



Netballers flying high for Palm

Funding for new netball change rooms has triggered a consultation process for feedback on preliminary designs as well as a commitment from Council to apply for more funds to build more netball courts, especially in the light of our teams' huge successes at the Sharon Finnan competition held in Townsville late last month (*see pages 4-5 & 8*).

Community members suggested a number of changes to the designs including adding a play space for children, the need for toilets and change rooms for both men and women, reducing the size of storage and ensuring a kiosk space was available.

"They noted the budget limits but also pointed the importance of security at the facility," PIASC Economic Development and Grants Officer Allison Rossetto said.

"During the consultation we also discussed our intention to apply for more funding to build new netball courts – with four courts competitions can be restarted.

"This funding is subject to

a grant application and is not guaranteed."

She said Council was consistently looking for funding opportunities to upgrade sports and recreation infrastructure.

"The new netball facility will add to the already upgraded football facilities at the sports reserve," she said.

"Funding for other infrastructure including playground equipment is currently being sourced.

"Any ideas about sports and recreation facilities needed on the Island can be emailed to Council reception for consideration.

"It's all about making Palm Island an even better place to live than it already is."



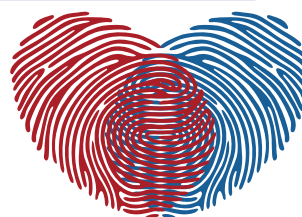
Netball bonus for volunteer physio student

Final year Physio student Desung Kim has spent a month on Palm hosted by SOS Health as part of the organisation's volunteer program.

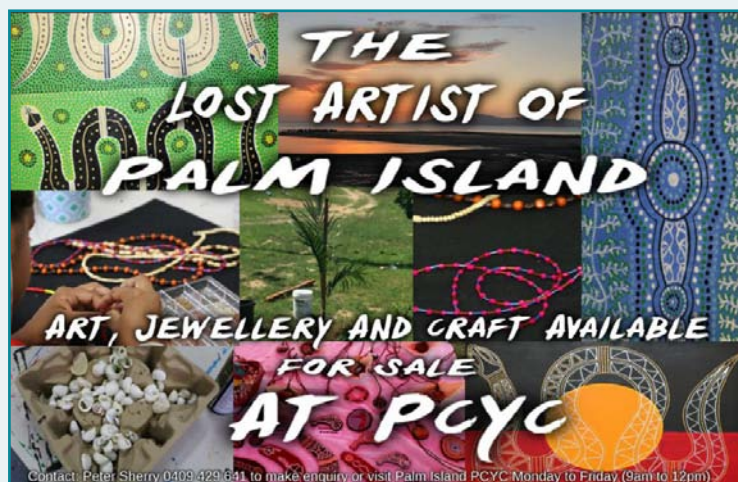
"Along with the volunteer teams including physios, podiatrists, occupational therapists, and dietitians, which SOS Health flies to Palm Island regularly, we also host and train physiotherapy students through experience providing health care in the community setting on Palm," SOS Health CEO Nikki Capp said.

"Kim was heavily engaged in the community, taking pilates classes at the clinic, boot camp at the hospital, men's group and accompanying our permanent physio Rene on hospital rounds and treating patients at the physio practice.

"He also enjoyed heading to Townsville for the netball tournament where he strapped, treated and cheered on the Palm Island teams."



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Peter Sherry, our Activity Manager, is more than happy to receive your emails or friendly call.

Old Francis Creek Cemetery clean up

The CDP Greening Crew have cleaned up the old Francis Creek Cemetery through hard work and sweat and with the use of brush cutters, rakes and bush saws. The lads have turned this old, heritage listed cemetery into a place where people can come and seek solitude and think of their loved ones from the past.



Palm plays successful host to LGAQ policy execs

The Local Government Association of Queensland's (LGAQ's) Policy Executive met on Palm Island last month, in an historic first for the Island and the organisation.

LGAQ President Mayor Mark Jamieson described the decision to convene the LGAQ's Policy Executive on Palm Island as momentous.

"This is the first time in the 122-year history of the LGAQ that we've held a meeting at an indigenous community," he said.

"I'd like to express my thanks to Mayor Alf Lacey, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council for his hospitality.

"It is especially important this occurs during their community's centenary year."

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey thanked the Policy Executive for their attendance on behalf of his community.

"It's been a pleasure and an honour," he said.

"We would also like to extend an invitation to the Palaszczuk Government to follow the Policy Executive's lead and bring the Cabinet to Palm Island to hear



directly from our community on local issues. It would be wonderful to welcome them during our Centenary year."

LGAQ CEO Mark Hallam said watching a week of upheaval in Australian politics in Canberra from the idyllic north Queensland community of Palm Island had been "interesting".

