

# Palm Island Voice



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



## Visitors enjoy Kathy Tarpaulin netball comp

*More pics p 11*

*Pic thanks to CFF*



## Health care clinic set for expansion

Palm Island's health care services are set to expand following a budget announcement which will provide up to 40 construction jobs and several more ongoing positions in health.

The 2016-17 State Budget includes \$8.5 million for a vital primary health care facility for Palm Island – a project expected to support up to 40 construction jobs for the region Member for Townsville Scott Stewart says.

“The Palm Island Primary Health Care project will deliver a stand-alone adult clinic and a maternal and child health clinic with a social and emotional wellbeing clinic to address the unique and varied

needs of the community,” he said.

“As well as the important community health benefits, the new facility will give Palm Island a welcome economic boost, support up to 40 jobs expected to be supported during construction as well as several ongoing jobs at the completion of the project.”

Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services, Cameron Dick said the new infrastructure would strengthen the public health support for the Palm Island.

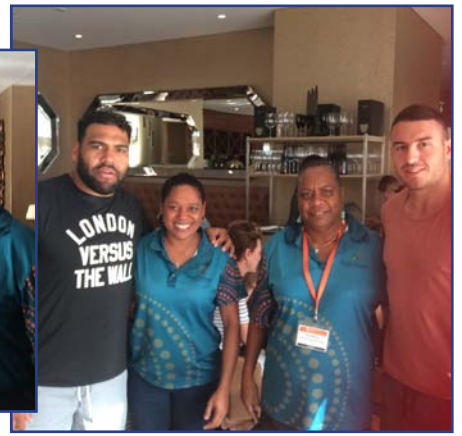
“The new Primary Health Care facility is required to reduce hospitalisations, provide access to health checks, early intervention and chronic disease management in a culturally appropriate way,” Mr Dick said.

“Health care tailored to the needs of the Palm Island Aboriginal community will boost the health and wellbeing of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents and create a sustainable community.”

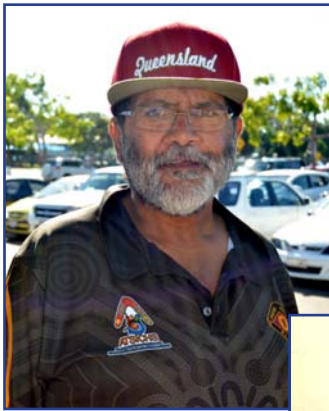
INSIDE: MORE '57 STRIKE DAY PICS; HEALING SERVICE; PIG HUNT AND ATHLETICS PICS



# Lucky...!



*Elsa and Georgina recently attended a Child Awareness conference in Brisbane and were rewarded with a surprise meeting with these fellas – you know who they are, right! Pics thanks to Elsa Morton.*



## Out & About

*Above: Alex Morgan; Right: Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council Receptionist Kristyn Morgan*



*Above: Corey, Preston, Billy and Merlin Prior, pic sent by proud dad Roy; Below Left: Visitors and long-time friends Rae Long & Sandra Morgan crossing paths at the ferry; Below: Helping to celebrate Reconciliation Week in Townsville at a special breakfast gathering with the Cowboys*





# New grants on offer

The Queensland State Budget has funded Community Sustainability Action grants for \$12m over the next three years to support environment, wildlife and heritage projects.

Local MP Scott Stewart said the grants could help support new ideas and initiatives on Palm Island.

“Local community groups and individuals will have the opportunity to apply for funding to conserve our unique environment and heritage places,” he said.

“The program will also seek to support projects with a particular focus on rehabilitation, protection and support for wildlife.”

He said other eligible projects could include the tackling of invasive species to help protect native flora and fauna.

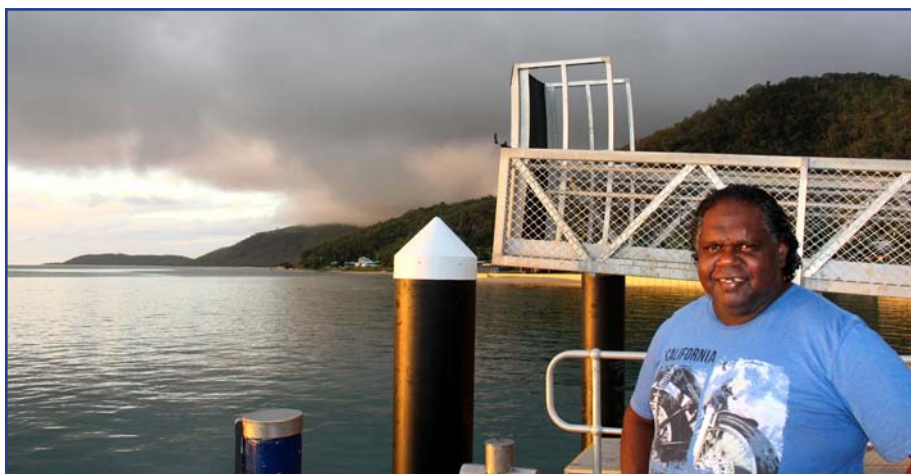
He also said support for innovation could lead to better environmental outcomes, new products, processes or services.

