

STOP PRESS:

An appeal made by the Doomadgee family and PIAC has resulted in a new inquest to be undertaken into the death of Mulrunji Doomadgee.

Mayor Alf Lacey said while they were relieved the appeal was allowed, the legal processes were yet to uncover the truth around the incident and were still uncertain.

"The fact that there will now have to be a new Inquest is something that will cause more pain and delay the capacity to have any real closure for some members of the family," he said.

He said the Council remained committed to providing support to the family and community.

Coolgaree Bay Sports Bar & Bistro to re-open soon

A commercial hotel licence has been granted for the Coolgaree Bay Sports Bar and Bistro, the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing (OLGR) announced late last month.

The premises is situated on the same site as the previous Council-operated canteen which closed on 1 December 2008.

The licence was granted provisionally and subject to completion of extensive renovations, prior to any final approval to open.

A spokesperson for the OLGR told the *Palm Island Voice* the licence was subject to 60 conditions, including a comprehensive house policy requiring the responsible service of alcohol, extensive crowd controller numbers and stringent banning procedures. Conditions also included:

- Trading hours of 5pm-9pm Monday-Friday, except on CDEP paydays (closed weekends + one other day per fortnight)
- Sale of mid-strength beer to a maximum of six cans per person per day with sales restricted to light beer only for the last hour of trade
- Take-away sales restricted to two hours per day with a limit of six 375ml cans of mid- or light-strength beer per person per day

The spokesperson said OLGR was mindful of the commitment made by the applicant to upgrade the existing premises and provide an unlicensed bistro for families to enjoy meals without alcohol.

"The point of sale alcohol monitoring system, the reduction in trading hours and reduced takeaway limits are positive strategies to reduce alcohol abuse," the spokesperson said.

"Having accepted the applicant's commitment, it is up to them to ensure the premises are managed responsibly and it is up to the community at large to accept that the previous behaviour and attitude towards alcohol consumption must now change.

"The future of this premises is dependant on a significant shift in whole of community attitude towards excessive alcohol consumption accompanied by a reduction in the large proportion of community participating in binge drinking behaviour and active participation in alcohol management by community leaders."

The hotel was closed in December 2008, due to new liquor licensing laws prohibiting all Queensland local government authorities from owning and operating licensed premises.



Rodeo
15-16 August



History in the making

History is everywhere, happening around us even as you read this – yesterday's news is today's history, as the saying goes...

Palm Island has an opportunity to start making history a hands-on reality and showpiece for our community over the coming months and into the future.

Two old/new buildings recently relocated to the centre of town will play host to Palm's multicultural museum which is to be run locally by an historical committee. The Mayor, separately from his duties with Council, has taken a personal interest in the project and wants to encourage community members – young and old – to get involved.

