

Push for resolution on water issues

Queensland's Local Government Minister Stirling Hinchliffe has called on his federal counterpart to fulfil the LNP's pre-election commitment to help Palm Island residents gain access to clean drinking water.

Mr Hinchliffe said the State Government had provided more than \$6 million to tackle five of six priority water projects on the Island and it was now time for the Federal Government to sign off on promises made in the lead up to the Federal election.

Member for Townsville Scott

Stewart also said the projects needed Federal support.

"...We need the Federal Government to provide the \$2 million it promised so we can complete the sixth project, which is installing a new rising main from the water treatment plant to the main reservoir," Mr Stewart said.

"Last week, cleaning of the island's five water reservoirs was finished, but the water is still going to look a little discoloured.

"For the time being, however, the boil water notice is still in place and will be lifted by the council in consultation with Queensland Health."

Obe Geia Challenge celebrates ongoing success

TWELVE primary school rugby league teams competed in this year's Obe Geia Challenge, with many future stars on show in front of several heroes including former-Cowboys fullback Matty Bowen and Obe Geia Jnr himself.



Arremi Pearson

Obe was the first Palm Islander to play A grade for the North Queensland Cowboys.

Palm Island sides from Bwgcolman Community School and St Michael's Catholic School were in top form against visitors from Magnetic Island and nine Townsville school teams.

Established in 2009, the Obe

Geia Challenge plays teams of 15 aged between 10-12 years to promote the benefits of sport, fitness and healthy living.

It also aims to increase positive attitudes and behaviours and reduce truancy.

Townsville's St Clare's Catholic School won the final over St Joseph's Catholic School.

Words: Alf Wilson; Pics: NQ Cowboys



Shaquanna Castors

Palm Island plays goooooood football at Bindal AllBlacks



Words & Pics by Alf Wilson

PALM Island Barracudas sides Gold and Green performed strongly at the Bindal Sharks Allblacks carnival in Townsville earlier this month.

A total of 16 men's teams, four women's and eight under 17 sides played on the day with the men's comp representing the most teams of any Queensland Allblacks carnival this year, just beating the 15 who played at the Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri Knockout in Brisbane the week before.

In their qualifying round matches Barracudas Green – who were a Memorial side for Stanton Wotton – 30 defeated Charters Towers side Black Bream 2 and Barracudas Gold 28 beat KASL United 18.

After those games a massive crowd watched Gold and

Green meet on field two on Saturday afternoon at the Sports Reserve in what was an entertaining contest.

Barracudas Gold 22 beat Barracudas Green 10 and both advanced to the winner's section for the Sam Reuben Cup.

Points table after the qualifying matches saw Barracudas Gold finish fourth and Green come in eighth.

A Jim & Melba Daisy Memorial side – in memory of the mum and dad of legendary Vern Daisy – came in sixth to also reach the winners shield section.

The Daisy Memorial side defeated Blood Brothers in their qualifying games and then

lost 30–18 to Coastal Balas.

Barracudas Green made the top eight before losing 32–16 to Jumma Balas in a quarter final.

In the other quarter finals, Barracudas Gold 24 d Juru Gubullamunda16, Mackay Stallions 40 d Kasl United 14, Coastal Balas 32 d J & M Daisy Memorial 0.

Fielding a star-studded line up, Barracudas Gold reached the semi finals of the Sam Reuben Cup before going down gallantly 30–14 to a quality Jumma Balas.

In the other semi final Coastal Balas 34 d Mackay Stallions 4, who then rolled Jumma Balas 10–nil in the grand final.



PLATE DIVISION

In quarter finals of the Kaleb Leo Plate Division for the sides in the bottom eight of the ladder: Gulf Bulls d Blood Brothers (forf), Raiders 24 d Walkabouts 22, Black Bream 22 d Burdekin Delta 16, Coen Colts 20 d Yapuyata 14.

Semi finals: Coen Colts 18 d Gulf Bulls 16, Raiders 44 d Black Bream 12.

Grand Final: The Raiders side, organised by Jimmy Doolan, defeated Coen Colts 46-20.