"Palm Island, celebrating its centenary as a community this year, gave us a wonderful welcome," he said. "Given what was occurring in Canberra, I was also reminded of the success that can be achieved from stable government.

"Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey is serving his third term in that role and the consistency and steady hand of leadership he has shown has paid enormous dividends for his community.

"There is an optimism and drive on Palm Island that can only help

the community develop its economy and break out of the stereotype that many indigenous communities unfortunately must struggle with.

"It is certainly a different place compared to a decade ago and a lot of that can be put down to Alf's work as mayor."

While they were on the Island the visiting delegation of Mayors and Councillors toured houses occupied by families built under the National Partnership Alliance on Remote Housing program.

Despite providing jobs and shelter for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities for a decade, there is currently no commitment from the Commonwealth Government to replace or continue the vital funding.

They also visited Palm Island Bwgcolman State School who were raising funds for the Palm Island renal unit, where they collectively made donations of \$500 during their visit.



Palm Island Netball was well represented at the fourth Sharon Finnan Development Cup held in Townsville last month Beryl Bunn writes...

The aim was to identify Indigenous Junior players (10–16-year-olds) with a potential for further development and send those girls away to training camp in the hope of becoming a member of a national representative team, such as the Queensland Firebirds, ultimately being available for selection with the Australian Diamonds.

Players from Palm Island were mainly represented in the following teams:

- U12 division Palm Island Pearls
- U16 division Dolphins
- Snr Women Seagulls
- Snr Mixed Seagulls, Steelers and Panthers

There were others in other teams as well.

Congratulations to the Palm Island Pearls U12s, who came equal first position, but were named Runners-Up as a result of a count back.

But that's not all: EVERY player was selected to attend the Sharon Finnan Development Cup Training Camp.

They were: Zanar'e Pearson, Tianiwah Lenoy, Kaytarnia Castors, Rayarnie Watson, Shinneeah Burns, Karleah Sibley, Shaquana Castors, Te'ondra Luff and Tameria Robertson Wotton.

What an achievement!

Congratulations also to the Dolphins who were the 2018 winners in the U16 Pool B Division: Vassenai Dabea, Jashieka Baira, Summah & Savannah Beale, Amyra Gibson, Priscilla & Sierra Sibley and Amy Ah-Sam.

Big Congratulations also goes to



Seagulls, who were the 2018 Winners in both the Senior Women's and Senior Mixed Divisions.

Well done Seagulls, Auntie Betty would have been so very proud.



And finally, congratulations to Andrew Castors for being named the 2018 MVP in the Senior Mixed Division and for attaining his National C Grade Badge for Umpiring with Netball Australia.

Andrew is the first Indigenous person to be awarded a Badge at National Level with Netball Australia.

The next levels are B, A, AA and the 'Elite' level.

Andrew has been asked by the Townsville City Netball Association to assist with the umpiring of their upcoming Grand Finals in a Senior and one of the Junior Divisions.

Well done Andrew.

Hopefully we will have more teams/ players represented at the 2019 Carnival and we hope to encourage more people to put their hands up to sit for exams to attain Umpiring Badges.

Sincere thanks goes to those who contributed to the success of the Palm Island Pearls, they are Manager Allissa Haines, Coach Samone Pearson and Supervisors Naioki Castors and Shonele Castors.

Thanks also to Leah Dabea and her daughter Selina for organising and taking care of the Dolphins.

We also need thank our sponsors Sealink for our Ferry Tickets, Palm Island Community Company (PICC) for the bus, Bwngcolman School for our uniforms, Queensland Logistics' Steven Baker for our accommodation and Andrew Castors for helping with our nomination fees.

Thank you one and all.

Congratulations also to:

Summah Beale – Assassins Women

Savannah Beale – Dolphins 16U

Chelsea Bounghi – Tiddas

Ella Blackman – Mambas

Waisie Miller – Mambas

Rae Sam – Mambas

Jayla Geia – Marian Vixens

Shonayice Gray – Tiddas

Laneekah Saltner-Garrett – Tiddas

Jaysheka Baira – Dolphins U16

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POSITION VACANT: CASUAL **Project Coordinator: Bwgcolman**

Community Visual Arts & Dance Program

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council has been successful in obtaining 2 year Commonwealth Funding under the Indigenous Languages and Arts Program Open Grant for the project: Bwgcolman Community Visual Arts and Dance Program. The aim of this project is to preserve cultural heritage transmitted through skills workshops and exhibitions of art and dance. This project will enable the transfer of culture through generations and highlight the importance to preserve and pass on cultural knowledge across the generations.

The Council is looking for a **Casual Project Coordinator** for the Bwgcolman Community Visual Arts and Dance Program. This position is for an average of one day per week over the two-year period to coordinate the program. Should you have any further questions in relation to the position, or require a copy of the Position Document, please do not hesitate to contact Council Reception on 4770 0204 or by email.