“The grants program supports the development of new ideas at a grassroots level,” he said.

“Local innovation achieves value for money with real results.

“The grants could also help to reduce waste, and help local organisations grow existing programs and activities.”

Visit Queensland Government—Grants online or call Smart Service Queensland on 13 QGOV (13 74 68) for information on current funding and grants for all Queensland Government departments.



## Out & About

Top: Zanare Pearson, Fierra Sibley, Kuludu Creed, Lakeissa Brown & Deaall Walsh;  
Above: Steven Wallace;  
Left: Candy, Phoenix-James and Vana Walsh;  
Below: Thumbs up from Stephen Fraser, 4.

Pics by Christine Howes





Pig Hunt Comp June 2016





# Pig hunting competitions are bringing in the bacon...

Ongoing problems with feral pigs on Palm Island are being addressed with ongoing and increasingly popular pig hunting competitions.

Four big and angry boars were caught earlier this month – a massive 115.6kg boar was the heaviest, caught by the Butler Bay Pig Wranglers led by Bennett Blanket and Ebenese Oui.

Other team entries included Bad Boys, Blackie's PI Pig Hunters and Haines Hunters.

Coming second was an animal weighing in at 111.6kg, brought in by Blackie's PI Pig Hunters team, Raoul Miller and his son Elijah.

The father and son also was the only team with a second catch which weighed in at 71.6kg.

Bad Boys team Russell Parker and family caught a 79.6kg pig.

The comp was followed by a BBQ, trophy presentations and discussion on how to improve their numbers, with the next hunt being planned for NAIDOC Week.

The competition was organised by the Palm Island Shire Council, with special mention to Lyn Freckleton and Mayor Alf Lacey, and Animal Control Officers champion Barracudas footballer Fred Bulsey and part-time pig hunter Raoul Miller Jnr.

Mr Bulsey and Mr Miller said they particularly wanted

to showcase these pictures in the Palm Island Voice to remind everyone that there are wild pigs on the Island, they are coming down close to the community and everyone, especially young children, should be aware of how big and how dangerous these animals can be.

“The biggest pig was caught only 10 metres from the reservoir and the others were at Mundy Bay, North East Bay and Bamboo Creek,” Mr Bulsey said.

“We need to reduce the number of these pigs on the Island.”

*Pictured Right: Fred Bulsey, Robert Ryan presented with their trophy by Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey*

## GRAPHIC PICS

### WARNING P 4:

*Bottom Right: Winners Bennett Blanket and Fred Bulsey; Middle Left: Raoul Miller and his son Elijah*



# Remembrance ceremony helps healing process

A healing and remembrance workshop and ceremony presented in part by Emeritus Professor Judy Atkinson was held at the conclusion of a two-day suicide postvention training program late last month.

Hosted by the Salvation Army's Hope For Life and Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Ministries in partnership with the Palm Island community, the two events were attended by local community members and service providers, and planned to coincide with National Reconciliation Week.

Salvation Army Aboriginal Engagement Officer Christopher Congoo said the Healing and Remembrance Service was held for those bereaved from any loss, including suicide.

"The Salvation Army 'Hope for Life' program was delivered nationally as part of the Commonwealth Government's commitment to support the

bereaved and enable communities to have more open conversations about suicide loss," he said.

"Postvention relates to the support of those directly bereaved by a suicide loss."

He said Professor Atkinson had focussed most of her community and academic life working in violence, trauma and healing.

Guest speaker Dr Lynore Geia said Professor Atkinson provided several frameworks for dealing with suicide prevention and healing.

"Her presentation was on intergenerational trauma in relation to generational impacts and effects since Australia was declared Terra Nullius," Dr Geia said.

"She also suggested holistic models of healing and recovery and spoke of studies that show peoples' lived experience of trauma may be inherited by future generations. The postvention training was well-received."

She said the intention was to build the capacity and capability for community people to practically support their community when they have been bereaved by suicide.

Dr Geia said she was deeply moved by the presentations and ceremony.

"It was a meaningful and profound time for all who attended as we shared our experiences of grief and remembering family members," she said. "The healing ceremony was



*Pictures (by Christine Howes) include Dr Lynore Geia, Professor Judy Atkinson; Chris Congoo, Andrea Kyle-Sailor; Veronica Coutts; Shirli Congoo, Toby Castors and Lillian Geia*







a safe space where some spoke for the first time about their personal loss and experience of suicidal ideation.