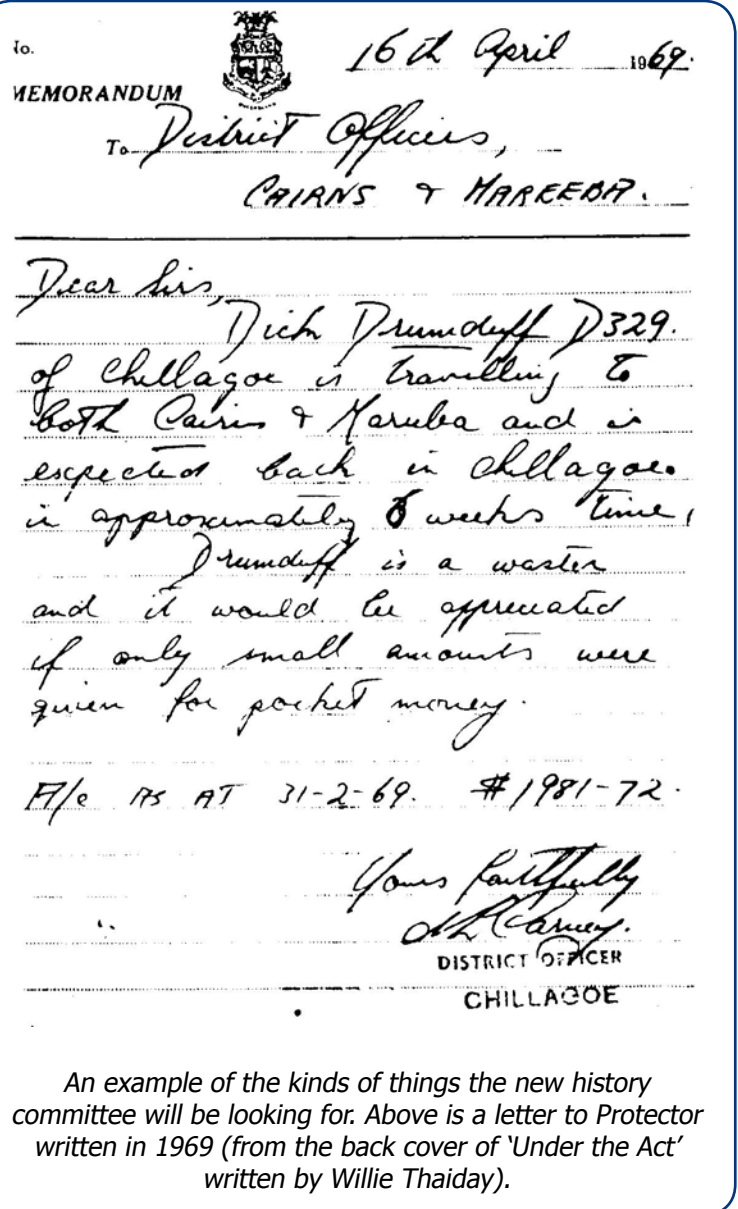
"The Palm Island historical committee is not going to be run by Council, it's going to be independent from Council, but with Council support," he said.

"We've moved two old buildings to the main part of town and we're going to turn that into a multicultural museum.

"I'll be advertising shortly to set up an historical society for Palm Island so all the history will be gathered and put in one place.

"Particularly, I'm encouraging a lot of the older people in the community to become involved in it but I'd also like to see a balance between old and young.

"It's something close to my heart that I want to do, so if anyone wants more information they should contact me personally."



Above: Labour Day Rally in 1946

Below Left: Pics: Mr Lacey addressing a union rally on Stolen Wages in Melbourne, 2003.



~~ Sorry about that ~~

Palm Island Voice would like to apologise to the two Lizzies for identifying **Lizzie Larry** (pictured) as **Lizzie Clay** 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.



WANTED: ideas and input for new Palm Island skate park project

Q-Build's Indigenous Training & Support Officer John Newbould is looking for community input and ideas for a planned skate park on Palm Island.

Mr Newbould said Council had approved the use of the area of land next to the PCYC fence on the edge of the oval.

Now, he said, it's just a matter of funding, some of which he hopes will be covered 'in kind'. "We're working on plans at the moment and seeking input from the schools in particular about what the park should look like," he said.

"Basically we're looking for any sort of input from



local people, and especially for the construction phase where we hope to utilise local construction teams and labourers on the Island.

"We're still looking for funding, which is likely to come from a number of different places, but we can't really put a cost on it until we've finished the design work."

Photographs on this page illustrate what might be able to be done with the area concerned.

Mr Newbould said anyone with any ideas was welcome to contact him on 4770 1469 or email to John.Newbould@qbuild.qld.gov.au

Last Tuesday the Bwgcolman Community School Student Council was announced.

Bill Blackley was the Master of ceremonies. Cr Ruth Gorringer spoke to the students about leadership. She said we could be good leaders at home and in the community. Aunty Deanne Sibley awarded the badges and certificates to the 2009 Class Captains and Student Council. After the ceremony the Grade 10 class had a BBQ to celebrate their achievements. The grade 10 class would like to thank everyone who helped them.

The Student Council for 2009 is:

School Captains:

THOMAS MASSEY & RAE CLUMPOINT

Vice Captains:

APRIL MORTON & OWEN WILSON

Social Captain: NAIOKI CASTORS

Sports Captain: JIMEKA RICHARDSON

Class Captains are: Grade 6: Maurice Palmer & Kaiya Blackley. Grade 7: Amber Friday, Retemoi Sam, Jerri Blackley & Ngarie Pearson. Grade 8: Sharmika Curley & Khalani Pearson. Grade 9: Anthony Bourne & Jaytina Johnson

By Loretta Baira, Naioki Castors, Jimeka Richardson & Ronella Cummins



Existing CDEP wages to stay – for now – under new structure

With the new Rudd government being elected into office in early 2008 there was some discussions between local and state providers about how CDEP could be run with the main focus and objectives on better opportunities and more employment outcomes for indigenous people.

