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## A winning start for Kathleen's boxing career

FIFTEEN-year-old Bwngcolman State High School student Kathleen Haines' is well on track to being the new 'Queen' of Palm Island sport after winning her first ever competition fight in Blackwater earlier this month.

Blackwater is 700kms away from Townsville and Kathleen was one of the nine-member boxing team plus trainers and supporters in a 12-seater bus headed for the Sunstate Amateur Boxing League tournament.

*Palm Island Voice* also made the journey with myself - Alf Wilson - and Palm Islander CJ Pearson sharing the bus driving duties.

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## Barracudas hot favourites in Cairns this weekend

PALM Island will meet Torres Strait in their first game at the Remote Area Rugby League Far North Queensland Challenge in Cairns this weekend.

Other sides competing will be Southern Cape York, Bowen, Northern Cape and Three Rivers and the *Palm Island Voice* will be there to cover all the action.

Palm Island will be one of the strongest contenders and are a hot favourite to take out the carnival.

A large number of Palm Island supporters will travel to Cairns to see the five games each side will play over two days.

Matches will be played to two-20 minute halves, which players will no doubt appreciate due to unseasonable humidity in the northern city over previous weeks.

On day one in field one, at Jones Park in Mann St, Westcourt, Southern Cape will meet Bowen while on field two Northern Cape will play Three Rivers at 9am.

Torres Strait against Palm Island should be one of the clashes of the weekend in

what will be an entertaining carnival overall.

Round one of the Thursday Island based four-club Kaiwalagal Rugby League competition commenced at TI's Ken Brown Memorial Oval on 11 May.

By comparison the seven-club Palm Island domestic competition started early in April, so the Barracudas players will have a potential fitness advantage.

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Keen judges believe Torres Strait and Palm Island will have the two best sides of the carnival so their clash in game three at 9.50am is sure to attract the attention of crowds.

At 10.40am on the same day Three Rivers clashes with Southern Cape and at 11.30am Torres Strait will meet Northern Cape on field one, while Bowen takes on Palm Island on the other oval.

In 1pm games, Bowen meets Three Rivers and Northern Cape takes on Palm Island. Then at Barlow Park

starting at 2.15pm Torres Strait is drawn to meet Southern Cape.

This will be a curtain raiser to the Northern Pride Intrust Super Cup match and will also attract a large crowd.

Games on Sunday May 26 will all be at Barlow Park, with Northern Cape to meet Bowen at 9am, Torres Strait v Three Rivers at 9.50am

Palm Island v Southern Cape at 10.40am, Torres Strait v Bowen at 11.30am, Three Rivers v Palm Island at 12.30pm, and Southern Cape v Northern Cape at 1.10pm in the final match.

Following the carnival, a Northern United team will be selected to play against Queensland Outback in Cairns on 29th June 2013.



## 'Women in League' promotion a win for Jets

### PIRL RESULTS: 11TH MAY

Hornets 28 d Bwgc Colman Brothers 20

Butler Bay Bulls 42 d Skipjacks 16

Mount Bentley Raiders 42 d Mundy Bay Warriors 32  
Jets (bye).

### 18 May

Jets 32 d Mount Bentley Raiders 30

Butler Bay Bulls 54 d Mundy Bay Warriors 4

Skipjacks d Bwgc Colman Brothers by forfeit  
Hornets (bye)

The Jets looked smart in their gear promoting the Women In League Round. Jets spokesman Norman Bounghi said Raoul Miller jnr, Costa

Sam, Ashley Wone, Zac

Geia and Gary Murray were standout players.

Jets also have the prized signing of Darryl Pearson who scored the winning try against the Raiders last weekend.

