



## China visit opens new opportunities



Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey and Cr Frank Conway travelled to China with a delegation of local Aboriginal Councils and Traditional Owners from around the state, as part of a tour organised by the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) and the Australian International Trade Association last month.

Cr Lacey said China was a big tourism and aquaculture,” he lives comfortable the Chinese country with big opportunities. said. “China is a big country produce.”

“We wanted to look at with a big population and Yarrabah Mayor Errol Neal, Cr opportunities to foster a they produce everything that Bevan Walsh and representatives better relationship in terms the world needs, so certainly from Wiri (around Mackay) of education and economic some really good opportunities, and Quandamooka (Stradbroke development which Palm Island practically everything that you Island) were also part of the is very strong on along with can think of to make people’s group.

### INSIDE:

*WARNING! Some images in this Issue may contain deceased persons which may cause distress to some people.*



- PCYC art workshops
- RARL success







## PCYC's Art from the Heart a school holiday success

PCYC's Art from the Heart project has been very successful Acting Sergeant Janet Lindsay says.

"There are assorted adults and children taking part and doing some spectacular art work and really enjoying themselves too," she said.

"Participants are learning the technicalities of painting 3D art works and looking at them with 3D glasses, which gives a whole new dimension to the paintings.

"Peter Barron from the Queensland Ambulance Service is very proud of his painting efforts.

"There have been approximately 50 people through each day so far, and is having a great response.

"It is hoped to have a display of some of the artwork at the NAIDOC markets."







## PALM Island Barracudas finished a credible second at the Remote Area Rugby League FNQ Challenge in Cairns last month.

The team won two out of their four games.

At the end of the day three Barracudas players – William Marpoondin, Lincoln Poynter jnr and Vernon Bourne – were named in the Northern United representative side to meet Queensland Outback on TI on the 19th of July.

All five sides played each other once at the FNQ Challenge and final overall points were:

1. Torres Strait 19.5
2. Palm Island Barracudas 11.5
3. Northern Cape 9
4. Bowen 4.5
5. Southern Cape .5

In their first game the Barracudas lost 20-6 to eventual winners Torres Strait Kaiwalagal Stingers.

Forward Jason Bulsey scored the try for Palm.

Next up Palm Island Barracudas 14 beat Southern Cape 4 thanks to try scorers Gary Pearson, Clinton Pearson and Thomas Oui and goal kicker Vernon Bourne.

Clinton Pearson was the referee's best player on the field, closely followed by Gary Pearson.

On day two in their third game Palm Island Barracudas, 40, beat Bowen, 16.

Gresham Ross jnr scored two tries with singles to Vernon Bourne, Darryl Pearson, Clinton Pearson, John Baira and Sterling Aden.

Goalkickers were Genami Geia, Darryl Pearson, Vernon and Gary Pearson.

Gresham and Darryl were named the two best on the ground by the referee.

In their final match Northern

Cape 30 beat Palm Island Barracudas 22.

Try scorers were Gary Pearson, Genami Geia, William Marpoondin and Frank Baira.

Darryl Pearson Clinton Pearson and Genami Geia were the goal kickers.

QRL Northern Divisional Co-ordinator David Maiden praised all teams and officials.

"You all travelled a long way to get here and this carnival gives players from remote regions a chance to gain representative honours at the next level," Maiden said.

Torres Strait's halfback Steve Singleton was named player of the carnival.

Organisers indicated Palm Island may be the venue for the 2015 Northern United versus Queensland Outback game.

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# 2014 RARL CAIRNS





# Palm Island Voice



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Community Notices



## Changes to electricity prices.

From 1 July 2014, all customers in regional Queensland on the general residential tariff are paying more for electricity. The general residential tariff is now 30.817 cents per kilowatt hour. The service fee on this tariff, which gets deducted from available credit on your meter, will increase to 91.755 cents per day.

If you have an electric hot water system, you may be connected to one of the cheaper Super Economy or Economy rates, which have increased to 15.813 cents and 23.097 cents per kilowatt hour. This extra cost means that your power card will not last as long. A \$20 card may last up to three days, and a \$50 card may last up to seven days\*. Please remember this when buying new cards.

Your card meter will be adjusted for this increase when your meter reader visits in the coming months.

**If you have any questions, please call  
Ergon Energy Retail on 13 10 46.**

\*Calculated on an average usage of 20kwh per day. All prices quoted are GST inclusive. EGE140702



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New Operating Hours for  
Council are  
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WEEKLY**

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*Message from the Palm Island Police*

**DON'T FORGET!!!**  
**Wearing helmets is  
compulsory from 1st August.**  
**Helmet's are cheap:**  
**our children are priceless.**  
**Helmet's cost from \$10.00 in Townsville.**  
**Fine for not wearing a helmet \$113.00.**

**COMMUNITY NOTICE: 'Council Delegation Day' has been re-named 'Community Engagement Day' by resolution of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th June 2014. For more information contact the Council on 47701177.**

## **Position Vacant: Motel Cleaner**

Palm Island Shire Council invites suitable candidates for the casual position (5 Hours per day) of Motel Cleaner .

