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## Noby is back!!!



Mother of four, her youngest is just over four months old, but Noby Clay is back!!! Find out how she went on p 10!

## LGAQ conference backs call for AMP review

Calls for a major review of Alcohol Management Plans at the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) conference last week have received strong support from Mayors and Councils across that state.

Indigenous mayors and chief executive officers attending the annual conference also called on the State Government to reconsider the way it spends money on servicing Indigenous communities.

Indigenous councils' representative on the LGAQ policy executive, Mayor Alf Lacey, said all councils in Queensland faced a problem with limited funding.

"But we want Government officials to listen to the leaders elected by their communities before they decided how and when to spend their money," he said.

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## INSIDE THIS ISSUE: BINDAL SHARKS ALLBLACKS CARNIVAL



Two Palm Island teams were amongst 18 teams in the strong men's section. In the six team under-18 grade, the Palm Island Barracudas reached the grand final. Above: Barracudas back Tabua Oui fires out the ball after a scrum win.  
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**NEXT ISSUE: Cairns Allblacks**  
Above: Sister Doolan puts everything into tackling a Storm player at the Cairns All Blacks last weekend  
**FULL ROUND UP & PICS in the next issue of the Palm Island Voice**

# LGAQ conference supports our Councils and communities

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**"It is tough enough with the amount of dollars we receive to make ends meet," Mr Lacey said.**

"It is heartbreaking to see what could be better directed to serve a great purpose go to waste."

Mr Lacey said Indigenous Councils presented five resolutions to the State conference.

"The important one for us was the calling for a major review for the AMPs for Indigenous Shires in Queensland, and getting the LGAQ to support the campaign for the preamble of the constitution that includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

"The rock-up for this year's state conference was very good, and we've seen the majority of our Council attend this year so the representation from Indigenous Council was certainly good."

He said the LGAQ president and executive were pleased to see the overwhelming Indigenous Council representation.

He said he had the opportunity to talk directly to people such as



Campbell Newman and to meet with former deputy premier, Paul Lucas, and raise issues with him in terms of Indigenous councils throughout Queensland.

He said he was pleased because Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council had put up three of the five motions concerning Indigenous issues that were passed unanimously at the LGAQ conference.

"There was also a housing revenue income stream resolution, which we asked LGAQ to support," he said. "So I'm' pretty pleased, and now the Council is pretty pleased that Palm Island Shire Council for the first time in history has got three resolutions passed at

this State Conference."

He said overall the conference went well.

"The conference dinner was also one of the important aspects of the conference," he said. "We saw June Pearson, the Deputy Mayor of Hopevale Shire Council, recognised for her 20 years of service as a Councillor. I congratulated June on behalf of the Palm Island Shire Council and also on behalf of the people of Palm Island for the dedication and hard work she has done over the past 20 years.

"Overall I think the relationship between the Indigenous Council and LGAQ will continue to build, and I think we'll see a lot of partnership happening between LGAQ and all our Indigenous councils in Queensland. As I said at the Indigenous Leaders Forum, it is our platform and it's the platform we need to use to allow us to ensure that we put our issues up, and start lobbying on our issues, at the LGAQ level. So we need to put ourselves in that position where we can negotiate for better outcomes for our communities."