There was, to some extent, a fear or hesitation in the community on how these changes would affect our people and what would happen to one of the biggest employers in the community.

Let me remind you that as Indigenous people of this country, we are well and truly adaptable to change.

We have been doing it since colonisation and we do it far better than any other nationality.



It's the attitude of just getting on with the job that really makes us who we are as our own race.

So, a new financial year and as of 1st of July these changes will be taking effect and Coolgaree CDEP will be affected.

There will be more work readiness training and work experience, and also community development, in partnership with our local Palm Island Shire Council.

JobFind will play a major role in making these changes work for the betterment of all Palm Islanders.

Training and work experience will help to make sure you have the right skills for the job that you may want to work in.

Participants will be more involved in the projects or training run to gain these necessary employment skills.

Not just training for the sake of training, there will be long term, full time employment goals at the end of the tunnel, whether that's on the Island or working in mainstream areas you will gain skills to work.

If you are on CDEP now you will stay on CDEP wages until 2011. You will need to register with a job network agency.

As you know, we have JobFind here on the Island who can assist you with that and will immediately work with you on your training requirements.

There will be a transitional period.

FHCSIA, as our funding body, will be assisting Coolgaree to make these changes less stressful.





→ They have already been working with the CDEP directors, staff and participants for the last few months to prepare for change over.

Coolgaree is a well-run organisation and we believe the changes coming in will do little to disrupt that.

In some ways we have already been providing many of these services to the Island.

Our directors see the changes coming in as a challenge which will benefit our people long term.

As proud Palm Islanders we need to take some responsibility for our future and how we

want our community to be – finger-pointing and the blame game simply isn't going to cut it any longer.

Our children have more opportunities today than our elders ever had and it's what we make of it at the end of the day that really counts.

I hope this gives you a clear idea on what's happening at Coolgaree CDEP.

If you would like more information please call into the office and one of our staff will be happy to help you.

Roy Prior
CEO, Coolgaree CDEP



Inquiry to hear advice on how to reduce chronic disease

A Queensland Parliamentary Committee is conducting an inquiry into how to reduce the devastating impact of chronic disease across the state.

Chair Lindy Nelson-Carr said more than one-third of all deaths in Queensland are the result of a chronic disease that could be prevented.

"In addition to pain, suffering, disability and early death there are enormous economic impacts," she said.

"Our committee is looking for ideas from Queensland people and interest groups on how to most effectively prevent chronic disease."

She said the inquiry would look at chronic diseases such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes and chronic respiratory conditions, and the major factors behind them such as obesity, smoking, physical inactivity, and risky alcohol consumption.

"Tackling chronic disease will require major policy change and budgetary support from Government and behavioural change at the community level," Ms Nelson-Carr said.

She said some of the suggestions the committee might consider include:

- Bans on junk food, alcohol and tobacco advertising and other forms of promotion;
- Massive scaling up of physical activity and healthy eating programs;
- Increasing the availability, affordability and accessibility of healthy foods;
- Altering obesity-promoting environments; and,
- Delivering workplace health promotion programs.

Interested organisations and individuals are invited to make written submissions addressing the inquiry's terms of reference by, 31 July 2009.

An information paper outlining details of the inquiry, the committee, and how to make a submission is available on the committee's internet site at -

<http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/sdc/>

Social Development Committee

Chair Lindy Nelson-Carr MP; **Deputy Chair** Mark McArdle MP

Members: Ros Bates MP; Michael Choi MP; Liz Cunningham MP; Mandy Johnstone MP; Desley Scott MP

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The Sad Saga That Is New South Wales State Of Origin

By Wally ("Lewis") Guivarra, 4 June 2009*

I didn't have much time to put this together so I'll just WING it.

