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# Palm Island Voice

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## Let the football begin!

THE much anticipated Palm Island Rugby League competition kicked off last Saturday in front of a large crowd.

Last year's beaten grand finalists Butler Bay Bulls showed they will again be a major force by defeating Bwgcolman Hornets 60-8.

Bulls have a star studded lineup and Hornets will be strengthened in coming weeks when some more players return to the fold.

Mount Bentley Raiders scored a handsome 66-10 victory over Bwgcolman Brothers in the second game at headquarters.

Brothers also have quality players in the next few weeks and will improve.

Premiers Skipjacks defeated Jets 40-32 in the main game.

Both sides displayed flashes of brilliance and Skipjacks coach Fred Bulsey will be fine tuning his charges at training.

Jets look likely to be a big chance in season 2103.

**MEANWHILE** Palm Island's Barracudas will contest the Remote Area Rugby League Challenge (RARL) in Cairns on 25 and 26 May.



### 2012 Premiers Skipjacks

This will give talented footballers the chance of being picked for the North Queensland Marlins team to compete at the State Titles the following month.

Other sides at the challenge will be Torres Strait, Three Rivers, Central Cape, Southern Cape and Bowen.

Palm Island must be considered a strong chance of winning that carnival considering their 2012 efforts.

The Barracudas won the 20 team Bindal Allblacks

carnival in Townsville last October and looked good.

There were also plenty of quality footballers on show at the Algon Walsh Memorial Allblacks carnival on Palm during February. Barracudas Green, one of three local teams, took out the grand final.

After the May carnival a team will be selected to represent RARL against the Queensland Outback side.

This will be played in Cairns before a Northern Pride Intrust Super Cup game on 29th June.

# Palm to benefit from 'fix our schools' funds

Bwgcolman Community School is set to benefit from a Fixing Our Schools Fund, over the next three years.

Local MP John Hathaway said the fund was for Queensland schools with the biggest maintenance backlogs.

"We have also made it easier for schools to get the job done by untying maintenance from QBuild and opening it to private providers," he said.

**MEANWHILE** the Newman Government has called for community input into improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.

Minister for Education, Training and Employment John-Paul Langbroek said the government had

released a discussion paper inviting contributions into the development of a new Indigenous education action plan, due for release mid-year.

"The new action plan will cover the full spectrum of early childhood education and care, school education, training, tertiary education and employment," he said.

"We want to build an educational pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in Queensland, so they are supported from 'crayon to career'.

"The paper proposes a range of ideas that arose from discussions with key stakeholders at a consultation forum held in

December last year.

"It's vital that we all work together to keep improving early childhood, school and post-school pathways and strengthen educational support for young Indigenous Queenslanders."

The paper is organised around four key priorities: engagement and partnerships, high quality and responsive services, successful transitions and workforce and leadership capacity.

A copy of the discussion paper and information on how to make a submission are available at [www.dete.qld.gov.au/indigenous](http://www.dete.qld.gov.au/indigenous). Feedback and submissions are sought by 30 April 2013.



## Out & About

*Captions next page...*



# Rehab exercise starts @ PCYC

A physical activity program for those with a disability will be on-trial for the next five weeks at the PCYC thanks to Community Rehab Northern Queensland (CRnQ).

The program, designed for people with a disability as a result of a stroke, spinal cord injury, accident, or drug and alcohol misuse, started on Tuesday this week.

The 'exercise' was a result of a meeting between a team of CRnQ staff and the Council last month (*pictured*). CRnQ staff included the Clinical Director, Ruth Barker; Physiotherapist, Dane West and Indigenous Rehab Assistant, Marayah Taylor.

CRnQ said they were there to take advice from health service providers



and people of Palm Island.

Key points of discussion during the meetings included the need for a community rehab service to not only be effective but sustainable, and that the people of Palm Island need to have a say in how they used the service.

CRnQ said the day was a great success with many relationships developed

and strengthened.

