



Pics & words thanks to Leah Dabea

Young netball players star in national playoffs

Seven Palm Island netballers, selected for the Queensland Murris netball team, have had a successful trip to Sydney with four of their number being chosen to play nationally in 2017.

The four, pictured above, were Dianne Fulford (U18s); Vasenai Dabea (U15s) and Geena James and Ikanau Conway, with Keri Nallajar.

Accompanied by parents Ruth Gorringer (U12s coach), Leah Dabea (U18s coach), Keri Nallajar and Thomasina Morgan, most of the girls flew to Sydney while Leah and her girls made a road trip of the adventure. Mrs Dabea also wanted to thank her family and the Palm Island Council, on behalf of everyone involved, for their assistance.

Those selected will compete on the Gold Coast in July in the World games with teams from all over Australia and New Zealand, and then Adelaide in December.

Palm Island players who travelled to represent Queensland were:

U/18 – Dianne Fulford

U/16 – Vasenai Dabea, Jayshieka Baira

U/12 – Taelah Morgan, Tooya Gorringer, Geena James, Ikanau Conway



Vasenai and Dianne taking a break on their road trip with some giant cane toads.

A Palm Island Christmas



*Christmas Mass on
Palm Island*



*At the STABLE ON THE STRAND
were: Bradley Doolan; Edward
Seaton from Palm
with the Three
Wise Men; Evelyn
Lymburner who
welcomed guests
to country with
grandson Danton
Smith, aged 12; and
Gospel singer
Pat Morgan.*



Heywire winner writes on boarding school move



Late last year Year 11 student Raikiesha Castors won an award in national short story competition, Heywire, hosted by the ABC.

Her yarn, 'Two-ways strong' tells of her experiences living on Palm Island and in a boarding school in Toowoomba.

You can check it out at <http://www.abc.net.au/heywire/stories/2016/12/4584585.htm#.WIP7trZ95E5>

Thanks to the Townsville Bulletin for the pic!



Queensland Health's IDEAS Van's recent visit to Palm Island sparked the interest of SBS' Living Black program. Reporter Ella Archibald-Binge was happy to share these pics of her adventures with the Palm Island Voice.



Morgan family enjoys a break in Cherbourg

Cherbourg's famed Ration Shed Museum is far more than a museum.

The collection of restored buildings, which include the former-boys dormitory, the domestic training building and the ration shed itself, has become a meeting, greeting, teaching and healing place for the community and visitors – a dynamic place on most days which is much valued despite its difficult history.

And an interest in history was where it all started for founders Leslie Williams and Sandra Morgan.

“Sandra and I, we’ve always been interested in history and reminiscing about childhood stuff and all the things we did,” Mrs Williams said.

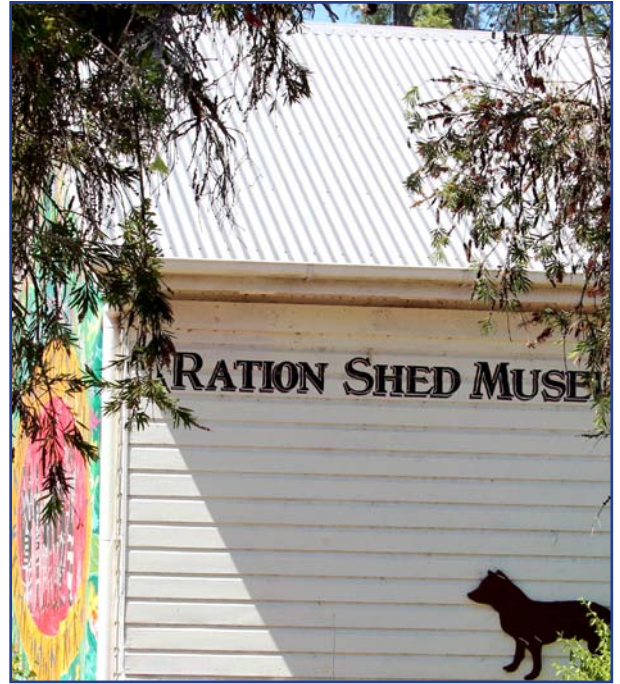
Mrs Morgan said they were both passionate about having a place where history could be displayed, sparked by the level of interest in old photographs at their annual ‘Golden Oldies’ celebrations.

