

# As grand as the Strand?



Demolition works are complete and further works have begun on the redevelopment of the Coolgaree Bay Foreshore between the jetty and the helipad.

The project aims to provide the community with a great place to be and to socialise, foster community pride and support tourism development.

The design includes upgrades to the footpaths, lighting, landscaping and seating, and incorporates design elements such as a yarning circle and a ceremonial art installation currently under development by artist Billy Doolan.

The design centrepiece will be a carpet snake shaped footpath incorporating an art installation at the base of its tail and a permanent stage as its head in Fred Clay Park.

Community consultation on the original designs resulted in the removal of a permanent Kup Murri pit from the area.

Council staff will be engaged in several elements of the project while two local youth

will be working with the landscaping team contracted to undertake the works.

The project is jointly funded by the Queensland and Australian governments under the Works for Queensland and Tourism Demand Driver Infrastructure funding programs.

The foreshore redevelopment will be like our 'Strand'.

In fact, we think it will be better than The Strand!



*LEFT: At the Yarrabah Band Festival last weekend was Troy Cassar-Daley, James Morrison, QMF's Katie Noonan, Yarrabah Mayor Ross Andrews, local MP Curtis Pitt and Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey*

## Out + ABOUT @ THE BINDAL ALLBLACKS

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# Gala dinner fundraiser for 2018 celebrations

On behalf of the Palm Island community, Council is hosting a Gala Fundraising Dinner and Auction to raise funds to go towards conducting centenary events on Palm Island in 2018.

The dinner will be held in Townsville, targeting community leaders, organisations and wealthy individuals from north Queensland and across Australia.

Entertainment for the evening will take on a Palm Island flavour with Maggie Walsh, Sean Choolburra and Descendance Dance Group all part of the line up.

Other performers include William Barton playing didgeridoo and Shauntai Batzke, Aboriginal soul and opera singer.

A fundraising auction will be held as part of the event, with all funds raised going towards the cost of the centenary events on Palm Island in 2018.



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*Ernie Hoolihan's mum Aunty Flora Hoolihan turned 102 last month. Aunty Flora was presented with a cake made especially for the occasion by chef Ken Webber. Pictured on the right is Aunty Flora with Walter Geia and his partner, granddaughter Arallien Hoolihan. The party was held at Shalom Elders Village on October 20.*



As convenor of the 2017 Bindal Sharks Allblacks carnival, firstly a big congratulations to the Aja Boyz and Girlz taking out this year's win, Jenny Pryor (*pictured below*) writes...

Aja Boyz have been hanging in there for the past two years, just missing out, so as coach Genami Geia said, 'there was no way Aja Boyz were going to lose this year'!

You could see Palm Island was due for a win, the last time was in 2012.

Palm Island also took out the under-18s grand final after going through undefeated.

I am also so proud of my grandson for the Bindal Sharks Mhumpa Broncos under 11s.

My 9-year-old grannie Tremaine Pryor Murray (*pictured*) showed us all that in this 30th year of the Bindal Sharks, we will live on.

This was another successful carnival bringing in those exhibition games for under-11s, under-13s and the women's side.

Interest is so strong management will be looking into how we can include the women and those younger teams in future Allblacks.

Big thanks you to Jacintha Geia for the Aja Girlz, Kylie Motto for organising the under-13 Bowen Stingers and women's side, and also to Zina Prior for the deadly Barracudas under-11s.

Once again almost half the crowd was children and youth this year, which is why this

Carnival will always be drug and alcohol free.

Altogether we had around 10,000 people coming and supporting their teams and community over the weekend.

Thank you to TAIHS' staff and Kathy Anderson in particular for their partnership and support.

Without them we would not be able to hold such a professional event for our community.

They promoted healthy minds, bodies and choices through the 715 health checks, free breakfasts and promotions throughout the Carnival.

This is what true partnership and working together is all about for our community.

To all my sponsors and volunteers and staff, thank for your support and commitment to our community for putting on an excellent Carnival – none of this is possible without you.

To all teams that participated, thank you to you and your supporters.

