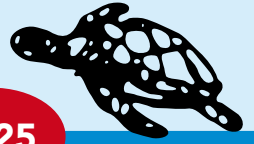




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He is a National champion!!!

SIXTEEN-year-old David Sam (on the right below) is Palm Island's newest local hero after winning a gold medal at the Australian Boxing Association's National Titles in Hobart last weekend.

Fighting in the under-19 Super Heavyweight division on Saturday, David knocked out his opponent in the first round to claim gold.

"David now qualifies for the Oceania Games at Canberra in March," trainer Ray Dennis said. Reggie Palm Island (pictured on the left) was the only other boxer to compete at the Nationals and lost on points in the light fly weight division. "Reggie won the first two rounds but has had an interrupted training program and that told," Mr Dennis said. The Titles were held from 2nd to 5th February and David and Reggie did two days of training in Brisbane before flying to Hobart.



Summertime on Palm Island



Jason Johnson
& Jordan Prior
ready to fish!



MAYOR Alf Lacey was in Canberra during the last week of January, yarning with Alana Doolan and long term activist Isabel Coe (above); and National Congress Directors Dennis Eggington, Rod Little and Co-chair Les Malezer (left).

Last weeks for Sea Country Grant applications

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority would like to remind Traditional Owners they can still apply for Sea Country Grants of up to \$50,000 by 17 February 2012 to support environmental initiatives that will improve the resilience of the Great Barrier Reef.

GBRMPA Acting Director John Tapim said the grants were available through their Sea Country Grants Program. The initiative is part of the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country Reef Rescue Land and Sea Country Indigenous Partnerships Program.

"The grants will enhance many existing sea country management programs being run by Traditional Owners as well as assist in supporting new initiatives," Mr Tapim said. "Under the program grants could be awarded to develop sea country plans, enhance management and technical

skills and undertake research of traditional knowledge. "Funding could also be utilised to map sea country or establish and maintain decision-making processes that are critical to the development and implementation of sea country management arrangements."

Individuals or communities interested in applying for the Sea Country Grants Program should go to www.gbrmpa.gov.au or phone 1800 990 177.



POLICE searches of bags of passengers on Sealink ferries going to Palm Island have again sparked anger amongst many residents.

Invasion Day searches 'invaded our privacy' – Deputy Mayor

The latest round of searches took place at the Sealink Ferry Breakwater Terminal beside Townsville's Ross Creek before the services to Palm on 26 and 27 January.

Deputy Mayor Cr Sibley (pictured), one of about 200 passengers on the 26 January catamaran said he was angry. "It is Invasion Day and police have invaded our privacy," he said.

"I contacted local mainstream media and this is not right, passengers were a bit shaken up and I think Anna Bligh needs to concentrate on the real issues that are affecting Indigenous people everywhere, especially on Palm Island, like affordable housing, modern housing, jobs and education in our community, instead of concentrating on the little things," he said.

The AMP laws are highly unpopular with the majority of Palm Islanders and many come

to the mainland where none are in place.

On 29 January the Voice went to the ferry terminal after being told by numerous residents that they expected more searches.

However police drove past where the freight is loaded and never conducted searches. Other passengers spoken to by the Voice were angry about the searches.

Strict AMP laws allows individuals to take only a carton of 30 cans of light or mid-strength beer into the community.

Spirits and full strength beer is banned and it is believed as many as 600 Palm Islanders have faced Court for alleged breaches.

On ferries travelling to Palm from the Townsville Breakwater Terminal, only light and midstrength beer is sold.

However on the journey from Palm back to the mainland



full strength beer can be purchased once the ferry is 20 minutes into the journey.

Townsville District Inspector Ian Houghton told the Townsville Bulletin searches were conducted to enforce the Island's Alcohol Management Plan but this particular one was not planned to coincide with Australia Day.

"It's periodical and we do these checks at both Townsville and Palm Island," he said.



Road base material was the focus of some interest as it came in by barge over the school holidays...holidays for some, but others were hard at work unloading and distributing the material, bound for Bamboo Creek Road, amongst others!

