



PALM ISLAND VOICE

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

Fishing comp winners all smiles

Pictured right is Open Division winner Gresham Ross with his catch, and below Under 15s winner Eddie Nallajar.
MORE PICS INSIDE!



Projects indicate era of change for Palm Island

Several projects, large and small, are underway – and soon to be underway – around Palm Island, signalling an era of change and moving forward for the community.

Mayor Alf Lacey said improving wellbeing and underpinning economic growth were behind

the Council's push for a better life for the community.

“There is a lot of

construction going on at present,” he said.

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Ongoing projects huge boost

“Housing, the health care centre, bridges, retaining walls, footpaths, refurbishments and water and sewage upgrades are just some of the things Council has worked hard to secure funding for,” Cr Lacey said.

“And there’s more to come, including the sports ground.”

He said it was important people took some pride and ownership of what was going on.

“We’d just like to ask people to be patient with any construction and to make sure our hard work is kept safe and sound,” he said.

“We’re in this together and these changes are for all of us – for a better life for all of us – and everyone can and will benefit at the end of the day.”



Casement lookout, \$0.12m, Construction of a scenic lookout for the community and visitors in partnership with the Department of Transport and Main Roads



Sandy Boyd Bridge upgrade, \$0.12m, Widening and resurfacing of the Sandy Boyd Bridge in partnership with the Department of Transport and Main Roads



Community Connectivity \$1.6m, Construction of a footpath from the bistro to Manbarra Road along the foreshore to improve community connectivity Increase healthy activity. In partnership with Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning



Water and sewerage upgrades \$1.8m upgrade to the water and sewerage treatment plants in partnership with Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning



Butler Bay revetment Wall, \$1.24m retaining wall to protect the community and community infrastructure in partnership with the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning

for Palm Island community



Primary Health Care Centre, \$16.5m,
Funded by Townsville Hospital
and Health Service, Queensland
Health and Significant Regional
Infrastructure Projects



Community Housing, \$16m, Construction of 7 new
community houses, funded by the Department of Housing



Clump Point Rd revetment wall,
\$2.21m recently completed retaining
wall to protect the community and
community infrastructure in partnership
with the Department of Infrastructure,
Local Government and Planning



Tip Rehabilitation, \$1.35m,
Rehabilitation of waste disposal facility including capping
of the tip and removal of car bodies
in partnership with Department of Infrastructure, Local
Government and Planning



Shop refurbishments \$0.2m Refurbishment of small
shopping complex including re-roofing, painting and tiling.
In partnership with Department of Infrastructure, Local
Government and Planning

Projects due to start soon...

Foreshore redevelopment, \$1.2m,
Jetty to the bistro including
footpaths, lighting, CCTV,
landscaping, outdoor furniture
a ceremonial pole monument
and a permanent kup murri pit.
In partnership with Works for
Queensland and Tourism Demand
Driver Infrastructure funding



Catalina Flying Boat
interpretation, \$20,000,
Interpretation sign to
be installed to interpret
WWII US Navy Base
and Catalina Flying Boat
wreckages at Wallaby Point
to commemorate the role
of Palm Island on the home
front in WWII. In partnership
with Queensland Anzac
Centenary Spirit of Service



Sports ground upgrade, \$0.8m,
Upgrade to essential services
(water, sewerage, etc.) and upgrade
of netball courts and club house.
Funded by Department of State
Development and Sports and
Recreation



Footpath from Manbarra Road
to Kitchener Bligh Estate
\$0.66m, Extension of footpath
from Manbarra Rd to Kitchener
Bligh Estate. In partnership with
Department of State Development



HAPPY NAIDOC PALM ISLAND!!!

This year's NAIDOC featured one of the biggest program of events in its 99-year history on Palm Island.

There was something for everybody from July 9 to 16 with performances, music, food and markets, a tribal banner march, a gala dinner, sports and activities and lots of entertainment for the kids including rides and slides.

The theme for NAIDOC Australia-wide was 'Our Languages Matter' and the local one was 'Bwgcolman: Many Tribes, One Mob'.

One of the highlights was the unity Unity Gala Dinner held at Freedom Park, near the beach, from 6pm to midnight on July 14.

Under the big tent more than 140 people were fed and entertained.

Mayor Alf Lacey said it was about the community coming together and enjoying themselves, having a yarn and connecting with each other.

"We have come a long way and we must move forward in the next 100 years," he said.

"Our children, grand children and great grandchildren are our future."

