

Fantastic work at Motel gardens!

The gardening work the CDP Market Garden Activity Team has done around the grounds of the Palm Island Motel is something to be proud of, CDP Program Manager Nathan Vinson says.

He said their efforts amounted to a successful week of work under the guidance of Activities Manager Peter Sherry.

“Job seekers Malcom Larry, Malcom Kennedy, James King and Robert Thompson were busy planting lilly pillys, crotons, miniature hibiscus and mondo grass in the new garden beds at the Motel,” he said.

“The final stages of the project will use the pebbles and mulch to complete the finishing touches to the garden and we also have a couple of elephant statues to add.

“It looks fantastic and has made a great impression on motel manager, Eric Townsend.

“Well done to the lads and Peter Sherry for the great work and for supporting the local community.”



Happy NAIDOC
Palm Island!



Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA) Project Officer Alicia Haines has been awarded as one of the Top Ten Young Leaders in 2018 by the Institute for Public Administration Australia (IPAA) Queensland. "To receive this award Alicia demonstrated that she is exceptional in her field, seeks the best outcomes, challenges the status quo, stands out from the crowd, inspires others and makes a difference," WTMA said on their Facebook page. "We at the Authority, are proud to have this dynamic, committed and hard working Rainforest Aboriginal woman amongst our ranks. "Well done Alicia!"

Out & About

@ the Townsville Show

Below: David & Corrina Geia with Brielle (4); Top right: Evelyn Tamwoy & Fred Billy; Bottom right: Rebecca Niki, Alice Barney-Niki & Larisa Akee.



Well done Emele!

A LARGE number of family and friends were in the audience when Ferdy's Haven Case Worker Emele Dabea celebrated attaining her Graduate Certificate of Family Therapy from La Trobe University at a powerful ceremony in Townsville late last month.

The 13 graduates were all from Townsville's Stagpole Street Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Unit, Ferdy's Haven on Palm Island or the Cape York Family Centre in Cooktown.

"The graduation ceremony today represented the power of what can be achieved when all stand strong together and draw upon all the strengths of culture and also of academic knowledge," Mr Conway said.

Also at the ceremony was La Trobe University's Senior Lecturer in Family Therapy Banu Moloney, Adjunct Professor Lawrie Moloney, Academic Cultural Consultant Alison Elliott, Sherrilee Sirriss and Dr Jeff Young.

Graduates at the ceremony were Stafford Alley, Zacarias Nogar, Troy Davis, Emele Dabea, Joshua Masala, Karen Doolan, Shirley Sues, Erin Cunningham, James Bacon, Catherine Jene, Reynold Woibo and Sherrilee Sirriss.



Six members of the Palm Island CDP Recycling Activity Team have mastered a one-day Hand and Power Tool Course.

Their studies were conducted by Industry Training, a local Regional Training Organisation.

"They have worked hard," CDP Program Manager Nathan Vinson said.

"Well done to all and we hope the course will assist you in finding gainful employment and a better future."

Tribal Warrior training all but done

In mid-June Campbell Page participants, Joshua Friday and Steven Chapman, departed for Sydney on their second phase of their Coxswain Course program.

Tribal Warrior Association conducted the training on Sydney Harbour for the group between 18 June and 7 July 2018.

Whilst in Sydney candidates were in full time training on every weekday.

Most of their work was on board the original Tribal Warrior and other vessels.

On weekends and some evenings they were also required to undertake on-water work experience in various vessels on Sydney Harbour.

The purpose of this was to gain the additional 21 days sea time required to obtain their Coxswain tickets.

Campbell Page provided them with extra clothing in addition to the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) they needed to complete their training and to work in the industry.

"We wish them the very best and the best of luck in finishing the course," CDP Program Manager Nathan Vinson said.



Above L-R: Joshua Friday (Campbell Page participant), Eric Martin (student at the Bwgcolman Secondary School), Steven Chapman (Campbell Page participant) and Gene Barry

"Thanks also must go too Valentine Nona and Suzanne Kenny who organised the training and invited our two members to attend.

"The first photograph (above) is of the lads waiting at the Townsville Airport before departure on Sunday morning.

"All are proud Palm Island men.

"The second image (below) was sent through by the Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey and Deputy Mayor Roy Prior, who were lucky to catch up the lads in Brisbane Airport on their way to Sydney."



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Boxing results a matter of chance

An uncertain number of Palm Island boxers will travel to Townsville to compete at this Saturday's Sunstate Amateur Boxing League tournament.

