work exhibited amongst an interesting and informative mix of paintings titled 'Pathways to Recovery' in Townsville earlier this month.

The works were presented by Townsville Stagpole Street Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Unit (SSDARU) clients, a group of courageous people trying to change their circumstances by tapping into their spirit by exploring and expressing themselves in traditional and contemporary forms of art. The official opening of the exhibit was held at the Townsville Cultural Centre and the paintings will be on display until the end of this month.

SSDARU Arts and Activities Officer Kim Munro said the SSDARU community was



made up of average people from all walks of life who have asked for help to deal with their drug and alcohol problems and the chaotic lifestyle that follows.

"For many SSDARU is a last chance for a brighter future. "Alcoholism addiction does not discriminate," she said.

Ms Munro said through stories, paintings and music residents were able to identify their issues, take responsibility, and overcome and create brand new pathways with assistance from the staffing team at SSDARU.

Pictured above is artist Bevan Ketchup with some of his work.

Call for care boating & fishing on Reef

In the aftermath of Cyclone Yasi, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) is promoting smart boating and fishing practices to protect dugong and green turtles, as record numbers of deaths are predicted for these species.

GBRMPA Chairman Dr Russell Reichelt said the cumulative effect of several years of extreme weather is taking its toll on the animals' main food source, sea grass. He said cyclones and flooding had increased sediments, pesticides and herbicides entering the waters.

"Dugong and green turtles are doing it tough at the moment and we're asking all Reef users to take extra care," Dr Reichelt said. "We're going to see more dugongs and green turtles straying from their regular foraging areas in search of food."

GBRMPA is asking those who find sick or dead turtles or dugongs to call 1300 130 372.



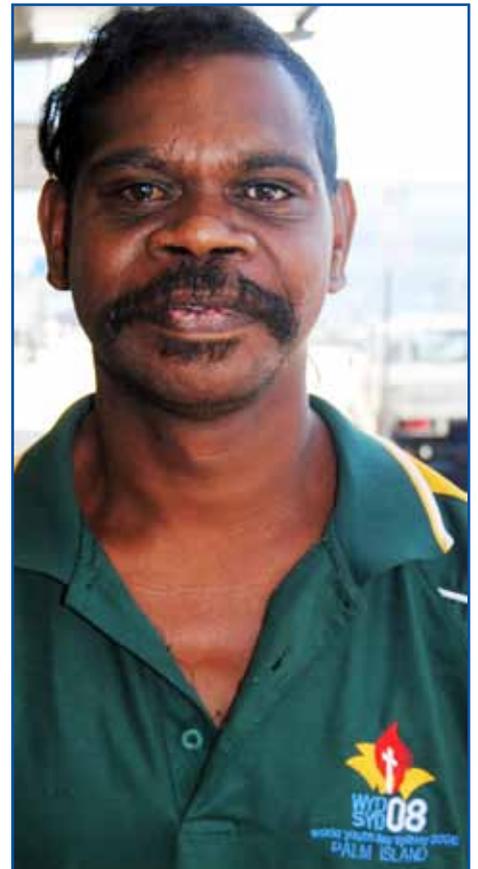
...Out & About...



LEFT: Christine Pompey was at the Townsville Show with a large group of children with the help of Les Nugent. "I had a son and daughter and all the rest are nieces and nephews and they loved it here," she said.

PICTURED BELOW are John-Paul Wilson, Algon Lawrence and baby Roy Lawrence, aged 1, who were spotted in Townsville's Sturt St enjoying some shopping last week.

"We have come over from Palm and I have a relative who has a house here so we stay there and will be heading home on the ferry tomorrow," John-Paul said.



There were a lot of Palm Island men, women and children in Townsville last week. Henry Ketchup (ABOVE) was in the Townsville CBD which has just been upgraded and former Mall is now open to traffic. "I proudly wear my Palm shirt and will be going back there on Thursday's ferry," he said.

NAIDOC success on the inside

PALM Island dancers proved a big hit with prisoners at the Townsville Correctional Centre during their popular NAIDOC celebrations on July 8.