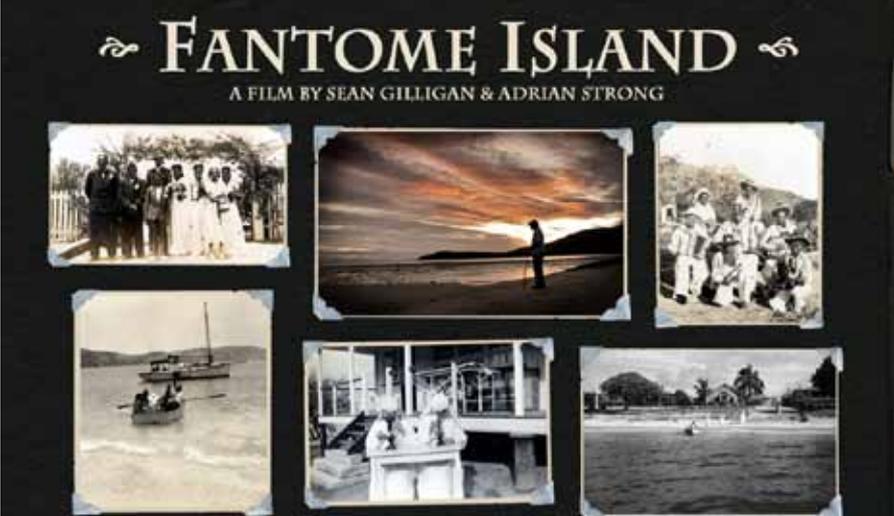


**Pictured: Top:** LGAQ President Paul Bell, Alf Lacey, Queensland Governor Penelope Wensley, Torres Mayor Pedro Stephen and Flinders Mayor Brendan McNamara; **Below:** Boullia Mayor Rick Britton, Alf Lacey & Hopevale Mayor Greg McLean with Julia Gillard impersonator, Lynne Cazaly (Gulia Jillard).

# Fantome movie to feature at Brisbane International Film Festival next month

**The Fantome Island documentary is now finished and has been accepted to screen at the Brisbane International Film Festival in November.**

Producers Sean Gilligan and Adrian Strong said it had been a long journey and that they wanted to thank all those who assisted them along the way. They particularly mentioned Veronica and Laurie Coutts, Yolanda Coutts, Todd and Virginia Chatterton, Robert Blackley, Maggie Blackley, Perry Thompson, Bill Thaiday, Alf Lacey, Sister Christina and the FMM, Georgina Haines, Winnie Obah and the Bwgcolman Cultural Committee. The premiere screening of 'Fantome Island' will take place in Brisbane at the Brisbane Independent Film Festival in early November, with a second screening to follow a few days later. Details are on the websites (*right*). Sean also said there were no dvd's of the film for sale as yet, but they would be available next year. Stay tuned for details.



**FANTOME ISLAND**  
A FILM BY SEAN GILLIGAN & ADRIAN STRONG

IN 1945 SEVEN YEAR-OLD JOE EGGMOLESSE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH LEPROSY. HE WAS TAKEN FROM HIS FAMILY UNDER POLICE ESCORT, TRANSPORTED BY RAIL AND SEA OVER A THOUSAND KILOMETRES TO FANTOME ISLAND WHERE HE WAS TO BE INCARCERATED FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS.

JOE'S POIGNANT JOURNEY OFFERS A PROFOUND AND PERSONAL INSIGHT INTO ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S HIDDEN HISTORIES.

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*ROSINA Snyder is an integral part of an almost all-male CDEP team currently working on the disabled toilet and referees block at the football oval. Others in the picture (L-R) are David Haines, Clinton Cannon, Fred Fullerton and Tony Palmer.*



# Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council Community Infrastructure News

**Palm Island community has become a hive of building activity as various infrastructure projects have gotten underway over the past month or two.**

Mayor Alf Lacey said over the next 12 months a number of projects Council had organised funding for would get off the ground.

"There's been a hive of activity happening there in the past month or two under the guidance of Orlando, our new Works and Facilities Manager, who I want to welcome to the community," he said.

"He's been doing a wonderful job getting our projects up and running and we're starting to see a lot of action happening out and about in the community.

"The Community Monument, which was featured in the Palm Island Voice a month or two ago, has certainly picked up some momentum and as you can see, work has started to happen at the Clock Tower in Freedom Park there.

"Very soon the community Bwgcolman monument will be fully installed and once it is finalised we'll certainly have an unveiling and a community barbecue to celebrate that important monument.

"We've also got funding to replace the old Tom Geia bridge, down near the Day Care Centre.

"And there's a lot of work continuing to happen with road sealing.

"The Bamboo Creek Road project is fully underway, with the Bamboo Creek Road open again for community to access Bamboo Creek.

"Unfortunately, the pine forest at Bamboo Creek was destroyed by Cyclone Yasi.

"We're currently trying to see whether the pines are at a certain grade that can be used and shipped off the island.

"We haven't heard anything yet, but we will keep that at the Council table to see what we can do.

"The other important thing is the old kindergarten building is going to be moved into the cultural precinct.

"The buildings there now will house the library, arts centre and a community meeting room, and the old kindergarten will be the community museum.

"That will then make up the cultural precinct for

the community so we're starting to see a lot of movement in that area.

"And finally, in the next issue I will report back to you about our foreshore report from the Reconstruction Authority.

