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**Motorbike course
to run again Wed/
Thurs this week**



**Boxers score @
state titles**



**STOP PRESS:
T'ville Justice
Group Elders visit**

Elders Christine Pryor, Mary Twaddle, Betty Sailor, Anemah Ghee and Elsie Kennedy will visit Palm Island this week, some for the first time in a very long time. **Stay tuned for more in our next Issue!**



They're our swimming stars!



St Michael's and Bwgcolman Schools held their annual swimming carnival on Tuesday the 8th of September. As can be seen (*more pics on p 8*) everyone had an amazingly fun filled day. Staff would like to thank everyone who came along to support the day and particularly acknowledge Miss Jen who made it all happen. We are already looking forward to next years swimming carnival!!!!

Palm Island Voice

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

Funding opportunity for local land management groups

The Federal Government has announced it will provide small 'Community Action Grants' to support local environmental and land management work.

Between \$5,000 and \$20,000 will be available to support local projects run by groups such as Landcare and Coastcare, as well as Indigenous groups.

They said on-line application processes and paperwork has been simplified to make it easier for community groups to apply.

The Community Action Grants will be funded through Caring for our Country.

Projects could include tree planting, revegetation, dune rehabilitation, field days and natural resource management.

Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts Peter Garrett and Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Tony Burke said it was important to further recognise the work of local volunteers and community groups.

Applications and guidelines for the Community Action Grants are expected to be announced next month.

Other Government bits...

Reform of Indigenous heritage protection laws

The Australian Government would like to receive feedback on the reforms proposed in the Indigenous heritage law reform discussion paper. For more information go to www.environment.gov.au/heritage/laws/indigenous/lawreform/.

John Koowarta Reconciliation Law Scholarships

The John Koowarta Reconciliation Law Scholarship is awarded annually to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student enrolled in a Bachelor of Laws degree. Applications for the 2010 scholarship close 30 November 2009. For more information go to

www.lawcouncil.asn.au/about/scholarships/koowarta.cfm

National Binge Drinking Strategy - funding round

The National Binge Drinking Strategy provides \$53.5 million to address binge drinking among young people. Funding is available for organisations to provide programs in city, urban, regional, rural and remote Australia: register interest at www.health.gov.au/tenders.

Applications close 21 September 2009. For more information contact the department on 1800 209 312 or email communitylevelinitiative@health.gov.au

Boxers to feature in ABC doco

Palm Island's boxers are the focus of a documentary being filmed for ABC television by Michaela Perske, who has been on and off the Island for most of this year.

Michaela is producing the show which was inspired by an article written by 'The Tall Man' author Chloe Hooper earlier this year.

"It was one of those things that just kept coming back to me, it was one of the first stories of hope I had heard in a really long time," Michaela said.

"Often the media likes to latch on to stories of things that have gone bad and the dysfunction in communities.

"But I read that story and just kept thinking these young kids are kind doing something to stop that cycle and it's not a Government initiative, not something they are being forced to do, it's something they are doing themselves.

"Now we are filming here, following them through the state titles and then the national, but we also want to get into the kids lives and get into the life of Palm Island.



"So we will come over and kind of immerse ourselves in the life of the community a bit more." Michaela said she expected filming would be completed by sometime in 2010, after the national boxing titles.

Palm Island Voice also understands the premier showing of the doco will be on the Island next year so we'll keep you informed!

TAFE done for Clinton



Clinton Burns, pictured here driving his bobcat, is a fourth year apprentice carpenter who started with QBuild as a labourer. The multi-talented tradesman has worked his way through the ranks and has just finished his TAFE course – well done Clinton!

POSITIONS VACANT

Finance/Accounts Department + Works Department + Palm Island Voice Casual Reporter(s)



**Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council is seeking
to fill the following positions:**

Finance/Accounts Department

Financial Assistant

He/She will be:

- Recording and reporting Council's Financial data,
- Balance Council's ledgers on a monthly basis,
- Maintain Council's Jobs and AP Ledgers involving file maintenance,
- Assist with maintenance of Council's Assets Registers,
- Assist with preparing Council's FBT and BAS returns and Reconcile Council's Grants and prepare acquittals as required.
- Provide backup to other Finance staff during periods of leave and other accounting and finance services as relevant to the position.