*With thanks to PIRL secretary Matthew Malone for his assistance with scores and*

**2** *Norman Bounghi for the pic.*

### Palm Island District Rugby League Inc. *Club Points Notice*

Team	Games	Win	Loss	Bye	Points For	Points Against	Points Diff	Game Points	Comments
Bulls	6	4	1	1	212	72	140	10	
Skipjacks	6	3	2	1	182	156	26	8	
Raiders *	6	5	1		210	142	68	8	* 2 game point loss (Wk 1)
Jets	6	3	2	1	154	184	-30	8	
Mundy Bay	6	1	3	1	134	204	-70	4	
Brothers	6	1	4	1	100	222	-122	4	
Hornets	6	1	4	1	134	246	-112	4	





*Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey was one of 400 delegates to a forum held in Mackay earlier this month to have input into 'The Queensland Plan', a government initiative aimed at setting up a long-term vision for the State.*

*While there Cr Lacey took the opportunity to present the Premier with a framed gift of several photographs taken during his recent visit to Palm Island which was warmly received by Mr Newman as a keepsake.*

## Mungalla leadership training gets a big 'thumbs up'

Four boys from Coolgaree Aboriginal Corporation attended a leadership camp on working cattle station, "Mungalla", run by Jacob Cassady just outside of Ingham, in April.

The boys were Kenneth Huddy, Gary Fulford, Cyril Murray Jnr and Robert Snyder, and also with them was Coolgaree Employment & Training Arm mentor Sidney (Chikko) Charles.

The program gave the boys an opportunity to learn new skills in areas such as basic care for horses and livestock, repair and maintenance of fences, maintaining water supplies and livestock, recognising and treating weeds, and machinery operations.

Evening sessions were dedicated to the leadership course and included personal development, breaking cycles, leadership, communication and how to

change thinking.

Presenters included NSW Trainee Of The Year, Aboriginal Electrical Engineer and Elder Uncle Trevor Prior Jnr, Mungalla Managing Director Jacob Cassady and qualified trainer and assessor Peter Bates.

The boys were very enthused and a couple have expressed a desire to work in this industry.

For maximum benefit to



*Pic courtesy Mungalla Station*

the Palm Island community Coolgaree is attempting to integrate the boys into the PCYC Youth Group and has also offered their skills to the Animal Control department of the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council.

This course was funded through the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs under 'Closing the Gap'.



*Pic courtesy Coolgaree CDEP*

# Transition to Secondary School

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An excellent turnout, despite weather on the day, marked the third Transition to Secondary School Expo hosted by Transition Support Services (DETE), held earlier this month at the Palm Island PCYC.



The Expo provided an opportunity for students from Bwgcolman Community State and St Michael's Catholic schools to have a good look at their pathway options for secondary schooling over the next few years.

Representatives from 13 schools from as far north as Weipa and as far south

as Toowoomba participated thanks to the Transition Support Service, while the Cathy Freeman Foundation, in partnership with the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation, flew in another six schools.

The Bwgcolman Secondary program also held their own stall at The Expo, giving local students and their

families the opportunity to talk to one-on-one to representatives from each school about what they had to offer.

Cecilia and Guy from ABSTUDY were also on hand at the Expo to speak with families about financial support from ABSTUDY while Ryan Vasquez from the Births Registry Office



# PO Smart Futures for North Queensland Careers



*Above: John Geia, Robert Palmer, Alvina Walton, Iaga Viri, Sharmika Curley, Neil Baira, Keanu Lowatta-Creed, Dehannah Morgan & Rosalie Tennent*

This Year 11 and 12 students are focussed on goal setting and planning for their future on Palm Island.

To that end last week 13 young men and women from Bwgcolman Community School attended the Smart Futures for North Queensland Careers Expo in Townsville. The students were excited about exploring options for their future and the opportunity to speak to people who could help guide them in their career choices.

During the day they participated in 'Try a Trade' activities as well as trying their hand at activities ranging from facials and hairdressing, cooking, mechanical skills and bricklaying.

The students had a big day and impressed many with their maturity and enthusiasm at the Expo. They have returned to

school with a renewed passion for planning for their future and ready to work hard to do what is needed to finish their studies.

Bwgcolman Community School would like to offer their sincere thanks to WestWing for their very generous support in supplying return flights for all the students to attend this Expo.

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helped dozens of families apply for Birth Certificates. Booklets were provided to help guide them in their tour of the many stalls at The Expo and all students participated with enthusiasm resulting in some great interactions on the day which they should be congratulated for. The Transition Support

Service wanted to thank all the students, parents/ carers and community members who participated and made our guests from all over Queensland feel so welcome.

They also said special thanks to the principals and staff of the two primary schools for taking part in the Expo and

being so supportive, and acknowledged the work of the participating schools and agencies.