Palm Island Voice was given special permission to cover the event which had a theme of "Returning to Culture".

Some family members of the prisoners at what was once known as Stuart Jail were also invited to the celebrations.

Townsville Correctional Centre has a high percentage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander inmates.

There are numerous prisoners from Palm Island but their faces were not allowed to be photographed, nor they could not be named in this article by law.

However some asked if through the Palm Island Voice they could pass on their love to families on Palm Island.

To open their NAIDOC celebrations, Alfred Smallwood welcomed guests to country and spoke followed by speeches by Frank Willis, Lilian Willis and Bill Cummins.

Palm Island born Lilian and Frank Willis were overseers of the Palm dancing group.

Other entertainment was provided by Torres Strait Islander, Aurukun and Mornington Island dancers.

Centre General Manager Andrew Pike said Queensland Corrective Services was working towards developing, strengthening and respecting Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people, country and cultural responsiveness



Andrew Pike (left) looks on as Alfred Smallwood offers a Traditional welcome. Below: prisoners' artwork on display

to engagement with communities and peoples.

"We also value the significance of Australia's Indigenous cultures and peoples to accept that we are in a place that has a history and story far beyond 220 years," he said.

"We want to walk hand in hand with our fellow Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians to culturally rehabilitate offenders within our facility and to support our staff with culturally safe policies, procedures and practices.

"In the state of Queensland approximately one third of all prisoners are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

"This level of over representation is a tragedy. "Our NAIDOC celebrations in 2011 are shrouded by the motto, 'returning to culture'. "We have attempted to ensure the four days of scheduled activities have a positive cultural impact on our staff, our offenders and our visitors.

"Over the coming months and years we will continue to implement cultural interventions, practices, policies and procedures that will reflect the values and meanings associated with the rehabilitation of offenders.

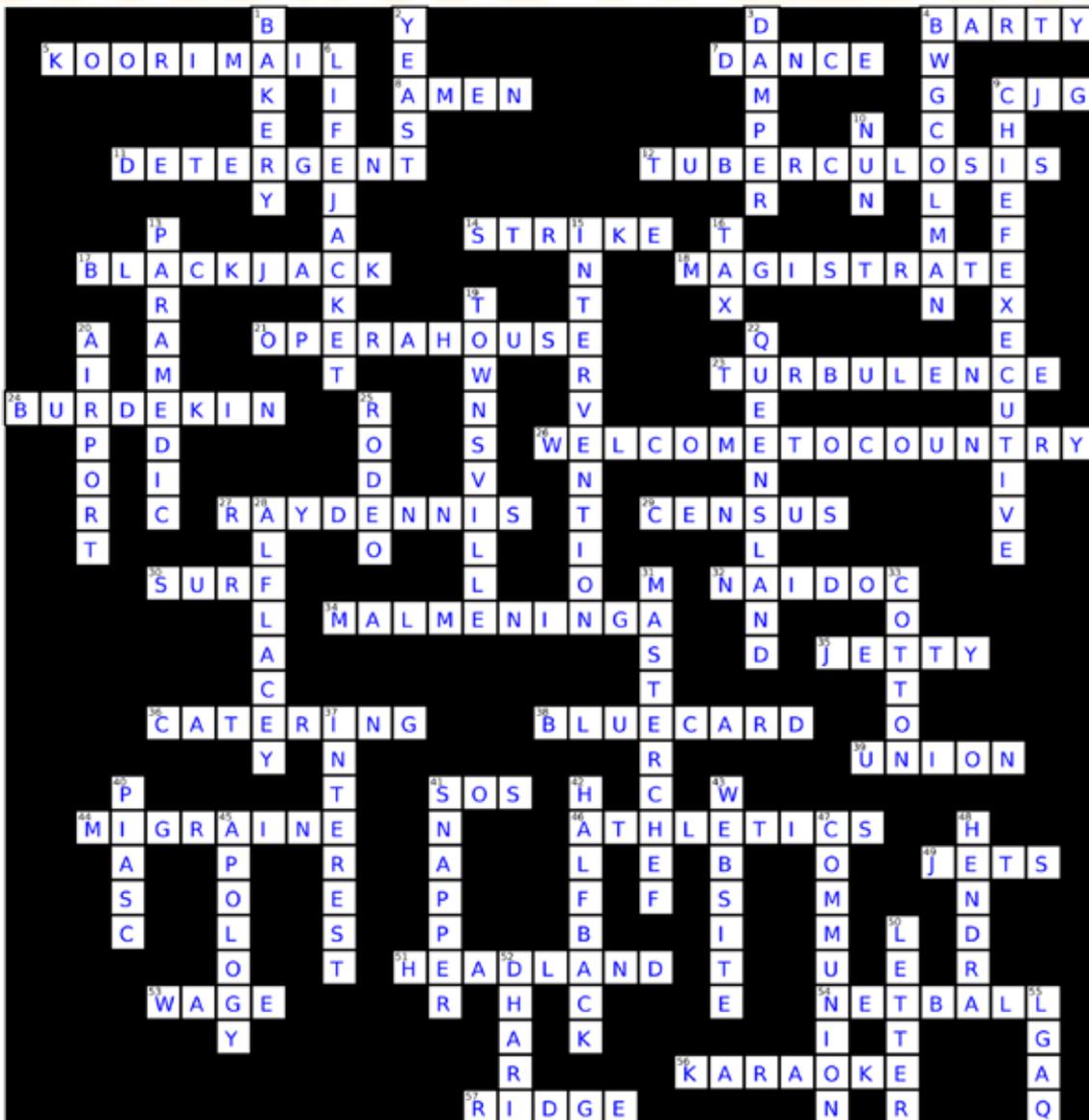
"When we celebrate NAIDOC we do so acknowledging the 'next step is ours'."