They also said they wanted to thank the Council, health services and the people of Palm Island for taking the time to teach them and provide them with the opportunity to run the program.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Marayah Taylor on 47228700.



*PAGE 2: Clockwise from top right: Koipe Castors; Gavin Johnson & Charlie Gibson; Fred Bulsey with son Fred jnr; Cr Frank Conway; Council parks and gardens worker Joseph Wales and Jacob Baira. ON THIS PAGE: left: Leston Watt & Cameron Doomadgee; Above Left: George Friday & Gerald Wotton jnr; Above right: Sunset Snack Bar workers and Left: Ray Dennis and Raga Viri*



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## **POSITION VACANT:**

**RN/Manager Sandy Boyd Hostel**

## **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:**

- 1) Contractors Camp Lease**
- 2) Cleaning services for the Motel, Airport and Public Toilets (when operational)**
- 3) Heavy equipment night watch services (Sea Wall - NDRRA)**



## **POSITION VACANT: RN/Manager Sandy Boyd Hostel**

This role is a full time position for a senior RN who will be reporting to the Director Community Services  
As the Manager you are responsible for:

- Operational management support and advice to numerous facilities;
- Ensuring highest quality of clinical care at all the facilities (Mentoring/Governance of the clinical team);
- Ensuring all the facilities adhere to the Aged Care Accreditation Standards;
- Preparing facilities for forthcoming accreditation and announced/unannounced visits from the Aged Care Accreditation Agency;
- Assisting in carrying out the organisation's Strategic Plan;
- Attending meetings with management team;
- Assisting with new implementations and standardising practices in the organisation and facilities; and,
- Working alongside Facility Managers / Clinical officers on clinical compliance.

### **About the Candidate**

The ideal Manager will be a true leader and team player who meets the following requirements:

- Current RN Div 1 AHPRA registration;
- A minimum of 5 years management experience in the Aged Care sector;
- Excellent knowledge of the Aged Care Accreditation Standards and ACFI;
- Advanced clinical skills as well as a strong business acumen; and,
- Strong ability to identify problems swiftly and recommend and implement changes.

Post graduate qualifications in Gerontology, Palliative Care or Health/Business Management advantageous.  
Previous experience as Aged Care Quality Assessor desirable. Valid QLD Driver's License essential.

**Applications with a short recent work history and references must be provided by 18th April 2013 to:**

Ross Norman, CEO,  
Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council  
1 Main Street, Palm Island QLD 4816

Inquiries or requests for further information may be directed to Lyn Freckleton, Community Services Director on (07) 4770 0202 or via email to [lyn.freckleton@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au](mailto:lyn.freckleton@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au)



# Public & Community Notices

## **1) EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO LEASE CONTRACTORS ACCOMMODATION CAMP**

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council (PIASC) wishes to call for expressions of interest from qualified individuals/companies to lease/tender for the Council's Contractors' Accommodation Camp commencing as soon as possible.

PIASC is proposing to enter into a lease for an initial period of two years with no expectation of renewal. The Council may consider an extension of the lease period after this engagement.

The PIASC selection committee will select a successful tender to lease the contractors camp on the basis of:

- Demonstrated capacity to run the accommodation services;
- The technical feasibility and commercial acceptability of the proposal;
- Price competitiveness; and,
- Conformity with professional standards.

Expressions of interest should include a tender price, bank guarantee of \$30,000 for the duration of the lease, company/firm profile, a short recent work history and references.

## **2) EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROVISION OF CLEANING SERVICES TO THE MOTEL, AIRPORT AND PUBLIC TOILETS**

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council (PIASC) wishes to call for expressions of interest from qualified contractor to provide cleaning services to the motel, airport and public toilets once operational.

PIASC is proposing to enter into a contract for provision of these services for an initial period of one year, commencing as soon as possible, and may consider an extension of the contract period after this engagement. The PIASC selection committee will select a contractor to provide these services on the basis of:

- Demonstrated capacity to provide the required services;
- The technical feasibility and commercial acceptability of the proposal;
- Price competitiveness; and,
- Conformity with professional standards.

