



# Palm Island Voice



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**HISTORY** was created when for the first time young dancers from St Michael's School on Palm Island performed at the 17th Cultural Fest held at Strand Park in Townsville late last week.

The impressive debut by the 20 male and female youngsters was under the guidance of world renowned dancer Nikki Willis.

"I spent two weeks on Palm teaching these dancers and it does me proud to see them

on stage here and getting so much recognition," Ms Willis said. "This is a first for Palm Island and great for our elders and families."

Her auntie Lilian Willis and relative Frank Willis also performed and helped with

preparations. St Michael's School teacher's aid Colette Wotton also assisted.

"People from cultures around the world were snapping pics of us and this is so good for Palm Island," Lilian said.

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## Statewide local government body backs Indigenous Councils

Queensland's 17 indigenous local councils should have a key role in co-ordinating efforts to reduce Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander disadvantage says Local Government Association of Queensland President Paul Bell.

Cr Bell said he agreed with the view that effective partnership between the Commonwealth and State government was critical to the implementation of the Indigenous reform agenda and to the achievement of the Closing the Gap targets.

"But sustainable reform will only be achieved when those partnerships extend to local government as well," he said.

"This is particularly pertinent in Indigenous communities."

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**MC Sean Choolburra** says, "I'm extremely excited about it, it will be the biggest thing on Palm – dancers, comedy, singing etc... It's going to be magic, like the old days of Palm, having all the mob on a Saturday night performing."  
**For a full Spring Festival program see page 4!!!**

# Island welcome for new Sisters



**At the end of May Sisters Christina, Maria and Madge departed from Palm Island, but before leaving they passed on the baton to two Sisters from the Congregation of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan - Sisters Robyn Brady (on the left) and Lal Smith.**

Sister Lal came to the Island before the sisters left and Sister Robyn joined her at the end of June. "We have been warmly welcomed by the community and we both look forward to working with you in whatever way we are needed, honouring and respecting all who have preceded us," Sister Robyn said. "We thank you for your acceptance and welcome."

## **LGAQ backs Indigenous Councils** *(Continued from page 1)*

"Mayors and councillors in those communities are democratically elected to represent the interests of those community members, they live and work in the community they represent," Cr Bell said.

"Now is an ideal time for new collaborative models to be set in place. Let's not have good intentions and advice of "expert" remote commentators lead us to making the same mistakes all over again."

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey, who is a member of LGAQ's policy executive, said he was fully supportive of Cr Bell's comments.

"I think it's important, particularly where Indigenous councils have been ignored in terms of our own partnership and leadership in the state," he said.

"The government needs to change its process in terms of dealing with our elected leaders.

"It's so important that those government reports are telling them that this is what they must do and they must listen to what their own reports is telling them is to consult with and work with Indigenous Councils to overcome those disadvantages."

Mr Lacey said it was good to have the LGAQ's support.

"It's good to see the Local Government peak body in Queensland supporting and putting out the strong statement that supports Indigenous councils in Queensland," he said.

Mr Lacey attended his first LGAQ Policy

Executive meeting in late June and has already held one-on-one meetings with Mr Bell, CEO Greg Hallam, Vice President Bob Abbot and also with Tony Goode and a team of LGAQ personnel dedicated to supporting Indigenous Councils.

"Bob Abbot has agreed to be our SEQ-based champion and will work closely with me to raise matters on our behalf," he told the LGAQ newsletter for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Councils last month.

"I believe those meetings were a great new beginning in our relationship with LGAQ which has indicated a willingness to work closely alongside us to provide the level of support that I think we as Indigenous Member Councils deserve.