Transition Support Service workers Janelle Knack and Shona Watson will be on Palm Island in May and June to work with families and offer further assistance with applications to schools or for scholarships.

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- Excellent career opportunities
- Great location with good work/life balance  
BRIT 04/13, Palm Island Campus,  
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**For Inquiries & an Application Kit contact Monica Duniam on (07) 4750 5263 or 0407 641 887 to express your interest.**

**Closing Date: Thursday, 30 May 2013.**

## STRIKE '57 COMMEMORATION DAY Monday, 3rd June 2013 'A TIME TO REMEMBER AND BE PROUD'

'Honouring our Past Leaders of this  
Community  
and the Seven Men who did not stand down  
'Going for Broke'.

Albie Geia  
Willie Thaiday  
Eric Lymburner  
Sonny Sibley  
Bill Congoo  
George Watson  
Gordon Tapau



## Hey you mob, have you had your flu and pneumo needles?



Flu and pneumococcal infections can cause serious sickness, like pneumonia.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people and adults who smoke, have diabetes, heart or lung problems, issues with drugs or alcohol, all need to have the needles.

But even healthy people can get the flu so protect yourself and your family.

Ask your local Health Service about getting the flu and pneumo needles this year.

*QAIHC and Department of Health working in partnership against flu and pneumococcal disease.*



## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The following positions are currently open for application:

- 1 x F/T Cleaner**
- 1 x Casual Gardener**



Applications close Monday 3rd June 2013

To be considered for these positions please submit to [mmcann@picc.com.au](mailto:mmcann@picc.com.au):

- A completed employment application form
- Written response to the key selection criteria (refer to selection criteria contained in the position description)
- A copy of your resume

Please contact Mark McCann on 07 4421 4300, or email [mmcann@picc.com.au](mailto:mmcann@picc.com.au) for a copy of the Employment Application Form and Position Description/Selection Criteria. Advice on the application process is available on request.



## Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council

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

The next RDO is

**Friday 7 June**

**For emergencies on Friday please call**

**0458 789 011.**

For more information contact Council on 4770 1177.

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Ferdys Haven Alcohol Rehabilitation Aboriginal Corporation

## AA Sharing Night - Fridays

Ferdys Haven Board, Management and Staff would like to invite existing members and all community members to Open AA Sharing every Friday Night.

Come along and be in good company and share in harmony.



It was a marathon nine hour road trip via Charters Towers, Clermont, Capella and Emerald before Palm Island boxers arrived in Blackwater at 4pm to weigh in soon after.

Included in the Palm Island contingent were fellow boxers Josie Nallajar and 12-year-old Kevin Inkerman (*right*) who were also having their first fights.

Other Palm Islanders Brayden Nallajar, aged 10, and Natalie David, 13, were on the team but could not be matched with

opponents of similar age and/or weight.

A huge 22 bouts were on the card and young Kevin Inkerman fought the second bout of the night against Blackwater's Lachlan Hopes.

Kevin fought courageously but lost and will be all the better for the experience.

In the fourth bout Kathleen faced Burdekin's Emma Lawson showing great defence and well directed attacking skills with her gloves. Kathleen won on points and was delighted.

"I am very proud to be from Palm Island," she said.

Mr Dennis said it had been as impressive a debut as he had seen and predicted many more wins in the not too distant future.



compete at such a far off tournament.

The bus left Blackwater just before midnight and arrived back in Townsville at around 8am the next day.

Well done to all concerned with many thanks to sponsors, the Palm Island Community Company, Jets

More than 500 people packed into the Blackwater PCYC for the tournament with the much anticipated main senior bout between Josie Nallajar (*below*) and local fighter Australian champion Shearna Smith.

Shearna had a huge height and reach advantage as well as a screaming local Blackwater audience to support her.

Josie's trainer and team mates had a hard time being heard over the crowd, however the first round was equal. Shearna got on top in the second round after which Ray Dennis told officials Josie would retire.

As a community Palm Island gained great positive publicity because of their courage and the commitment shown to

Football Club, volunteer driver CJ Pearson and Strategic Builders.

Mr Dennis also wanted to thank local pool players who held a competition at the Coolgaree Sports Bar and Grill to fund raise for the trip.



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