



## Six Barracudas picked for regional rep side

Six Palm Islanders – Mickeal Sibley, Clifford Beetham, Selwyn Bowman, Clinton Pearson, Fred Bulsey and Darryl Pearson – have been picked to play on a Northern United Representative side which will meet Queensland Outback on TI in mid-July.

It's a measure of how strongly the Palm Island Barracudas performed at the Remote Area Rugby League FNQ Rugby League Challenge in Cairns late last month.

In their first game the Barracudas defeated last year's winners Torres Strait Stingers 37-30.

Second up the Barracudas lost to Northern Cape 54-28 who went on to win the carnival and in their final game Barracudas lost 30-24 to Southern Cape.

Coach Roy Prior said overall it was a good weekend.

"It's important we take the positives out of the carnival,

we had five players who hadn't played for our representative side before so it was about development and moving forward," he said.

"With a massive win in our first game over last year's winner Torres Strait the boys were on a high."

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# Coming of the Light celebrations in Townsville



PALM Island Mayor Alf Lacey attended an emotional service to celebrate Coming of the Light in Townsville on July 4.

The day was a significant day for Torres Strait Islanders.

The Townsville event was held at St Stephen's Anglican Church and started with a re-enactment of the original event on Darnley Island where missionaries were met by warriors.

Pastor Emmanuel Fave told the audience the Coming of the Light ensured that the TSI people had love, hope, peace and unity.

Pastor Fave enjoyed catching up with Cr Lacey.

There was music, a feast of traditions food and genuine goodwill between those at the celebrations.

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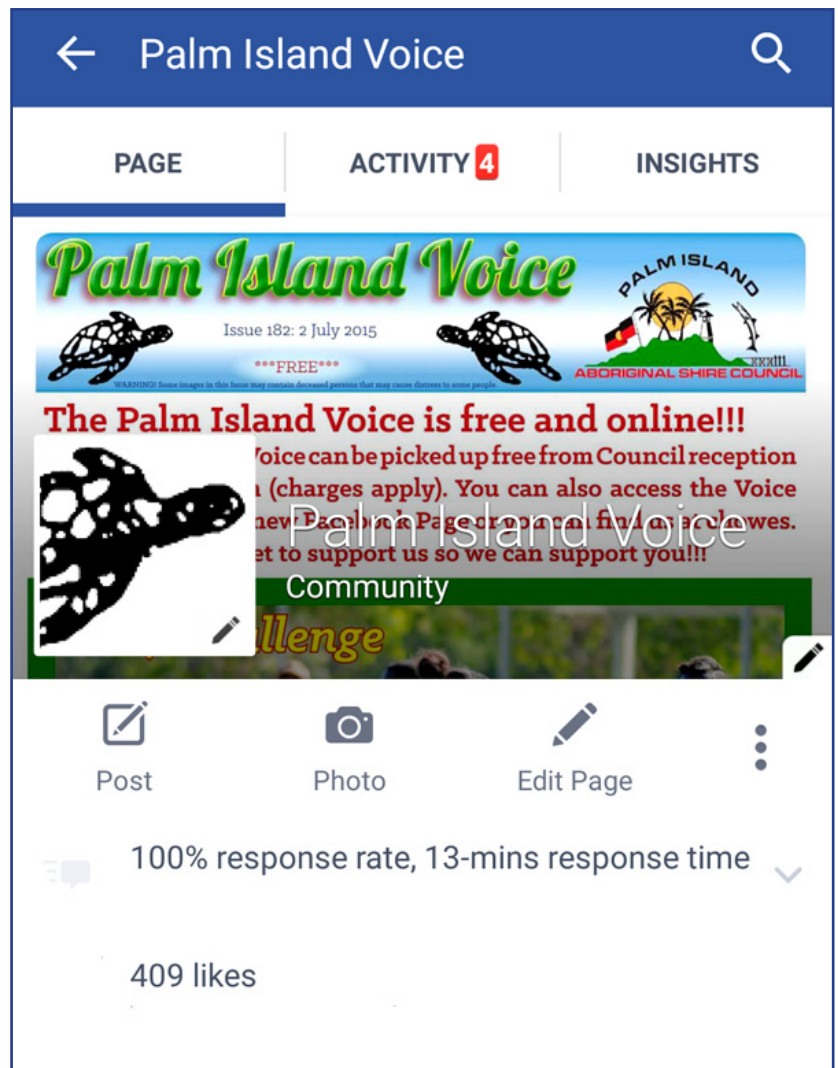
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# CFF success!

The Cathy Freeman Foundation is celebrating another successful chapter as the Term 2 Starting Block Awards gave out a total of 548 awards and were a terrific success.

Award ceremonies were attended by more than 407 family and community members in Palm Island and Woorabinda, and Wurrumiyanga and Galiwin'ku, in the Northern Territory.

On Palm Island the community group was the biggest yet with more than 147 people in attendance.

Also in Term 2, 31 students enjoyed the first Horizons trips to involve students from all four communities.

Fifteen students in Years 5 and 6 visited Sydney and 16 students in Years 9 and 10 visited Melbourne.

CFF CEO Jamie Howden said responses to the program had been terrific and signalled the Foundation was on track to create positive impact for the students and the wider community.

"It has been really moving to see the pride in the children receiving Starting



*Dreamtime @ the G*

Block Awards," he said.

"It has been a terrific natural progression of the Horizons program to see the students return to their school assembly and inspire other students about their interstate adventures.

"There is no question that the students are the greatest advocates for the programs and the work of the Foundation.

"This feedback is filtering back through the parents and community members who are sharing how pleased they are to see their children extend their potential."

