

School-based apprenticeships paying off



It has been a successful year for four school-based apprentices who have been signed up through the Palm Island Council with TAFE.

The new apprentices have all come from Bwgcolman Community School's senior class, thanks to the help and hard work of Council's Brett Collinson and Head of Teaching and Learning (Secondary School) Lyndal Thompson.

"The boys are well on their way to following in the footsteps of Ron Geia, now a

site supervisor," Lyndal said.

"All four boys — Henry Doyle, Rakeem Lind, Eric Martin and Elijah Miller — are to be commended on their commitment to their studies both at TAFE and school.

"They are all on track for QCE attainment and post-secondary employment.

"Henry Doyle, through his hard work and dedication, will

be offered his apprenticeship full time upon his completion of year 12 in mid-November.

"We would also like to offer a big congratulations to Josiah James, a previous school-based apprentice with the Council from Bwgcolman Community School, who has officially completed his apprenticeship and is now a full time carpenter based in Townsville."



YOUNG Eric Martin (above and left) was also one of several Palm Islanders to successfully complete training with Tribal Warrior. A graduation ceremony will be held next week (Friday 9 November) in Yarrabah for new Coxswains Valentine Nona, Gene Barry, Seraeah Wyles, Ricky Mooner, Joseph Kinjun, along with Cert I & II student Eric Martin & Cert I student Stephen Chapman. Captain/teacher Kippa Zechariah said he was enormously proud of all his students...contact him for more details!

The *Palm Island Voice* has been published in its current format for ten years this month. You can find all 263 PDFs for the newsletter at <http://www.chowes.com.au> For this 264th issue a notice about stinger season came in, somewhat similar to several notices and yarns published late in 2008 and beyond. Check them out below and make sure you wear your stinger suits if you go into the water!

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Stinger Season is here

1 Confirmed case all ready on Palm Island
QAS Palm Island has received stinger suits for the season. As last year 1st suit ~~\$50~~ there after in the same family ~~\$20~~ - available from the QAS office at JPHS - these suits normally retail for ~~\$75 - \$150~~

Adult Suits are now available


For the safety of the entire community of Palm Island - proudly supported by the Queensland Ambulance Service, Joyce Palmer Health Service, and the Motivational Camp's Project



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Ow, look out!

They're out there again...


The Stinger Season has arrived with one person from Palm Island already confirmed as stung by one of the marine creatures.

It's a timely reminder that prevention is better than cure, says paramedic Ian Day.

The young person concerned had her stinger suit purchased for her the week before, but wasn't wearing it at the time of the attack.

After a painful night in hospital she told the *Palm Island Voice* she wouldn't be going into the water again without it. QAS Palm Island has just taken delivery of this year's supply of stinger suits and for the first time now cater for all ages and all sizes from size 2 child to size 28 adult.

Mr Day said some sizes were limited and sales would be on a "first in, first served" basis. He also said they could not take book-ups, only cash.



Ambos commended nationally for stingers program



Palm Island Ambo Ian Day, Assistant Commissioner Rodney Walz & former Palm, now Horn Island Ambo David Kain

Palm Island Ambulance Service's stinger program has won "Highly Commended" in this year's national 2009 Australian Safer Communities Awards.

Ambo Ian Day said the Award ceremony was a "great" experience.

"I was very proud to represent Palm Island in Canberra at the Old Parliament House," he said.

"I was able to do some great networking and there's a good chance that our program here will go national and internationally."

Stingers are here

SWIMMERS off Palm Island beaches have been warned about the presence of marine stingers.

Officer in Charge of Palm Island Ambulance Service Ian Day says there has already been three cases of marine envenomation.

"Also a further case of an allergic reaction to a marine creature with both cases in the past week," he said.

Many youngsters swim in waters off Palm Island including in the sea near the jetty and in front of the Shire Council offices. Earlier this month the Townsville Bulletin newspaper reported stingers almost the size of soccer balls had hit Townsville shores.

Swimmers across the region have been warned that stingers of this size usually start appearing after Christmas and in early January.

Box jellyfish have also been netted at Rollingstone's Balgal Beach, and at beaches north of Ingham.

So the possibility they will start being found in bigger numbers off Palm Island is a concern.



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& Issue 75: MARCH 2011 (below)

Sting(ers) in the tail of extended wet season – make sure your tail isn't stung!

Swimmers should be aware that heavy rainfall has flushed marine stingers out of creeks and rivers, which has increased the presence of box jellyfish, even though there has been no recent reports of anybody being stung.

Palm Island ambo Ian Day said the official marine stingers including:

stinger season doesn't usually finish until April but may extend into May this year due to the big wet season.

"We haven't had any reports of marine envenomations at all recently - haven't heard of any presenting to the hospital either," he said.