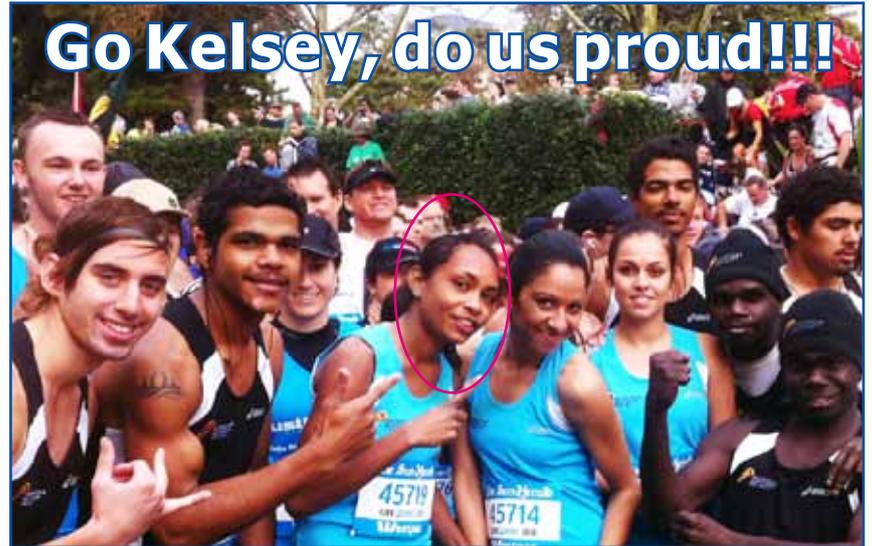
"The formation of this new dedicated LGAQ team is a great start to honouring this commitment and I intend to be in regular contact with this group to monitor progress." He said LGAQ Policy Executive Meetings were held every two months and that it was important for all the Indigenous Councils to engage with the advocacy group.

"If we want LGAQ to truly represent us, then we need to be proactive in engaging with them," he said.

"Working with the LGAQ will ensure that Indigenous Local Governments are provided with every reasonable opportunity to fulfil their responsibilities towards their communities."

**Palm Island runner Kelsey Youngblutt took part in the world's largest fun run and Australia's most iconic running event, the Sydney City to Surf, as part of the Indigenous Marathon Project's third training camp a few weekends ago.**

The young Palm Islander is a member of an 18-member squad who are vying for a spot on a team bound for the New York City Marathon in November. Former marathon runner and Australian hero Robert de Castella ('Deek') sponsors the project, which works to promote health and inspire their community. Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey said the community wished her the best. "I want to say congratulations Kelsey and our best of luck with your journey," he said.



## Ambulance damage 'disappointing' says Mayor

**Palm Island's 4wd ambulance was put out of service two weekends ago, by the inexplicable actions of someone who went to the trouble of climbing over a fence to put a rock through its windscreen.**

Officer in Charge Ian Day (*below*) said that and other damage meant the vehicle was unavailable for the whole weekend.

"It did put peoples lives in danger as we wouldn't have been able to respond to any emergencies where the 4 x 4 could go," he said.

"This would have meant in the occurrence of such an event ambos would have had to walk or borrow a 4 x 4 to get to injured and sick people in our community."

Mayor Alf Lacey said he was disappointed and angry about the incident.

"Look, it's so disappointing to see an asset that saves lives in our community be damaged to that extent, shame on you," he said.

"That's so disrespectful.

"I hope you get what you deserve and front court."

Mr Day said if any one had any information about who did it they would like to know about it.



*Pic courtesy Cr Raymond Sibley*

*Palm Island Council and the Palm Island Community Justice Group meeting with members of the Queensland Police Service including Queensland Community Champion Deputy Commissioner Ian Stewart late last week.*

## **PROGRAM**

### **Thursday 1 September**

Official Launch Spring Festival  
**9am-10.30am** with MC Sean Choolburra

Welcome to Country: Allan Palm Island (Manbarra Tribe)

Official Opening of Buildings conducted by Mayor Alf Lacey, Federal MP Bob Katter & Chairperson of the Elders Advisory Committee Iris White

**10.30am - 12.00midday**

Performers: Great Northern Dancers; Great Palm Island Dancers; Darnley Island Dancers; Murray Island Dancers; Masig Island; Dancers; Aurukun Dancers; Pride of Africa Dancers; and, Chookie Dancers + Local singers Selina Shepherd, Gerti Richardson, Maggie Walsh, Walter Foster and Milton Thaiday

**12.00midday - 2.00pm**

Community BBQ Lunch hosted by Coolgaree Aboriginal Corporation for CDEP

**2.00pm - 7.00pm** Community Stalls & Rides

**7.00pm-Late** Spectacular Fire Works + Live entertainment Coolgaree Bistro Sports Bar

### **Friday 2 September**

**8am-10.00am** Community Breakfast at the Old Clock Tower hosted by PICC Disability Services & Red Cross

**10.00am-5.00pm** Competitions & Activities hosted by Under 18's & PICC Youth Council including "Bwgcorman's Got Talent" for 5 - 25 year-olds hosted by Sean Choolburra & Phillip Geia + Touch Football Competition at Bwgcorman School under 16's and under 18's - Palm Island, Yarrabah, Woorabinda and Cherbourg. Community Stalls: Food Stalls, Information Booths, Hip Hop Workshop's, Music and Dance workshop, Basket Weaving and Arts and Crafts; Traditional and Contemporary dances

**6.30pm - Late** Elders Dinner dance at the PCYC (FREE for Elders) hosted by the Mayor & Councillors with Special Guest Mary G with entertainment by Angus Rabbit and Mop & the Drop Out's + Coolgaree Bay Bistro Sports Bar hosting Karaoke and Disco.



