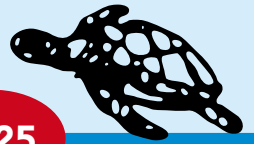




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New committee to support Palm art

Art on Palm Island is set to flourish with the support of a newly formed Arts Committee which held its inaugural AGM last month.

Mayor Alf Lacey said 20-30 people attended the meeting which saw a committee formed dedicated to supporting artists, whether they were painters, sculptors or whatever their craft.

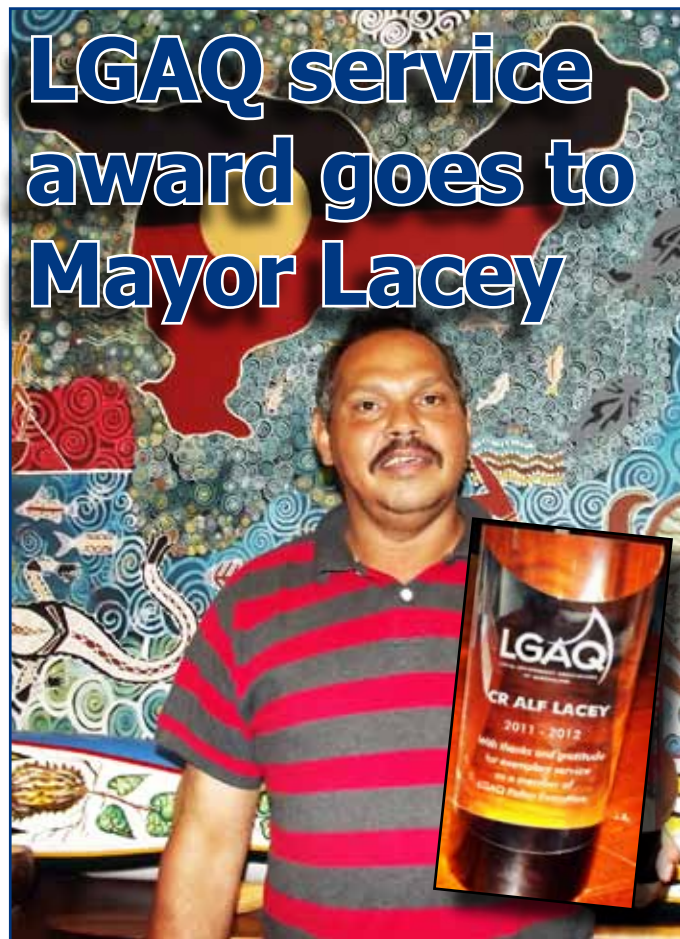


"I want to congratulate all the members of the new Arts Committee," Mr Lacey said. "They've taken a very real and keen interest in supporting an arts community and raising their profile, which is something I've been supporting for quite some time as a part of the cultural precinct. As part of that precinct the new Community Arts Centre will allow our artists to have a space in the community to do their work.

"So I want to congratulate Sue Pryor (*pictured*) as the incoming President of the Arts Committee, Toby Castors as the Vice-President, Magdalena Blackley as Secretary, Beverley Robertson as Treasurer and Moarna Sam as the Public Officer. Thanks also to Ethel Robinson, Gertie Massie, Agnes Wotton Jr, Sue Pryor, Allan Palm Island and other community members who initially really rallied together to certainly get the Arts Committee going. They've got a lot of work in front of them and I will continue to support the Arts Committee."



Last week the original artwork used to represent Palm Island's Health Action Plan was presented to the Joyce Palmer Health Service



An award received by Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey and other representatives of the LGAQ Policy Executive were for their service during this term, Local Government of Queensland (LGAQ) CEO Greg Hallam says.

"Cr Lacey has championed the cause for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Councils since they became Local Government Authorities in their own right and now enjoy the same status all other Councils in Queensland," he said.

"He has contributed to ensuring their voice is heard whether it be in government corridors, the media or at the LGAQ Policy Executive table."

Popular Palm resident Assan Clay was all smiles when he was spotted in the Townsville CBD last week. He is the caretaker at Palm



accommodation rooms which were formerly part of the Laurie Lindner camp. "Renovations are coming along quickly," he said.

