



# Palm Island Voice

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## Modelling for success

A high-end European fashion house – Echezeaux Couture Designs, from Paris and Italy – held a launch in Townsville recently for a special line of clothes featuring Indigenous designs.

The launch was the result of a collaboration between BLAQ Diamonds, Heritage Guardians Foundation and Sakura Model Management, showcasing Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander models, including Palm Island's own Kylie Doomadgee.

BLAQ Diamonds founder Melisa Drummond-Anderson said the models concerned had successfully completed their Self-Department Training workshops and were feeling good.

"We wanted all of them to feel more confident in learning how to better present themselves," Melisa said.

"This was all about encouraging



*Juan Lim, Kylie Doomadgee, Terina Lim, Michayela Anderson & Melisa Drummond-Anderson*

these young people, to boost their self-esteem and to build them up.

"So we had Indigenous and non-Indigenous young girls and boys from Palm Island and Townsville showcased in a fashion show modelling various gowns made and designed by Terina Lim of Echezeaux Couture.

"The gowns they were wearing showcased artwork painted directly onto the material and were by Arrange Artists who are part of the Anmatyerr tribe of the Central

Desert in the NT."

Melisa said the launch, held at Rydges in mid-September, was a success.

"We'd like to thank Ashley Emiko from Sakura Modelling Management, former-Cultural Center manager Roslyn Sailor and Fashion Gallery manager Olga for their support," she said.

"During the event a special Tribute was made to Palm Island's first Indigenous model, the late Elizabeth Geia."



# Local artists provide talking points inside and out of new health care centre

“Our Primary Health Care Centre has been made as welcoming and comfortable as it can be for all our community to use comfortably and freely,” Townsville Hospital and Health Service Community Liaison Officer Jennifer Ketchell says.

“Paintings by local artists are displayed throughout the facility reflecting our unique lifestyles, outdoor family activities, hunting and gathering.



“They are there to stimulate conversation and help to make us comfortable.”

She said it was great to see the community getting behind the new health centre’s social events such as the ‘Git Up Challenge’.

“The YouTube video of the Challenge, held during the Spring Fair, had all but gone viral after being seen more

than 2000 times and widely shared,” she said.

“People loved it, and I think that was because it was about us sharing with each other, enjoying our similarities – things we all love – instead of fighting on our differences.”

She said Palm Island was also lucky to have the PCYC on the Island.

“It’s where our dormitories used to be,” she said.

“So that makes it a very special place

especially as it’s the only community hall we use, and we use it for everything!

“Our funerals, meetings, charge, weddings, our fantastic boxers and other sporting heroes train there, we use it for all our feasts and celebrations.”

She said she was keen to organise some volunteers to tidy up the area and if anyone was keen, they should come and see her at the health centre.



Bwgcman!  
Many tribes,  
one people.

Our final batch of  
Spring Fair plcs is  
with thanks to  
Cassie Bishop!

## 2019 Spring Festival



## Under-6 Day focus on support and services

Celebrating and recognising the importance of young children, especially those under the age of six, is the idea behind Gooddo Daycare’s Under-6 Day from 9.30am to midday at the Gooddo Early Learning Centre on Park Road next Tuesday (15 October).

St Mary MacKillop Gooddo Early Learning Centre Director Julie Louis said they were also keen to let families know what services were available for their children on Palm.

She said the idea came about earlier this year after seeing the success of St Michael’s Under-8s Day.

“Our educators saw the many positive impacts of the children playing with extended families and friends,” she said.

“Staff are well-aware of the importance of

children’s early years and felt the younger children needed more recognition so they decided they wanted to have an ‘Under-6’ day.

“The idea will be to showcase what they do and the importance of positive social interaction of young children, and how that has a great benefit later in life.

“We know such events also help our children to develop a sense of belonging through helping to make connections to their

community and wider world.

“The day will also enable families to see what services are available to assist them and their young children and as a result the invitation has been extended to agencies in the wider community.”

If you or your agency would like to attend please email your intention no later than **TOMORROW** Friday 11th October to [palm@earlylearning.tsv.catholic.edu.au](mailto:palm@earlylearning.tsv.catholic.edu.au)



# Barracudas set to play AllBlacks weekend

Palm Island should field an Under-17s, Women's and two Men's teams in this weekend's much anticipated Townsville AllBlacks.

One of the Barracuda teams will be a memorial side for Stanton Wotton, Palm Island Community Rugby League Inc President Milton Thaiday said.

"Both our Barracuda teams will be in good hands

with coaches Roy Prior, and Lex Wotton and Telstan Sibley teaming up to coach the memorial side," he said.

He said he wished all the teams the best of luck.

"I wish every player the best of luck with their own individual performances and pray there are no serious injuries," he said.

"Enjoy the company you are playing alongside and respect the teams they are representing for their family and community.

"Enjoy the catch up with friends and family, especially those we don't get to see and spend as much time with as we would like – this the one of the few times of year we get that chance to do that. Good luck everyone."

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**REDUCE THEIR  
WATER USE**

until further notice.



**PLEASE DON'T WASTE  
WATER!**



YOU MUST CONTINUE to

**BOIL ALL WATER**

even if you have filters on taps.

<b>Women's Comp</b>  STARTS FROM 11AM FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER		
<i>Competition starts</i>	<b>U17's Comp</b>  STARTS FROM 11AM FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER	
		<b>Open Men's Comp</b>  STARTS FROM 11AM SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER

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