More NAIDOC week pics!



Crossword 83 Answers



Crossword completed with thanks again to David Goeldner & the Crossword Puzzle Maker at www.armoredpenguin.com



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

I was delighted to receive *Palm Island Voice* by email and it did my heart good! I am in beautiful Rhode Island in one of our convents for five weeks of Sabbatical prayer and quiet.

Am thoroughly enjoying it after a pretty horrendous journey to USA.

Due to the Chilean Volcanic cloud, our Qantas flight was delayed in Sydney by seven hours so when we arrived in Los Angeles we were literally dumped and told that an American line would take us to New York. Seven hours later after passing through endless security and luggage checks we finally got a flight at 5pm and arrived in New York at 2am.

As the Sisters in the Bronx had not received my phone messages there was no one to meet me so I took a taxi, praying all would be well. Anyway 45 minutes later I did arrive at the convent to be told that it had been very dangerous to take a taxi to the Bronx at night! I have a good guardian angel!

Life is NEVER boring.

Of course I am still greatly missing Palm Island and indeed all my dear friends in Townsville too but I just thank God for the very precious time spent there. Love and blessings to all on Palm Island,

Sister Christina



Far Left Above & Below: faces @ the footy; Left: Narelle Fuller, Edna Coolburra and Justin Shaw; Above: Norman Bounghi and family at the football.



Above: more faces @ the footy

Left: Horace Snyder, partner Seldean Clarke and children Frederick Clarke, 8, and Nykeer Clarke, 7 attended the Red Cross NAIDOC event in Townsville