Expressions of interest should include a tender price, a company/firm profile, a short recent work history and references.

## **3) EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO PROVIDE NIGHTWATCH SERVICES FOR HEAVY EQUIPMENT (SEA WALL – NDRRA)**

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council (PIASC) wishes to call for expression of interest from qualified individuals/companies to provide night watch services for the heavy equipment to be used during the construction of the seawall. This is to commence as soon as possible. PIASC is proposing to enter into an agreement for an initial period of one year with no expectation of renewal. The council may consider an extension of the period after this engagement. The PIASC selection committee will select a successful tender on the basis of:

- Demonstrated capacity to provide the services;
- The technical feasibility and commercial acceptability of the proposal;
- Price competitiveness; and,
- Conformity with professional standards.

Expressions of interest should include a tender price, company/firm profile, a short recent work history and references.

**Expressions of Interest in any of the above must be provided by 18 April 2013 to:**

Ross Norman, CEO,  
Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council,  
1 Main Street, Palm Island QLD 4816

The PIASC will utilise expressions of interest to shortlist suitable service providers. Council reserves the right to request for further information from short listed candidates. This may be by way of a formal presentation to a selection panel or written presentation, at the discretion of the PIASC. Inquiries or requests for further information may be directed to John Mugambi, Deputy Chief Executive Officer/ Director Financial Services, on (07) 47700212 or via email to [john.mugambi@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au](mailto:john.mugambi@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au)

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## Public & Community Notices

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>
8am Breakfast	8am Breakfast	10am Rugby League Competition	Church based Youth Activities
Combined Agency Activities	Youth Activities		
BBQ Lunch	BBQ Lunch		Youth Street Outreach
NIEHC Promotions	Official Close of Youth Week		
Youth Activities		6.30pm BBQ	
Weaving Workshop – at PCYC	Weaving Workshop – at PCYC		
HIP – HOP performance in Mall			
6pm Deadly Night Youth Program	6pm Deadly Night Youth Program	6pm Deadly Night Youth Program	6pm Deadly Night Youth Program

## NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK – PCYC

### ‘Be Active, Be Happy, Be You’

← To the left there is the last few days of the Activity Program for National Youth Week from 5th– 12th April 2013. We are looking forward to an exciting time with our young people on the Island to celebrate Youth Week in style. We have agencies and the local Council who have contributed in a big way as well as a Photo Display and lots of Hip-Hop Dancing in the Mall by Last Kinection, Arts and Crafts as well as weaving workshops, just to mention a few.

Deniece Geia, PCYC Youth Support Officer

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### ADVERTISE!

**Page Sponsorship: (1cm or 18pt banner ad across nominated page): \$120**

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**Half A4 Page: \$350 + GST**

**Full A4 Page: \$550 + GST**

**Ads are to be booked by no later than 5pm on deadline day (see back page) and material submitted no later than COB the next day.**

### SUBSCRIBE!

**Individuals & Families:**

**\$30 (to end 06/13)**

**Community & NGOs: \$50 (to end 06/13)**

**Government: \$90 (to end 06/13)**

Subscription rates will vary according to when the initial subscription is taken out (eg if taken in January 2013 the rate will be half of the full year to take it to July 2013).

**To book an ad or to inquire about subscriptions please contact the Editor, Christine Howes, on 0419 656 277 or via [chowes@westnet.com.au](mailto:chowes@westnet.com.au)**

**Please support us so we can continue to support you!**

## PALM ISLAND BARGE COMPANY

**will be not be operating on Thursday the 25th of April (Anzac Day)**



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## Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council

is closed every 2nd Friday (Council pay week) for RDO.



The next RDO is

**Friday 12 April**

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

For more information contact Council on 4770 1177.

### ABOUT THIS FONT:

The font used in this newsletter is called ‘Dyslexie’ and has been designed for people who have difficulty reading, especially those with dyslexia, so they can read more easily.

