

2014 Stable on Palm confirmed

For the second year in a row, Stable on Palm Island will be a major highlight for the community over this year's coming festive season.

Mayor Alf Lacey has met with organisers at Townsville's Northreach Baptist Church which has ensured the much-acclaimed event will be held again in the lead up to Christmas.

Townsville based event coordinator Pastor Ada Boland said Palm's united churches event was scheduled for 28 to 30 November.

"The team of church leaders and volunteers are excited to be championing again this year's Stable on Palm," she said.

"Mayor Alf Lacey initiated a meeting with key leaders/players in Townsville to express that Palm Island is wanting to see Stable on Palm again this year. There is an opportunity for a greater connection with Townsville and Palm Island, as we work together to unite the churches and also to support and encourage the locals to celebrate the real story and meaning of Christmas.

"Bringing another choice of the Greatest Gift of all - JESUS."

The inaugural Stable on Palm was held in 2013 on 29 and 30 November and was a great success.

An Aboriginal baby Jesus, Joseph and Mary were amongst the many highlights when the celebration of Christmas attracted more than 500 local men, women and children.

MEANWHILE hundreds of Palm Islanders will be at the 2014 Townsville Stable on the Strand to be held from 18 to 22 December 2014 at Strand Park for the 14th year.

Organiser Richard Hosking said

volunteers were needed.

"The tradition continues when Stable on the Strand 'opens for business' at 5.30 pm 18th December 2014 on Strand Park, Townsville," he said. "We currently have heaps of jobs available and there is a job for everyone at Stable and including the time over the next 100 days," he said.

For more information about volunteering from now until December, contact Belinda Stuart on 07 4774 4542 or 0411 756 273.



Pastor Warren Crank from Townsville's Northreach Baptist Church with Evelyn Lymburner, Pastor Ada Boland and Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey

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Congrats to 2014 GRAND FINAL WINNERS

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Pic thanks to Sondra Goringe



Pictured above are the Executive Members of the Bwgaman Land Trust who will act on behalf of their members in all decision-making to do with the Aitkenvale Reserve. They undertake to make those decisions in the best interests of the Trust, the Palm Island Community and future of all concerned, and they work collaboratively and as a team with the many other general members of the trust. They are (L-R): Emmakita Geia (Executive Secretary); back left: Frank Anderson (Executive Member); George Friday (Public Officer); Front Josephine Geia (Chairperson); Thomas Geia (Deputy Chair) (behind); Dudley Bostock (Executive Member); Ralph Watson (Executive Member); and Zina Prior (Treasurer). BELOW: 2014 Spring Fair pics! See p 7 for Spring Fair pics from 2000...



Canberra trip expands horizons for hardest workers

Earlier this month eight Year 6 and 7 students from Palm Island visited Canberra and spent the week experiencing all that the nation's capital has to offer as part of the Cathy Freeman Foundation's (CFF) Horizons program.

Highlights of the week included the National War Memorial, Questacon, visiting Parliament, touring the Australian Institute of Sport, FlipOut an Indoor Trampoline Centre.

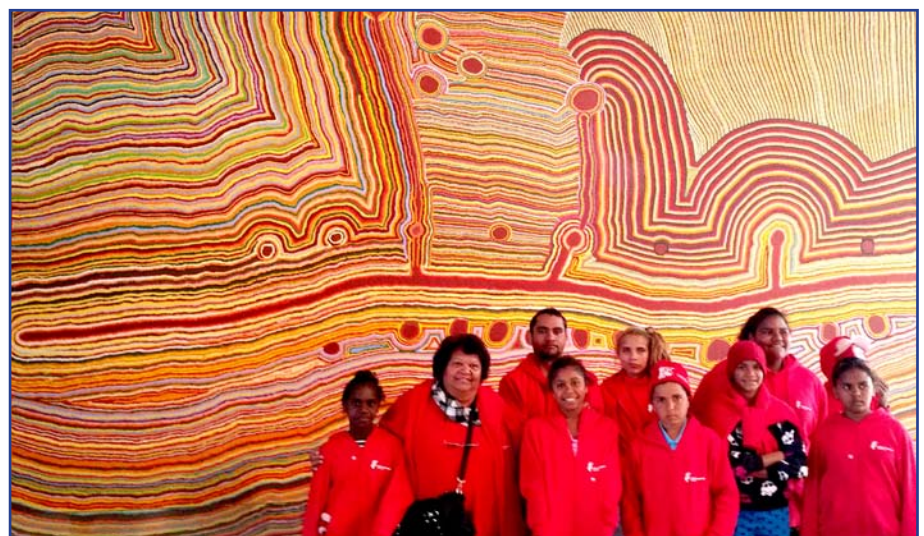
CFF CEO Jamie Howden said all eight students truly did Palm Island and CFF proud when they met Minister for Indigenous Affairs Nigel Scullion.

