



**They went with  
songs to the battle,  
they were young.  
Straight of limb,  
true of eyes, steady  
and aglow.  
They were staunch  
to the end against  
odds uncounted,  
They fell with their  
faces to the foe.  
They shall grow not  
old, as we that are  
left grow old:  
Age shall not weary  
them, nor the years  
condemn.  
At the going down  
of the sun and in the  
morning,  
We will remember  
them.  
Lest we forget**



# **Palm Island Voice**

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## **Young & old unite to commemorate ANZACs**

**More than 250 people attended ANZAC commemorations on Palm Island late last month, including former soldiers Uncle Bill Coolburra (*below*), Roy (Thomas) Prior (*right*), along with the Palm Island Navy Cadets.**

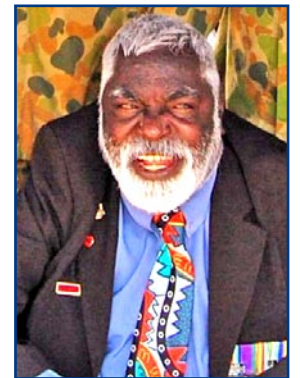


Marchers also included a contingent of police, teachers and the families of those who were felled for their country, despite some of them serving prior to the 1967 referendum.

Captain Bob Ellison, from Townsville's Laverack Barracks, said there was a "good community feel" to a "fantastic" day.

"I feel that it's quite unique in that it is quite a small population base but as can be seen by the honour board, there is quite a few that actually served," he said. "It's good to see."

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey paid tribute to those Indigenous people who had served in all the wars and also the Navy Cadets for being there and doing their bit for the day. Palm Island Aboriginal Council has also asked the *Palm Island Voice* to thank community volunteers who helped with setting up, cooking and putting up flags, and to acknowledge Cilla Pryor for her book donations to the schools.



Queensland ADFC Indigenous Liaison Officer

Lee Smallwood said Indigenous people had been serving since the Boer War and were still serving today.

**More pics page 2...**

### **Sunferries boost to services**

**A new Monday service and multi-trip ticketing have been introduced on the Palm Island-Townsville Ferry Service in response to requests from the island community. Single ticket prices have been increased from \$25 to \$27.50.**

Sailing times for May are on page 10 of this issue of the *Palm Island Voice*. You can also phone Sunferries on 4726 0800 or see [www.sunferries.com.au](http://www.sunferries.com.au) for more details.

# Palm Island ANZAC Day Pics 2009...



~ Sorry about that ~  
 Palm Island Voice would like to apologise for occasionally and incorrectly referring to Susan Morgan as Sandra in some print editions of the last issue of the *Palm Island Voice*. The error was corrected in time for subsequent electronic versions and mailouts of the newsletter.

# Police say 'no graffiti!'



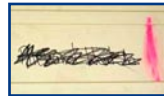
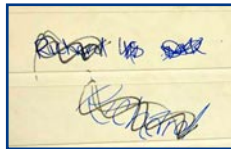
In recent times there has been a great deal of work done by many people in an effort to provide Palm Islanders with new facilities.

The new buildings do a lot towards making Palm Island not only look better, but also making it a better place to live.

This is why it is so disappointing to see these new buildings having graffiti written on them by the youth of the island, the very ones these buildings will eventually advantage the most.



Police are working closely with other community groups including council to try and stop this problem of graffiti on the new buildings.



Drawing or writing graffiti on these buildings is a criminal offence and will be dealt with seriously.

There have already been a couple of occasions where kids have been caught by Police.

In future when kids are caught Police will be looking to do a Community Conference involving the children, their parents and other concerned members of the community.

During these conferences, agreements may be made to assist in preventing the child from committing the offence again.

Part of the agreement could be that the child has to clean the graffiti from the building.

This would involve a great deal of shame for the child and their family as everyone in the community would see them cleaning up the graffiti they had done.

