



PIASC audit unmodified success

Palm Island Council is celebrating a perfect audit – now known as ‘unmodified’ – for the ninth year in a row.

“This means the financial affairs of the Council are the best they can be,” Mayor Alf Lacey said.

“And it proves that Palm Island Shire’s financial accountability is the same as would be expected of any Shire

Council anywhere.”

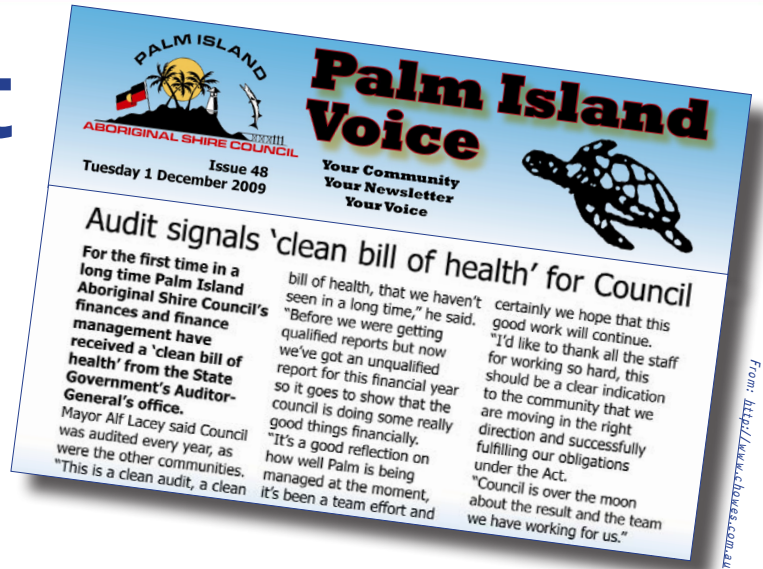
He said the foundations for the good result were laid nearly ten years ago.

“In 2009 the Palm Island Voice reported on our first good audit for several years and I’m very proud of the team

we have built up since then,” he said.

“This is history making for our community and shows we are on the right track.

“Congratulations to the Council staff who have worked so hard to achieve this.”



Point for point played in hard fought final



Netball was the undisputed winner after a weekend of workshops, games and FUN for the Palm Island Pearls in Yeppoon late last month...the Pearls came away a happy second after a point for point game against Woorabinda in a tight Grand Final finish. See page 3 for full story and pics!

New taxi/shuttle up and running

Up to seven people at a time can now travel Palm Island in style with a new taxi shuttle service now up and running around the community.

Torres Strait woman Tessa Bulsey (nee Tamwoy), a member of one of 10 families of TS descent on Palm, started her new business in October.

She has a Tarago vehicle which can take residents and visitors anywhere on the 10km of bitumen roads on the island.

Mrs Bulsey said business was good with everybody telling her it was a service the island needed – previously people, and especially visitors, needed to organise lifts from friends or workers there.

“I have been busy and get to chat to a lot of people,” she said.

“I will be getting another vehicle, a nine seater, and will have a volunteer helper in Lindsay Malone.”

The PI taxi is not part of the network of taxis on the mainland but has the support of the Palm Island Council, including Mayor Alf Lacey who recently visited TI for the Zenadth Kes Cultural Festival.

“It is great to see a local woman having her own small business,” Mayor Lacey said.

Prices are very reasonable with a \$10 fare per person for passengers or a \$15 limit for families.



Travelling first class – Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk (above) and Tessa with Lindsay Malone (middle)



Netball the winner in southern thriller

Last month PCYC- IPDU (Indigenous Program Development Unit) was host to the first Gindarri Netball Competition held at the Capricorn Coast Youth Development Centre in Yeppoon.

The Palm Island PCYC Pearls were invited to attend the initiative which was designed to engage women in sports and deliver workshops aimed at developing their netball skills and knowledge.

The women had the opportunity to learn several different types of netball, such as Netta's division, NetSetGo and Fast 5, which gave them new skills and knowledge to take back to their communities to implement and develop with those at home.

A highlight of the weekend's workshops was engaging and networking with other teams from other communities such as Horn Island, Townsville, Bowen and Woorabinda.

In a hectic 30 degrees heat on open courts in Yeppoon the overall aim was to have fun and enjoy themselves, which many said they did and did not want the weekend to end.

After almost seven hours of intense play the Pearls came away with a win against Townsville Tidda's in the Semi-Finals.

After only a few minutes of rest due to fading light, they took to the court to play Woorabinda in a hard fought and intense final.

First quarter score: 4 all.

Second quarter score: 7 all.

Third quarter score: Palm 9 – Woorabinda 8.

In the last and final quarter, Woorabinda came away with the win by 1 point defeating the Pearls 11–10.

Pearls coach Ciara Bligh said to

say she was proud of the Pearls was an understatement.

"It was such an honour to see them display not just good netball on court but their individual development and sportsmanship was a blessing in itself," she said on her Facebook page.

"Thanks again girls for allowing me to coach you.

"Against a competitive and fierce bunch of sisters from Townsville, we managed to come away with a win in the semis to then play back to back finals against Woorabinda.

"With a goal for goal game, Woorabinda won 12–11."

She said she wanted to thank the Dean and Shelly for the invitation.

"But most of all, to all the sisters and staff from Townsville, Bowen, Woorabinda and Horn

Island for your company, laughter, memories and hospitality," she said.

"We were truly blessed to have spent those few days with you all, creating memories that will last forever."

Participants who attended the Gindarri workshops volunteer every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4–5pm at the PCYC to deliver basic netball training, skills and games for 12–20-year-olds.

If you are interested in attending, participating or volunteering your time, please do not hesitate to contact the Palm Island PCYC on 4770 1793 or contact Warren Murdock (PCYC Branch Manager).







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Baira appointed u-18 coach for Blackhawks

Townsville-based Roy Baira has been appointed coach of the Townsville & Districts' Mendi Blackhawks under-18 side for next season.

The veteran footballer is the son of the late Roy Baira snr, the nephew of Jacob Baira, and he has many relatives on Palm.

Baira, also of Badu descent, is a name that is synonymous with rugby league in the region.

He has been highly sought after as a player at many Allblacks carnivals held around North Queensland for years.



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*Barracudas @ the Gindaja
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