



Funds secured for bridge upgrade

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council has secured \$216 000 in funding under Round Two of the Australian Government's Bridges Renewal Program to support a vital upgrade of the Sandy Boyd Creek bridge.

Federal Member for Herbert, Ewen Jones said the Program was designed to bolster the productivity of local bridges, and give councils the support they need to better serve communities and drive greater efficiency in road freight and traffic movement.

"It is clear Councils have thought seriously about how well their proposal addressed the objectives of the Program and, in many cases, have taken the time to consult with local industry on their needs and priorities," he said. "This upgrade means Palm Island will soon have access to safer and more reliable road access.

"The project was identified as a priority by Palm Island Aboriginal Council and the work will be managed by local government – showing this Government's commitment to providing real outcomes from the local level up."

Mayor Alf Lacey said a lot of hard work had gone into securing the funding.

"The groundwork for achieving this funding was laid some time ago and it's taken quite a lot of work to get to this point," he said. "I'd like to thank our Councillors and staff for their commitment to this project."

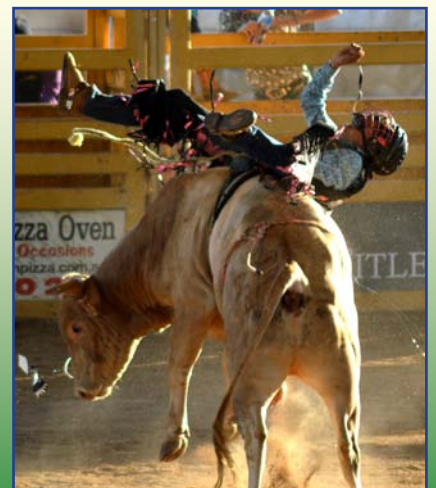
Regional Development Australia Townsville and

North West Queensland Chief Executive Officer Glenys Schuntner said they were also happy to have helped.

"Almost one in five (18%) of the successful applications across Queensland have come from North and West communities," Ms Schuntner said. "These projects are of a scale which can quickly be mobilised and will be a welcome boost to the local economies. RDA is pleased to have assisted in the process of promoting these funding opportunities to councils and provide support to councils that sought our advice to make stronger applications."

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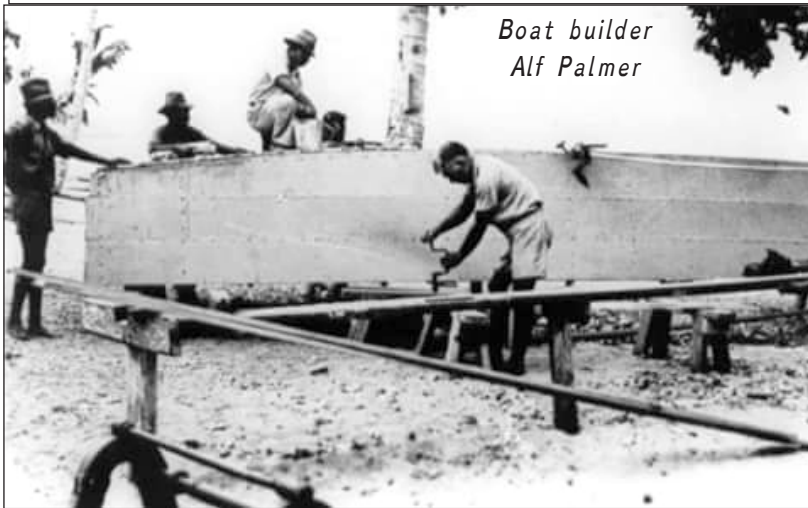


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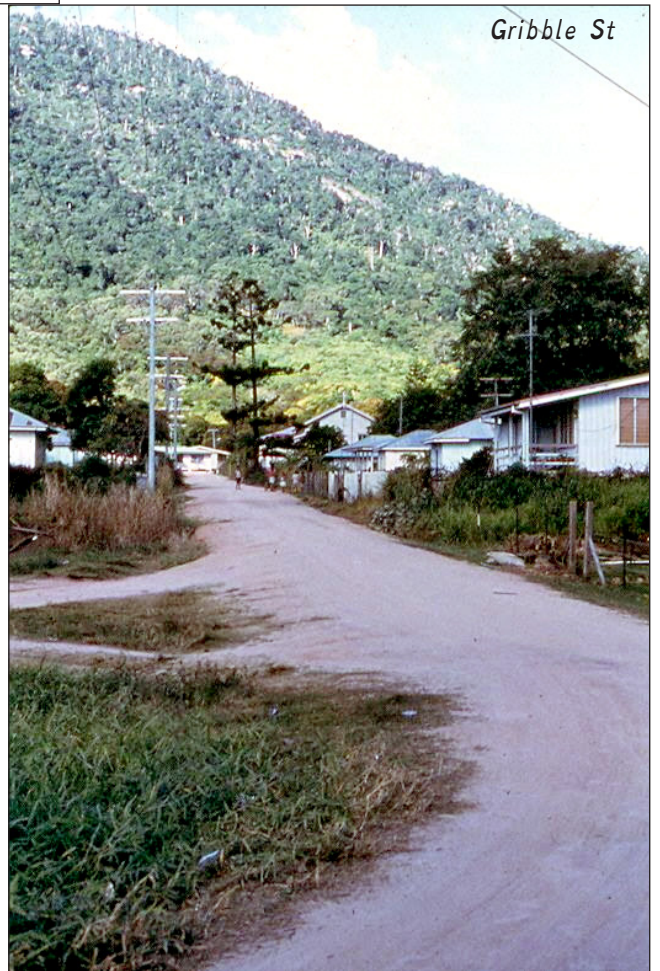