Again, what a **POORE** effort from NSW. Before the game, they went into **CAMPESE**, believing that winning this game was going to be like flying a **KITE**. However, the result shows they were only **LYON** to themselves. The speed and ferocity of the Queensland attack made them feel a little **GIDLEY**. After being so upbeat they now have to go back to the drawing board and eat humble pie while Queensland laps up the glory, feasting on **CREAGH**fish. Well, that's about it from me. If New South Wales thought they were a shot at winning it, last night the Queenslanders just said "No **WEYMAN**!! The Trophy is getting **FARAH** and **FARAH** away from them.

And what can you say of the mighty Maroons...?

They were the best team by **MYLES**. The Blues took them too lightly and paid the **PRICE**. We gave them an **INGIS** lesson on the meaning of the term "State Pride". Queensland were also **BOYD** by the fact we again scored the first and last tries of the match. And what a first try – as Billy the Kid said, "See you **SLATER**". Queensland just showed more commitment, **THURSTON** hunger. New South Wales must have thought about calling the police, such was the **HARRISON** they were getting from Queensland. This time, tries didn't **FOLAU**-t of the sky but Israel did show his range of skills with a deft kick for another great Queensland 4-pointer. The papers said New South Wales would test Queensland's tired, older legs but that was proven a **CROCKER** because the inexperienced Blues were never in the **HUNT**.

My final recommendation is to LOCKYER televisions to Channel 9 for the second match in three weeks (now next week) when Queensland will make it another night of the BLUES for New South Wales.

(It'll be on Wednesday night, not THAIDAY night!)

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From the Mayor's Desk

Welcome to this edition of the Palm Island Voice.

As always, I try and keep the community informed in terms of Council's business and I did miss the last edition so this is a bit of catch-up.

Canberra Meetings

One of the things I wanted to let you know was that myself and the deputy Mayor will be in Canberra at the end of the month to talk with Minister Macklin and Minister Albanese, who is the federal local government Minister. We'll be attending the Australian Council of Local Governments meeting, which is going to be held at Parliament House and with all the other Indigenous members of Queensland. That's going to be a very important event and we'll be there arguing and talking very strongly for Palm Island people, and the whole Shire, to hopefully get some good outcomes.

Housing

One of the other important things the council has been focussed on recently is housing and trying to make some headway with the \$5 million we have for that.

We'll have people from the Department of Housing on Palm this week sometime to get things moving again.

At the same time, as the community is aware, on the 1st of July the Housing Commission of Queensland will be taking over the management of housing on Palm.

That was agreed to through the Commonwealth's \$14 million reform package which was signed by the previous council.

One of the conditions that was stipulated as a part of that was that properties on Palm Island would be managed by Queensland Housing to streamline management.

Over the next couple of weeks, into the lead-up of the 1st of July, there will be quite a few housing commission officers on Palm doing

house to house interviews with tenants.

If residents are concerned and they want to find out more information, please contact the Council Office with respect to that.

I'm encouraging tenants to work closely with the officers to certainly sort out a better tenancy management arrangement.

I know it's a challenge for us, it's certainly something new.

The Council is still not sure how it's going to work, we're still in the dark ourselves on some of it.

But I think we'll just work with it and we're asking the community to remember that it's important that we all work together for a good outcome for Palm Island.

It's going to mean a lot of changes, and some of it people are not going to be happy with, but at the end of the day I think it's really important that we look at it, see if we can work with it, and then re-evaluate it at a later stage.

NAIDOC

As the community would be aware, NAIDOC Week is fast approaching, so it's that time of the year when everybody gets involved in NAIDOC activity.

Pauline Shortjoe has been appointed as the NAIDOC co-ordinator for Palm Island, so any of the dancers or stall holders or anyone who wants to do anything for NAIDOC Week, please contact Pauline at the Council Office.

Councillors Prior and Thaiday are the two on the Council responsible for NAIDOC this year as well, so talk to them as well, there's lot of stuff going to be happening.

Remember also on the Friday night Ray Martin is coming to town to host and to be our guest at the big concert, so make sure you are able to come along to that as well.

Public Works

There's a major upgrade happening at the sports complex and we want to thank the community in advance for being patient with that.