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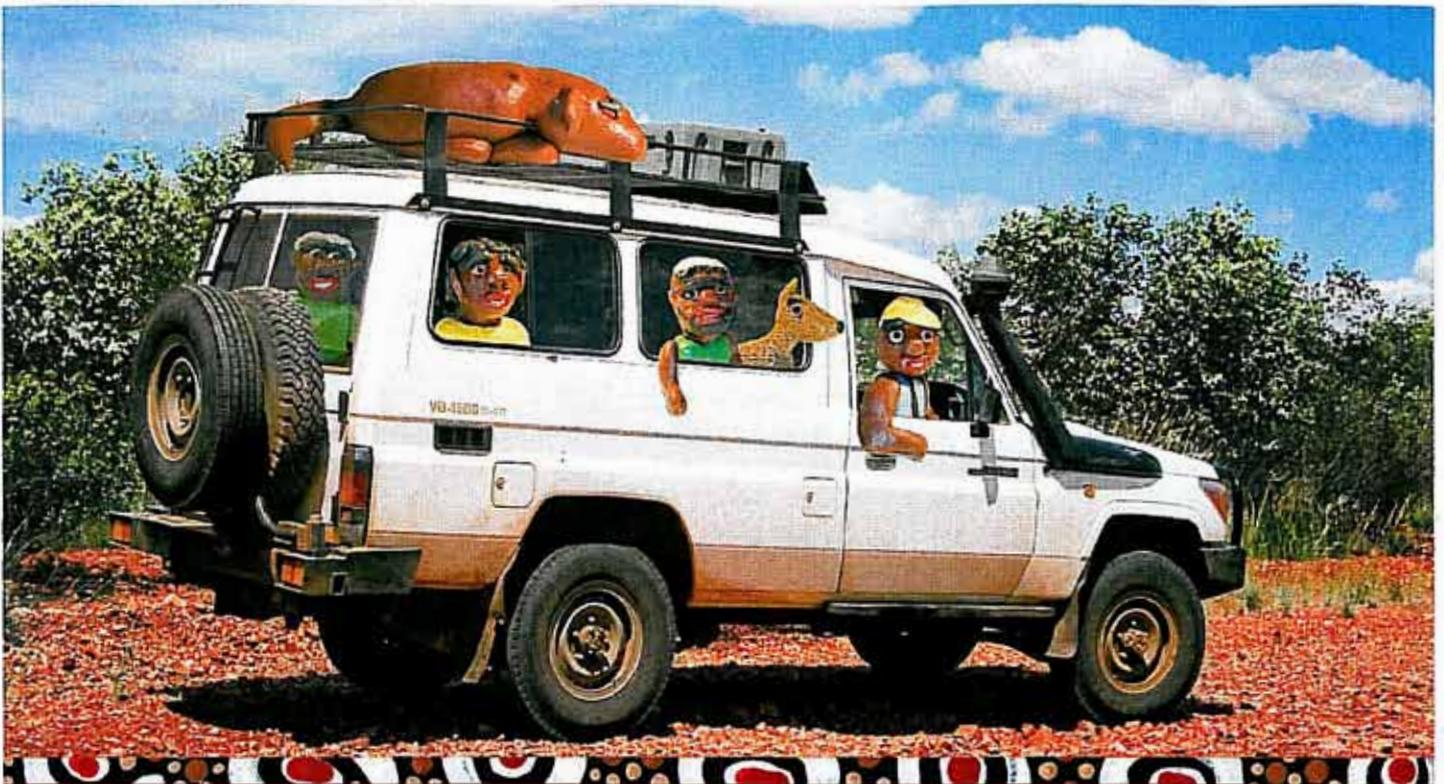


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FaHCSIA would like to thank the Warpiri people of the community of Yuendumu for their support. The figurines used were developed by members of the community and all final products have been approved by the community appointed cultural adviser as culturally appropriate. Painting by Audrey Brumby 2010.





Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council
is closed every second Friday
(Council pay week) for RDO.
The next RDO is Friday 5 August.
For emergencies on a
Friday please call 0458 789 010
 FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
 THE COUNCIL ON 4770 1177

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: SERVICE STATION & MECHANICAL WORKSHOP

Expressions of Interest are invited from community members interested in the lease and operation of the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council service station and mechanical workshop. Applicants will be required to successfully demonstrate to Council they have the ability to carry out the operation of this business and to provide an enhanced level of service to the Palm Island community.

Expressions of interest are to be in writing, and must include a business plan of the proposed operation of the business, including the proposed hours of operation

and ongoing maintenance cost to the building and fixtures.