Between the raw and

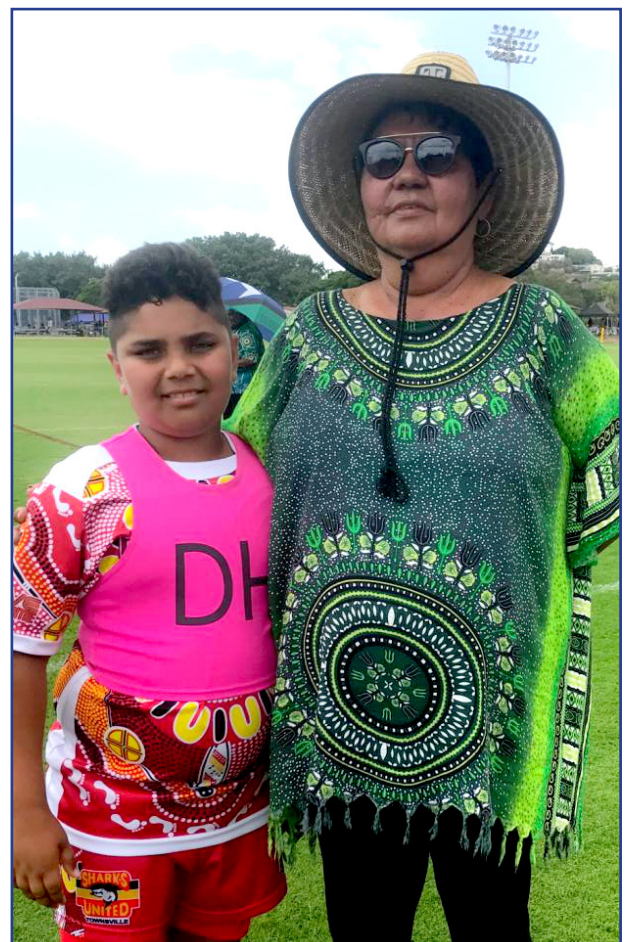
natural talents of our players to being so proud to play in front of our Mob, you are all too deadly.

Thanks especially to Clayton Snow for bringing the Gulf Bulls back into the carnival and our own NRL players for coming along.

You are deadly when you give back to our communities, the young ones look up to you all and you are all our inspiration to keep on going.

Finally, thanks to Townsville for being such good hosts to our brothers and sisters who come from out of town.

See you all in 2018.





We played outstanding footy all weekend, we had some very talented players playing in the team, Aja Boyz coach Genami Geia writes...

We had two brothers, Phillip and Gordon Daisy, sons of the North Queensland Legend Vern Daisy, as well as the sons, nephews and grandson of former Palm Island Barracudas and North Queensland player Josh Geia (Snr), Josh Geia (Jnr), Obe Geia (Jnr), Walter Geia, Fred Haines (Jnr), Jayme Geia and Townsville Blackhawks player my young brother Jonathan Reuben.

All the other players were relatives from Yarrabah, many of them played for Yarrabah Seahawks in the Cairns and District Rugby League Grand Final competition.

They were Charles Murgha, Cyprian Mossman, Ashton

Schrieber, Andrew Garrett, Jack Webster, Martin Dabah, Brian Schrieber, Allan Ambrym Jnr.

We had Anthony Gadd, who was the Player of the Carnival, from Cherbourg Hornets along with Les Wragge, William Georgetown and Jordan Malone.

Aja Boyz took out four individual awards as well as the Grand Final.

Once again I would like to thank the organisers Bindal Sharks for hosting this event, as

well as all the teams who participated in the carnival.

Aja Boyz will be back to defend our title next year.

**#AJABOYZ2017CHAMPIONS**



Pic thanks to Justine Edwards



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## Bwgcolman Brothers



Pic thanks to Valmay Percy Marrott Massey



## Barracudas Green

Pic thanks to Manatu Nellman



## U 18s Bindal Allblacks CHAMPIONS!!

*Pics thanks to Shonelle Castors*



# Palm Island Voice



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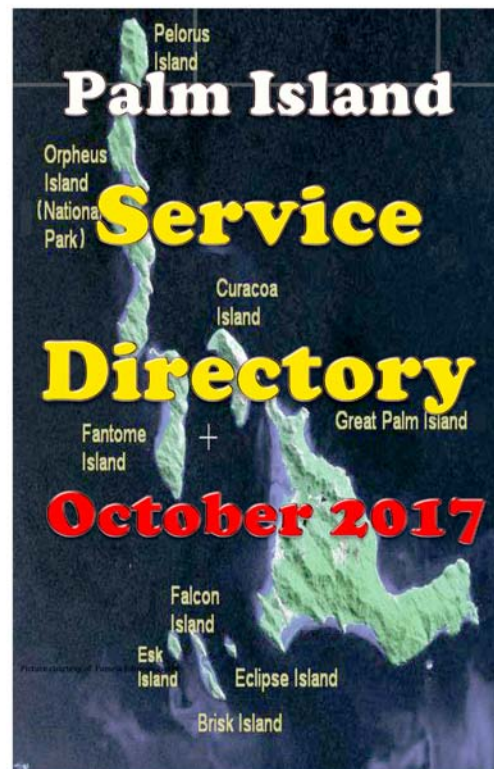


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## Attention Bwgcolman People

An art installation is to be built along the foreshore. These works will represent all the different tribes (clans) that were sent to Palm Island ('Punishment Island', as it was once called). This installation will represent every tribe that was known to be sent here. The work will be a memorial to these people, so they are acknowledged for who they were and where they were sent from. This memorial, I believe, is a giant step towards reconciliation and an understanding of why this settlement exists with the now Bwgcolman people.



Totems of each of the tribes will be added as a symbol of these people and to show non-indigenous peoples why totems are important to these tribes.