It's a joint effort between Coolgaree CDEP and Palm Island Council to operate the sports complex and hopefully community members will start seeing work happening down there soon, which should be encouraging.

Again, once the work is all done, we ask the



Recently the Palm Island Council spent the weekend in Townsville workshopping a new Corporate Plan, as is a requirement under the Local Government Act. Pictured above are CEO Barry Moyle, facilitator Kathy Kelly & Mayor Alf Lacey. MORE NEXT ISSUE...

community to take care and look after it...it's for everybody to use, a lot of money is going into it and it's important that we look after it once it's done.

There's also a lot of sewage work going on at the moment and in particular the new sewer systems within the main town area.

And again we're asking the community to be patient with those works, there's a couple of million dollars of investment going into upgrading that for the community, and we need it.

The other thing is the roadworks will begin to start again soon and at the moment we're also trying to negotiate for street lighting throughout the town, we're having discussions about that with Ergon at the moment.

Graffiti

The *Palm Island Voice* has done very well with its campaign against the graffiti.

I think it's shown that our community members, particularly the elders, will not tolerate graffiti, so all you kids and young people out there, please continue to respect the community infrastructure we've worked so hard to get.

Some suggestions have been put to the Council about what we can do with all these budding artists out there and we are going to

look at them very seriously.

One of those ideas was to have a graffiti wall. There are already plans in place to build a skate park for the kids and youth, and that will be one area where they can do all the positive graffitiing they like, it will be their space.

Swine Flu

Note also at this stage there are no cases of swine flu on Palm Island.

We're not going to be immune from it, so Queensland Health has advised us that people with flu symptoms and things like that should present themselves at the hospital and see the doctor as soon as possible.

Council Meetings

In terms of Council meetings, as advertised in the *Palm Island Voice*, it's important for community members to certainly take on board that this is your Council and we're working very hard for you.

Any issues or any matters that you want to raise with us can be brought to those meetings or if not, contact the councillors when you see them round and about in the town, we're never too far away in terms of taking on advice and listening to what the community has to say.

Yours in community spirit
MAYOR ALF LACEY

Students are now approaching that busy time of the term when assignments are due and exams are just around the corner.

Palm Island Senior Campus

PISC News

June 2009



There are some important things we are concerned about at the moment because they affect academic achievement and work readiness. Firstly, school starts at 9am with Literacy Practices. This program is specifically tailored to the students' current abilities and is designed to increase their literacy ability to an age appropriate level. If students are late for these classes then that has a direct affect of their literacy levels. Returning late from lunch also affects their ability to pass their subjects as they are missing out on lesson time and therefore learning.

Teachers at PISC are doing their utmost for your children but we can not teach students who are not in class.

The other issue is that of school uniforms – too many students are now coming to school without their uniforms. While this may not affect their academic performance it does affect their work readiness. Most work places have set uniforms or standards of dress. By coming to school in their uniforms each day students are better able to comply with dress standards and requirements in the workplace.

Another issue we are currently experiencing is people walking through our campus during school hours. The hours between 9am and 3pm are dedicated to the teaching of your children. Non-school staff or children who are not part of the PISC enrolment only distract your children from their education. There is also the safety of the students to think of, when people who should not be there are walking through our grounds.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Lindsay Malone has organised for the Coolgaree food van to come to our campus at first break Monday to Thursday. We have organised a credit system where parents/care givers can deposit money with Helen who will then deduct what your child has for lunch from that money. Helen is also going to work on a product list to which we will send home as soon as it is available.

Several of our students recently represented PISC and the Palm Island community at an Indigenous Youth Tourism Forum organised by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. It was an awesome time for our kids and many great ideas were discussed.

As a result of some of these discussions GBRMPA has come back to our school for some follow-up.

Our inaugural induction ceremony (see *back page pic*) also went really well and we would like to thank Josephine Peena Geia for opening the ceremony for us.

We would also like to thank Vicki Baylis, John Livingston and Meredith Wenta for taking time out of their busy schedules so they could attend this important event.

The staff of PISC were very proud of the way our school captains, Ronald Bulsey and Yolonda Kerr, stood up and thanked our guests for their attendance.