Community support for the CFF 2015 Netball Challenge on Palm Island on 19 June was also strong.

Nine schools and 100 students battled it out for the Aunty Kathy Tarpaulin Memorial Shield.

While both Palm Island schools made the semi-finals, the Shield was won by Ryan Catholic School who defeated The Cathedral School in the grand final.

If Term 3 is as successful and eventful as Term 2, the students involved with the Cathy Freeman Foundation are destined for a great few months.



# Barracudas take on the FNQ Challenge



In their first game the Barracudas' Selwyn Bowman scored three tries with singles to Steven Lowatta, Simmeon Oui, Mickeal Sibley and John Baira.

Clifford Beetham and Clinton Pearson kicked two goals and Clinton snared a field goal.

In that win Darryl "Superboot" Pearson kicked to advantage in general play, his twin Clinton "Dancing Feet" Pearson was elusive, "Raoul "Tough As Nails" Miller and "Fabulous" Fred Busley showed they are amongst the most best and most respected footballers in the region.

Coach Prior said the second game brought them 'back to reality'.

"We got thumped by a Peninsula side which had roughly 80% of the ball in the first half and eventually ran away with the game," he said.

Darryl Pearson, Selwyn Bowman, Raoul Miller, Norman Nelliman, Lawrence Cannon and

Thomas Oui scored tries.

Fred Bulsey and Clinton Pearson kicked goals

Isaiah Blackman scored two tries, with one each to Alfred Lacey jnr and Fred Bulsey in their final game of the weekend.

Clifford Beetham kicked four goals.

"As usual Fred Bulsey and Raoul Miller led the way up front for the team they're pretty much from old school players who know what it takes to play for Barracudas," Coach Prior said.

"Clifford Beetham, who played hooker for the team, was outstanding, he really contributed to the team big time.

"The Pearson brothers were at their skimming best off the back of our forwards Thomas Oui and Lawrence Cannon.

"John Baira and Ezra Langlo put their hands up for future representative games and were really solid for us, while

Mickeal Sibley and Selwyn Bowman were the pick of the backs.

"Both were rewarded with being picked for the Peninsula side to play up in Torres Strait.

"Overall the players that turned up all played well.

"I have to also mention and thank our President Algon Walsh, who arranged everything with QRL for the carnival and was very supportive of the players and coaching staff.

"A big thank you also to Frank Conway, and Jason Poynter who gave up their weekend to come up to Cairns and help out much appreciated for their contribution."

Final points table was:  
Northern Cape 14, Palm Island 7, Torres Strait Stingers 5, Southern Cape 4.

Awards – Player of the Carnival: Isaac Rokeby, best Back: Manu Wigness (Torres), Best Forward: Fred Bulsey (Palm Island).



# ***FNQ Challenge***



*Pics: p 4 Cr Frank Conway, Cr Roy Prior and Jason Poynter (Barracudas officials); All the action above; Below Left: Palm Island supporters at the games; Below right: the Northern Representative side. Plcs by Alf Wilson.*





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Dear Palm Island Voice,

My thanks again to you for keeping me in touch with Palm Island. It is a delight to read of the development going on and to see the photos of so many old friends.

Alf seems to be doing a great job there, God bless him and all his family. Please give him my regards and assurance of my prayer for Palm Island.

I am enjoying the opportunity I now have of being in closer contact with my family and catching up with close friends here in Dublin and in Scotland.

So my thanks again and love to all on Palm Island.

Sr. Christina.FMM.

Meet and greet lunch with arthritis (aches & pains) patients, their families and Townsville visiting specialist Dr Muriel Soden on Tuesday 21st July at 12.30pm. Will be held at Joyce Palmer Hospital. This is to try and improve our services to deal with these conditions. Please contact Patricia Taylor, Clinic Nurse, for more details. Elder Pina Geia and mentor Albert Abdul- Rahman will be in attendance.

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Happy birthday to our boys Heath 18, and Alfred & James Lacey, 19. All the best from Dad, Mum, Nan Vera, brother and sisters, and the Lacey & Prior families

Happy Birthday to Austin Walsh for the 8th of July, hoping he has a wonderful day, love from your mother Candice, Nan Annie, your brothers Gerry & Steen, your sister Vana, nephews Dylan and Craig & your handsome son Pheonix-James.



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**Ross Norman**  
**Chief Executive Officer,**

**Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council , 1 Main Street, PALM ISLAND QLD 4816**





## Boxers do well at Cairns' Golden Gloves event

**THIRTEEN** Palm Island boxers performed well at the prestigious Sunstate Amateur Boxing League's Golden Gloves in Cairns late last month.

Leelan Sibley won a gold medal in the 51kg schoolboy's class and impressed officials so much he also took out the coveted junior boxer of the tournament award.

A large contingent of Palm boxers travelled to Cairns under the guidance of trainer Ray Dennis.

Nathan Baira won gold in the intermediate 71kg beating Thomas Van Dijk.

Brayden Nallajar took out bronze in the subjunior 41kg and Edgar Rosser silver in 54kg.

Arona Miller won bronze in the junior 57kg.

Joseph Nallajar won silver as did Barry Rosser in the 60kg class.

In the senior 67kg class Albert Gorringer won bronze.

Steven Wallace, Nathan Baira, Calvin Sam, Thomas Baira, and females Kathleen Haines

and Natalie David received gold medals for stepping up a weight division or across a division or for a walkover which means an opponent couldn't be found for them.

Palm Island Community Company paid for the hire bus and accommodation whilst Cr Mislam Sam paid for the Sealink return tickets.

Mr Dennis also wanted to thank Kevin Castors who drove the bus for the team.