The Queensland Government has issued some simple rules for safe swimming apply to help reduce the risk of incidents involving

For more information on marine stingers, go to <http://www.marinestingers.com.au>

Issue 49: DECEMBER 2009

Reflecting on a year of great support

Palm Island's 2018 Centenary events would not have been possible without the stalwart leadership and determination of people such as Jennifer Ketchell.

And yet Jennifer has asked us to acknowledge others in our thanks to those who contributed to our massive tourism award win last month, in particular Patricia Taylor, who has since resigned but was such a great support to all.

This time last year the logo competition was on, as was reported in Issue 241 (16 November 2017).

Jennifer is pictured above with Patricia and Judith Townsend-Stahre, another great supporter of our community's achievements over the year.

The year has been a great success, we'd love to hear from you about your favourite thing over the year, drop us a line today!



Logo competition kicks off celebrations

Logo competition entries are up and on show at the Joyce Palmer Health Centre, helping to kick off the Palm Island centenary 2018 events, which are now only a few months away.

About 40 kids and adults from across the community entered the competition, the results of which have been beautifully framed and hung in the centre to celebrate the community's achievements.

Everyone is welcome to go to the Health Centre and have a look, encourage other community members to do the same and

take visiting delegations to show them that we are on the way.

Council would like to thank to John Rallings, Jennifer Ketchell, Patricia Taylor and Jude

Townsend-Stahre for getting this off the ground.



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Out & About



Above right: Vern Daisy with daughter Toni, and grandchildren Donny, 2, & James, 1; Above: CJ Pearson and family; Top & Left: pics thanks to Beryl Bunn; Right: Paul Murphy and Chana Haines

Future healthy for Townsville Hospital and Health Service

Townsville
Hospital
and Health
Service



Joyce Palmer Health Service trainee Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers Jamarlia Coutts and Jayranni Ryan.

Financial health

"This sound financial performance puts us in a good position to continue to deliver excellent health outcomes for our community"

Tony Mooney AM
Board Chair

30%

A local benefits test delivers a weighting to local businesses on contracts



\$12.8 million

Townsville Hospital and Health Service delivers a surplus



\$76.5 million

capital infrastructure investment including \$4.6million renal unit expansion, \$2.5million staff accommodation in Richmond and Hughenden and \$6.1 million surgical outpatients expansion.

Performance

"In 2017-2018 we maintained zero long waits for elective surgery, specialist outpatients, endoscopy and general dental in the face of increased demand"

Kieran Keyes
Health Service Chief Executive



Hospital admissions increased by
13.2 %



Endoscopy procedures increased by
31.6 %



Telehealth appointments increased by
22.7 %

Delivering for our community



\$8 million

Townsville Hospital's paediatric ward opened



\$4.4 million

Clinical research upgrade



\$2.2 million

BreastScreen Queensland redevelopment and relocation



\$1.74 million

bone marrow transplant unit redevelopment

Looking forward

"This is a rare Hollywood moment for a regional tertiary hospital that will lead the nation in offering one of the most advanced cancer treatment technologies to our community"

Aniko Cooper

Townsville Cancer Centre director at the announcement of the Elekta MR linear accelerator



Completion of \$16.5 million Palm Island Primary Care Centre



Arrival of \$3.9 million cancer treatment machine Elekta MR linear accelerator, the first in the southern hemisphere



Completion of \$5.9 million Townsville Hospital expanded endoscopy suite

Our innovations

"We had to reach the same national standards for training for colonoscopies that a doctor would reach. It increases accessibility to the endoscopy unit at the Townsville Hospital for patients that need a colonoscopy procedure"

Kylie Ashley

Nurse Endoscopist



Two nurse endoscopists began at The Townsville Hospital to help absorb a 31.6 per cent increase in procedures during the past 12 months



The Townsville Hospital is the **first hospital outside south-east Queensland to trial a leadless pacemaker** reducing the risk of complications



The Townsville HHS's first neurology trainee completed her speciality training at The Townsville Hospital and joined the hospital as a staff specialist.

Engaging with our community



Indigenous Engagement Strategy adopted and an **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Advisory Council** established



Clinical council formed to represent the clinical workforce to key decision makers



Palm Island Health Action Plan launched



24 community members played a pivotal role on 20 Townsville Hospital and Health Service committees



Signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding with James Cook University. Plan to create a health and knowledge precinct in partnership with the Townsville City Council.

Joyce Palmer Health Service 2017-2018 snapshot



8,330 EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS



593 PATIENT ADMISSIONS



15 BEDS



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Monday Evenings
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Private buzzer entrance
Behind the HACC building
South end door at
Joyce Palmer Health Service

Come down to the new Men's and Women's Business
clinic on Monday evenings. Consults are quick, easy
and confidential. PLUS there's a private entrance
behind the HACC building. 4:30pm to 8pm, Monday
evenings at Joyce Palmer Health Service.