Youth rally over Easter in first for Palm Island

Palm Island's PCYC is gearing up to host its first-ever Easter Youth Rally this weekend.

Palm Islanders aged from 14-27 years old are all welcome, organiser Deniece Geia said.

"It's Holy Week for most Catholics on the Island as well as many Christians who celebrate the birth, death and resurrection of Christ," Mrs Geia said.

She said the idea came from the young people themselves who have been congregating at the PCYC during the Deadly Youth night programs.

"Most of them just want to talk and share their thoughts, especially their faith, and how they see the world," she said.

"From there, little ideas began to grow into a bigger idea to invite young people from across the region to join in Holy Week celebrations.

"This is an opportunity to connect with local indigenous youths as they share cultures and stories and learn from each other's experiences."

The rally kicks off at 9am on Good Friday (April 6) with an AIM church service, followed by a barbecue lunch.

Activities over the alcohol- and drug-free weekend include an under-18 disco, sports, bible study, traditional dancing and drumming and music workshops.

Supporters of the rally include a youth group from Streams of Living Waters, based in Townsville.

"Agencies, schools, youth groups and church groups are invited to attend to encourage a positive gathering of young people in a safe, friendly environment," Mrs Geia said.

"PCYC has public liability coverage as well as excellent facilities.

"This rally is not just about preaching the gospel but also about living the gospel and sharing it through various activities that stimulate the body, mind and spirit," she said.

"We are looking forward to a large crowd of young people. I would like to thank the wonderful sponsors who have contributed to making the rally a success."

For more information phone 4770 1793.

Statewide landslide reflect PI booth result

New State Member for Townsville John Hathaway received by far the highest percentage of the 645 formal votes cast by Palm Islanders at the school polling booth on the March 24 State election.

LNP candidate Mr Hathaway received 308 votes which represented 47.91% of the total compared with 169 (26.20%) by former member Mandy Johnstone (*pictured*). Katter's Australian Party candidate Ray Grigg also polled well with 123 votes (19.07%). Mr Hathaway, Ms Johnstone and Mr Grigg all visited Palm Island in the lead up to the election. Other candidates Jenny Stirling for the Greens received 29 votes (4.10%) whilst First Family Party's Michael Punshon gained 15 votes (2.33%). The LNP won a landslide

victory and will hold a massive majority in the new Parliament. Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey congratulated the new Government.

"I want to congratulate Campbell Newman and the LNP Government for their win and say, as I said before the election, that we will work with any government that is in power," he said.

"On behalf of the people of Palm we hope they continue to stick with their pre-election commitments to working with us to ensure Palm Island gets the attention it needs.

"Indications before the election



were very supportive so we look forward to a productive working relationship and certainly I'll work with them to get what is right for Palm but also for the region."

Rover support for CFF

Cathy Freeman Foundation workers will soon be driving a flash new car around the community thanks to Land Rover.

The CFF team was presented a brand new Freelander 2 car as a measure of Land Rover's support for their work on the Island at Townsville's Pallarenda Beach last week.

CFF CEO Sonya Stephen and Sydney-based Land Rover Company Public Relations manager James Scrimshaw were there with Palm Island CFF Program Co-ordinator Daphne Lawrence,

Community Liaison Officer Nazareth Youngblutt, her son Genai Youngblutt, aged 12, and Khan Cummings-Sturt, 5. "We are so excited to have a Land Rover on Palm Island and this will make life so much easier there. It is amazing," Ms Stephen said. The state of the art Land Rover will be used on community outreach programs. "Land Rover has given us the mobility to drive literacy and



school achievement rates in the right direction," Ms Stephen said.

"We consistently attempt to engage with all sectors of the community and given the size and geographical dispersion of the population, it is critical that we have motor vehicle access to be able to link with the whole of community."

The Land Rover will travel by barge to Palm next week.





...Out & About...

Far left: Victor Daisy; Left: Algon Lawrence; Below middle: National Healing Foundation chair Florence Onus; Below left: Agnes Wotton; Below right: Margaret Conway



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Fantome Island doco to show down south



Fantome Island - the movie - will be shown at local venues in Nambour and Maleny later this month. Filmed in part during an historical Remembrance of Fantome Island (pictured above) in 2010, the premiere screening of 'Fantome Island' took place in Brisbane at the Brisbane Independent Film Festival in November last year.