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### **Saturday 3 September**

Hosted by Palm Island Rugby League Football Club & PICC Diversionary Centre

**10.00am - 4.00pm** Under 16's & Under 18's Rugby League Football - Games between Communities; Palm Island, Woorabinda, Yarrabah and Cherbourg + Semi-Finals Game of the Palm Island Rugby League - Food Stalls provided at venue

**4.00pm - late:** Everyone welcome back to the old football field for the community bonfire - each household to bring along a bowl of salad or cooked veges, rice or damper to eat together as one. There will be Kuppa-murrie Bullock compliments of the Woorabinda Community; Pig and Turtle from PICC and continuation of dancing and singing till late.

**7.00pm:** Fire works and Official Closing of Spring Festival by Sylvia Palmer, Robert Friday, Ralph Watson, Nancy Murphy, Luella Bligh and Mayor Alf Lacey.

**Coolgaree CDEP has offered a free bus to run throughout the three days for visitors and community people.**

Sealink Ferry Timetable	Departs Townsville	Departs Palm Island
Thursday September 1	1pm	3pm
Friday September 2	7am & 2pm	9am & 4pm
Saturday September 3	7am	4pm

# Good results coming through for Council housing programs

**Palm Island's housing renovations, repairs and maintenance programs are moving forward in leaps and bounds as the Mayor, (left), returns George Friday the keys to his recently refurbished home.**



Mayor Lacey said Mr Friday and his wife had moved out to allow works to take place.

"George was happy, his family looks very happy and they were pleased and very humble about their home and what we've done," he said.

"And, as George said to Housing and myself: 'Thank you for that', which is really important.

"For the past year and a half, as a part of the Council agreement around housing reform for Palm Island, we've seen the fruits of our labour, particularly this Council's labour – homes are starting to be built and upgrades in a lot of our properties here on Palm are going ahead.

"Things such as disability modifications which are things like disability modifications – new toilets, bathrooms, hand rails, pathways, walkways and entries, and upgrades and maintenance works on existing homes have either been done or will be done on quite a majority of our properties on the Island.

"We have 49 completed works and a number of other still underway including single and multiple upgrades on things like driveways, kitchens, bathrooms, laundry, lights, fans, wardrobes, painting inside and out and even yard work.

"I know people are worried about when they're next on

the list.

"And, look, I just want to make it quite clear that I don't think anyone is going to be missed out given what progress we've seen so far.

"I'm pleased with the outcome to date but I have to say quite clearly to the community that this is the start, not the finish.

"We've got another few more years before the completion of this particular program.

"Best of all is people are starting to feel proud of their homes and respecting their piece of Palm Island.

"I'm also proud of the fact that as a Council we were able to get a good agreement for Palm Island."

## Retail store helps with sponsorship

As part of the State Government's Retail Stores procurement arrangements with Coca Cola Amatil, funding for community sponsorship across the six community stores operated by the Government has recently been dispersed. Those who benefitted from the deal on Palm Island were: Palm Island Palm Island Barracudas U18 Rugby League Team \$3,000 for assistance with travel costs to/from games and hosting costs associated with home fixtures; and, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council \$3,000 for assistance with costs of hosting community events for NAIDOC week.

## Coolgaree congrats to newly-trained bright sparks

During in August three members of Coolgaree Corporation attended an accredited "Test & Tag" course in Townsville.

Albert Gorringer, Gary Pearson and Brendon Roberts gained a proficiency in testing and tagging electrical equipment.

Coolgaree said these were important skills for Occupational Health and Safety requirements, not only for the CDEP Corporation but for the community of Palm Island.

**WELL DONE BOYS!!!**

# Cult Fest success

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**A large number of Palm Islanders were amongst the crowd of more than 70,000 who attended Cultural Fest.**

Jeanie Ling was also there supporting the young dancers.

Bwgcolman Radio manager Tim Miller and his assistant Jazz Jones had a stall at the Festival where they were recording interviews to play on the Palm Island airwaves.

"We will also be having a presence at the coming Gympie Muster," Mr Miller said.