**Sergeant Tony Hosie**



**Bored!!!!!!!!!!**  
**Nothing to Do!!!**  
**want to meet new people!!!!!!!!!!**  
**want to hang out with friends & have fun!!!**

**Who: Boys & Girls 6 – 12 years old**  
**Where: PCYC – Main Street.**  
**When: Thursday afternoons @ 3:30pm – 5:00pm**  
**Starting this Thursday, 7th May 2009.**



# First aid – of another kind

by Stewart Sommerlad

In his professional role as OIC of the Ambulance Station at Palm Island off the coast from Townsville, Ian Day performs a lot of first aid.

In his off-duty hours Ian devotes his time to providing what could be considered another form of first aid – working with young people considered as being ‘at risk’ because of emotional, behavioural, health or other issues.



Palm Island QAS OIC Ian Day with a group of young people attending a motivational camp.

About four years ago Ian became involved with a program to provide motivational activities for boys and young men on Palm Island who had been referred by the Juvenile Justice system after being in trouble with the law, or through being considered ‘at risk’ for other reasons.

A series of four-day camps were organised which provided an opportunity to deal with issues such as getting back to culture, hunting and gathering, nutrition, self care, sexual health, behaviour and first aid.

About two years ago a similar program for girls and young women was introduced, and more recently another program for sister girls (the gay community) was started.

The three motivational programs – which are funded through the Department of Communities Safer Communities Program – operate along the same lines.

In addition to the camps there are workshops, themed events such as World AIDS Day, Kidney Week, Diabetes Week, Careers day as well as sporting events and other activities.

Ian said a community elder normally attended the camps and other activities to deal with cultural aspects, together with a member of the sexual health team and other health workers, youth workers and sometimes guests from Queensland Corrective Services or the Queensland Police Service.

“The program reinforces culture and behavioural and lifestyle changes and gives participants an opportunity to reflect on their existing circumstances and what they can achieve in the future.

He said there had been some very positive outcomes from the program.

“Information from other agencies indicates there has been a reduction

in crime and in suicides or suicide attempts among the groups we’re dealing with, as well as reduced sexual health problems, increased awareness of health and lifestyle issues and improved behaviour among the young people,” he said.

“As an example one boy who attended the camps has progressed from being unemployed and involved in crime to full-time employment and has become a father and is taking his responsibilities seriously and is providing a good role model for other young fathers.”

He said the program had also helped to establish a strong rapport between the QAS and local community and the support of the community was important to the continuation and success of the program.

QAS Assistant Commissioner Northern Region Rodney Walz said the program was an excellent example of best practice by an ambulance Officer-in-Charge contributing to the health and wellbeing of their community and developing community resilience and the capacity to cope with contemporary issues.

“A further benefit of Ian having engaged young people with the ambulance service is that there is now reduced vandalism of QAS equipment,” he said.

Ian said part of the personal satisfaction of being involved with the motivational program was to see positive changes taking place among young people in the Palm Island community which had received a great deal of negative publicity.

“I have been here almost nine years and while there have been many challenges, to see changes taking place and be accepted by the community is its own reward – I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else.”

# Fantome doco on track

**It's been in the pipeline for two years but thanks to The Smith Family, film-makers Sean Gililgan and Adrian Strong (pictured right) are on 'all systems go' for the making of a documentary about Fantome Island expected to be completed by early next year.**

They've recently spent a week on Palm interviewing people about their experiences at the request of the Bwgcolman Community School Cultural Committee and with the help of local co-producer Robert Blackley.

They'll be back in July to film the planned memorial ceremony on the island which will be part of NAIDOC celebrations.

Sean and Adrian have been working with Palm Island schools since mid-2007, running workshops on media production supported by Strong & Smart Inc.

The pair have been helping kids make short narrative films and documentaries, some of which were shown at the end of year celebrations.

They said when seed funding for the documentary came through from The Smith Family they were keen to move quickly and wanted to encourage anyone with stories from, or connections to Fantome Island to come forward.

"The initial idea was to collect oral histories from the Elders who had been patients on Fantome Island," they said.

"Last year however, the sad passing of Paddy Tanner who spent many years of his life on Fantome and who had many wonderful stories to tell, added a sense of urgency to the project.