Tenders are to be submitted in a sealed envelope and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer of Council, and marked "Expressions of interest service station and mechanical workshop" and must be received prior to the closure of tenders, at 12.00 noon on Friday 31st August 2011.

The Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council reserves the right to not accept any tender submitted, and to negotiate an acceptable outcome with any tenderer.

**Any enquiries should be directed to the Chief Executive Officer,
 Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council on 4770 1177 or 0458 787 010.**

**Local Government Act 2009: PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL
 PROPOSAL TO MAKE LOCAL LAWS & SUBORDINATE LOCAL LAWS**

The Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council has proposed to adopt the following Model Local laws and has proposed to make the following Subordinate Local Laws....

Local Laws & Subordinate Local Law No. 1 (Administration)

2011: The purpose of this local law and subordinate local law is to provide a legal and procedural framework for the administration, implementation and enforcement of the local government's local laws, subordinate local laws and specified regulatory powers under legislation, and to provide for miscellaneous administrative matters by setting out requirements for the granting of approvals for prescribed activities; and

Local Law & Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management)

2011: The purpose of this local law and subordinate local law is to regulate and manage the keeping and control of animals in the local government's area in a way that balances community expectations with the rights of individuals; and protects the community against risks to health and safety; and prevents pollution and other environmental

damage; and protects the amenity of the local community and environment; by providing for – the regulation of the keeping of animals in terms of how many, what type, how, and where animals can be kept; and the prescription of minimum standards for keeping animals; and the proper control of animals in public places and; and the management of dangerous or aggressive animals other than dogs, and the seizure and destruction of animals in certain circumstances; and the establishment and administration of animal pounds; and

Local Law & Subordinate Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental management)

2011: The purpose of this local law and subordinate local law is to protect the environment and public health, safety and amenity within the local government's area by providing for the elimination or reduction of risks and threats to the environment and public health, safety and amenity

resulting from – inadequate protection against animal and plant pests, and vegetation overgrowth; and visual pollution resulting from accumulation of objects and materials; and fires and fire hazards not regulated by State law; and community safety hazards; and noise that exceeds noise standards; and **Local Law & Subordinate Local Law No. 7 (Indigenous Community Land Management) 2011:** The purpose of this local law and subordinate local law is to providing for the authorisation of persons to enter, be in or live in the trust area, complementing the provisions of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities (Justice, Land and Other Matters) Act 1984, part 6; and the regulation of scientific research within the trust area; and the designation and management of camping sites within the trust area; and the designation and regulation of the use of parks and reserves within the local government's area.

Written submissions for or against the adoption of making of the subordinate local laws are invited for a 21 day period commencing on Monday 1 August and ending on Sunday 21 August. During the period for receipt of submissions, copies of the proposed local laws and subordinate local laws are open for inspection at the Council's public office at Main St, Palm Island and may be purchased at a cost of \$1.00.

Submissions must be received on or before Monday 22 August stating:

- (a) the grounds of the submission; and
- (b) the facts and circumstances relied on in support of the grounds.

**CEO
 Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, c/ Post Office, Q 4816.**

Boxers stay focussed on 2012

STAR Palm Island boxers Patrick Clarke and Reggie Palm Island (pictured) were narrowly beaten at the prestigious Toulong 6 Murri vs Koori Australian Indigenous Titles at Broncos League's club in Brisbane earlier this month.

Organised by the Australian Indigenous Boxing Association, the tournament featured 15 bouts contested by some of the best Aboriginal boxers in the country.

Trainer Ray Dennis and assistant trainer Chris Gundy travelled by plane with Patrick and Reggie to Brisbane the night before.

Mr Dennis said although both fighters lost, it was great experience for them in close and entertaining contests.

"Reggie fought Sam Williams from Toowoomba in the 56kg division and weighed just 50kg," Mr Dennis said.

"Many people in the crowd thought Reggie did enough to win but that was the decision and we accept it."

Patrick fought Campbell Cobbo-Riley, rated one of the top four amateur boxers in the country in the 64kg class.