Yours in Education,
Sylvia Wagner, Co-ordinator
Stephen Malpas, Mathematics
Dane Paulsen, English
Iaga Viri & Lindsey Malone, Case Managers

Their **curried prawns and rice** is becoming famous, as is their **kup murri** and **fish with rice and salad**. Pictured are Raynard Elliott, Loretta Baira (seated - she's the cook!) and Doreen Prior at the Palm Island Night Markets. **T-shirts** and other delicacies are also on offer every Thursday night from about 7-9pm.

If you want to be a part of it all, drop down to the Mall on **Thursday night** and see what's going on, or get in touch with Emmakita Pryor on 4770 1738 and she'll help you out. **Be there or be square!!!**



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Public & Community Notices

Please be advised there are there is no known persons on Palm Island infected with the Swine Flu. Please ignore all rumours that are circulating around the Island. If this information changes, you will be notified immediately.

Palm Island Council

Thomas Andrew Clumpoint AKA "TC" or "The Clown"

On Friday 12th June 2009 our Son, Brother, Father, Uncle & Friend sadly left this life whilst he was serving his last few months of incarceration.

*He will be sadly missed by all who
loved and knew him.*

The funeral will be held Friday 26th June 2009 at the Roman Catholic Church at 11am. We will be having a day of viewing on Thursday 25th June 2009 at Stanley Lane.

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Palm Island Service Schedule "MV OLYMPIC"

Monday

Depart Lucinda: 7.30 am
Arrive Palm Is: 10.15 am
Depart Palm Is: 11.30 am
Arrive Lucinda: 2.00 pm

Tuesday

Depart Lucinda: 9.00 am
Arrive Palm Is: 11.45 am
Depart Palm Is: 2:00 pm
Arrive Lucinda: 4:30 pm

Wednesday

Depart Lucinda: 8:00 am
Arrive Palm Is: 10:45 am
Depart Palm Is: 12.30 pm
Arrive Lucinda: 3:00 pm

Thursday*

Depart Lucinda: 8:00 am
Arrive Palm Is: 10:45 am
Depart Palm Is: 12.30 pm
Arrive Lucinda: 3:00 pm
Thursday departure from Palm Island is subject to change. Please call on the day to confirm time.

Friday

Depart Lucinda: 8:00 am
Arrive Palm Is: 10:45 am
Depart Palm Is: 12.00 pm
Arrive Lucinda: 2:30 pm

Please note that loading of the barge commences 60 mins prior to departure time. Scheduled departure and arrival times should be checked at time of booking.

**For all bookings please
contact our office on
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SUBSCRIPTIONS for non-Palm Island residents have been set for the 2009-2010 financial year. Please do help us out if you can. Rates have been set to:

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Meeting Dates

Next Government Delegation day: TODAY 16th June
Next Community Delegation day: THURS 18th June



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CLUES

1. Aboriginal identity
2. The takeover of the land of Indigenous people
3. Used by Aboriginal people to refer to the land to which they belong
4. The taking away of Indigenous people from their land
5. A term used to describe the multicultural nature of Indigenous Australia
6. A term used to describe Aboriginal spirituality
7. A key person or leader in an Aboriginal community
8. The first peoples of a land
9. A term used to describe the relationship to family and land
10. The spiritual basis of Indigenous culture
11. Many hundreds of these were spoken by Indigenous people at colonisation
12. Aboriginal English for a family group or community
13. Terra____means territory belonging to no one
14. The promotion of harmony between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians
15. A term used to describe opposition to colonisation
16. The act of Indigenous people controlling all aspects of their lives
17. The legal recognition of Indigenous ownership of land
18. Refers to the endurance of Indigenous Australia beyond colonisation
19. Many Australian Indigenous people come from the ____ Strait Islands
20. An agreement between nations

ANSWERS

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HEY YOU!

Do you think you're FAST?

Well...

The Bwgcolman, St Michael's and Senior Phase School's Athletics Carnival is going to be the last Thursday of this term (June 25th) at the Farm from 9am until 2.30pm.

Last year's winners of the Fastest Man and Women on Palm race won \$100 cash, \$100 food voucher & a trophy. This year's prizes will be even bigger and better. You better start training now.

Eva Pearson and Allan James won last year. Can you beat them?