*Above Right: Lolene & Yvonne Cannon; Middle Right: Bevan Ketchup; Top Left: Timothy Miller & Jazz Jones; Above: Jennifer Cannon; Below & Right: Dancers getting ready and on-stage*



# Reggie makes Aus team for World Amateur Boxing Titles

**IN the biggest local boxing news of the year, Reggie Palm Island has been selected to represent Australia at the Elite World Amateur Boxing Titles in Baku, Azerbaijan from September 22nd to October 10th.**

This is the first boxing qualification event for men for the 2012 Olympic Games. The first ten boxers in the 46-49 kg weight category competition at the World Championships will qualify for the London Olympics in that division.

Reggie will leave for a training camp on August 28th at the AIS in Canberra for a week, then travel to Melbourne for a week to train there before going back to Canberra for a second week.

He will then fly out from Canberra with the Australian team to fight in the World Championships in Baku, Azerbaijan, which is on the Caspian Sea with Russia to the north, Iran to the south and Armenia to the west.

"Reggie has won the right to represent Australia," Mr Dennis said.

"No boxer trained on Palm Island has before and that is a great honour for him and the Island."

Mr Dennis said he had always had a high opinion of Reggie since his first bout at Mount Isa in March 2008.

"I told him he was the boxer to make a name for Palm Island," Mr Dennis said.

Reggie's is pictured above with his baby daughter Kayden Palm Island and partner Sharna Robertson.

**MEANWHILE** Mr Dennis has been nominated for a Pride of Australia Medal in the community spirit category

of the 2011 Pride of Medals awards.

It's a busy time of year for the Palm Island boxers, who travelled to Emerald last weekend, for the Sunstate Amateur Boxing League tournament.

After a 600km bus trip from Emerald back to Townsville soon after the fights ended at

night, they also competed at a Hawks tournament at the Kirwan Tavern on the same weekend.

*Palm Island Voice* will have a full report on those tournaments in the next edition. On top of that there is their own tournament to look forward to this coming weekend.

"We will be having a big and successful tournament on Palm Island on Saturday August 27," Mr Dennis said.

"We are expecting boxers from all over Central and North Queensland."

Palm Island should also put up a good team at the Queensland Boxing State Titles in Townsville on 17 and 18 September.

"We are hoping to take a team of boxers registered with Boxing Queensland



Association to the Australian Golden Gloves at Caboolture during October," Mr Dennis said. "Also to the Queensland Olympic trials in December."

Mr Dennis was confident that Reggie Palm Island and the other stable star, Patrick Clarke, could both make the Australian team for the next Olympic Games.

"That would really be a dream come true for me," 17-year-old Clarke said.

Mr Dennis said his boxers would compete at the Australian Boxing League titles in NSW during November.

"Our boxing club will be looking for sponsors to enable us to travel to all of these tournaments," he said.

"We are very grateful to the Palm Island Community Company which has been helping us throughout 2011."

# New working party kickstart for economic development

**Kickstarting economic development on Palm Island was the focus of a forum held in Townsville convened by Mayor Alf Lacey and Townsville MP Mandy Johnstone two weeks ago.**

The forum was also supported by the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation, and brought together experienced business-people from across the region, including government representatives from local, state and Commonwealth Departments and representatives from Coolgaree CDEP and Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council.

A wide range of issues were discussed including:

- strategies for attracting investment;
- suitable business models to develop enterprises;
- tourism and transport opportunities; and,
- strategies to build local business capacity.

Mayor Alf Lacey said the meeting went very well. "It was good to see government and industry sit down and talk about supporting different economic activities for Palm Island," he said.

"This was a follow-up from the enterprise strategy that was endorsed by the Council in May this year.

"Economic development for Palm is not something that's just popped its head up, it's been on the cards in this community for over 20 to 30 years and it has to be run with grassroots support – by the people for the people. We see a lot of community members approaching Council and talking in community forums about jobs and about a better future of kids in our community. Economic development is therefore something this community has to address seriously and work towards together. We all need to support this and I'm pleased there are people who want to work with Palm Island, not take over, but work with us to see good outcomes for our people, and allow us to develop our own ideas and our own way forward."

A key outcome of the forum was the formation of a Working Group to follow-up on key issues raised.

Working Group members are: Professor Philip Pearce (James Cook University), Brian Arnold (North Queensland Small Business Development Centre), Ross Contarino (Townsville Enterprise) and Doug Hayward (Townsville City Council).

The Working Group has already hit the ground running with research being undertaken to identify appropriate structures for a community enterprise corporation for consideration by the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council.

"A lot of people in the past have talked about us setting up our own enterprise corporation to support economic development on the Island," Mr Lacey said.