"Other Fantome Elders have expressed willingness to pass on their stories but time is clearly of the essence and it is hoped more people with some connection to Fantome Island will become involved." In January this year they made a research trip to the Sydney archives of



the Franciscan Mission of Mary (the order who were responsible for running the leprosarium from 1945 to 1973) which resulted in a wealth of material including old photographs, oral history tapes, old journals and digital copies of newspaper clippings, all of which will be donated to the Palm Island community.

They also interviewed Ann-Kathleen Mahoney, a 97-year old sister who had worked at the Fantome Leprosarium between 1940 and 1944.

Adrian and Sean wanted to acknowledge help and advice from Joe Eggmolesse, an Elder who grew up on Fantome in the 1950's and is currently actively engaged in researching Fantome in relation to his own history.

They said the project also has the active support of Mayor Alf Lacey.

This year's NAIDOC celebrations on Fantome Island will include a memorial ceremony and a planned restoration of the graveyard which, with participation of Fantome Island elders, will form a key part of the last stage of filming in July.

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**Robert Blackley (Palm Island)**

# Passion for fashion shows at Opal Bash

**On the 16 – 19 of April, six Bwgcolman Junior High School girls entered the 2009 Opal Fashion Bash, held at the Riverway Arts Centre.**

Fashion Bash is a four-day fashion extravaganza that includes photography, design, modelling, dancing and wearable art.

Our six girls – Kahlani Pearson, Kearhla Walsh, Ronella Cummins, April Morton, Jimeka Richardson and Shirelle Bone – were taken into Townsville and stayed at the Mecure Inn with Mrs Maggie Blackley, Miss Rhiannon and Miss Fiona.

They were each sponsored to enter the Young Model Challenge. They entered four categories each over the four days including swim/beach wear, sports wear, evening wear and day wear. Victoria Ugarte (Postcards from Millie) supplied the girls with their beautiful outfits and shoes for both the evening wear and day wear categories, which they got to keep.

Seafolly donated swim/beach wear outfits for the girls to wear and keep and Angus Smith Sports Power lent the girls their sports outfits for the event.



Kathy Coronas did the girls make up and her hairdresser Sandy did the girls hair beautifully each day.

It was a great event for the girls to participate in and they learnt lots of new life skills such as how to walk on the catwalk and how to stand, making a good first impression and how to apply make up.

The event was a great success for our girls, they had a wonderful time and made lots of new friends.

They all did exceptionally well and showed great improvement in their

confidence over the four days.

**Kahlani Pearson was given a special mention in the sportswear category and Ronella Cummins was given a high commendation for the event overall.**

A big thanks to all the wonderful sponsors of this event who made it possible for our girls to enter. Catherine Freeman Foundation, Victoria Ugarte – Postcards from Millie, Youth Fashion Expressions Inc., Kathy Coronas -PJR Modelling, Department & Grooming, Seafolly, Angus Smith Sports Power, Palm Island Community Company, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council and Bwgcolman Community School.

We look forward to entering next years Fashion Bash!



**Bwgcolman Junior High Girls**

# Cross-Country results top a great day

**Last Friday Bwgc Colman, St Michael's and Senior Phase all got together for the Cross Country Carnival at Top Oval. The carnival was a great success: the weather was perfect, there was lots of team spirit and the kids all showed off their amazing athletic talent.**

Everyone has been training really hard since last term in preparation for the Cross Country and the hard work certainly paid off. Special congratulations to Curacoa who won the Primary School shield. One thing that got proved without a doubt is that the Farm kids are really fast! Also well done Possum who took out the High School shield for the second year in a row. Big thanks to all the parents who came down to watch and cheer. Thanks to all the staff who helped make it happen.

Thanks also to PIAC, Q-Build, PCYC, Ambulance and Police for always supporting school and sport. And most importantly... thanks to the students!!!!!! Palm Island really does have the deadliest kids. We couldn't have asked for better behaviour, attitudes or participation. Well done students, be proud of yourself because everyone else is proud of you!

Also, good luck to the Primary School Boys Rugby League Team competing in Townsville on the weekend for the Gordon Tallis Cup. If you are in Town this weekend make sure you go along and check them out.