For more information see <http://www.studiostudio.nl>

# TIME FOR UNITY



NATIONAL CONGRESS  
OF AUSTRALIA'S FIRST PEOPLES

## DELEGATE APPLICATIONS

Individuals apply April 8-15

### Protecting our rights needs strong leaders and unified voices.

Congress Delegates represent members at our national meeting in Cairns 19-21 July.

Stand up for your community and family as an individual Delegate.

Elections will also be held to decide who leads Congress as our male and female Co-Chairs.

Delegate forms and info packs will be available from April 7 on our website [nationalcongress.com.au](http://nationalcongress.com.au)

If you want to help shape the agenda for Congress then use the application, nomination and voting timetable below and get prepared.

Join the CongressMob today and have your say.

#### Get Prepared (individual applicants)

- ✚ Forms available from April 7
- ✚ Membership is open and free
- ✚ 18 years of age and over
- ✚ Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- ✚ Think about our purpose and work
- ✚ What contribution can you make?
- ✚ Photo ID for police check
- ✚ Find out more about Congress: [nationalcongress.com.au](http://nationalcongress.com.au)

### Our Purpose

#### BE REPRESENTATIVE

Provide a representative voice

#### LEAD PEOPLES

National leadership and recognition of our status and rights

#### SECURE FUTURES

Secure economic, political, social, cultural and environmental futures

#### BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

Build strong relationship with government, industry and among communities

#### IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS

Identify issues, research solutions and educate

## TIMETABLE

	INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS	ORGANISATION MEMBERS	CO-CHAIRS - ALL MEMBERS
APRIL	8 APRIL MONDAY DELEGATE APPLICATIONS OPEN		
	15 APRIL MONDAY DELEGATE APPLICATIONS CLOSE*		
MAY		3 MAY FRIDAY DELEGATE NOMINATIONS OPEN	
		10 MAY FRIDAY DELEGATE NOMINATIONS CLOSE*	
		10 MAY FRIDAY ORGANISATION ROLL CLOSES*	
		24 MAY FRIDAY ORGANISATION VOTING OPEN	
		31 MAY FRIDAY ORGANISATION VOTING CLOSES*	
JUNE - JULY			3 JUNE MONDAY CO-CHAIRS NOMINATIONS OPEN
			10 JUNE MONDAY CO-CHAIRS NOMINATIONS CLOSE*
			10 JUNE MONDAY MEMBER ROLL CLOSES*
			21 JUNE FRIDAY MEMBER VOTING OPENS
			5 JULY FRIDAY MEMBER VOTING CLOSES*
19 - 21 JULY National Congress Cairns - National Board announced			

\*All closing deadlines are 5pm Western Standard Time (WST).

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# Boxers put up an eggs-cellent show in Mareeba

EASTER proved to be a real “knockout” for Palm island boxers who travelled to Mareeba on the Atherton Tablelands for a Sunstate Amateur League tournament.

Rising stars Levi Baira and Billy Isaacs both were highly impressive, winning their Easter Saturday bouts at the Mareeba Masonic Hall by knockout.

Levi, aged 11, outclassed his opponent stopping him in the third round in the 36kg division.

“That is Levi’s fourth win in his seven career bouts,” trainer Chris Evers snr said.

Billy, aged 10, weighed 33kg and fought in the 38kg class knocking his opponent out in round one.

A team of six Palm boxers

travelled by bus on Good Friday and then travelled to Mareeba the next day.

Thomas Blanket, William Palm Island, Harry Friday and Chris Evers jnr were the other boxers but couldn’t get matched so missed out on a bout.

Patrick Clarke was also going to travel to Mareeba but didn’t make the long journey when organisers advised he also would have



no opponent.

“We want to thank the Palm island Community Company and the Cathy Freeman Foundation for their sponsorship,” Mr Evers said.



*What a coincidence! Retta, Sue, Debbie, Emily and Vera!! The only one missing in both was the baby sister Paula. Take two was at the Pallarenda 2013 Priors Reunion.*

*Photo by Shantae Ryan*

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