Stumbo Walsh
Snr & Jnr

Pics on this page with thanks to Ashley Lenoy who has been busy scanning his family's pics and posting them up onto Facebook – we have reprinted them here with his permission, thanks Ashley.



Boat builder
Alf Palmer



Gribble St



Harold & Walter Palm Island



Still proud...
and still
drawing
comments!



"I got very teary. I tried to hold back my tears and then when Edna's Dad saw me he started crying too. It's easy with the Cathy Freeman Foundation. A lot of parents never had these opportunities, and now our kids do thanks to Cathy Freeman."

Gail Coolburra says on the Cathy Freeman Foundation Facebook page

Proud mum Gail describes the emotion at daughter Edna's Year 12 graduation ceremony and what the Cathy Freeman Foundation means to her and her family.

Edna is one of eight children and the first in her family to graduate from Year 12.

Edna was one of the 10 Palm Island students to graduate from Year 12 last year and one of 11 students on a Cathy Freeman Foundation/AIEF scholarship.

Join us in congratulating Edna on her achievements and wish her all the best as she continues on her education journey to study a bachelor of sport science in 2016 #inspiring #positiverolemodel #traveltheschooljourneywithus #palmisland #proudparent



Sports membership voucher scheme now open

The Queensland Government's 'Get Started Vouchers' program are open for applications Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Curtis Pitt says.

"'Get Started Vouchers' provide up to \$150 to eligible families to help cover the membership and associated costs of joining a sports club, which can make a real difference to a child's development by encouraging them to be active and participate in their local club," Mr Pitt said.

"We know from previous figures that there's a keen interest in this program from both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities.

Children are eligible to apply for a voucher if they are a Queensland resident aged from 5-17 inclusive and the child, or

their parent, carer or guardian, holds a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

Mr Pitt said 'Get Started Vouchers' are issued on a 'first come, first served' basis and urged families to act quickly.

For more information on how to apply for 'Get Started Vouchers' visit www.npsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame



The inaugural Queensland/NT Bucko Billy Thunder Down Under Indigenous Rodeo was held at Charters Towers last Saturday night.





Many players of Palm Island descent competed at the world's biggest cricket carnival, the famous Goldfield Ashes cricket carnival at Charters Towers last weekend. The 68th carnival featured 226 teams in five grades. Townsville side Garbutt Magpies played in the B-2 division and included many members of the Ross family (pictured top), Palm police detective Paul Enders was also there with his team Wallabies. Also pictured Erwin Ambrym with children Lisa, aged 5, and Keylea, 7, Jamahl Ross, Glenn Butler, Drue Ross and Eddie Abdul Rahman and Cecilia Cannon, Amos Ambrym and Toni Feltes. (Pics of the cricket and rodeo thanks to Alf Wilson)

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...BOXING NEWS...

PATRICK Clarke has taken over training members of the Palm Island PCYC Boxing Club in the absence of veteran Ray Dennis, who had a short stay in Townsville hospital.

Mr Dennis said Clarke was an outstanding boxer who had the respect of club members.

"Patrick has been supervising the boxers and does a good job," he said.

Many new members are expected to put the gloves on early in 2016

to represent the club and island.

"We will be going to as many tournaments as possible starting late February and into early March," Mr Dennis said.

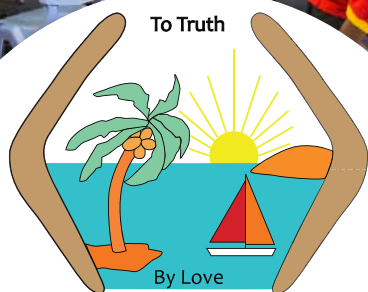
Clarke himself forms the nucleus of a club brimming with quality boxers.

Mr Dennis said Darryl Richardson, Fred Ross and Brayden Nallajar would do well during the year if they continued to train regularly and hard.

"They are all very talented fighters," he said.

*We hope you
get well
soon Ray!*





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