### **Responsibilities:**

#### **ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Fills out appropriate forms and turns in any article(s) left by guest(s), to the head housekeeper.
2. Strip bedding and counts linen in the room, then makes beds neatly with fresh sheets and pillowcases.
3. Picks up debris from the floor and empties trash in wastebaskets.
4. Cleans mirrors and shelves, wipes doors, door frames and furniture. Dusts all surfaces, arranges furniture properly and vacuum carpet.
5. Cleans bathrooms, scrubs basins, tubs, toilets, and tile floor with appropriate chemical solution in accordance with company policy, using protective equipment.
6. Replenishes room supplies in proper quantity and locations.
7. Reports to Executive Housekeeper, all rooms that are vacant and clean and rooms that are occupied and have been cleaned.
8. Reports to the Executive Housekeeper any needed repairs to furniture and fixtures. Reports all deficiencies in operation of heating and cooling systems, televisions, and replaces light bulbs as needed.
9. Checks heating and cooling system as appropriate for the time of year, televisions, alarm clocks and all lights in all areas of the bathroom and guest room.
10. Will be required to perform deep cleaning projects as assigned.
11. Maintain a clean and well-stocked cart as well as other equipment.

### **Qualifications:**

#### **EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE:**

High school diploma or general education and one to three months related experience and/or training; Background in housekeeping and cleaning will be added advantage .

#### **PHYSICAL DEMANDS:**

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Ability to lift regularly .
- Ability to stoop, bend, kneel, walk, carry, lift, climb, and have manual dexterity.
- Ability to work in an atmosphere that is demanding, hot, and physical.
- Ability to tolerate cleaning solutions on a regular basis.

Inquiries or requests for further information may be directed to John Mugambi , Deputy CEO & Director Financial Services on (07) 47700212 or via email to [john.mugambi@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au](mailto:john.mugambi@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au)

**Applications with a short recent work history and references must be provided by 31st of July 2014 to:**

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



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**THE NEXT PALM ISLAND VOICE  
DEADLINE (for Issue 158) will  
be THURSDAY 24 July for  
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**PLEASE SUPPORT US SO WE CAN  
CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOU!!!**

It is important that we as a community thank those who have assisted in the progress to date to get the National Australian South Sea Islander Working Group up and going.

Not only do we pay our respects to the Elders today, but all those who gave so much in the struggle over the past 151 years.

We are a credit to their dedication.

ASSI Port Jackson had recently undertaken what was known as Secretariat duties and organised National Meetings.

Many of you will be on the Port Jackson contact lists.

They respectfully advised they are unable to provide access to their documentation under the Privacy Act.

We would ask that you advise them that you are willing to pass on your details (not for any consumer use) or inform Donna Rose (nee Pedro) that you wish to receive updates from the Working Group.

If you want to opt out, then please tell Donna.

The Vanuatu ASSI Committee also was instrumental in gathering political and Chieftain Leaders together.

Our role is purely an Australian Incorporated body and they will continue with their good work like others that have island links.

That is their objective and I wish them all well.

The previous Board of Directors also contributed their time and efforts and I thank them on your behalf.

Michael Chapman was engaged by Port Jackson and his work was professional and appreciated.

Now, the Working Group must go forward with confidence that what we do has had its foundation in over 150 years of solid toil and hard work.

The Working Group would also like to thank the people who made the effort to get in touch for a meeting to discuss our role and processes.

Chairman Greg has reported back that he thinks it would be a good idea to start a South Sea Coffee Club business as there would be no shortage of customers from our community.

You can contact us at: [nassiwg@skillstm.com.au](mailto:nassiwg@skillstm.com.au) or PO Box 440 Mackay Qld 4740.

# NASSI News



Joe Eggmosses with Greg at Maryborough

## ALSO in the news...

Former Fantome Island resident Joe Eggmosses (*above*) has been awarded an Order of Australia Medal for his services to the community. Mr Eggmosses said he was shocked and proud to be recognised.

“Excited and proud,” he told *Seven Local News*.

“And then I sat down and gave a big sigh and said, ‘hank goodness the government said thank you to me after all’.”

He said he wanted family and friends on Palm Island to know of his achievement.

“I’m still proud to call myself a Fantome Islander,” he said. “Thank you to my friends and relatives.

“I understand Uncle Ernie Hoolihan in Townsville also received the same award.”

The *Seven Local News* yarn can be seen at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmMp4ekjyaQ>

The National Australian South Sea Islander Governance Working Group Members elected in Mackay are:

- Greg Sutherland Chairperson
- Dennis Bobongie
- Mabel Quakawoot
- Dallas Fewquandie
- Jennifer Darr
- Christine Monday
- Emelda Davis

Administration: Donna Rose (MARABISDA Inc)



QRL Welfare & Education Manager Murray Hurst said a group of boys who travelled to Brisbane with Palm Island Community Company's Paul Travis, got to visit football central while they were there and were very well behaved and attentive.

"The boys enjoyed the time I believe," he said.

"They were in Brisbane on an educational tour and had visited St Lawrence College and some other places.

"I had time with them and showed them as much of Suncorp Stadium as I could and talked to them about my time assisting with the State of Origin and coaching the Cowboys."



*Runners up in the Shield Final of the Gold Coast World Titles – Queensland Murris U/12 Players from Palm – Vassenai Dabea, Jashieka Baira + Mychael-Lei Sibley; Cairns – Laneeka Saltner, Tamea Sexton; Brisbane – Kiaree Daley, Alicia Hoskings, Dezaria Booth, Shayli Cochrane and Gladstone – Kaneisha Sailor. Pic with thanks to coach Leah Dabea.*