"We have some of the models they are suggesting to the Council around how to repair the foreshore and what needs to be done with it, so the community will have the opportunity to have some discussion around what we're going to do there.

"Overall in terms of infrastructure there'll be a lot of activities happening in the community over the next few months and our intention is to keep you informed of what's going on through the *Palm Island Voice*, so watch this space!"



# Teaching students try a taste of community life

**Final year Education students at James Cook University headed to Palm Island earlier this month to help give them an idea about what it would be like to teach in the community.**

Thirty-four students from Townsville spent most of the day on the Island, touring teaching facilities as well as local services, such as shops and accommodation. Organiser and lecturer in JCU's School of Education Max Lenoy said the students were shown a range of the community's features.

"They visited each of the schools, the Education Queensland accommodation and some of the community sites such as the museum



and the local shopping and business area," he said. "They also planned to talk to teachers, community members and parents. The idea was for students to get a real experience rather than just a 'textbook' experience. We wanted them to consider employment at these schools and be able to make informed decisions themselves about living and working there rather than

the comments of media and other influences. They will also had a chance to look at the benefits of engaging with communities in order to connect and help students achieve positive results by understanding teaching strategies but also understanding the communities as well."

Mr Lenoy said in the future they hoped to extend their opportunities to visit the Torres Strait if funding was available.



*Above: Mayor Alf Lacey with Torres Strait Regional Council Mayor Fred Gela, Cr June Pearson & Kowanyama Mayor Thomas Hudson at the LGAQ Conference dinner.*

*Below: Mayors from across the state meeting in Mt Isa for a Ministerial Housing Forum.*



*Well-known Palm Islander Lex Wotton has just undergone surgery for the sixth time on his left arm to try and relieve his arthritis. Mr Wotton, with said-appendage in a sling, was at Castletown late last month with his wife Cecilia with grandchild Kyzearne, 2.*

# ... Out & About ...

Singing up a storm on the right for his 60th was Albert with Steven - happy birthday Albert! Under those two is Orilee Isaro with her four-year-old daughter Ethel Clarke at the playground, and next to them is the PICC Playgroup with Chris Binge from the Brisbane Broncos visiting to support the Deadly Ears Project. Under all of them from left to right is Wes Lenoy enjoying a coffee at the garden area of the Coolgaree Sports Bar and Grill, then the Coolgaree CDEP hospitality workers and finally Deputy Mayor Raymond Sibley (2nd from left), who caught up with Noel Gertz and family in Cairns recently.



Along the bottom of the page, from left to right, we have Award winning ambulance officer William Obah on duty at the Obe Geia Challenge; a number of people enjoying the PCYC sitting area; Clarence Huddy and Deborah Bourne were relaxing on the Reel Women jetty as they waited for the ferry to Townsville and last, but not least; Clinton Burns and Les Noble next to one of the QBuild Isuzus.

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Dear Editor,

To the people of Bwgcolman:

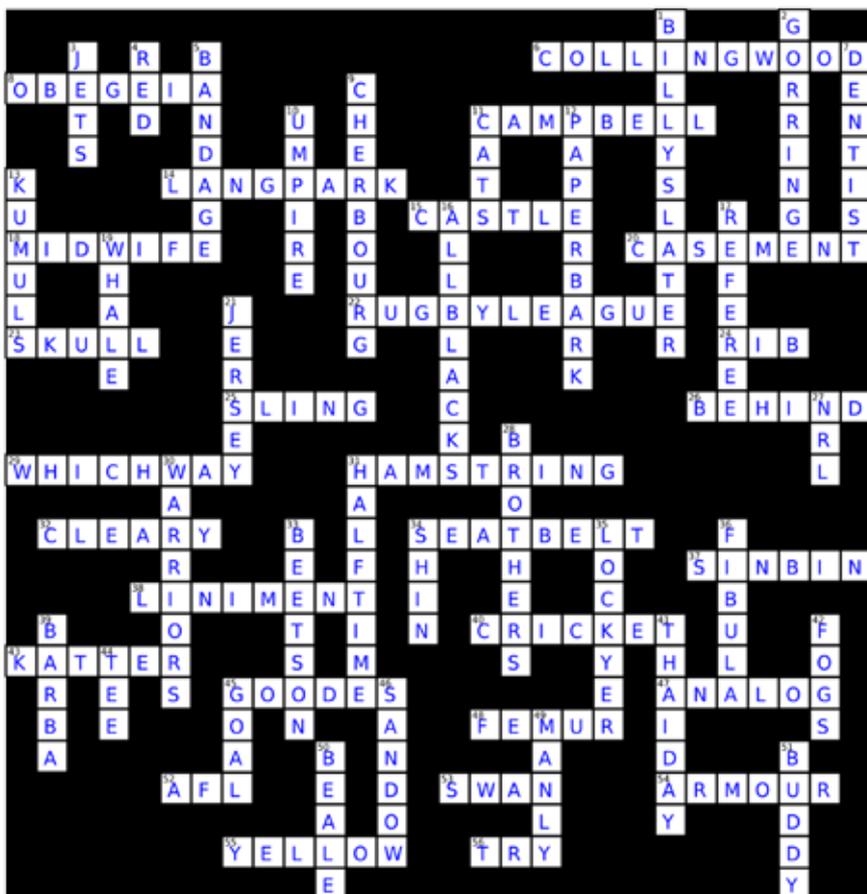
I would like to thank and recognize the Traditional, Historical Owners and the Indigenous Custodians of the lands of Magnetic Island, Townsville and the Palm Island Shire. I would like to thank the Manbarra, Bwgcolman and Wulgurukaba people for the privilege of skipping a community based passenger ferry service through the most beautiful seas that I have ever travelled. I would like to thank and recognize the Murri, Bandji, Bagal, Bindil, Nuywagi people, the Papuan Peoples of New Guinea, Bamaga and Seisia and all Torres Strait Islanders for the chance to serve as a captain and be entrusted with the responsibility of moving a community through the most beautiful, idyllic, island community that I have ever seen. Thank you for giving me the most enjoyable, satisfying and important job of my ten years of seagoing experience. I am indebted to you for introducing me to the spiritual, peaceful and

loving community of Great Palm Island. Bwgcolman has given me an experience that I shall never forget and will always cherish.

Thank you for the chance for an American to see dugongs, whales, turtles and dolphins across Yanooa, Orpheus, Fantome, Curacoa, Culgaroo, Eclipse, Esk and Havana Islands. Thank you for showing me Pencil Bay, Onion Bay, Canyon Bay, Butler Bay, Challenger Bay and Wallaby Point and allowing me to share the waters when the weather was rough and we needed refuge and shelter. I am grateful to have helped in the time of need and to the aid of those who needed it. I am blessed to be shown the Great Carpet Snake and learn from the Dreaming and gain wisdom from the Dream Time and I am thankful for being a part of NAIDOC Week, All Blacks, Spring Celebration, Obe Geia Footy Tournament and the holiday season. And thank you for the responsibility of moving the children and youth of the island safely between communities. I have never taken this responsibility lightly.

## PI Voice Crossword 89 Answers

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



After a mere year of driving M/V Reef Cat I have found my favourite time on the ocean and I am very sorry to see it go. My life is carrying me to Darwin and I am hesitant to let go of the most rewarding time of my life. A man from Pittsburgh, PA, United States of America does not find himself being a part of the Bwgcolman Community that often. It has been my delight to rise every morning and drive a boat to Great Palm Island and very lucky to have met a community and have been so humbled by the honour.

To Uncle Ray and Reggie Palm Island, let the rest of the world know what Great Palm Island is made of.

Sincerely,  
Captain David Witzke  
Palm Island Skipper

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# Golden Gloves haul 1 gold, 3 silver

**28-year-old Noby Clay made her comeback to boxing last weekend, travelling to Caboolture with the Palm Island Boxing Team for the Australian Golden Gloves Amateur Titles.**

At the event Isaac Bulsey won a gold medal in the sub junior 46kg division whilst Patrick Clarke, Dennis Haines jnr and William Palm Island won silver medals in their divisions.

Noby's daughter Rosina Marlanie Dani-Raye was born just 13 weeks ago.

"I am really looking forward to boxing again as in the past I have fought mainly opponents much heavier than me," she told the Palm Island Voice before they left on their marathon 18-hour drive to Caboolture.

"I won't ever shy away from that but my future opponents will be in my own weight class."

Trainer Ray Dennis said Noby contested the female light fly weight division and lost her bout to a much heavier opponent.