“After the ceremony we all gathered and shared a meal together and talked about the ceremony which was particularly therapeutic for us.

“We shared our mutual desire to see this first event as the beginning of more healing ceremonies for Palm Island.”

Salvation Army Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Ministry Coordinator Shirli Congoo said it was the first healing and

remembrance ceremony on Palm Island to commemorate the lives of those who have passed on, and that they lived.

“A number of local community members, service providers and local government councillors gathered to hear testimonies from those who had lost loved ones and words of encouragement,” she said.

“The Road to Emmaus and a spiritual and practical message of hope was shared by Dr Geia and the service concluded with a candle-lighting ceremony in memory of those we have lost.”



### What participants said...

*"This training needs to be available to more people and ongoing. It would be good to do this more often on Palm Island, to spread the knowledge."*

*"Very useful training to improve and save lives."*

*"The skills I have learnt gives me more confidence dealing with those who are hurting."*





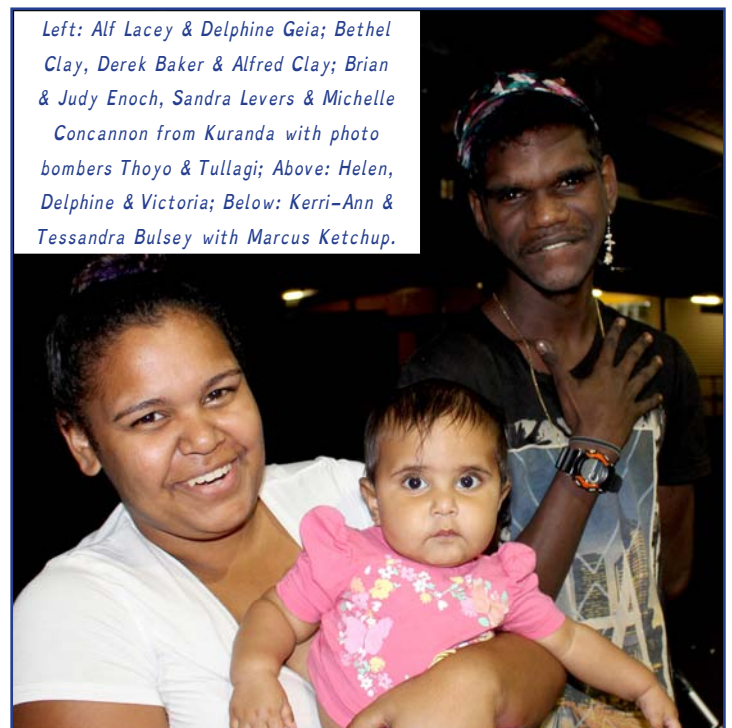
# '57 Strike Day 2016 '57 Strike Day 2016 '57 Strike Day 2016



Seated L-R: Lillian Geia, Dulcie Isaro, Ralph Watson, Anna May Sarabo, Standing Lynore Geia, Patrick Neliman & Helen Akee.  
Pics on this page by Christine Howes



Left: Alf Lacey & Delphine Geia; Bethel Clay, Derek Baker & Alfred Clay; Brian & Judy Enoch, Sandra Levers & Michelle Concannon from Kuranda with photo bombers Thoyo & Tullagi; Above: Helen, Delphine & Victoria; Below: Kerri-Ann & Tessandra Bulsey with Marcus Ketchup.





# Palm Island Voice



**Public &  
Community Notices**



*Don't forget!!!*

The **DEADLINE** for  
the next **NEXT**  
**PALM ISLAND**  
**VOICE (208)** is  
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**Thursday 14 July**  
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**PALM ISLAND**  
**NAIDOC WEEK Songlines**

The living narrative  
of our nation

**11-15**  
**JULY 2016**

**BWGCOLMAN**  
**Many Tribes. One Mob**

**United We Stand**

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Committee 0459 227 920 or [mrhcoutts@gmail.com](mailto:mrhcoutts@gmail.com)



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Top: Brett Pryor & Glenda Gibley; Above: Clarissa Wales  
& Ralph Watson; Top Right: Bulsey Family; Right: Craig  
Desatge 4, Lekara Wallis & Pedro Desatge 7.

## Out & About







Kathy Tarpaulin Netball Competition pics by Sondra Gorringe



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Above: Campbell Page staff on a 'free' (uniform free!) Friday; and Jennifer Cannon with Christopher, Antonio and Zeruah; Far Left: Dewayne Doomadgee; Left: New Chief Executive Officer of Townsville Enterprise Patricia O'Callaghan & Palm Island Council Financial Services Director John Mugambi



# Athletics 2016

Pics thanks to Sondra Gorringer



**In our next Issue: Full footy and boxing coverage from Alf Wilson in Cairns!!!**