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council Community Infrastructure News

Infrastructure projects such as the trench for new drainage works (*pictured right*) and housing programs will continue to boost local employment in the community over the next two years, Mayor Alf Lacey says.

"And it is projects like that we hope will encourage young people in our community to take up opportunities to seek employment so they can have a better standard of life and a better way of life," he said.

"Most of this current work is funded by NDRRA (Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements), which is a natural disaster program between the Commonwealth and the state, and we'll see more of these projects happening as time go on.

"I think one of the other most important things is the Upper Lama Lama new subdivision, and also the Kitchener Bligh outstation, have gone out to tender.

"We're due to make an announcement on who will win those contracts with a projected start-up time in mid-April.

"We've said very strongly to bidders that local employment and training must be a part of these projects.

"I'm certainly very supportive and committed to making sure we see good outcomes for the people of Palm with any of these major infrastructure program contracts.

"These subdivisions bring with them almost 60 brand new homes for the community over the next year and a bit, and that's certainly a massive improvement from our point of view.

"We've put up a display in the supermarket showing the different styles of housing and what the subdivisions will look like.

"The other important thing is our replacement homes are

already starting to be built by construction companies, already replacing three homes in the community.

"There's also been a massive upgrade program, to renovate and repair existing homes.

"When I go around and talk to people they seem quite pleased to see that their renovation is getting done.

"Everyone will have some type of work done to them under the Upgrade Program.

"I'm proud to be a part of those achievements to ensure we have our housing, which is a basic need in any community – finally we can start seeing families moving to more comfortable housing with better designs to suit us.

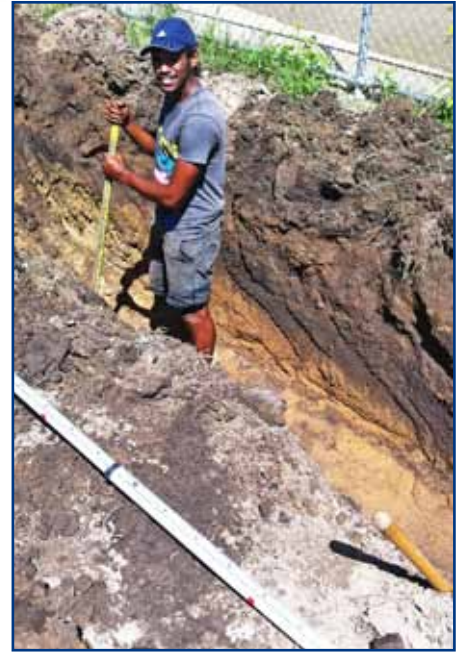
"So I'm very happy to let the community know that the 2012 Community Housing Development Program for Palm Island is all on track.

"On another note, I can confidentially say that the Reconstruction Authority has committed \$12.5 million for the Foreshore Development here on Palm.

"So, that's going to be another massive infrastructure project for the community.

"Council has put in a submission under the normal process, and I have advocated very strongly with the Authority for that.

"We've said all along that the foreshore on Palm Island is in bad need of repair. Palm needs to be given some priority in terms of reconstruction so I'm very pleased with that outcome."



Fri nites = MKR @ PCYC

It's MURRI kitchen rules every Friday night at the PCYC when young people cook up a few storms and especially their favourite chocolate cake topped with thick cream and strawberries from the local supermarket...mmmmm... chocolate cake topped with thick cream and strawberries... :)

PCYC youth programs officer Deniece Geia said at around 3pm every Friday students from both schools have been rocking up to go shopping with her for whatever takes their fancy to cook that night.

"The students learn about budgeting, how to write out an order and to estimate how much grocery items cost," she said.

"We teach them the basics of budgeting and take them through the whole process of the ingredients from the shelf to the kitchen to their stomachs. The food is then served to the rest of the young people as part of our PCYC night café program.

"They love it and they really get serious when it comes to cooking in the Community kitchen.

"Our kitchen is well maintained and is ideal for teaching young people how to cook, prepare menu and prepare the meals

"Most of all we have a lot of fun."