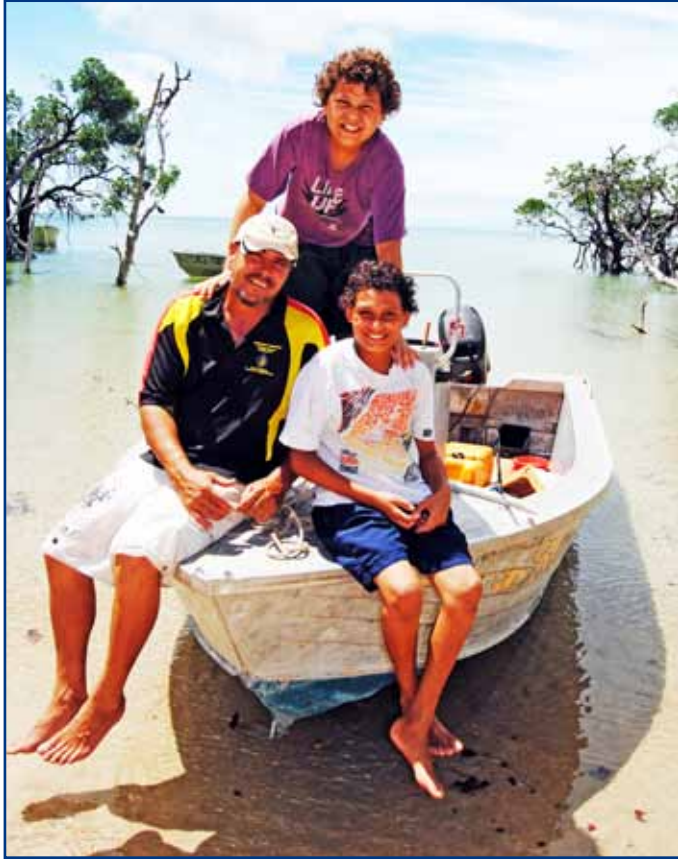


...Out & About...



From the Top Left: Front end loader driver Raymond Haines taking to Bamboo Creek Road & Mick Wehrman and his 1973 Mercedes truck;
From the Top Right: Darryl Daisy about to pop into the CDEP store;
Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council worker Victor Daisy & Joseph Boyd busy working at the Palm CDEP store on 26th January

Something to 'Crowe' about...



KELEE Roberts and his sons Toby, aged 11, and Kelee jnr, 10, were leaving Butler Bay in an outboard motor powered dinghy in late January when they were photographed by the *Palm Island Voice*.

"We are going to do some fishing at Onion Bay, this morning I caught a couple of nice ones," he said. The boat proved to be a bargain buy for Mr Roberts who purchased it for a modest \$50.

Some years ago Mr Roberts made publications around the world when he had his picture snapped with Aussie actor and Hollywood superstar Russell Crowe who was visiting Palm.

Mr Roberts was working at the Palm airport early in the morning when Crowe arrived ready to leave on an Army caribou. Crowe, an avid South Sydney NRL Club supporter saw Mr Roberts with a Newcastle Knights caps and asked why he supported that team. "The Knights are well above South Sydney on the ladder," Mr Roberts replied which brought a broad smile to Crowe's face.

Bowen impressed with kids' enthusiasm

The Toyota Cowboys kicked off a big eight days of community activities by treating 200 young footballers – including Corey Prior (*pictured right with proud parents Roy and Kirshna*) – to coaching clinics at Aitkenvale PCYC last week.

The youngsters were the lucky winners of a Bulletin competition that gave them the chance to take part in coaching drills with Cowboys players, members of the NRL club's football department and QRL development staff.

There was also plenty of opportunity to get some autographs, photos and a mini football at the same time.

NRL squad members Matthew Bowen, Kalifa Faifai Loa, Aaron Payne and James Segeyaro, as well as Toyota Cup players Chris Grevsmuhl and Luke Abdul-Rahman, were on the field helping out in tackling and agility drills and some fun league-based games.

Bowen said he was impressed with his group's enthusiasm.

"I've seen some pretty quick kids out here today - quicker than me probably," Bowen said with a smile. "There's been some good tacklers as well and it looks like they are all having plenty of fun even though it's pretty hot out here.

"I hope to see them all out at Dairy Farmers during the season."



...Out & About...