**TO APPLY: Please send your resume and a
cover letter outlining your experience to
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21 September 2018.**

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The following positions are currently open for application:

- **1x Part-time NDIS Program-Connector Officer**
- **1x Men's Mental Health Worker**
- **1x Women's Mental Health Worker**

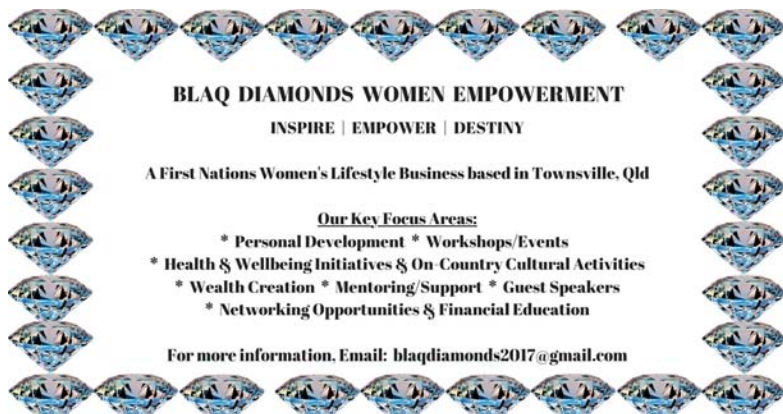
If you are searching for one of these challenging and rewarding positions, contact Michael Grasso on 4421 4305 or email mgrasso@picc.com.au to receive an Employment Application Form and a copy of the selection criteria.

To be considered for these positions, please submit to mgrasso@picc.com.au:

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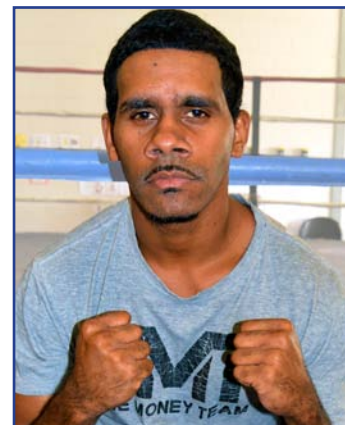
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Injured: Clarke out for the count in Townsville

Injury has forced boxer Patrick Clarke to withdraw from a pro/amateur tournament to be held at the Townsville Entertainment Centre this coming weekend.



Patrick was scheduled to fight the main amateur bout but has injured his hand.

The much anticipated event, to be run by Hawks Club trainer Dennis Clancy was dubbed the 'Rite of Passage to Adult' tournament.

The main pro bout will pit Townsville's James Bishop against South Korean Deok No Yun and a big crowd is expected.

Thursday Island's Ryan Shibasaki will make his professional boxing debut against Mark Snook for the North Queensland Lightweight belt. There will be four pro fights and at least seven amateur bouts.

Clancy hopes several other Palm boxers will nominate.

Beside punches being thrown in the ring, the tournament has also another aim according to promoter Dennis Clancy.

"This tournament is aimed at helping youths in the community with problems to make something of their lives," Clancy said.

Clancy said he was touched after a recent visit to the Townsville Cleveland Youth Detention Centre.

"I was told 90% of the youths who go into the centre return there and I want to help out through boxing," he said.

'Stars of the future' shine at Garbutt carnival

Several Palm Island girls and boys were amongst 16 primary school teams who competed in the Ausco Modular Garbutt Magpies Cup Australian Rules carnival in Townsville last month.

It was held at the Murray Sporting Complex on August 24 and many of the players and officials were descendants of Anastashia Ross (nee Kanak) of Darnley descent and Manny Ross from Palm Island.

Former Garbutt Magpies players including Francis Tapim, Butch Macdonald and Dwayne Stanley were also at the carnival.

"There are many stars of the future here," Butch said.



Top Left: Gerald Prior, 11, with former Garbutt Magpies player Butch Macdonald; Above: John Baira with daughter Visenia Doolan-Baira, aged 10; and Left: Rothana Baira



Elders up for special recognition at Murri Carnival

TEAMS competing at the Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri Knockout rugby league carnival in Townsville next month have been asked to nominate two Elders of their choice to be treated and acknowledged as special guests for the event.

Palm sides Barracudas, Bwgcolman Warriors and Aja's Boyz will be amongst 28 men's teams to compete and there are also 12 women's sides.

"The elders will get free entry each day, VIP passes, lunches and drinks supplied, in a gazetted area only for our VIP Elders, and also activities organised by TAIHS—Deadly

Choices for them," organiser Jenny Pryor said.

"I believe they should select who their elders are and the support they give their teams."



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