"Patrick let his opponent dictate a bit but still landed some telling punches and had him wobbling," Mr Dennis said.

"But Campbell did land more punches and we were happy with the way both of our boxers went."

During the tournament, Mr Dennis was one of several officials called into the ring to be awarded shields for services to boxing.

"I was very honoured," he said.

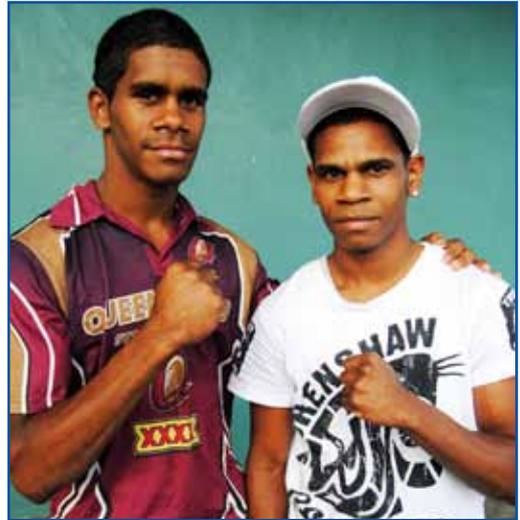
Koori boxers took home the trophy winning 10 of the 15 bouts against Murri boxers.

Mr Dennis wants to sincerely thank the Palm Island Community Company, which paid for the plane tickets.

He said PICC continued to support the Palm Island Boxing Club and without that the local fighters would not be able to travel away.

A big thank you also to Brisbane photographer Hamish Cairns who picked them up from the airport, drove them to where they had to be and provided accommodation for the two nights.

And last but not least, thanks to one of the hard working tournament organisers Syl Johns.



COMING UP...

Palm Island boxers will again make the long bus journey to Mount Isa this weekend for the Western Games.

It is a marathon 900km road trip but the boxers are looking forward to it.

"We will be looking to hire a 14 seater bus," Mr Dennis said.

Then on August 7, Reggie Palm Island will travel to Melbourne for a challenge bout where he will fight for the Australian amateur light flyweight (46.49kg) title.

He will be up against Dylan Perkins (ACT) and aiming to win selection in the Australian team for the 2011 Elite Men's World Championships.

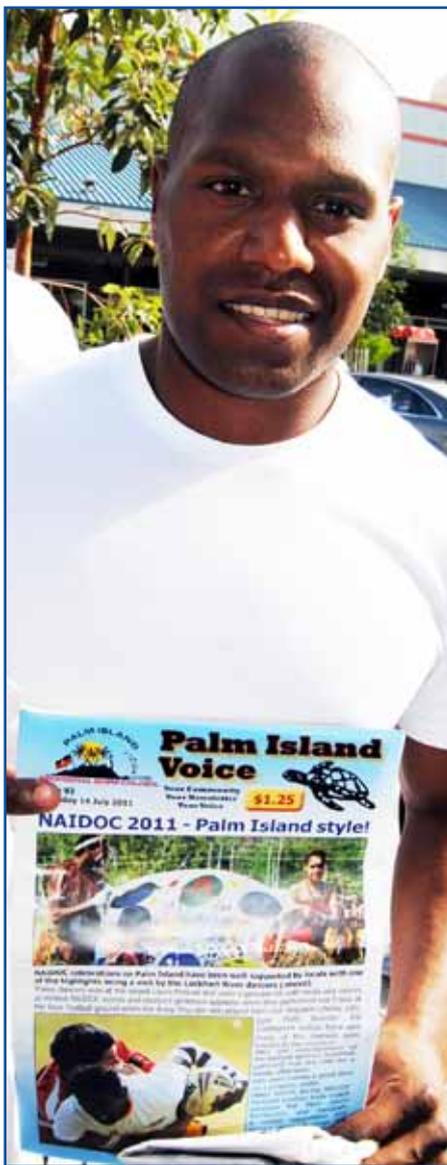
The tournament is a qualification event for the 2012 Olympic Games and will be held at the Reggio Calabria Club in Parkville.