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Palm Island
Aboriginal
Shire Council
has 2,838
'likes' on
Facebook!!!

Beetham shines for PI in NPA

PALM Island footballer Clifford Beetham shone for the Surumau Gladiators at last weekend's NPA Dan Ropeyarn Rugby League carnival in Bamaga.

Ten sides battled it out over three days at Bamaga's Yusia Ginau Memorial Oval and it was the Barry Nona coached Injinoo Crocs who won the \$25,000 prize.

Beetham was one of the star players for Palm Island Skipjacks when they beat Australian Army Thunder 26-20 in the Bill Coolburra Memorial Shield last year.

Each side played four qualifying round matches over the first two days after which the points table was: Alau Eagles 15p, Bamaga Roos 13.5p, Thupmul United 13.5p, Injinoo Crocs 11p, Dhoeyim Brothers

11p, Old Mapoon
Descendants 11p, Lockhart
River Scorpions 8.5p,
Wagadagam Storm 8p,
Surumau Gladiators 5p,
West Coast Mariners 1.5p.



PI boxers on the move



Boxer Patrick Clarke is scheduled to fight one of the main bouts at a gala Sunstate Amateur Boxing League tournament at Townsville's Centenary Hotel on Saturday night.

Raymond Haines may also get a bout.

Veteran trainer Ray Dennis, who is still recovering after recent hip replacement surgery, said it should be a good night.

"It will be hosted by Scooter Hooper's Art of Strength Club," he said.

MEANWHILE with support from the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council and

the Campbell Page Community Development Program, some of Palm Island finest junior boxers headed down to Rockhampton for the regional titles late in September.

Pictured above from left to right was head trainer Ray Dennis and his assistant Dennis Haines with boxers Raymond Haines and Musa Prior.

PALM ISLAND HEALTH WEEK

FREE health check for fellas aged 15-30 years

FREE health check for ladies aged 15-30 years

FREE store voucher for everyone \$30

WHEN:
5th to 9th November 2018
9am - 4.00pm

WHEN:
12th to 16th November 2018
9am - 4.00pm

WHERE: Mobile health van near Campbell Page

It's Back! Come and get your \$30 store voucher, just for having a quick & easy health check at the Palm Island Health Week. 5th to 9th November for the fellas, and 12th to 16th November for the girls! We hope to see you there in the mobile clinic, next to Campbell Page.

Palm team does Island proud in Mackay comp

PALM Island performed strongly at the Mackay Indigenous Allblacks carnival last weekend, reaching the semi final.

Thirteen men's, five ladies sides as well as under 17 competitions for boys and girls were held last weekend at the Mackay Junior Rugby League grounds.

The Palm side won their three qualifying round matches to finish second on the table then won their quarter final.

Townsville side Coastal Balaz beat Palm Island 12-6 in a high quality semi final.

Coach Cr Roy Prior was proud of the team's efforts.

"The team did really well and was one game away from grand final," he said.

"We went down 12-6 to



Coastal Balaz in the semi – the game was there for the taking but mistakes cost us.

"Some positives to come from the weekend is our under 18 players really stepped up and contributed to the team.

"I couldn't be more proud of them and the team in general.

"Our senior lads led the team again Daryl, Clinton, Billo, Lester and our front rowers really laid the platform for the team."

Mother-Daughter combo hard to beat

Lyrech Mara, 17, was a shining light for the Wakeyama side which won the ladies division at the Zenadth Kes rugby league carnival on TI last month.

Wakeyama defeated hot favourites Saibai United 14-12 in the October 14 grand final, after being beaten by them in a qualifying match.

Lyrech won the award for scoring the most tries at the carnival as lock, second row and hooker.

Her 42-year-old mum, Rothana Baira, also played, making them the only mother/daughter combination to play together in both of the recent AllBlacks comps.

"I was so proud being in the teams with Lyrech," Rothana said.

"We played in the Murri Carnival for Wongai Tiddas which was our Family Team, and Wakeyama in the Torres Cup."

At the Townsville carnival Wongai Tiddas finished top of the 10 team ladies division table after the qualifying rounds but were beaten 26-10 in a semi final by Flora Sandilands Memorial team.

QRL Operations Manager Townsville Kerri Ritchie congratulated the pair.

"What a fantastic effort for mum and daughter to be out there representing their family and also playing alongside her aunts and



other family members," she said.

"I'd just love to congratulate mother and daughter on this great achievement.

"Lyrech is definitely one to watch in the future."