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Palm votes will count in federal election outcome

Votes from Palm Island polling booths in the electorate of Herbert will play an important part in deciding which candidate wins one of Australia's most marginal seats, which could be crucial in deciding the overall result of the May 8 Federal election.

After the 2016 election the LNP Government held 73 seats, Labor 69 and there were eight cross-bench MPs in the 150-seat Parliament.

The LNP had the support of some crossbenchers to form a Government.

Heavyweights from all sides of politics have been visiting Townsville especially in the lead up to polling day, including PM Scott Morrison, Opposition Leader Bill Shorten and Katter Australia Party leader Bob Katter.

Labor's sitting member for Herbert Cathy O'Toole won the 2016 election by just 37 votes over previous LNP member Ewen Jones.

But without the overwhelming

support of voters from Palm Island, Mrs O'Toole may not have taken the seat.

Palm Islanders had 430 formal votes of which Mrs O'Toole claimed 310 (72%) and Mr Jones just 32 (7.44%).

After preferences were distributed Mrs O'Toole had 86.74% compared to Mr Jones' 13.26%.

2019 candidates were finalised earlier this week but were expected to include Mrs O'Toole, Phillip Thompson (LNP), Nanette Radeck (KAP) and Sam Blackadder (Greens).

Palmer Australia Party and One Nation were also expected to nominate candidates before Tuesday's deadline.

Mrs O'Toole has visited

Palm Island many times in the past year and was amongst more than 250 dancers who attempted to enter the Guinness Book of Records for the world's biggest corroboree.

Mr Thompson is a former serviceman who fought in Afghanistan and has been very active on the hustings in Townsville where the majority of Herbert voters live.

Ms Radeck has the backing of party boss Bob Katter who is well liked on Palm Island where he has visited many times.

The Townsville Bulletin newspaper ran a story on page one in its April 12 edition with the headline 'Herbert tipped to decide May 18 election result'.



New St M's principal leading the way...

New St Michael's principal, Tess Fong, was born and bred in Bendigo, Victoria.

"I moved to Darwin looking for adventure at 23 years-old and met my future husband Lance," she said.

"We have four children who live in Melbourne, Scotland, Gold Coast and Townsville. I have worked in PNG, Mt Isa, Abergowrie, Darwin and Bathurst Island (NT). I know quite a few Palm families from my time at Abergowrie

and when this job was advertised I was very excited. I want to work with the families and community to provide the best education for their children."

She said her favourite thing to do outside of work was to go camping and read.

"I am also learning to fish," she said.

"My favourite team is the Cowboys.

Bwgcoldman pride! Boys to men march to raise DV awareness

A small but determined group of men, women and children marched the streets of Palm Island last week to raise awareness about the help available to families suffering domestic violence in our community.



Ferdy's Haven workers Derek Baker and Donovan Cannon, with support from Milton Thaiday at the PICC Diversionary Centre, organised the event.

"The idea for a march against Domestic Violence came from the Bwgcoldman Men's Club

due to the high amount of men going to court and jail," Mr Baker said.

"We are trying to send a positive message for men and women to seek help because there is help for them right here on Palm Island.

"Support services such as Ferdy's Haven are here to help them deal with whatever issues they may have.

"We'd like to say 'thank you' for the much-needed support of all the men, women and especially the youth, who marched with us."



A BRUTAL barrage of punches by star Palm Island boxer Patrick Clarke (*pictured next page*) enabled him to knock out his opponent at a 17-bout Sunstate Amateur Boxing League tournament at Townsville's Centenary Hotel earlier this month.

Trainer Ray Dennis said Patrick defeated Cairns boxer Jesse Howie in front of a large crowd at the tournament hosted by Townsville Club Art of Strength.

He said recent training sessions at the Palm PCYC Gym had Patrick in peak condition.

"Patrick was in very good form on the night," Mr Dennis said.

In the previous week Patrick had sparred another local boxer Darryl Richardson for six rounds of three minutes each which fine tuned him.

Darryl also travelled to Townsville but could not be matched.

Palm boxer Raymond Haines (*pictured right*) won his bout in the 57kg division by points decision over Drayden Marou.

It was sweet revenge for Raymond who lost to Drayden at the recent State Titles.

Boxers from Charters Towers, Burdekin, Rockhampton, Mareeba, Cairns and Babinda competed at the tournament.

Former star Palm Island boxer Selwyn Seaton, who now lives in Charters Towers, fought an exhibition bout against Art of Strength's Thomas Warria-Ultrimo which was appreciated by the audience.

Powerhouse boxing on show in Townsville



Pics with thanks to Visual Poetry: Sean Colgrave - Photographic Artist.



Patrick Clark 2019

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Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council invites
suitable suppliers to tender for the following
service types. The period of the tender will be
1 July 2019 to 30 June 2021. Council reserves
the right to extend the tender period up to a
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Documentation: Tender documents can be
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Lodgement of Tenders: Tenders must be lodged
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Garbutt 4814. Tenders should be clearly marked
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Closing Date: 5pm 17 May 2019

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4770 0200

Our best 'GI' memories

Popular, now retired, NRL champion Greg Inglis has visited our community twice before and the *Palm Island Voice* is betting he'll be back here one day soon.

Inglis told South Sydney Rabbitohs club last week his body could no longer stand up to the weekly rigours of the toughest rugby league comp in the world and announced his retirement.

On his previous visits here the former

Melbourne Storm, Queensland State of Origin, Australian Test and Indigenous Allstars back jumped off the Reel Women Jetty with local youngsters, conducted a coaching clinic at our schools, and mingled with the community.

Most recently he was with former players Brett Finch who is now a Foxtel commentator, Dane Nielsen who has relatives on the Island, and the late Ryan Tandy.

We reckon you could bet your bottom dollar that Inglis will visit Palm Island again in the not too distant future.



BEAUTIFUL pic by Silina Dabea, her model is Ilikena Dabea jnr and it was taken in front of Sapper Park, Beach Rd.



As reported in Issue 273 of the *Palm Island Voice*, local rangers were very fortunate to be involved in a three-day workshop, organised by Duane Fraser from the Reef & Rainforest Research Centre and delivered by Dave Rutherford (CEO of INLOC). Several of those who participated were doing so as part of their CDP activities. Pics with thanks to Campbell Page.



Palm stars shine

Palm Island footballers continue to star in the Townsville and District Rugby League competition.

In round four, earlier this month, Gordon Daisy scored two tries helping Brothers defeat Burdekin 52-16.

Nathaniel Bowman, who lined up for the Barracudas at last October's Murri Knockout carnival in Townsville, booted eight goals for the same team.

In the reserve grades Genami Geia jnr kicked a goal for Centrals in their 40-4 win over Western Lions and Fred Haines jnr scored four tries in Brothers' 64-12 thrashing of Burdekin.

In the women's division Lyrech Mara Brothers scored two tries and Sonya Watson one four pointer in Brothers' 32-22 victory over Burdekin. Brothers' coach Rothana Baira is Lyrech's mother and Sonya's sister.