It is being hosted by Fozzy Hooper of Dreams Club.

Veteran trainer Ray Dennis said he was not sure how many boxers would make the trip.

"It is NAIDOC celebrations here so I will just have to wait and see," he said last weekend.

Two youngsters who have impressed Mr Dennis are Jase Thimble and Musa Prior.

However both are having trouble getting suitable opponents in their age and weight divisions.

Twelve-year-old Jase is the son of Jason Thimble and could not be matched at the recent Palm tournament.

He has an impressive record and has had to take part in exhibition bouts at some tournaments.

Musa won gold at the Palm tournament but could not be matched at the subsequent Gold Gloves in Townsville winning a gold medal by walkover.

"They are both promising young boxers," Mr Dennis said.

He said a big improver had been Tiquri Prior, who is aged 16.

"His last opponent was two years older," he said.



Patrick Clarke is considered a big chance of going to Townsville on Saturday and if so could be competing in the main bout.

"I won't know how many will be going until the ferry leaves Palm," Mr Dennis said.



Pic thanks to Michal Beroun from Grail Films

Well done Rolland!

Last weekend Rolland Geesu won selection into the 2018 Queensland Reds U16s in rugby union.

His next game will be when his new team plays a curtain raiser to the St George Queensland Reds v Sunwolves Super Rugby clash at Suncorp Stadium.

Rolland played at the 2018 Queensland Rugby Union Boys Junior State Championships which run over three days.

Over 900 players from around the state took part in the event across U13s, U14s and U16s, as well as an U12s development carnival.

Regional sides included Townsville Brolgas, Central Queensland Bushrangers, Sunshine Coast Stingrays, Darling Downs, Gold Coast and the Northern Territory competing against teams from Brisbane across the age divisions.

Queensland Rugby Union head of participation Rama Chand said the standard had been high.

“This tournament provides participants with the chance to represent their region and test themselves against some of the best young talent in



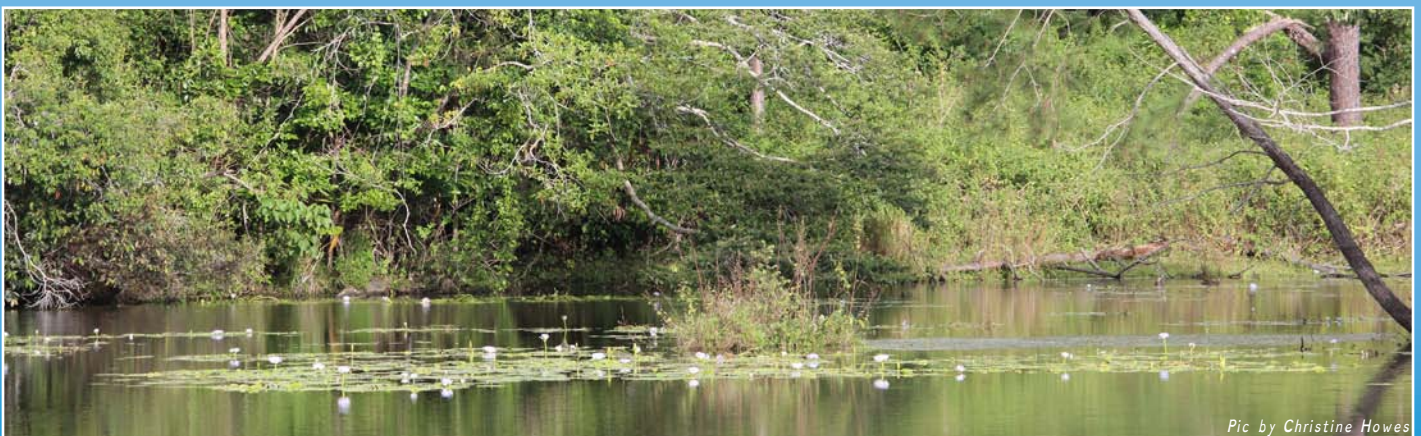
Queensland,” he said.

“It was great to see three finals all so closely contested, and for the spoils to be shared across both Brisbane and regional sides.

“We also had big crowds cheering on each team which was great to see.

“The State Championships are a proven pathway within Queensland Rugby, with current St. George Queensland Reds including Tate McDermott (Sunshine Coast), Hamish Stewart (Darling Downs), Harry Hoopert (Darling Downs), Andrew Ready (Brisbane) and Duncan Paia’aua (Central Queensland) all having emerged from the tournament.”

Source: Queensland Reds: www.redsrugby.com.au



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