Several awards were presented including one for lifetime achievement to elder Aunty Mary Twaddle.

A special guest was former national NAIDOC Person of the Year Professor Gracelyn Smallwood and her daughter Dorothy.

A church service and morning tea were held on July 16 to officially close the week.





An awarding experience...

Award winners included: Ray Dennis (away – see p 11!); Aunt Mary Twaddle; Gracelyn Smallwood; Dr Lynore Geia; Ross Norman, Thomas Prior and Aunt Iris White (below).



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CENTENARY 2018

..... SHARE OUR JOURNEY



BWGCOLMAN :: MANY TRIBES, ONE MOB

PAST

MARCH 2018

REFLECTING ON THE PAST 100 YEARS
ON PALM ISLAND

PRESENT

APRIL 2018

20 - 22 APRIL
DEADLY DIDGE N DANCE FEST:
LEAVING THE PAST BEHIND, BREAKING NEW RECORDS

FUTURE

JUNE 2018

9 JUNE
CELEBRATING AND
INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE FOR
THE NEXT GENERATIONS





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



Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council has 1,553 'likes' on Facebook!!!

2017 Social Investment Grants Program

Community Sector Banking invites not-for profits to apply for grants of up to \$50,000 to build resilience and capability for people experiencing homelessness or domestic and family violence. Applications close on 4 August 2017.

For more information see <https://communitysectorbanking.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Grants-pack-with-factsheets.pdf>

Social Change Fellowship

The Westpac Social Change Fellowship supports the development of people from any sector with the drive to create better lives for all Australians. 10 Fellowships of up to \$50,000 will be awarded to individuals who have the vision and commitment to deliver an initiative that will improve the wellbeing of Australians. Applications close on 16 August 2017.

For more information see <http://bicentennial.westpacgroup.com.au/scholarships/social-change-fellowship/>

Mary MacKillop Foundation Community Grants

The Mary MacKillop Foundation (MMF) Community Grants program partners with organisations who support Australia's most vulnerable and marginalised people to improve their lives through education in all its forms. Eligible organisations may apply for grants of up to \$10,000 to deliver innovative and practical projects that assist people who have been pushed to the margins of society through poverty and disadvantage.

Applications close on 11 August 2017

For more information see <https://www.mackillopfoundation.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/MMF-2017-Community-Grants-Guidelines-Final.pdf>

DOMINOS Give for Good Grants

Building vibrant, resilient and adaptive rural, regional and remote communities is a vision shared by FRRR and Domino's. We believe this can be achieved by harnessing and investing in the economic, community leadership and social strengths that exist in communities.

Give for Good is an annual program offering rural, regional and remote Australian communities grants of up to \$5,000, for community-led projects that respond to one of these three impact areas. A total of \$150,000 will be available in 2017.

Applications close on 25 August 2017

For more information see <http://www.frrr.org.au/grants/GiveforGood>

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**Thursday
3 August**
FOR PUBLICATION
**Thursday
10 August**

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To book an ad, make a contribution or inquire about subscriptions please contact the Editor, Christine Howes, on 0419 656 277 or palmislandvoice@chowes.com.au

Happy Birthday!!!

Belated Happy Birthdays 21st to Alfred and James Lacey for 26 June 2017, and also to Heath Lacey for his 20th, with love from Mum, Dad and Family.



ABOVE: Last month these four students embarked on a journey of a lifetime to Melbourne, thanks to the Cathy Freeman Foundation. Tkai, Maria, Elijah & Eric were rewarded for their hard work and dedication towards their education, and were lucky enough to meet one of their heroes, JT whilst waiting for their flight. LEFT: Jacob Baira and his grandson Jacob Baira; Trainee paramedic Selina Hughes near the ambulance she drives; Cr Roy Prior with family members of the late Bill Coolburra, Jason & Gail, also ex Navy serviceman and Uncle Roy Thomas Prior on ANZAC Day; BELOW: Rupert Palmer with his daughter Voilet, aged two, and son Rupert Jnr; Council workers Fred Bulsey and Clinton Pearson & Lance Poynter.



Out & About



Uncle Ray's night of nights!

VETERAN Palm Island trainer Ray Dennis received well-deserved and overdue recognition with his induction into the Queensland Boxing Hall of Fame earlier this month.

Townsville's Neil Pattel was also inducted in the ceremony at Yatala, attended by more than 100 people.

"I was really honoured to receive the award and meet boxing people I haven't seen for years," Mr Dennis said.