From the Top Left: Thom Walsh, Eddie Walsh & Obe Geia jnr; Regina Barry, 14, Lekeisha Ryan 13, Lauren Bourne, 14, & Lavinia Inkerman, 15; Frank Nugent, Gail Barry and Myin Barry, aged 3; From the Top Above: Yvette Lenoy with daughter Cameron Bulsey, 7; Nazine Wotton, 16, & Merlin Massey, 7.



7 Palm Island brothers compete together in CT's iconic cricket comp

A group of brothers or cousins of Palm Island descent were dubbed the "Magnificent Seven" when they lined up at the world's biggest cricket carnival in Charters Towers last month.



Seven out of 11 was not bad according to the West Indigies cricket team who joined in the contest for the Goldfield Ashes. A huge 226 teams contested the 64th Ashes on 72 fields around the town and district. West Indigies team played in the B-2 men's division and included seven players of Palm descent on one side of their bloodline and Darnley Island on the other. They were brothers or cousins and were Noel Ross, Justin Ross, Jordan Ross, Drew Ross, Dean Ross, Gordon Ross and Jermaine Ross. "They are a vital part of the side and make up more than half of the players and are all-

rounders," said inspirational captain Glenn Butler.

West Indigies, a name themed on the West Indies Test side, played against Leftovers XI on day one at one of the numerous wickets on the Charters Towers airport reserve.

They won 165 runs to 140 and each of the Ross seven played some role.

West Indigies finished a highly creditable 48th of 134 teams in B-2 grade scoring 453 runs and taking 24 wickets to register 15.33 points.

The carnival was first played in 1948 with just six teams and has grown so much it is now recognised as an official Aussie sporting icon.



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on (07) 4759 6159.

Applications close 5pm Thursday 16 February.

Convenor

Good Start Breakfast Club

Work with young people to address healthy eating habits and healthy lifestyles. Prepare and serve nutritional breakfast foods in line with the guidelines of the Good Start Breakfast Club to improve concentration and learning at school, as well as encouraging the development of healthy eating habits in the community.



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Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council

is closed every second Friday
(Council pay week) for RDO.

The next RDO is

Friday 17 February.

REMEMBER: the Bank & Post Office
will now close each Council RDO.

**For emergencies on Friday please
call 0458 789 011**

**For more information contact
the Council on 4770 1177**

Proposed Council Meeting Dates

FEBRUARY 2012			
Delegation Meeting	TUESDAY	FEBRUARY	14/2/2012
Land Trust Meeting	SATURDAY	FEBRUARY	25/02/2012
General Meeting	WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY	29/02/2012

Community Notice

An Action Group has been formed for the Damage to
Community Infrastructure & Private Property (Break-ins)
The next meeting will be held as follows:

DATE: Wednesday 29th February

TIME: 10:00am

VENUE: Meeting Room (on Football Field)

If you would like to be a part of the action group, please
register your interest at the Council Office. If you have
any questions please feel free to contact the Palm Island
Aboriginal Shire Council on 4770 1177.

HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAY TO ALINAH GRACE GEIA

1ST FEBRUARY 2012

Wishing you all the very best for your 21st - Make it a good one and take it easy. May you enjoy this birthday and many more to come. Bless you and keep you safe...

LOTS OF LOVE, MUM, UNCLE & THE HAINES, RYAN, MURGHA & GORRINGE FAMILIES.

**HAPPY 22ND BIRTHDAY TO OBE GEIA jnr
12/02/2012**

Have a Happy Birthday Obe, wishing you all the best on this day and may you have many more. May God bless you and keep you safe.

**LOTS OF LOVE MUM, UNCLE & SISTERS,
ALSO FROM THE HAINES, GORRINGE, MURGHA, RYAN &
ALLEN FAMILIES**

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**Manager
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Palm Island Q 4816
Fax: 47 701160**

Applications Close 24th February, 2012

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
HEATH PRIOR**

Have a great day.

**Love from Jan,
Jennifer, Tooya,
Sondra, Hannah, Albert
Jnr, Ruth & Albert snr.**

**HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY TO
DICKIE HAINES**

18TH MARCH 2012

**WISHING YOU ALL THE BEST
FOR THIS SPECIAL BIRTHDAY
BROTHER,**

**WITH LOTS OF JOY &
HAPPINESS ON FOR THIS DAY.
ONLY YOU KNOW HOW TO**

P-A-R-T-A-Y!!!!