UNDER 17 GRADE

In the under 17 grade Barracudas fought out a tough 16-all draw with Cannonballs and lost 18-9 to Kasl United.

The young Barracudas finished a creditable sixth on the ladder.

The under 17 grand final was played between Gulf Bulls and Townsville Walkabouts which had players of Palm descent. Walkabouts won 16-8.

WOMEN'S COMP

Rothana Baira and her daughter Lyrech Mara – named Best Forward – played major roles for champion women's side Jumma Gummas who defeated Mackay Stallions 32-nil in their grand final.

Former Palm Island PLO Manatu Neliman also shone for Jumma Gummas.

MORE (PEOPLE) PICS NEXT ISSUE!



2019 COOLBURRA SHIELD



A courageous Skipjacks went down 16-8 to Lavarack Barracks Rugby Club – formerly Australian Army Thunder – at this year's prestigious Bill Coolburra Memorial Shield competition, played on Palm Island, earlier this month.

LARC players travelled to Palm Island by ferry.

It was the 12th match for the shield with the Army now holding a 7-5 winning record.

It was the first time in three years the two sides have met on the Skipjack's home ground.

Skipjacks captain coach Fred Bulsey said it was a hard fought game.

"We were on top early but one of their players got injured and they got over us after that," he said.

Best players for Skipjacks were

Billo Wotton, Raoul Miller, Hamilton Taia, Karlin Murgha, Fred Bulsey jnr and his brother Isaac Bulsey.

Skipjacks made the first breakthrough with Isaac Bulsey crossing for a try in the 10th minute.

It was in the second half that Army surged scoring their first try and converting to take the lead.

Brute strength and gritty determination saw Army cross two more times before the Skipjacks struck back with a try of their own.

The inaugural all women's Edna Coolburra Plate, named in honour of Uncle Bill's late wife, and contested by Skipjacks Ladies and Townsville side Walkabouts, also had the dust flying.

Moewaiya Youngblutt scored first for the Skipjacks, but it was the Walkabouts who dominated, winning the match 14 to 4.

Best player was Dianne Fulford and best on field award went to Lesha Dempsey from the Walkabouts.

This year marked 10 years since Uncle Bill Coolburra's passing.



Words: Alf Wilson; Pics supplied.



Townsville Hospital and Health Service

Future healthy for Townsville Hospital and Health Service

“Our 6,500 staff provide healthcare to North Queensland communities backed by a budget of \$1.038B and sound financial management”

Tony Mooney AM, Board Chair

Joyce Palmer Health Service 2018-2019 snapshot



7,441 patients attended the emergency department



667 admissions



1,381 dialysis treatments

Our financial health



\$40.4 million
capital works investment



\$5.3 million
surplus delivered for reinvestment in health services



\$1.038 billion
budget and growing

Delivering for our community



\$16.5 million
Palm Island Primary Health Care Centre opened



\$4.4 million
Townsville Institute of Health Research and Innovation opened



'Baby cam'
successfully trialled at TTH allowing parents to see their babies via live-stream

“Capital improvement projects improve healthcare for our community while providing a pipeline of work for local businesses.

Stephen Eaton, Chief Operating Officer

Looking forward 2020



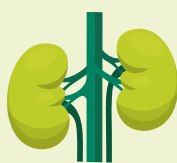
\$5.1 million

Townsville Pharmacy Cytotoxic Laboratory



\$7.27 million

Townsville Hospital Adult Acute Mental Health Inpatient Unit upgrade



\$10.67 million

Townsville Hospital Clinical Services (Renal Services and Endoscopy Services) redevelopment

Engaging with our community



Two councils - **Consumer Advisory Council** and **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Advisory Council** - were established to hear the voices of our consumers and community

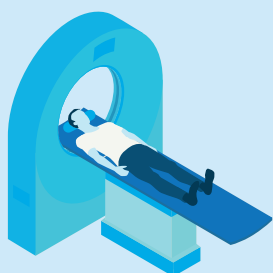


During February's catastrophic monsoonal event we **reached an audience of 1.3 million** keeping people informed about the services we were delivering and the health risks associated with the clean-up