"Noby will be much better in future bouts with that fight under her belt," he said.

"They were all impressive and 150 bouts were fought at the titles.

"Patrick's bout was a draw after the three rounds and went to

a count back and the other fellow won on a count back.

"William went up a division and Dennis jnr went well."

Star boxer Reggie Palm Island did not make the trip after injuring his wrist recently whilst training at the AIS in Canberra.

"This was a good test for our boxers to see if they have the ability to contest the Queensland Olympic trials during December in Brisbane," Mr Dennis said.

"Boxers from around Australia and some from overseas competed at the Golden Gloves."



Heading to Caloundra were Noby Clay, Isaac Bulsey, Patrick Clarke, Dennis Haines jnr and William Palm Island  
Right: Ray Dennis & Dennis Haines snr

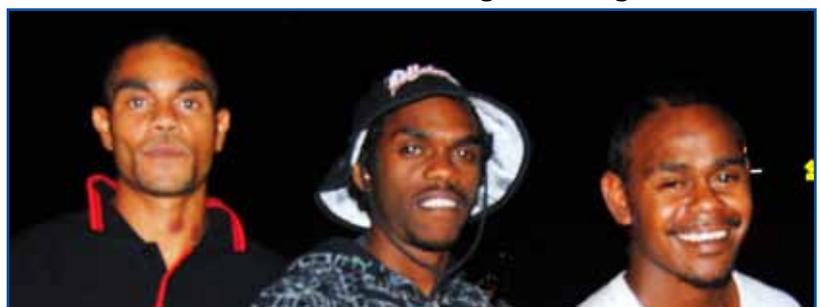


*Below: You never know when a Palm Island Voice photographer will be on hand to snap a pic of Palm Islanders – whatever they are doing and at whatever time of day! At 10pm on October 7 in the Townsville suburb of Cranbrook, footballers Rob Syyder, Patrick Ketchup and Joshua Landers were spotted and happy to have their pic taken.*

*They were heading to Lincoln Poynter's house to prepare for the Bindal Allblacks carnival which started the following morning.*



Left: DEVOTED family man Fred Bulsey is one of the best rugby league players on Palm Island, pictured here shopping for his dogs, Brutus & Sheila. **10**



# Massive turnout for Palm Island at Bindal Carnival

It was estimated that 10,000 people watched the two days of high class action and the *Palm Island Voice* was there for the two days snapping pics of the games and supporters.



Palm Island had by far the most supporters with many coming from the island.

In their first game of the men's section, Palm Island Barracudas scored a handsome 28-6 win over Girringun Pirates from Cardwell.

Barracudas first two tries were scored by Esrom Geia and live wire back Tabua Oui on field one at the Jack Manski Oval at Brother's League's Club.

At halftime the Barracudas led 12-6 and were cheered on by supporters.

Over on field three Hornets looked a million dollars in their flashy jumpers and lost narrowly by two points to Bindal Sharks which went on to contest the grand final.

In their round two match Barracudas was narrowly beaten by Bowen River Broncos which won the plate grand final a day later.

"We dropped the ball at vital times including twice over the try line," co-



coach Fred Bulsey said.

Hornets lost to Yungi Boongi in round two.

In their quarter on day two Palm Island Barracudas went down 42-14 to powerhouse side Southern Balas which included two North Queensland Marlins and numerous Townsville Foley Shield reps.

Hornets was beaten in its quarter final of the plate section by Mackay side GH United.

Overall winning team, Cannonballs, included Palm Islanders Pita Morgan, Darryl Pearson, Fred Haines jnr, Obe Geia jnr and Vernon Bourne.



# U18s close to win at Bindal

A YOUNG Barracudas under 18 team won three of their four qualifying games before taking on a much bigger Bowen Stingers team in the grand final in the Bindal Sharks Allblacks Carnival two weeks ago in Townsville.

Many of the Barracudas boys were aged 15 and 16 and the side was heavily outweighed on average by the Bowen players.

Even though Bowen won 72-6 it was a gallant effort by Barracudas to reach the final and the boys looked great in their jumpers.

*Well done to all Palm Islanders.*

The under 18s were one of three Palm Island teams who contested the Bindal Sharks Allblacks carnival in Townsville on October 8 and 9. Palm Island Barracudas and Bwgcolman Hornets were amongst 18 teams in the strong men's section.

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