

Palm Island Voice

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Palm Island stars play goooooooooood netball!



Pic thanks to Beryl Bunn & Andrew Castors

Palm Island has a proud history in netball and none prouder than when one of our junior teams – the Palm Island Gems – took out their division in the Sharon Finnan Cup last month in Cairns. Our senior mixed Palm Island Seagulls came a mighty second in their division. The odds were with us as Palm Island took no less than seven teams to the carnival.

Full story + more pics on pages 5–6–7 AND more to come in our next issue!



Pic with thanks to Lillian Lampton

*Circa 1990? Back Row: Leah Dabea, Lizzy Doomadgee, Lillian Lampton, Gertie Richardson, Lorna Alfred.
Front – Selena Haines, Georgina Haines, Donna Ross, Vera Hughes, Deniece Geia, Beverly Robertson.*

New role for deputy mayor



Deputy Mayor Cr Roy Prior has been elected to the executive board of the North Queensland Local Government Association (NQLGA).

Mayor Alf Lacey said he wanted to congratulate Cr Prior on his four-year appointment.

“Well done,” he said.

“You are with good people who have a vision for north Queensland.”

SES volunteers training up

After several months of hard work and dedication Palm Island SES members have received their first rank appointments to Field Operators, on their way to their Certificates II and III in Public Safety, the State Emergency Service’s Regional Office Trainer Ian Neale says.

“Members have completed several courses and training in how to assist the Palm Island community in times of disaster, making the island more resilient,” he said.

Course work completed towards the new rank included first aid, communication equipment and participation in a rescue operation which on its own included general rescue, casualty handling, ladders, emergency lighting, ropes and knots.

He said members have also achieved qualifications in chainsaw, pole saw, 4WD and landsearch operations and maintenance.

Several courses were nationally accredited and some prerequisites for further high risk courses such as Working Safely at Heights, he added.



“Training is held every Monday night at the Emergency Services Centre beginning at 6pm,” Mr Neale said.

“If you would like to become a member of the SES or Rural Fire Service, please come down and talk to the members.

“We would like some more members to boost the ranks to help the community in times of need, whilst you also gain extra skills and accreditations. Well done to the members on their new appointment, they are a credit to the community.”



About 50 people took up placards across the road from a Cowboy’s game in Townsville earlier this month. They were protesting the treatment of young people in detention in the Northern Territory, as highlighted on the ABC’s Four Corners last month.



Spirited win for dedicated local

St Michael's Catholic School Senior Community Relations Officer Dorothy (Doris) Watson was one of eight recipients out of more than 100 nominees to win an Aunty Joan Hendriks' Reconciliation Award in Brisbane last month.

Ms Watson was recognised with a 'Spirit of Catholic Education' award for working at St Michael's for more than 20 years and "devoting

herself tirelessly to ensuring that the school and community work together to support the students in their care", judges said.

They said she played an important role in the sacramental program and was supportive of the Indigenous spirituality retreat program as well as an inaugural member of the School Board.

"Dorothy embraces her cultural heritage and epitomises everything it means to work within Indigenous education at a Catholic School."



Thanks to Eireann Philipson (Bentley Prior) for this story and pics!



NAIDOC visit celebrated by prisoners



Last month the Palm Island Justice Group visited the Townsville Correctional Centre for NAIDOC Week.

"The day was full of laughter, feasting and sharing stories of the 'old days'," Justice Group Coordinator Deniece Geia said.

"Elders from Palm Island, Mackay and Townsville Justice Groups were also entertained by local artist Uncle Russell Butler.

"Local inmates put on a

brilliant display of traditional dancing and singing for us.

"And the boys from Palm Island were very happy to see us – as we walked through the door they ran up and hugged us and couldn't stop asking about all their families here back home on Palm.

"If you are interested in visiting the Townsville

Correctional Centre or would like a link-up to speak with one of your mob then please drop in and see us and we can assist with your application.

"The Justice Group are working in partnership with other interested agencies on Palm to look at assisting our mob to stop them from re-offending."



Netball wins for Palm Island teams

Story thanks to Beryl Bunn – more pics from Beryl & Andrew will feature in our next Issue!

With seven netball teams entered the odds were always with Palm Island to come away with something from the 2016 Sharon Finnan Development Cup in Cairns last month.

This year it was the young ones who shone the brightest with the Palm Island Gems winning their final and the Palm Island Seagulls, who played hard to become runners up in the Senior Mixed Division.

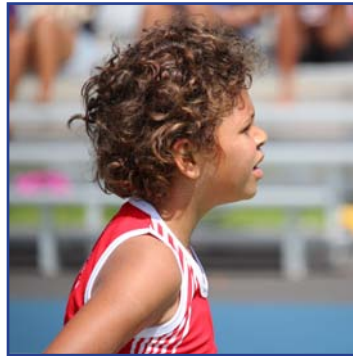
Three Palm Islanders were selected to attend the 2016 Development Camp and a chance of being selected for the Queensland Firebirds and/or the Australian Diamonds.