"So we're looking for a model which will have community ownership, so it will be totally community-driven and not just working at a whim of the Council or Government.

"The community needs to think about and play with these ideas, and think very seriously about where Palm wants to go."

Townsville Enterprise Chairman John Bearne said Palm Island could really benefit from all the attention it was receiving.

"Townsville Enterprise is proud to support this push to lift Palm Island's economic status," Mr Bearne said.

"What this forum also provides is a great chance for the community to secure vital infrastructure initiatives as a way of encouraging growth in the region.

"If we can get the ball rolling on key public works, that will in turn act as the catalyst to spur on further investment and employment, which is what Palm Island needs to move forward."

Member for Townsville Mandy Johnstone said the forum should provide catalyst for greater growth and employment opportunities on the island.

"Palm Island is such a unique environmental, cultural and economic asset to the North Queensland region," Ms Johnstone said.

"What we're doing today is drawing upon the



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knowledge and expertise of all relevant stakeholders and generating discussion around how to capitalise on what this community has to offer.

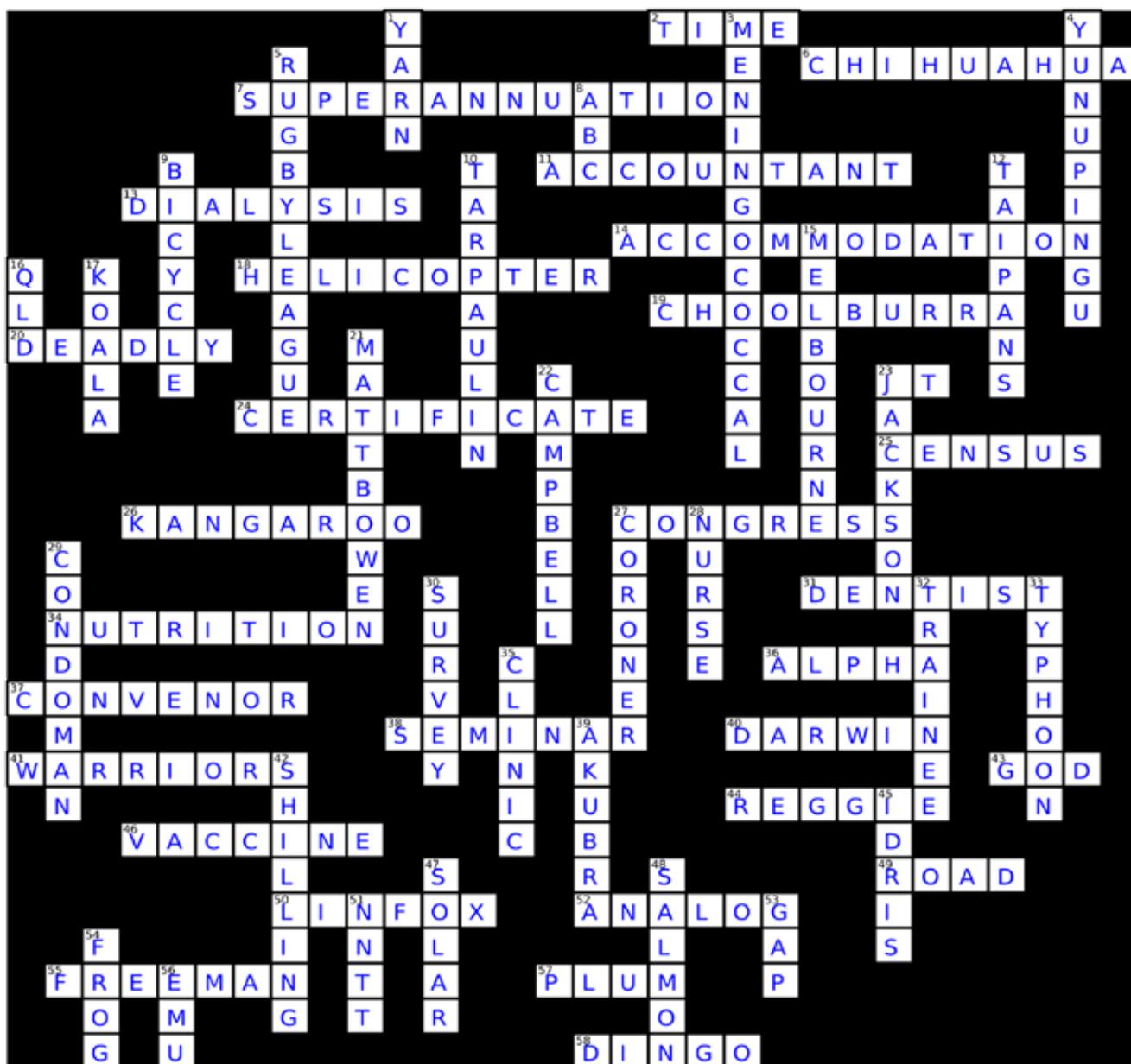
"This is about coming up with innovative ideas and initiatives to secure and sustain jobs for Palm Island people."