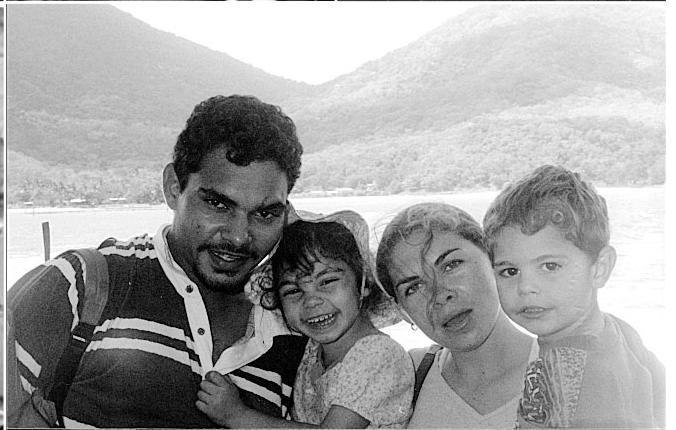
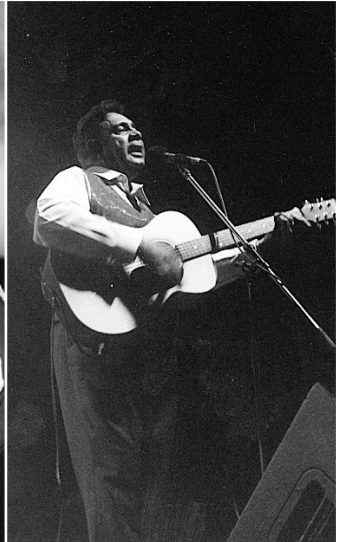
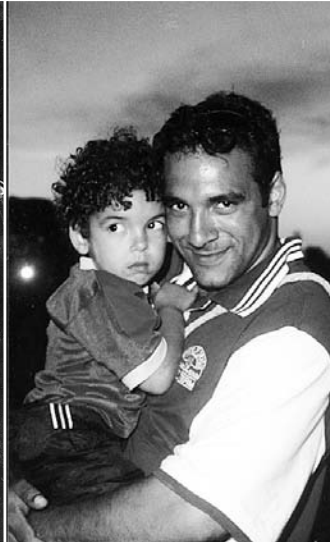
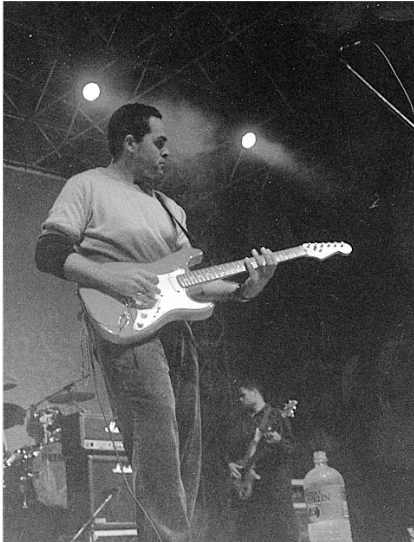
“Each of them proudly asked the Minister a question and also presented a small speech on their impressions of Canberra which they had prepared and rehearsed the night before, he said.

“One of the students asked the Minister what he could do for Palm, and Minister Scullion invited the students to send him a letter on what exactly they wanted for Palm Island, and the teachers and students have agreed to follow up this invitation.

“Another student explained to the Minister that she was looking forward to studying to be a teacher at University and how the visit only days prior to the University of Canberra had reinforced her desire to achieve this dream.

“These types of experiences best highlight the value in the Horizons trips.”





WERE YOU THERE?!

If you were we'd love to see your pics and hear your stories...drop us a line today!

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Behaviour: Ta'hani Chou-Lai, Arremi Pearson, Mavis Baira, Pedro Desatge, Paige Tanner-Hill, Whitney Haines, Hope Nallajar, Waisie Miller, Craig Desatge, Zac Roma, Laila Gabori, Jada Kerr, Penny Roberts-Lenoy, Savane Castors, Tarika Cummins

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2014 Obe Geia Challenge another huge success

Footy, fun and friendship were at the forefront of another highly successful Obe Geia Junior Rugby League Challenge on Palm Island last Friday.

Some 400 players, teachers and supporters from nine Townsville schools travelled to the Island to join students from St Michael's and Bwgcolman schools for a day of rugby league and cultural exchange.

After five hours of action, it was Rasmussen State School that emerged as this year's champions, beating Heatley State School 16-8 in the final.

The Obe Geia is a unique carnival for local Palm Island kids who get the chance to play some home games in front of their family and friends, and the youngsters from the mainland, who travel to the island to experience

its hospitality, culture and environment.

This year, it was teams from Cathedral School, St Joseph's The Strand, Marian Catholic School, Magnetic Island State School, Vincent State School, Good Shepherd Catholic Community School and Kelso State School who joined Rasmussen and Heatley on the ferry journey to the island and back.

Importantly, each young footballer earned the right to play in the carnival thanks to their regular attendance and positive behaviour at school during the year and as part of their reward for their efforts,

they received an Obe Geia 2014 players t-shirt from the North Queensland Toyota Cowboys.

The carnival is named in honor of Obe Geia Jr, the first Palm Islander to play in the NRL, and is a partnership between the Palm Island community and the Cowboys with support from the NRL, Sealink, Bun Lek Solutions, Dreamtime Training and Evolution Mining.

Ignatius Park College students also travelled to the Island to assist with refereeing matches and lend a hand in running the day which included giving the local community an opportunity to showcase the Island and their culture.



That's the spirit!!!



IT was a touching few minutes for the few who witnessed 12-year-old Palm Island boy Tuqiri Ross help his injured teammate David James from the field during a junior Australian Rules carnival in Townsville.

The incident occurred during the Garbutt Magpies “Boys Into Men” carnival at the Murray Complex last month.

11-year-old David suffered an accidental leg injury whilst playing for Palm Island against Charters Towers.

David was in severe pain and the look on his face told the story of just how much.

To the rescue came his teammate Tuqiri who placed his arm over his shoulder and helped David off the field.

You could see the concern on the face of Tuqiri.

Closer to the sideline Palm Island team coach and teacher Lyndal Thompson took over and helped David to a seat on the sideline

where his injury was strapped.

If an incident such as this had occurred at a major sporting event it would have been applauded by thousands.

Here though, only about 10 people watched the game and they all clapped Tuqiri.

“I could see David was in pain and just wanted to help him,” Tuqiri said.