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*Aldridge Murray & Christopher Ketchup were all smiles in Yarrabah*



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## Palm Island wins Bishop Malcolm carnival!!!

A Palm Island united side and family team Bwgcolman Brothers travelled to Yarrabah late last month to play in the Bishop Malcolm Allblacks carnival. Bwgcolman Brothers lost the Plate Final to Yarrabah's East Coast, while Palm Island defeated Cairns-based Descendants for an overall Cup win in a nail-biting final.

## Mayors back call for extended anti-graffiti laws

Statewide backing for a call to extend anti-graffiti laws was one of several outcomes for Mayors, Councillors and CEOs from all of Queensland's 17 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Shire Councils participating in the Local Government Association of Queensland's (LGAQ's) annual conference in Cairns late last month.

Delegates from all over the state voted in favour of the motion tabled by the Indigenous Leaders Forum, a collective of Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander council representatives.

LGAQ President Margaret de Wit said overall it had been a landmark conference for the organisation.

"This is the first time we have had the same percentage of Indigenous delegates as there are Indigenous Councils," she said.

"It is so great to see the confidence, the amount of interest, the work that is going on in the Indigenous communities."

Palm Island Mayor and LGAQ Executive Committee member Cr Alf Lacey said financial sustainability had been a big part of discussion.

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*Cr Roy Prior, Margaret de Wit & Mayor Alf Lacey in Cairns*





Pics by Alf Wilson



## ...Out & About...

...at the Bindal AllBlacks in  
Townsville, October 2013



## Economic development has to be the key – Mayor

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“Financial sustainability is something Indigenous Councils have to look at very seriously,” Mayor Alf Lacey said.

He said issues such as land tenure were also high on the agenda. The jury’s out on that one and it’s going to require quite a bit of discussion, particularly with the Minister, in terms of rateable lands and things like that,” he said.

“I think I can honestly say there are going to be some major changes in my life time.

“I didn’t think I’d ever see

the changes we have seen, particularly in home ownership.

“I was first elected to Palm Island Council in 1994, home ownership was talked about then and even in the 1980s, when Bob Katter was the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs in Queensland.

“That’s why the Deeds of Grant in Trust were born, to allow Indigenous communities to do things with their own land, and home ownership was talked about by people

like Stephen ‘Stumbo’ Walsh, Sylvia Rueben, Mick Miller, Harry Daphne. A lot of those old people spoke passionately about allowing our people ownership and removing the shackles from our people’s feet.

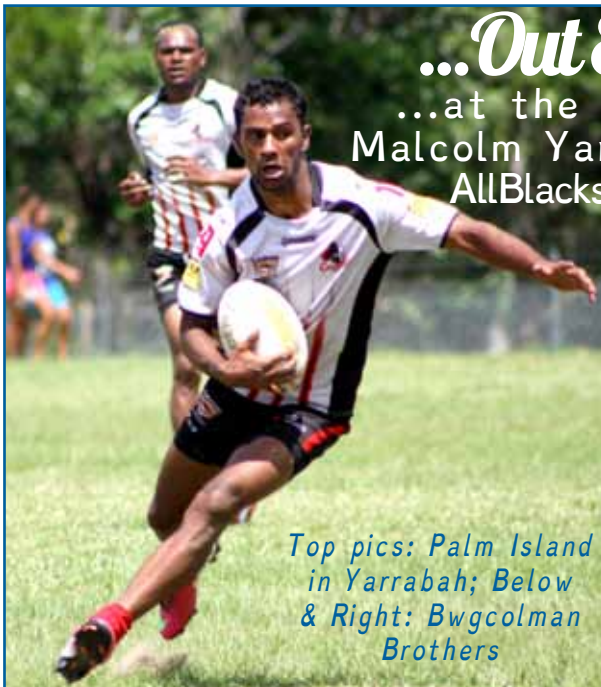
“There’s going to be a lot of challenges at the community level. Places like Palm and Yarrabah have a lot of sad history. We have to allow, I think, our children to move forward with dignity.

“Economic development has to be the key.”



## ...Out & About...

...at the Bishop Arthur  
Malcolm Yarrabah Seahawks  
AllBlacks Carnival 2013



*Top pics: Palm Island  
in Yarrabah; Below  
& Right: Bwgcolman  
Brothers*



Team Pics p 8  
Full Story  
Next Issue!



*Pics by Christine Howes & Alf Wilson*

# Mamu celebrate!

*More than 20 Palm Islanders travelled to Innisfail last week to celebrate a successful Native Title Determination with several hundred other Mamu family and friends. Application for the claim was made in 2001 with several hold-ups along the way – but they finally made it on Friday 1 November and a great day of celebrations was enjoyed by all!*



*Pics by Christine Howes courtesy North Queensland Land Council*







# Cairns All Blacks October 2013

Pics by Christine Howes





# Palm Island Voice

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Please note employment is subject to the following:

- Current Qld Drivers License
- Blue Card - working with children check
- Yellow Card - exemption notice
- Police Check

**Interviews to be conducted Wednesday  
31st October 2013**



Palm Island  
Aboriginal Shire  
Council has  
198 'likes' on  
Facebook!!!

**Palm Island  
Aboriginal Shire  
Council** is closed

every 2nd Friday

(Council pay week) for RDO.

The next RDO is

**Friday 8 November**  
**For emergencies on Friday**  
**please call 0458 789 011.**

For more information contact  
Council on 4770 1177.







## Out & About - Palm & Cairns!!!



*Top pics by Alf Wilson, pics left & below by Christine Howes*



### **Notice of Annual General Meetings**

**Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal  
Corporation RNTBC  
and  
Jabalbina Yalanji Land Trust**

**When: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November 2013**

**Where: Mossman Shire Hall  
4-14 Mill Street Mossman**

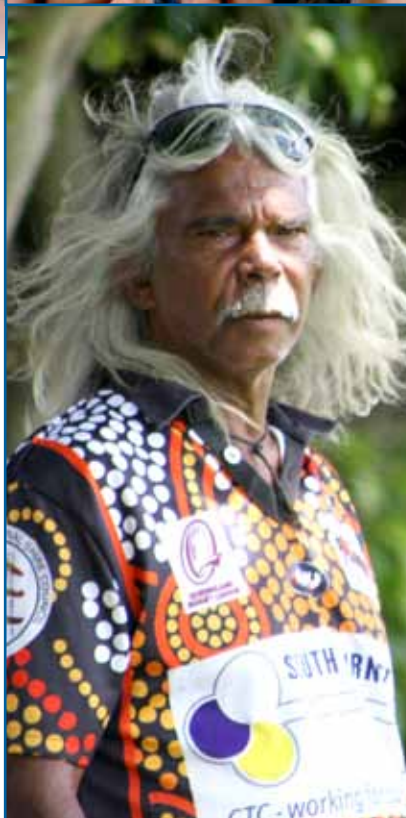
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*Bishop Arthur  
Malcolm  
Yarrabah  
Seahawks  
AllBlacks  
Carnival 2013*



*Top: Palm Island winners and Plate final runners up Bwgcolman Brothers; Left: Adrian Poynter playing for Yarrabah Maroon and Right; Palm Islanders who played for Woorabinda's CQ Warriors.*



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**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!!**