Youngster Jayden Morgan said she agreed.

"We get the recipes off the internet," she said.

"I love cooking for my Nan."



Top: Kevin Inkerman, Emma Baira, Brianna Kerr, Jayden Morgan & Kylie Pompey in front; Above: Emma Baira, Jayden Morgan, Brianna Kerr & Deniece Geia; Right: Happy Birthday to Josephine & Savanna!!!



Above: best of friends Joseph Nallajar, Maurice Baira, Fred Ross & Darryl Richardson; Right: Youth Night Programs volunteer Selena Shepherd, also Justice Group coordinator and friendly ear



During the last week of Term 1 the Cathy Freeman Foundation came to present Bwgcolman Community School students with rewards for attendance, literacy and behaviour. Over a hundred students received awards for attending more than 90% of the term, 16 were awarded for improved literacy and 17 for exemplary classroom behaviour. Also pictured below is Nat making a spear and students in the mall wanting to wish everyone a safe and joyous Easter holiday period.





St Michael's School



Grade 7 Stop Think Do Program with CYMH Team

The Grade 7 students have begun working with the Child Youth and Mental Health Team to develop a Palm Island version of the Stop Think and Do Social Skills Program that will be implemented in both schools on Palm Island to assist students in making positive choices for the future.

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RESPECT
LISTENING
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CARING
GOOD BEHAV
DONT STEAL



TriTactics from CFF : Self Defense and Emotional Awareness training for students from grades 4 and 5 with Mr Pete Keogh.





Lenten Liturgies



Grade 1 and Prep have recently led our liturgies at 10am on Thursday morning. We have an open invitation for parents to attend these important Lenten events. All are welcome.



Class Award Winners Students of the week from Week 7

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Our office hours for pick up and drop off at the Palm Island Depot are between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

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Boxers a knock-out in State tournament



KNOCKOUT punches by two star Palm Island boxers were a highlight of the Queensland Boxing Association tournament at far off Inala in Brisbane last Saturday night.

Experienced 20-year-old Thomas Blanket knocked out V Lay of Brisbane in round two of his bout. Debutant Shanden Burns, aged 15, also scored a second round knockout in his impressive win over R Wassmuth of Caboolture.

Eight Palm boxers made the long bus journey south and Shanden was one of five having their first bout.

The others were Marcus Ketchup, Levi Baira, Kevin Kidner and Chris Evers jnr who were all impressive.



Marcus, aged 13, defeated B Roberts of the Gold Coast on points and Levi, 10, drew with Sunshine Coast boxer B Ncgaughran.

Chris, 9, beat T Kennedy of Brisbane, and Kevin, 10, lost on points to D Gleeson from the State capital.

Patrick Clarke lost on points to J Katz of the Gold Coast and Selwyn Seaton went down on points to A Phillips from the Gold Coast.

The other boxer who made the journey David Sam didn't get a fight in his super heavyweight division but was on-hand to help assistant trainer Chris Evers snr in the corner during bouts.

"Officials down at Inala were very impressed with Thomas and Shanden and also our little boxers who have big futures," Chris snr said the next day.

"There were a lot of Murris in the crowd at the Inala PCYC and it was a great atmosphere."

The boxers left Palm Island on last Thursday's ferry and then made the marathon 15 hour bus journey to the State capital.

"There have been a lot of new boxers training on Palm Island lately and I wanted to give some of them a bout," he said. "They are young fellas."

The team stayed at Kangaroo Point the night of the tournament and then drove back on Sunday and to catch Monday's ferry back to Palm.

The team was considering travelling back to Brisbane for a tournament at Acacia Ridge in three weeks time. There is also a possibility some of our boxers may compete at the State Amateur Boxing League tournament in Kuranda in the coming weeks.

Pictured is Thomas Blanket (top), Chris Evers Snr (middle) and Chris Evers Jnr (below)



Morgan to play for state U-15 AFL



RUGBY league may be fanatically followed on Palm Island but that has in no way held back Ethan Morgan from being selected to play for the Queensland under-15 Indigenous Team in Australian Rules.

Ethan will play in the National Kickstart Championships from 10-13 April.