**Jennifer Healy**

Girls	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
9 yrs	Penny Roberts-Lenoy	Serabiah Galligan	Savanne Castors
10 yrs	Moira Murray	Nakeiza James	Elsie Watson
11 yrs	Rasharna Prior	Nikkia Sibley	Sarah Tyson
12 yrs	Moewaiya Youngblutt	Sylvia Roberts	Corrina James
13 yrs	Sharna Cannon	Alison Mckean	Virginia Kennedy
14 yrs	Seldean Clarke	Nazine Bulsey	
15 yrs	Shawna Pearson	Ronella Cummins	Ivana Walsh
16 yrs	Yolanda Kerr		
Boys	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
9 yrs	Genai Youngblutt Ralph Watson Rashaun Creed		
10 yrs	Allan Walsh	Mislam Sam	Malik Walsh
11 yrs	Stein Bourne- Walsh	Emmanuel Blackman	Sacchin Walsh
12 yrs	Jerome Walsh	Koipe Castors	Vivian Bulsey
13 yrs	Nathaniel James	Stanley Panuel	Robert Palmer
14 yrs	Norman Nelliman	William Clumpoint	
15 yrs	Thomas Massey	Dennis Haines	Allan Baira
16 yrs	Keifer Ling		
17 yrs	John Sibley		



**The Palm Island Community Company is a not for profit organisation established to offer business services to non-government organisations, manage the delivery of a range of human services, and provide business advice and support to Palm Island non-government organisations and community members. The company is a partnership between the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, the Queensland Government and the Palm Island community.**

The company will be operating the Family Hub on Palm Island from July 2009.

The Family Hub will be the contact point for people in the community to seek advice, information and support services on Palm Island. It will be a friendly and helpful place.

As well, we will be delivering the Disability Respite Service on Palm Island from July 1, 2009.

**PICC has a strong commitment to training local people for the jobs. Staff will be offered opportunities to complete a national qualification as part of their training as well as mentoring into the jobs.**

*If you feel that you don't have all the skills, then that should not stop you from applying, we can work with you by providing a mentor while you do your formal training on-the-job.*

*This will help you build up your skills to fill the roles.*



**We are looking for Palm Island people to fill these positions in the *Family Hub*:**

### **Coordinator (1 full-time)**

**Salary range up to \$54054 depending on qualifications and experience**

This role is a senior role for an experienced manager or coordinator who has a relevant qualification or a willingness to undertake training to support their experience in managing.

The person should have skills in managing staff, planning and delivering human services, working with other agencies, evaluating service delivery and reporting on services. As well, it is part of the role to make sure the Family Hub centre is a safe and healthy place to work.

### **Family Counsellor**

**Salary range up to \$49701 depending on qualifications and experience**

This role is a senior role and would be best filled by someone with counselling or social work qualifications. This person would be involved in doing one-on-one or family therapy and counselling. The person would need to be able to keep professional standard records and provide advice to the Family Support Workers and Youth Workers.

### **Community Worker (1 full-time)**

**Salary range up to \$42293 depending on qualifications and experience**

This position requires skills in identifying with community the processes needed and steps to be taken to develop ideas into programs and/or link programs being undertaken with other programs. The worker would also engage in developing community awareness programs. The worker would need to have community development experience and/or be willing to undertake formal study in the area. The worker would need a good knowledge of the Palm Island community and good planning skills. This position may involve working after hours and on weekends.

### **Practice Supervisor**

**Salary range up to \$50789 depending on qualifications and experience**

This role is a senior practice role and would be best filled by someone with a qualification in social work, social sciences or community work or nearly completed such a qualification. As well, experience in service delivery with families and individuals would be most helpful. The person will need to be able to deliver services to clients, develop programs that address client needs and provide sound practice advice to other staff. Good record keeping skills are also needed.

### **Family Support Workers (2 full-time or 3 part-time)**

**Salary range up to \$45452 depending on qualifications and experience**

These positions require skills in assessing family situations and developing case plans or client service plans with families, providing advice and referrals where needed and to develop general and individual programs to assist families to address various issues, including domestic violence. The worker would ideally have some qualification in working with clients and families and/or experience in the area with a willingness to undertake a qualification. A good knowledge of the Palm Island community is needed. Good recording skills are needed.