If he wins Reggie will gain selection in the Australian team for the World Amateur Boxing Titles in Russia later in the year.

Mr Dennis is so confident that Reggie will be on a plane to Russia that he organised for his passport in Townsville on the way to Townsville Airport for the Toulong 6 fights.

Palm boxers will also travel to Brisbane for the September 17 for a tournament at the PCYC in Brisbane.

"Both Reggie and Patrick are still on target to contest the Australian Golden Gloves in October and the Olympic trials during December," Mr Dennis said.



STAR West Tigers NRL back Robert Lui (above) played a major role in the 38-18 win by his side over the NQ Cowboys at Townsville's Dairy Farmers Stadium a week or so ago.

Townsville-born Lui was invited to join an Australian Army side preparing to compete at the Townsville Allblacks carnival in October, along side former NRL hero David Peachey. The invitation was made by the Army while they were on Palm Island to play the Bill Coolburra Shield. Lui was delighted to receive a copy of the *Palm Island Voice* to catch up on the latest news from the Island.

Footy roundups: 16 July + delayed games IN a replay of last year's grand final, arch rivals Jets and Butler Bay Bulls played a nail biting 26-all draw on 16 July.

Bulls took out the 2010 decider 24-22 and this latest clash proved there was still nothing much to separate the teams. For Jets, Arona Miller, Tabua Oui, Gavin Barry, Gelam Geia and Caleb Geia scored tries with two goals to ever reliable Tabua Oui and one to Robert Bulsey. The return of star utility Caleb Geia will further strengthen Jets. Geia is one of the premier footballers on Palm Island and is a potential match winner. Jets coach Norman Bounghi rated Caleb Geia, Tabua Oui, Hosea Murphy, Robert Bulsey and Arona Miller as standouts. For Butler Bay Bulls Billo Wotton scored three tries, with singles to Ike Haines and Val Fulford. Clinton Pearson chipped in with three goals.

JACKS SKIP TO NARROW WIN

THE Alex Morgan-coached Skipjacks got the bacon when they beat another top four club Brothers 50-44.

For Skippies, Gabriel Geesu and powerhouse forward Jason Bulsey each scored two tries with one each to Lenny Noble, Darrence Sibley, Raoul Miller, William Marpoondin and Robert Nugent. Classy back Anthony Thompson snared four goals.

For Brothers William Bramwell and Aden Sterling jnr each crossed for two four pointers with singles to Mikael Sibley, Gavin Charles, John Baira and Robert Johnson. John Baira booted four goals and Gavin Charles two. "It was a top game, it was try for try from the kick off," Mr Morgan said. "The lead changed several times with teams getting out to more than a

two try lead on several occasions.

"Brothers lead 44-32 with about 10 minutes remaining and we stormed home with three converted to win 50-44. Our best players were William

LADDER:
1 Skipjacks
=2 Jets + Butler Bay Bulls =
4 Bwngcolman Brothers
5 Hornets
6 Mundy Bay Warriors

MEANWHILE SPEEDY Palm Islander Darryl Pearson scored five tries for Townsville and District competition reserve grade side Bindal Sharks in their 42-26 loss to Brothers in round 15 on July 17.

Pearson also booted a goal for a personal tally of 22 points which is a great effort.

Another Palm Islander Josiah

Geia scored a try for the Brothers A Grade team in their 64-16 victory over Bindal Sharks.

Both Pearson and Geia shone for the Skipjacks team which rolled Australian Army Thunder 46-30 for the Bill Coolburra Memorial Shield in July.

Both are quality footballers with exceptional skills.

Marpoondin, Gabriel Geesu, Anthony Thompson, Jason Bulsey and Raoul Miller." Champion Skippies forward Fred Bulsey didn't play which made the win all the more meritorious.

HORNETS STING WARRIORS

In the other game Hornets returned to form with a 46-22 victory over a courageous Mundy Bay Warriors.