HHS launched **'Your Child Lives With Your Choices'** to promote the importance of the first two years of a child's life

Our innovations

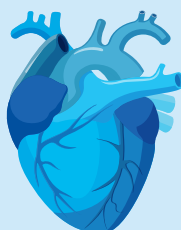


\$10 million

MR Linac, the most sophisticated cancer treatment in the southern hemisphere, arrived at TTH



Townsville HHS partnered with Monash University to **introduce a dengue-resistant mosquito** to Ingham



TTH vascular surgeon performed the **first branch graft** in North Queensland



Townsville Cancer Centre collaborated to **bring cancer drug trials** to rural patients

“ Research and innovation are essential for our reputation as northern Australia's largest tertiary healthcare provider. ”

Kieran Keyes, Health Service Chief Executive

“ We know that health services that involve the community are safer, better and stronger. ”

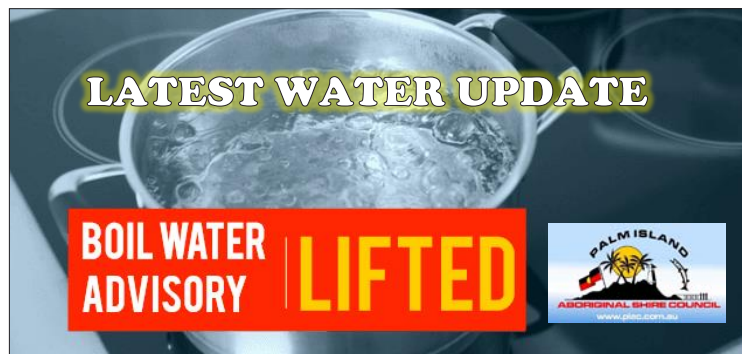
Irene Jacovos, Director Stakeholder Engagement



**Queensland
Government**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Congratulations
to
Uncle Noel &
Aunty Jenny
Cannon
for 48 years of
marriage
30th October
1971-2019
We wish you
many more to
come, with love
from your family
on Palm Island
XO



BOIL WATER CANCELLED

THE BOIL WATER ALERT IS NOW LIFTED

COUNCIL HAS BEEN ADVISED BY
QUEENSLAND HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT
OF NATURAL RESOURCES, MINES AND ENERGY
(WATER SUPPLY REGULATOR)

THAT THE RELEVANT PUBLIC HEALTH CRITERIA
FOR LIFTING THE

BOIL WATER ALERT HAS BEEN MET

COUNCIL STILL ASK THAT RESIDENTS CONTINUE
TO CONSERVE WATER.

LEGAL NOTICE

Any person having claim, whether as a creditor or beneficiary or otherwise, in regards to the estates of any of the undermentioned deceased persons are hereby required to send particulars of such claims to the Public Trustee of Queensland, Townsville on or before twenty-one (21) days of the date of this notice. After that date the Public Trustee may distribute the estates of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall have had notice.

AGNES GUNNAWARRA ALSO KNOW AS AGNESS LOTTIE GUNNAWARRA (PENSIONER) late of Main Street, Palm Island and in the state of Queensland, deceased, who died on or about the 14th day of July, 2019.

JODY HOLLETT
Regional Manager
Public Trust Office
Townsville

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Rugby league greats Vern Daisy and Bruno Cullen (pictured left) were just two of 100 or more players and officials at a 50-year reunion for the famous Mount Isa Miners in Townsville last month. The event was held on the exact date of the team's famous first victory in the prestigious north Queensland rugby league competition, the Foley Shield, which they won nine times between 1969 and 1988. Many of the players who represented Mount Isa during those dominating years, dubbed the 'golden era', were Indigenous with two of the greatest including Vern and his brother Frank. Vern said it was an emotional three days of catching up and celebrating with old mates such as organisers Johnny Moran, Alan Hansen & Mel Brosnan and former players Ken Muckan, Terry Hammond, Bill Bawden, Gavin Shepherd, Bob Wilson, Terry & Dennis Keefe & Bryon Woodcock.



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