### **Youth Workers**

#### **(2 full-time or 4 part-time)**

**Salary range up to \$42293 depending on qualifications and experience**

These roles require people with good skills in working with young people, some experience in developing programs for young people and the ability to work with other services to help young people. This position also involves working on a roster (as needed) to carry out the youth patrol and supervise youth activities after hours and on weekends. A good knowledge of the Palm Island community is needed. Good record keeping skills are needed.



**We are looking for Palm Island people to fill these positions  
in the Disability Respite Service:**

**Coordinator (1 full-time)**

**Salary range up to \$48613 depending on qualifications and experience**

This role is a senior role for a person experienced in managing a small team of workers who provide respite for disabled clients. The person would need to be able to set up local structures to plan respite services and needs, link in with other agencies and have skills in planning and reviewing services and preparing submissions with assistance from the Services Manager. The person needs some understanding of disability and disability services.

**Disability Support Workers**

**(1 full-time or 2 or more part-time)**

**Salary range up to \$17.02 per hour + penalties**

These roles are to provide care for persons on Palm Island with a disability to provide opportunities for social interaction, learning new skills and to assist carers access respite.

The persons would need some understanding of disability or willingness to learn more.

There would be some out of hours work required.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- All positions are based on Palm Island and PICC would prefer to employ Palm Island residents where possible.
- Palm Island Community Company offers generous salary sacrificing.
- All positions have a three month probationary period. If this is completed without any issues, all positions are for a period to June 30, 2011 and will be ongoing subject to funding.
- All positions require a Blue Card to work with children and young people (or ability to acquire a Blue Card during probation), a current open driving licence and a good knowledge of the Palm Island community and an ability to work well with the whole community.
- Position descriptions are available from Coolgaree, Job Find and from the PICC office in the Community Centre on Palm Island. We encourage interested people to look at the position descriptions and seek advice on how to apply for them.

**All positions close on Thursday 21 May, 2009**

**Enquiries about the positions can come to Sue Howard,  
Services Manager of PICC on 4721 2277  
or email [SHoward@picc.com.au](mailto:SHoward@picc.com.au)**



**Palm Island Voice**  
**Community Notices**

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**MAY  
TIMETABLE**

Date/Day	T'ville	Palm
6th WEDNESDAY	7:30 am	9:30 am
8th FRIDAY	8:00 am	10:00 am
10th SUNDAY	8:00 am	10:00 am
11th MONDAY	9:00 am	11:00 am
13th WEDNESDAY	9:00 am	11:00 am
15th FRIDAY	2:00 pm	4:00 pm
17th SUNDAY	12:00 noon	2:00 pm
18th MONDAY	1:30 pm	3:30 pm
20th WEDNESDAY	6:30 am	8:30 am
22nd FRIDAY	7:00 am	9:00 am
24th SUNDAY	8:00 am	10:00 am
25th MONDAY	8:30 am	10:30 am
27th WEDNESDAY	8:00 am	10:00 am

DEPARTURES FROM BREAKWATER FERRY TERMINAL  
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**We've got  
mail!!!**

**Dear Editor**

In my journeys to the mainland I can travel from the City to Aitkenvale for 50c on my pension entitlement.  
Not here on Palm Island, the cost is \$2 one-way.  
My calculations are \$4 a day, five days a week, comes to a cost of \$40 a fortnight.  
That first journey by bus from Butler Bay to the post office sent a strong message to me – walking is good for your health and costs nothing.

**Erykah Kyle  
Butler Bay Resident**

**YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS**  
to the  
**Palm Island Voice**

are welcome.  
Contributions may include news, yarns, pics, letters-to-the-editor, poetry, community notices or advertisements.

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**News Flash**  
**The Valentines Cup Has Been Post-  
poned to 10th Of May**



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## Seven Palm Island Boxers travelled to Townsville to take part in a tournament held at the Kirwan tavern on the 17th April.