**With thanks for additional information to William Hyams (see p 11) who facilitated the forum.**



L-R Ross Contarino (Townsville Enterprise); Mandy Johnson & Mayor Alf Lacey

# Crossword 85 Answers



Crossword completed with thanks again to David Goeldner & the Crossword Puzzle Maker at [www.armoredpenguin.com](http://www.armoredpenguin.com)

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Non-government organisations are invited to apply for funding (available until mid 2014) to operate the Palm Island children and family centre.

A funding round for Mackay is also open.

The children and family centre will provide integrated services, responsive to community needs, and include early childhood education and care, parenting and family support, and child and maternal health services.

Interested organisations can apply to operate one or more of the children and family centres, but must lodge a separate funding submission for each location. Funding Information Papers, Submission Forms and information regarding Funding Information Sessions are available at [www.education.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/indigenous.html](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/indigenous.html) or by calling (07) 3898 0373.

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# Footy Round-Ups!

**ROUND 3 – WEEK FOUR OF FINAL ROUND - 13 AUGUST 2011**

## **UP, UP AND AWAY**

JETS moved to the outright top-of-the-table after week four of the last round of the PIRL season, with a 74-16 win over fourth placed Brothers.

For Jets, forward Costa Sam scored four tries with two each to crafty back Tabua Oui and Moa Sam.

Singles went to Robert Bulsey, Greg Barry, Thomas Walsh, Chris Walsh, Ezra Noble, and Jermaine Bulsey.

Versatile Tabua Oui chipped in with 11 goals for a personal tally of an amazing 30 points, with one to Robert Bulsey.

Brothers try scorers were John Watson, Mervyn Marpoondin and Malcolm Larry.

Winston Noble shot two true goals through the posts.

## **BULLS END HORNETS HOPES**

FORMER sleeping giants and reigning premiers Butler Bay Bulls hammered Hornets 58-10 to end the latter's slim semi-finals prospects.

Billo Wotton continued his impressive recent form with four tries whilst James Sibley proved his worth with two four pointers.

One try each went to Clinton Palmer, Edward Kidner, Ike Haines, Val Fulford and Gary Murray.

Ever-reliable Val Fulford slotted eight goals through the big sticks for a match total of 20 points and Pita Morgan booted one.

Hornets try scorers were Edward Kidner and Christian Richardson whilst Rob Snyder kicked the goal.

## **BULSEY'S FIVE TRY TRIUMPH**

BLOCKBUSTING forward Jason Bulsey scored five tries to lead his Skipjacks to a 50-28 victory over Mundy Bay Warriors in the other game. Terence Snyder crossed for two tries with one apiece to Gary Pearson, Maverick Fox and William Marpoondin.

Gary Pearson kicked four goals and Anthony Thompson one.

For Mundy Bay Warriors, Gary Fulford scored two tries and Michael Noble, Clinton Watson, Jerry James, Luke James and Les Nugent crossed for one each.

Michael Noble and Gary Fulford each snared a goal.

The PIRL provided a ladder after the games which showed: Jets 19 points, Butler Bay Bulls 18, Skipjacks 16, Brothers 14, Hornets 10, Mundy Bay Warriors 9.

That ladder included points deducted by the PIRL for rule infringements during the 2011 season.

## **MYSTERY surrounds whether or not champion Skipjacks player Raoul Miller will line up in Saturday's semi final.**

With interest in the football finals series at an all time high on Palm, whether or not Raoul will play is shaping up like the climax of an Agatha Christie thriller. The 29-year-old Raoul was



spotted in the Palm CBD on August 16 with his arm in a sling – a result of breaking a thumb in a recent game. Raoul was resigned to missing the finals series and indeed the remainder of the season. "I look like being out for the season but will be right for the Barracudas at the Allblacks carnivals after the season," he said. But the plot thickened on Sunday night when a senior

Skipjacks player told the *Palm Island Voice* that staples had been removed from Raoul's thumb and he would "be right to play." On recent form Skipjacks would be right in the mix to hold the premiership trophy aloft come grand final day. But those chances would be much higher with rampaging Raoul on the field. You can bet when Skipjacks run out everyone will be looking to see if Raoul is there.