Leslie and Sandra’s sister Jeanette Brown (pictured below) said they had a strong committee behind them.

“I’m so proud of Leslie and Sandra as the driving force behind the ration shed,” she said.

Over the Christmas break Alex and Dyella Morgan took their family to see Sandra and the Ration Shed (pictured right).

Thanks to Koori Mail for the words and Sandra Morgan and Christine Howes for the pics!



Lamont brothers still thinking of Palm

Brothers Bernie and Colin Lamont may live in far away Tasmania but say they often think of their family members on Palm.

Palm Island Voice journo Alf Wilson, caught up with Colin, Bernie and his daughter Krystal, aged 16, at their home in Latrobe during January.

Both brothers, who are quality cricketers, both hope to get to Palm this year.

“I am often asked about Colin and Bernie by Palm people including Randall and Margaret Parker, and the brothers hope everybody on Palm had a great Christmas and New Year,” Mr Wilson said.



In Townsville before Christmas was: Adrian Poynter and 4-year-old Calun Poynter; Maryam Clay and Fiona Johnson; Douglas Miller and Moa Sam; and, Maria Ketchup.



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 February**

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Reparations UPDATE DATSIP Reparations Follow- Up Workshops

WHEN: Wednesday 8th February, 2017

WHERE: Palm Island PCYC Hall

Times: Session 1 – 10am-12pm; Session 2 – 1pm-3pm

This workshop is for anyone who is yet to apply on behalf of themselves or family members and to follow up with any enquiries.

**Past claimants who received their 'top up' payment and new applicants who have signed their Deed of Agreement and received their payments are not required to attend, as these matters are now completed.*

Who can apply for a reparations payment?

You could be eligible if:

- your wages and or savings were controlled by a Queensland government
- you were born on or before 31 December 1959

You could apply on behalf of another family member if

- their wages and or savings were controlled by a Queensland government
- they were alive at 9 May 2002
- they were born on or before 31 December 1959

For any further information please call 1800 619 505



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 Council are Monday –
 Friday 8am – 5pm**

If you have any questions please contact Reception on 4770 1177 or 4770 0200



Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council has 1,319 'likes' on Facebook!!!

Blackhawks thank Palm for successful training visit



FROM: <http://www.blackhawkstsv.com.au/palm-island-welcomes-mendi-blackhawks/>

The Palm Island community hosted the Townsville & Districts Mendi Blackhawks over the weekend for a preseason training camp.

The Mendi Blackhawks players and staff travelled to Palm Island by ferry on Friday and camped overnight at Wallaby Point.

Upon arrival, the team walked to the Council office where they were welcomed by Mayor Alfie Lacey.

Three Palm Island local players Isaac Bulsey, Calvin Castors and Gresham Ross trained with the Blackhawks squad.

Thank you to the Palm Island community for hosting the Townsville Mendi Blackhawks, coming out and showing their support to the players, and especially for treating the boys to a traditional feed on Friday night!



**Check out this
1994 Barracudas
shirt - still
kicking around!**

PALM ISLAND

Aboriginal Shire Council



2017

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Sunday 1st January 2017
New Years Day

Monday 2nd January 2017
New Years Holiday

Thursday 26th January 2017
Australia Day

Friday 14th April 2017
Good Friday

Saturday 15th April 2017
Easter Saturday

Monday 17th April 2017
Easter Monday

Tuesday 25th April 2017
ANZAC Day

Monday 1st May 2017
Labour Day

Friday 9th June 2017
Bwgcolman Day

Friday 16th June 2017
Strike 57

Monday 3rd July 2017
Annual Show Day

Friday 14th July 2017
NAIDOC DAY

Friday 1st September 2017
Spring Festival Day

Monday 2nd October 2017
Queen's Birthday

Monday 25th December 2017
Christmas Day

Tuesday 26th December 2017
Boxing Day

Public Holidays

Engagement Days

Land Trust Meeting

Ordinary Meeting

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