For Hornets Palm Island/Bowen Foley Shield representatives Steve Lowatta and Rob Snyder scored two tries apiece as did astute rodeo bull rider Tim Asai. One try each went to Jaydan Farrell, Reynard Baira jnr, Darryl Bramwell and Christian Richardson.

Rob Snyder kicked three goals. It was a fine effort by Snyder with his personal total of 14 points.

For Mundy Bay Warriors, Michael Noble scored two tries with one to Allan Brown, Raymond Noble and R Fulford. Gary Fulford kicked the goal.

LOCAL FOOTY POSTPONED FIXTURES scheduled for last Saturday July 23 were postponed by the Palm Island Rugby League.

PIRL President Mr Ili Dabea said the games were put off out of respect after a death of a local youth.

"Games will be played on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday," Mr Dabea said. Unfortunately that will be after the *Palm Island Voice* deadline, but we'll bring you all the news as it comes to hand in our next Issue!

PIRL PLAYER PROFILE: CLINTON PEARSON

GIFTED back Clinton Pearson is one of the classiest footballers in the Palm Island domestic competition and his return to the Butler Bay Bulls has coincidentally seen the reigning premiers charge up the ladder.

23-year-old Pearson played for Bulls in their last three grand final wins in the 2008, 09 and 10 seasons.

Earlier this season, Pearson was one of numerous local footballers to play for Bindal Sharks in the Townsville and District competition.

Players who switched were denied dual registration to also line up for a Palm club.

But since Pearson has returned to Bulls, the side has improved sharply and is certainly a big chance to make it four flags in a row.

"I think we can go all the way and win it again," Pearson said. In the 2010 Palm grand final, Pearson starred when Bulls narrowly defeated arch rivals Jets 24-22.

If Bulls qualify for the decider come September you can be sure Pearson will be at the forefront. In Bulls 26-all draw with Jets on July 16, Pearson kicked three goals and shone in general play.

Possessing a wonderful football brain, Pearson was amongst the best for the Skipjacks when they rolled Australian Army Thunder 40-36 in the Bill Coolburra



Memorial Shield game during NAIDOC celebrations.

Pearson has also tasted great success at North Queensland Allblacks carnivals.

Last October Pearson scored a try and shone in the grand final of the Bindal Allblacks carnival in Townsville for Curacoa Crusaders, who defeated the Palm island Barracudas 37-6 in the final.

Crafty Pearson scored one try and set up another.

Pearson is highly regarded by QRL Northern Divisional Manager Scott Nosworthy who has described him as a quality player.

Allblacks season ready to rumble

PALM Island Barracudas teams will have a great choice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Allblacks carnivals to consider competing in later this year.

A Palm Island side is being sought to compete at the inaugural Queensland Aboriginal Island Health Council Murri Carnival from September 22 to 25 on the Gold Coast.

The Murri Carnival is being organised by former star player Tony Currie and will be held at Firth Oval, Mudgeeraba.

There will also be a packed calendar of North Queensland carnivals.

The first will be the Vern

and Frank Daisy Cup to be held at the Townsville Sports Reserve on October 1 and 2.

The following weekend there are two carnivals, the Torres Cup at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval on Thursday Island and the Bindal Allblacks carnival at Townsville's Jack Manski Oval.

A week later in mid-October the huge Cairns carnival is scheduled which an under 18 Barracudas side competed in last year.

It is understood that a

Barracudas team will also play in the men's division come October.

The last major North Queensland carnival will be what is known as the Dan Ropeyarn Cup, usually held in early November at Bamaga on the Northern Peninsula Area.

Footballers will hardly have time to get over their Christmas cheer when the first carnival of 2012 will be held at Rockhampton next January.



From bull rider to footy star rugby league player, Tim Asai (above) scored two tries for Hornets the weekend before last.

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MEANWHILE Palm Island's rodeo is set to go ahead at the Mungalla Station Bull Spectacular Rodeo on September 17. To nominate call Central Entry on 07-4627 4197.

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