**JETS FLY TO MINOR PREMIERSHIP**

A 26-22 win over Butler Bay Bulls last Saturday saw the Norman Bounghi coached Jets finish at the top of the table and take out the minor premiership.

Semi Finals commence next weekend and a large crowd is expected at the local football oval in what has been a very successful 2011 season.

For Jets Chris Walsh scored two tries with one each to James Palmer, Thomas Walsh and Greg Walsh. Tabua Oui booted three goals.

Bulls try scorers were Ike Haines, Sam Coutts, Billo Wotton and Clinton Palmer. Val Fulford booted three goals.

This was a replay of last year's grand final between two genuine and arch rivals when Bulls took out the trophy with a two point victory over Jets.

**BROTHERS ROLL SKIPJACKS**

BROTHERS scored a hard fought 40-30 win over Skipjacks to show they will be competitive in the finals.

Sterling Aden junior scored a hat trick of tries for Brothers with two to Ben Baira.

One try each went to Mikeal Sibley, Robert Johnson and Winston Noble. Gavin Johnson kicked four goals.

For Skippies, Navron Curley scored two tries one each to Anthony Thompson, Algon Robertson and Gary Pearson who chipped in with five

goals.

**MUNDY BAY OUTLAST HORNETS**

The Clay Hunter coached Mundy Bay Warriors defeated Hornets 38-36 in a cliff-hanger in the other match.

Neither side will feature in the finals series but it was an exciting game.

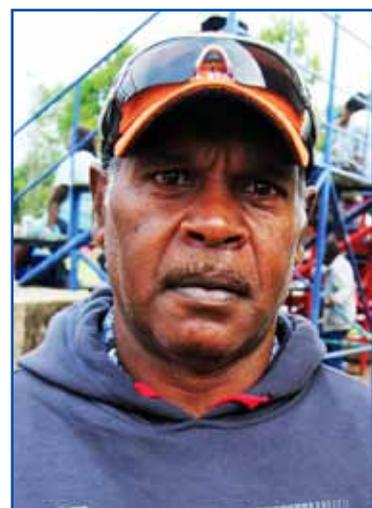
For Warriors Allan Brown scored two tries with singles to Mervyn Noble, Ezra Langlo, Raymond Noble, Michael Noble and Gary Fulford.

Michael Noble booted four goals with one to Gary Fulford. Diminutive Cooper Kerr scored twice for Hornets with one to Josh Landers, Kevin Wilson, Darryl Bramwell and Tim Asai. Rob Snyder kicked four goals.

## Warriors reflect on successful second year

**MUNDY Bay Warriors may not be taking part in the Palm Island rugby league finals series but it has still been a highly successful season for the club at the end of its second year.**

Respected elder and club official Margaret Conway (*pictured*) said it had been a good year with the team winning a number of games. "I would like to say that the Mundy Bay Warriors had a really good year this year," she said.



"And the players are really excellent, young Raymond Noble and Ashley Clumpoint being two young excellent ones, they really surprised the coach Clay Hunter (*left*) and myself and all the other players.

"And we are all glad

and happy that they came aboard and contributed to the Mundy Bay team."

Margaret nominated Mervyn and Michael Noble, Lincoln Poynter jnr, Ezra Langlo, Clinton Watson and Gary

Fulford as very talented players who made tremendous contributions for the club.

"The others players we really applaud, and throw our hats up into the air for their great contributions too," Margaret said.





## **PIRL PLAYER PROFILE: ASSAN SAM**

**TOUGH forward Assan Sam is a vital player for Jets as they aim for the premiership in the Palm island domestic competition.**

Jets lost the 2010 grand final to Butler Bay Bulls by only two points and are one of the major contenders as the business end of the season looms in 2011.

The 22-year-old Assan is a second row forward who provides plenty of power in the Jets engine room.

"I think we are a good chance to win the flag this year as we have good players such as Caleb Geia and Tabua Oui to name a few," he said. "I really like playing for Jets and we are all mates," he said.

Jets coach Norman Bounghi said Assan has been a valuable member of the team for the past few seasons.

"He plays a huge role in both defence and attack for our club," Norman said. "Especially in attack, he is always putting his hands up when it's time for the forwards to do the hard yards. He plays any position in the forwards and could easily play in the backline as well, he is pretty quick and runs good lines. He is also solid in defence and reads the game well."