Mr Dennis and Mr Pattel were well respected for their achievements in the sport of boxing Sunstate Amateur Boxing League President Scooter Hooper said.

"Tiger Singh, myself, and Colin

Scott, who was a State of Origin and Broncos fullback and who also trained with Ray, all said few words about this great man," he said.

"After the show everyone from Brad Vocale, to Angelo De Carlo wanted to stay back and catch up with these Townsville greats.

"Jeff Horn's father, who remembered Ray's boxer fighting his son in 2011, and other hall of famers too numerous to mention but the likes of Jeff White, Steve Aczel, Alan Moore.

Fred Brophy were also present.

"Ray had his daughter, nieces, nephews and other relations there, as well as author Chloe Hooper, myself, and my wife and daughter.

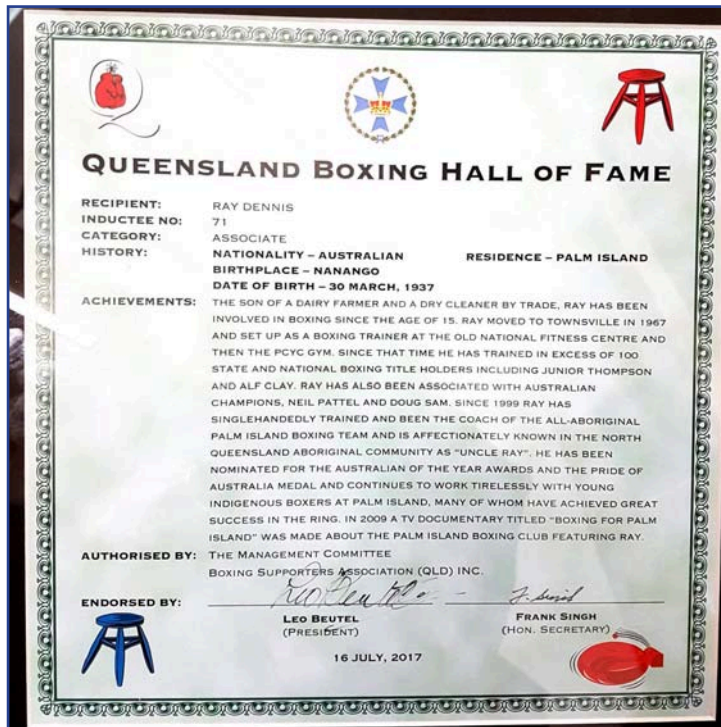
"Neil and his brother sat at our table along with Colin.

"It was a great event and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended."

Trainer of new world champion Jeff Horn, Glenn Rushton, said the Hall of Fame awards to the two men were 'well and truly deserved'.

MEANWHILE while Mr Dennis was down south he was also being recognised on Palm Island with a NAIDOC award for his contribution to boxing.

In his absence, former boxing star Alf Clay received the award to pass onto his good mate.



Big win for RARL team

FOUR Palm Islanders played leading roles in the 58-12 win by Northern United over Queensland Outback in the remote area representative rugby league match in Cairns earlier this month.

The match was played at Barlow Park as a curtain raiser to the NRL round in which the Cowboys beat the Rabbitohs 23-10 before more than 11,000 spectators.

United's team was picked after the RARL FNQ Challenge in Cairns contested by winners Northern Peninsula Area (NPA), Palm Island Barracudas, Northern Cape York, Torres Stingers and Southern Cape.

Palm Island Barracudas finished second at the carnival.

Forwards Raoul "Tough as Nails" Miller and Joiji Dabea,

five eights Darryl Pearson and Genami Geia jnr each contributed.

Miller switched between the front and second rows in the forward pack and was one of the best on the field, Pearson was crafty at number six, and Dabea was used for 30 minutes as an impact line breaker.

Geia jnr pulled a muscle at training before the game and was in pain during his limited match time during which he did several good plays.

United coach Cr Roy Prior said he had been worried at halftime when his side led just 12-8.

"I gave the boys a rocket

during the break," he said.

"We had completed just six out of 14 tackle sets in the first half - that improved in the second half and we ran away with the game.

"We beat them with speed on the edges."

Cr Prior said Bowie, Bon, Torres Stingers' Abung David and Lockhart River's Dominic Macumboy all shone.

Delighted, Prior also praised his assistant coach Robert Yorkston (NPA) along with officials Terry Abednego and Frank Loban (Torres).

"They were vital to our win," he said.