They were Naikeza James, Sharna Prior-Bounghi and Mallory Morgan.

The Palm Island teams were:

- Cathy Freeman Foundation – Juniors
- Palm Island Gems – Juniors
- Palm Island Pearls – Snr Womens
- Palm Island Diamonds – Snr Mixed
- Palm Island Seagulls – Snr Mixed
- Palm Island Panthers Black – Snr Mixed
- Palm Island Panthers Purple – Snr Mixed

The Sharon Finnan Cup competition is in its second year, last year the Palm Island Panthers were the Inaugural Winners of the Snr Mixed Division.



2016 Sharon Finnan Development Cup

Pics by Christine Howes





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Early Childhood Development and School Transition Project Coordinator (full time
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To be considered for this position, please submit to mmcann@picc.com.au:

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Please contact Mark McCann on **07 4421 4300**, or email mmcann@picc.com.au, for a copy of the Employment Application Form.

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Pic by Alf Wilson

AN INVITATION TO St Anne's Catholic Parish PALM ISLAND



We are happy to welcome Father Michael Gilbert and Fr Anthony Tran to Palm Island on 11th – 15th AUGUST. During those days the two priests, who belong to the Redemptorist Fathers will be sharing with us and deepen our understanding of being a community called to be the face of mercy in our world.

The program is as follows:

FRIDAY AUGUST 12

10am sharing with the children at their weekly Prayer time in the church
3.30pm Instruction and celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation/
Confession with school community and parishioners

SATURDAY AUGUST 13

Available to the needs of the community

SUNDAY AUGUST 14

9am MASS followed by Morning Tea
10.45am Mission instruction concluding with shared lunch.

Kelsey still running with heart

Several Palm Island residents travelled to Townsville last Sunday to compete in the McDonald's Townsville Running Festival, including local running star Kelsey Youngblutt.

More than 10 locals were registered to compete in the Festival's eight events, with several different distances proving popular among Palm residents.

Ms Youngblutt ran the Daikin Air-conditioning Half Marathon in preparation for the Melbourne Marathon later this year.

"I have been training hard in preparation for the Townsville Running Festival, and following a strict training regime," she said.

"This race is really important to me as I am running for the Cathy Freeman Foundation, a charity close to my heart.

"I'm really look forward to spending the weekend in Townsville, with my family by my side supporting me."

Townsville Road Runners President Tony Gordon said an increase in numbers from Palm Island brought new energy to the Townsville Running Festival year after year.

"Every year, there is an amazing turnout of runners from all over North Queensland, who bring so much fun and competition to the festival," Mr Gordon said.

"Not only are we happy to be able to provide an



event promoting a healthy lifestyle for all ages, but also to unite our region and show off that great North Queensland Camaraderie."

For more information visit

<http://www.townsvillerunningfestival.com>



p 10-11: Palm Island players representing Northern United for the Remote Area Rugby League last month. L-R: Darryl Pearson; Fred Bulsey with ball; Gresham Ross jnr with ball; and, Jordan Prior & William Blackman

Boxing News

Top story by Tanya Haines

ONE Palm Island boxer made a worthwhile journey to Mareeba for the Sunstate Amateur Boxing Card on Saturday 30 July,

Tuquiri Prior (73kg) was matched for his fourth bout against Hank Kendall of Mareeba.

Hank had won all three encounters but Tuquiri has improved his fitness and execution of his boxing and was awarded this fight.

Former Palm Island teammates Jordan Thimble fought in the 71kg division, but lost his match against Gregory Toby of Rockhampton Boxing Club, and Raymond Haines Jnr fought in an exhibition match against Rockhampton boxer Lachlan Martyn, as he

wasn't able to be matched up.

Boxers' Dennis Haines Jnr and Albert Gorringer Jnr also made the trip, both are in training for their comebacks.

MEANWHILE the Sunstate Amateur Boxing League's State Titles in Townsville during September is in the sights of Palm Island PCYC Club boxers.

Trainer Ray Dennis said Patrick Clarke, Reggie Palm Island, Brayden Nallajar, Darryl Richardson and Selwyn Seaton would be certain starters.

"Reggie still wants to turn professional but would like a few more amateur bouts before doing so," Mr Dennis, who has been battling some health issues, said.



Above: Tuquiri Prior



Out & About

Netball stars and volunteers at the Sharon Finnan Development Cup in Cairns last month.

Pictured on this page include three generations (left) of players Alina Geia, Jayden Geia & Georgina Haines; Palm Island Netball Interim President Beryl Bunn, Leah Dabea & Lillian Lampton with former Aus Diamonds player Mo'onia Gerard; under the shade of an umbrella on a very hot day in Cairns is Freda Namok & Ben Castors and below is Eva Pearson Marina Haines Ena, Archibald and Georgina Haines.

Pics thanks to Beryl Bunn and Andrew Castors.