Norman said Assan is a quietly spoken person but always puts in 100% for his team, whenever he takes to the field.

"He rarely stays off the field for long periods of time, and is always in the game," he said. "Assan will be a key player for the Jets team to take out this year's premiership with his hard running and rock solid defence and his part in a very young and talented forward pack."

Assan is also a quality boxer and his brother Costa is also an integral part of the same solid Jets pack.

## **Obe Geia jnr shield date confirmed**

**The popular Obe Geia jnr rugby league shield carnival is confirmed to go ahead at the farm on Palm Island once again on Thursday September 15, and there will be 10 visiting school teams.**

It will be the third such carnival after last year's event, held in late October, was a great success. More than 150 mainland pupils aged 10 to

12 participated at the local football oval with a focus was on fun, fitness, participation and harmony. Whilst teams played very well, winning was

not the most important thing. Several Palm junior teams will compete, and hundreds of locals are expected to be there to watch all the action.

# ...Out & About...



Far Left: Loyal football player Rakeem Tarpaulin;  
Left: Barracudas footballer Chris Camenzuli;  
Above: footballer Victor Courtney

## Waiting for Broncos pays off for diehard fans

**PALM Islanders David Bulsey and Samelia Miller were amongst 50 or so lucky fans of the Brisbane Broncos from around North Queensland to have their pics snapped with players or officials the morning after the side defeated the North Queensland Cowboys.**

Cowboys 34-16 at Townsville's Dairy Farmer's Stadium on August 12.

Numerous Palm Island football fans were at the venue to see the match. The Broncos stayed at the Holiday Inn situated in the Flinders Mall so fans in the know waited the morning after the game to welcome the players and have autographs signed.

David Bulsey is pictured (*above right*) with Broncos official and former Queensland State of Origin and Test halfback Allan Langer.

"I am a big huge fan of the Broncos and have loved this today," Mr Bulsey said.

Samelia Miller (*right*) was also delighted to have her pic taken with Corey Parker, who kicked seven goals for a tally of 14 points.



# Jets win minor PIRL premiership

The final four out of the six teams contesting the Palm Island Rugby League this year have been decided.

Jets, Butler Bay Bulls, Skipjacks and Brothers will take part in semi finals at the football oval this Saturday.

Jets have flown over Butler Bay Bulls in their last game of the season to take out the minor premiership.

In what was a replay of last year's final, Jets turned the tables to hold out for a 26-22 win over the 2010 winners.

The winner of the qualifying semi final between the top two sides will advance to the grand final a fortnight after.

The loser of the elimination semi final will drop out for the season.

But the winner will advance to the preliminary final a week later to play the loser of the qualifying semi.

The preliminary final winner will gain the other grand final berth. *Palm Island Voice* would like to wish the best of luck to all players and teams in the finals series.

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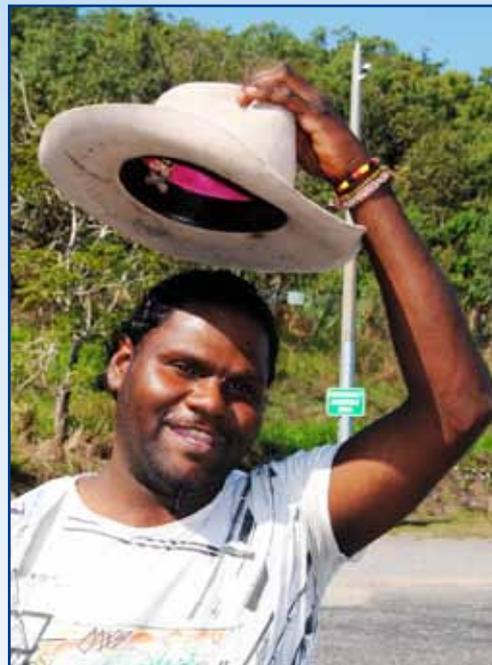
## FINAL ROUND LADDER

(Correct at time of printing, courtesy PIRL)

**Jets 21**  
**Butler Bay Bulls 18**  
**Skipjacks 16**  
**Brothers 16**  
**Mundy Bay Warriors 11**  
**Hornets 10**



**Above:**  
**Palm Island**  
**netballers at**  
**recent games in**  
**Charters Towers**  
**(pic courtesy**  
**Cr Hal Walsh)**



**Left: Thomas**  
**Chookie is looking**  
**forward to the**  
**coming rodeo at**  
**Mungalla Station**  
**near Ingham in**  
**September**

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