Only four Palm Island boxers could be matched and that was very disappointing as we all had to pay our own expenses. Selwyn Seaton fought the main bout against Chris Kahn. Chris Kahn is more experienced and older than Selwyn, and is soon going to turn professional. Selwyn put up a great fight and only lost by a split decision. If Selwyn had been properly fit he would have won.

Patrick Clarke also lost by a split decision to Dylan Fairbrother from Townsville. Dylan is older than Patrick, has been boxing down south in the Australian Boxing Association and is trained by former Olympic Boxing Coach Charlie Smith. Patrick trains every day and has a very bright future in Australian amateur boxing.

Albert Gorringer seemed to be very unlucky to lose his bout to Daniel Matheson from Townsville.



# Palm Island Boxing News

Steen Walsh once again put up a good performance to defeat Brandon Davies from Hawks Boxing Club in Townsville.

Reggie Palm Island seems to have fought his way out of opponents. One boxer from Townsville and one from Mt Isa would not fight Reggie even though they were the same age and 7-8kgs heavier. The Townsville boxer won an Australian title in 2007.

Stirling Aden and Ethan Morgan could not get a bout. Palm Island Boxers are hoping to travel to Rockhampton on the 16th May where our boxers can be matched against boxers from down south.

I am hoping to find finance to make this trip possible.

Selwyn Seaton, Patrick Clarke and Reggie Palm Island are three of the best young amateur boxers in Australia and I am hoping to get them matched against boxers their own age and weight.

**Ray Dennis**

## The Herbert River Express 21 April 2009

# Beryl to shoot for Australia

Story & Pic by Brooke Baskin

**INGHAM netball sensation Beryl Friday will be shooting goals for Australia when she travels to New Zealand in June to play for the Budgerigars.**

The 15-year-old Gilroy Santa Maria College student was named on the Australian Indigenous Schoolgirl's netball team earlier this month.

She is one of just three Queenslanders selected to play on the Australian side at the New Zealand national championships in Auckland from June 2 to 7.

The Australian side will play against other teams from across the Pacific region including the Cook Islands, Singapore, Sri Lanka as well as a New Zealand Maori team and secondary school side.

Beryl said she was looking forward to some tough competition.

“They're all going to be a lot older, more built and even taller than me,”

she said.

“I think the New Zealand team will be very strong, big and tall.

“It'll be my first ever time out of Australia but I'm pretty excited.”

The North Queensland Development Squad player was also named on the Australian under 16 side for netball this month.

With around 12 to 24 hours dedicated to the sport every week, Beryl's selection onto teams at the national level come as no surprise.

She said her favourite position was goal attack, but was happy to settle for goal shooter when she plays for the Australian side in New Zealand.

“I love playing goal attack or goal shooter best,” she said.

“But probably goal attack is my favourite because I can run around and waste all my energy.”

Beryl said her dream was to play the sport professionally.



Mum Diana Friday said her daughter had natural talent.

“We'll be watching her on television one day when she makes it professionally,” she said.

“But she's had a lot of support from people in Ingham and she wouldn't have made it without them.”



This term in Prep we've been learning about our bodies. We've been looking at all the bones in our skeleton and also looking at the different organs we have and what they do. The high school let us borrow their skeleton that we named Betty. They also gave us another model so we could remove the organs and put them back inside. We called this one Billy. We even got a chance to see how a heart works. Mr Dave cut open a toad and showed us the lungs, stomach and intestines. We saw the heart still beating and pumping the blood around.

In the mornings we do our 'Thinking Activities' or Perceptual Motor Program. We are trying to teach our brain how to do lots of new things.

The program gets us to balance, develop coordination and think about lots of things at the same time. It's hard at first but as we practise we train our brains and it gets easier. We also have our 'Brain Food' in the mornings and this helps us to concentrate during the activities. Next term we are going to keep learning about our bodies and the people who help us stay healthy and safe. We are going to visit the Hospital and Health Workers, the Ambulance Service and the Police. Then we are going to practice working as one of those people. This type of play helps us to develop our language skills and you never know – one day we might become a doctor or nurse and we'll be able to look after you.

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