This follows his attendance at a Kickstart Camp at Tallebudgera on the Gold Coast where five Palm Island and Townsville students were among 50 talented young indigenous footballers from all over the state.

Ethan along with Thomas K. Solomon, Shanden Burns, Lance Hudson and Koipe Castors were selected for the camp via community nominations based on criteria of leadership qualities, school and community involvement, and football ability.

Over three days the group was led through a rigorous

schedule which encompassed, high performance testing, career development and leadership sessions, cultural activity and, of course, an intensive football program led by Queensland under-14 Indigenous head coach and former Brisbane Lions player Anthony Corrie.

"The most pleasing aspect about the group, aside from their athletic ability, was their commitment and desire to better themselves as people and be role models within their community," Corrie said. This year AFL Queensland partnered with the Queensland Government's Department of Communities to ensure the program was

more accessible to athletes from remote communities. Schools and clubs across the state were quick to recognise the opportunity and AFL Queensland were overwhelmed with player nominations to attend the camp.

"The response to the program this year has been sensational," AFL Queensland Engagement Manager Trent Ryan said.

"It provides young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men an opportunity to showcase their football ability but it is broader than that, it equips them with personal skills that will enable them to succeed regardless of how far their footy takes them."

Sensational score kicks off 2012 PIRL

THE much anticipated Palm Island Rugby League comp kicked off last Saturday with champion back Tabua Oui scoring an amazing opening 54 points.



*Above: Ili Dabea
Below: Tabua Oui*



Oui scored seven tries and kicked 13 goals for his side Mount Bentley Raiders, which defeated Hornets 92-22 at the Palm football oval. Playing in the centre, Oui totally dominated for Raiders who have re-entered the competition after a break last season.

A son of the late and great former champion Palm Island back Hector Poynter, Oui has been a loyal Barracudas player at many Allblacks carnivals and is rated one of the top club footballers in north Queensland.

He was named amongst Palm's best ever in the legends of league published in the 100th Issue of the *Palm Island Voice*.

Kevin Morgan also scored three tries for Raiders, Frank Baira two and singles went to Wayne Barry, Caleb Geia, Costa Sam, and Josh Baira. Kevin Morgan kicked one goal.

For Hornets Owen Robertson scored two tries with one apiece to Darryl Bramwell and Cooper Kerr, Josh Landers kicked two goals and Owen Robertson one.

The match between reigning premiers Jets and Butler Bay Bulls was called off at halftime because Jets was reduced to just seven players after injuries.

Allan Brown, Billo Wotton and William Blackman scored two tries each in a first half blitz with singles to Pita Morgan, Frank Morgan and Robert Bulsey.

Pita Morgan booted seven goals.

Jets try scorers were Robert Chookie and Keenan Kerr, while Gavin Barry kicked a lone goal.

In the other match Mundy bay Warriors defeated Brothers by forfeit. Skipjacks had the bye.

Palm Island Rugby League President Ili Dabea all sides will be at full strength in round two next weekend.

"We had a big crowd and thanks to locals who were referees and touch judges," Ili said.



***Pictured left
are some of our
junior netballers
taking part
in the Cathy
Freeman After
School Netball
competition –
every Wednesday
at the PCYC***



...MORE OUT & ABOUT...

From Top Left: Enjoying a read of the *Palm Island Voice* at Castletown are William Aden, Gail Gilbert, Elizabeth Tyson, Les Noble & Clara Fullerton; enjoying a beer at Coolgaree Sports Bar and Grill were Joe Lenoy, Wes Lenoy and Alf Ryan, as were the 'tradies' below them; and, enjoying a stroll during a rain break early last month were Bella Walsh, aged 83, and Sharon Lamsam. Above: Tianee Miller and her children Doug, 3, Retmoi, 2, and baby Raoul, in Townsville. Below: Merita Nomoa, left, & Lillian Willis



...Out & About...



*Top: Winston Noble on Bissa and Lindsay Murray on Tabian with Stan Friday, who was travelling by foot scooter, and on feet alone was Matt Fraser;
Below left: Todd Pearson yarning with Genami and Walter Geia late last month;
Below right: Council worker Irwin Ambrym carts sand and other material for roads around Palm Island.*



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