1. Agwamin	Owl	25. Koko Bera	Crocodile
2. Butchala	Carpet Snake	26. Koen	Crocodile
3. Euramin	Eagle (sea)	27. Lama Lama	Maggie Geese
4. Jiman	Carpet Snake	28. Imudji	Eel (Fresh Water)
5. Meriam	Shark	29. Cooktown	Crocodile
6. Murray Island	Trigger Fish		Eel
	Great Trevally		(fresh water)
7. Wakka Wakka	Owl	30. Wangan	Curlew
	Munda (Snake)	31. Doomdagee	Goanna
8. Kabbi Kabbi	Bee		Emu?
9. Daintree	Bee	32. Normanton	Brolga
10. Woorabinda	Kangaroo	33. Georgetown	Brolga
	Munda (snake)	34. Wulgurukaba	Curlew
11. Kandju	Crocodile		Carpet snake
12. Indinji	Eagle (Sea)	35. Boulia	Sand Goanna
13. Euramin	Eagle (Sea)	36. Wharton	Snake (black)
14. Seaton	Fire	37. Kooma	Carpet Snake
15. Obah	Frill neck lizard	38. Wuthathi	Stingray
16. Kalkadoon	Emu	39. Bourke	Goanna
17. Tagalaka	Eagle		Cockatoo (white)
18. Wotton	Pigeon (Rainbow)	40. Sam	Shark
19. Pompey	Crocodile	41. Tanna	Shark
20. Kabi	Dolphin	42. Mer	Stingray
21. Gangalu	Kangaroo	43. Dodd	Owl
	Sand Goanna	44. Wanji	Black Cockatoo
22. Foster	Willy Wagtail	45. Kerr	Carpet Snake
23. Pormpuraaw	Maggie Geese	46. Mingin	Brolga
24. Reeds	Owl / Mopoke	47. Guwa	Emu
	Kangaroo	48. Mbara	Carpet snake

**Is your clan totem in yet? We have nearly 50 clans and totems, don't forget to be in touch soon!**

**Contact Billy Doolan on 0477 507 464 or Michael Rosser on 0436 427 335 to add your clan totem.**

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AT the funeral of Dr Evelyn Scott was Alfred Smallwood; Prof Lynore Geia; former MP Mike Reynolds; Prof Gracelyn Smallwood, Irene Thaiday & Josephine Sailor; Yarrabah Councillors Colin Cedric & Mayor Ross Andrews, Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey & Torres Shire Mayor Vonda Malone; and, Aunty Renarta Prior.



# Ready to go professional

**PATRICK** Clarke will fight in his final amateur bout at a Sunstate Amateur Boxing League tournament at Magnetic Island next weekend.

Clarke, who has had more than 50 amateur bouts, is one of five Palm island boxers who will cruise across the briny to compete at Arcadia Hotel.

The others are Darryl Richardson, Jase Thimble, Brayden Nallajar and Joseph Nallajar.

“Patrick has been training the house down over here at the PCYC Gym,” trainer Ray Dennis said.

“He’s fronted up for six straight sessions and is very serious about turning pro.”

Pro boxers are paid to play, unlike their amateur counterparts.

Mr Dennis feels that Clarke could have a good career in the pro ranks if matched well early on and provided his enthusiasm remains high.



## Out + About



*LEFT: Cr Roy Prior and son; RIGHT: Brodie Allen is a bright spark electrician who enjoys a cold drink at the Coolgaree Sports Bar and Grill; BELOW: Fiona Johnson, Lurtricia Murgha & Ronna Sands with Maryam E Clay, Lloyd Bargud (5) & Marina Patterson enjoying a couple of excellent reads at Yarrabah's YarriChino Cafe.*



# Putting in some hard yards at not one, but two Allblacks carnivals

It's been a big two weeks for Palm Island PLO Manatu Neliman (*pictured*), who was a member of not one, but two winning ladies teams at two separate Allblacks carnivals last month.

Manatu lined up in the halves for the Yarrabah Seagals (*pictured below*, who beat Serenity Sisters 14-12 in their grand final for the Gindaja Cup in Cairns late last month.

Three ladies sides competed in the carnival, which was played in wet and muggy conditions.

A week earlier Manatu was a star for the Palm side Aja's Girlz who beat Bowen in a hotly contested ladies exhibition game at the Townsville Bindal Sharks carnival.

"It was shocking weather conditions at the Yarrabah Carnival

in Cairns and I was the only Palm girl in the team," she said.

"I enjoyed so much being in the teams who won at Townsville and Cairns."

A Kulpiyam side (*pictured below*) including Palm Islander brothers Roy and Jimmy Baira as well as former NRL star Dane Nielsen beat Malu Kiwai 22-10 in the grand final of the Gindaja Cup men's division in Cairns.

Nielsen visited Palm Island some years ago with his then Melbourne Storm teammates Greg Inglis, Ryan Tandy and now commentator Brett Finch.