**LOTS OF LOVE,
GEORGE, TOLOWAH & FAMILY.
LOVE FROM THE HAINES, RYAN,
ALLEN, GORRINGE & MURGHA
FAMILIES**

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Foley decision 'silly' – Baira

FORMER champion Barracudas forward David Baira has slammed the decision by the QRL northern division to dump Palm Island from the 2012 Foley Shield competition.

As reported on page one of the last edition of the *Palm Island Voice*, only three super teams - Townsville, Mackay and Cairns - will be part of the prestigious Foley Shield.

Eight sides competed in 2011, including a combined Palm Island/Bowen team which made its debut. The 57-year-old Baira was a Palm Island selector last year and said he was extremely disappointed.

"It is really very silly to let us join last year and drop us after one season, I think the northern division should reconsider," Baira said.

The Palm stalwart played for the Barracudas when they were in the Townsville and District competition in the mid to late eighties.

A powerful forward who also was equally at home in the back line as a centre or winger, also represented Townsville in the Foley Shield.

"Palm Island people were at the last Foley Shield carnival in big numbers and we had more supporters than any of the other teams. It doesn't make sense," he said.

He said many Palm Islanders were also saddened by the unexpected exclusion from the blue ribbon Foley Shield, which dates back to 1948.

RAIDERS BACK

Baira said rugby league on Palm Island was still very popular and there looked like there would be another team in the coming domestic season.

"Mount Bentley Raiders are going be back in the comp here and that means we will have seven clubs,



which is the same at Townsville and District," he said. Premiers Jets, Brothers, Skipjacks, Butler Bay Bulls, Mundy Bay Warriors and Hornets competed last year.

Palm Island has a regular population of around 3000 – by comparison, Townsville boasts 180,000.

When you add another 30,000 people to that taking into account the populations of Charters Towers, Herbert River and Burdekin which have teams in the Townsville comp, Baira said it was remarkable that Palm had so many clubs. "There are so many good young footballers here on Palm and we should have a Foley Shield team," he said.

Palm Island will meet Bowen in a representative match in April.

PALM LEGENDS OF LEAGUE

There has been some talk around Palm that a merit local legends of league team should be picked.

Anybody who has played for the Barracudas or on Palm would be eligible for selection.

Some who come to mind would be Vern Daisy, Hector Poynter, Obe Geia jnr, and many others.



Jets players burst out of their training rooms in Cardwell last year

They are Palm's rodeo champs!!!

PALM Island riders did well at the Bucko Billy Rodeo with 17-year-old Gregory Condren (*right*) proving himself to be a genuine star as the only rider of 13 entrants to stay on the bull for the required eight seconds in the juvenile class.

"I was very proud when I got my trophy and love bull riding," Mr Condren said.

Organiser John Moss of Bucko Billy Rodeo said it was a great effort by young rider.

"These were very mean animals some weighing more than 1000kg and he is a very talented bull rider," said Moss.

He said Palm Island riders Roy "Boy" Murray (*below*) and Gavin Bramwell entered the open and novice rides whilst female Sheldean Clark was in the juvenile section.

"They all did well and it is good having these entrants from remote places," Mr Moss said.

"A lot of people were there and the atmosphere was great."

Roy "Boy" Murray said the bulls were in fine form.

"They were very hard to stay on," he said.

Held at Charters Towers Showgrounds on 21st January the rodeo attracted riders from far and wide and a crowd of 1000 spectators. There were 43



bulls including angry animals named Mundine, Black Mamba, Mr Monsoon, Stumpy, Rock Solid, Nut Cracker, Mis-treated, Turbulence, Banana Bender and Path Finder.

The rodeo clashed with the Goldfield Ashes cricket carnival (see page 6) and at the same time a Twenty20 cricket game featuring the Queensland Bulls Masters and a Towers invitational side was in progress which had 2000 spectators.

Moss said that former Australian Test and one day cricketer Andrew Symonds turned up at the rodeo.

"Andrew was helping down at the chutes and enjoyed himself a lot," Moss said.

Former Palm Islander Pauline Shortjoe, who organised the 2008 and 2009 Palm Island rodeos and now lives in Mareeba, was at the event.

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