Family and friends are welcome and encouraged to come down and cheer for us and it's always great to see everyone wearing their house colours. Bwgcolman and St Michael's have shirts available for sale at their offices.

For the feed there will be a sausage sizzle and fruit for students and there will also be a stall selling food as a fund-raiser for everyone else.

Thanks in advance to everyone who always helps make the carnival happen: School Staff, Council, CDEP, Retail Store, Q-Build & PCYC. It should be a really great day and we are all looking forward to a day of fun and excitement.

Any questions just ask Jen or Deanne at Bwgcolman School.

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Please support the Palm Island Voice so we can continue to support you.

Community Market Day

18th June 2009

We are calling on the Palm Island Community to come together and enjoy our first Community Market Day.



- Dancing,
- Karaoke Competition,
- Art Competition

We look forward to seeing you there!!!!



**For more information
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Palm Island Council on
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As teachers, we need your help and support to get the best education for your children.

Your encouragement and interest in your kids' education will make a big difference to their success at school.

Your involvement in their learning will make them feel that what they are doing at school is important and worthwhile.

Here are a few simple things you can do to help us and help them:

1. Buy them some kids' books, from time to time, and read them to them or with them. Encourage them to read these books back to you. It is never too early to start reading with them. You can start as early as two or three years old. Also buy them learning activity books suitable to their age. You can find these at larger Post Offices and at good newsagents. Doing this with your kids can be real fun - for you and them.

2. Ask them if they have any homework. If they have, set them up in a suitable place at home, and help them with it if they need help. And you can listen to their spelling words if they have spelling.

3. Talk to them about the reason for learning at the migaloo school. Explain how what they learn at school, will make their lives easier when they are older. Talk to them about work and explain different types of jobs involved in mainstream living, and show them that if they have a migaloo education then they have the options of living either in the mainstream or on Palm Island.

4. Try and encourage your children or grandchildren to listen to their teachers and to follow their instructions. Talk to them about the importance of being well-behaved at school, so other students can also learn in class.

5. Visit the school. Talk to Miss Leoni and Mr. Andrew or the admin team. Talk to you children's teachers. All of the teachers here in your community are very dedicated to working with your kids but they need your help and suggestions, particularly on how you feel they can best add more cultural elements to your children's school work. The teachers and administration of the Bwgcolman school see you as partners in the education of the kids of this lovely island. Don't be shame to put your views and suggestions to teachers. They will respect and appreciate your input.

Finally thank you in anticipation of your support.

Your teachers want to do the best they possibly can to help you children grow up to live enjoyable and meaningful lives, wherever they choose to settle down as adults.

James Ward
Learning Support Teacher, Bwgcolman School

**A visiting Vet will be conducting clinics at the Pound
(old jailhouse) across from CDEP next**

Wednesday 24th JUNE 2009

**To make an appointment please see Council's Animal
Control Team to get your pet's name on the list.**

Pets will be picked up and dropped off.

Under-8s ruled for the day!!!

Palm Island UNDER-8s DAY 2009 was held at St Michael's on Tuesday the 2nd of June. It was a fantastic day, and fun was had by all. The theme for this year was Creativity - Let it Happen.

The kids from Bwgcolman Pre-prep to year 3 and St Michael's kids prep to year 3 enjoyed such fun activities as: making fairy bread, playing with gooey slime, face painting, disco/rap dancing, fruit loop necklace

making, crazy rainbow hair spray, rainbow parachute, play dough and one of the favourites was the sponge throwing at Mr Joe/ Hulk.

After all of the activities were finished, we concluded Under-8s Day with a delicious sausage sizzle and yummy rainbow icy cups. Thank you to everyone who all helped to organise the activities for this celebration.





***Introducing the 2009 inaugural School Council for
Kirwan State High School Palm Island Senior Campus
(We're betting they're not all as shy as they look here!) FULL STORY p 10.***



**PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL COUNCIL met recently in
Townsville to nut out a Corporate Plan, as is required under
the Local Government Act. Pictured are (clockwise from front)
Cr Mick Thaiday, Cr Zina Prior, Deputy Mayor Raymond Sibley,
CEO Barry Moyle, Cr Ruth Gorringer and Mayor Alf Lacey.**

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