Expected Salary

Competitive salary will be offered to the successful candidate (Based on experience and Qualification). This will include minimum \$ 40,000 basic pay, 12% council Super Contribution, return ferry ticket per month (If you turn up to work every day).

Enterprise Officer

- Analyse business units problems/opportunities, interpret business users' needs, clarify work request objectives & assess the impact & suitability of changed processes and/or systems for service station, motel, bank, canteen etc required,
- Providing a general support and advisory function to Finance Manager relating to specific projects and activities they may be undertaking,
- Supervise cleaners and prepare their day today routine work,
- Bookings in the motel including raising invoices in tech one to customers, clients account reconciliations etc,
- Supervise the operations of the service station,
- Any other duties as required by your supervisor.

Expected Salary

Competitive salary will be offered to the successful candidate (Based on experience and qualification). This will include minimum \$ 40,000 basic pay, 12% council Super Contribution, Return Ferry ticket per month (If you turn up to work every day).

Payroll Officer

He/she will:

- be responsible for setting up employee master file details and interpretation of awards,
- Initialize employees on and maintain correct accruals for leave,
- Process internal payrolls (fortnightly and monthly),
- Forward TFN declarations to the ATO electronically,
- Produce and balance payroll General Ledger posting information.
- Reconcile and balance internal council payrolls monthly including monthly reports, leave liabilities, payroll tax, PAYG, superannuation, allowances and deductions.
- Provide monthly cost breakdown to Finance Manager.
- Internal systems audits of master file data pay & rates, superannuation, pay items, payroll tax and PAYG.
- Provide management and HR with reports when requested including details for council reports.
- Assist internal staff and finance department with payroll queries.
- Assist external clients

Expected Salary

Competitive salary will be offered to the successful candidate (Based on experience and qualification). This will include minimum \$ 40,000 basic pay, 12% council Super Contribution, Return Ferry ticket per month (If you turn up to work every day).

Additional requirements for all positions in the Finance/Accounts Department: QUALIFICATIONS

To perform these jobs successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Training may be made to enable individuals with less technical skills to perform the essential functions.

EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE

- Year 12/Diploma/Certificate in business desirable.

Palm Island Voice

Public & Community Notices

Bull Riders Wanted to represent Palm Island in the Australian Rodeo Circuit – Males and females welcome

Contact Pauline and Shaun Shortjoe on 0439813613

WANTED:

Volunteer Broadcasters for local station Bwgcolman Radio 97.3 FM

Contact Tim Miller at the Station or on 47701863

PCYC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

HOLIDAY PROGRAM 21ST SEPTEMBER—2ND OCTOBER...engage in activities with friends for this holiday period

Breakfast Program: Breakfast served between 9—10am during week days of the holiday program

Graffiti Program: Wednesday 23rd Sept, Thursday 24th Sep, Wednesday 30th Sept and Thursday 1st of October 2009 from 11am—2pm. Come along refreshments provided.

Art Program: Initiative of Centre Care in partnership with PCYC Tuesday and Wednesday of the holidays

Media Program: Media workshop 12.30pm—5pm on Tuesday and Wednesday of the school holidays.

PCYC Deadly Night Program: Thursday and Friday Nights of the holiday youth from 6pm—11pm (specifically for 14yrs—17yr olds) engage as well in to specific program areas



Contact
Lavenia Tuibua
Youth
Development Co-ordinator
4770 1793

- A minimum of two years in accounting. Clerical systems knowledge is necessary.
- An excellent understanding of financial transactions and associated reporting is a prerequisite to operate in these positions.

MATHEMATICAL SKILLS

- Ability to add, subtract, multiply, and divide in all units of measure, using whole numbers, common fractions, and decimals.
- Ability to compute rate, ratio, and percent
- Good mathematical/accounting skills and grasp/knowledge Finance one/Techone /Sap Accounting software will definitely be an added asset

DETAILED RESUME, POLICE CHECK AND AT LEAST THREE REFEREES

Interested candidates should send an application and recent resume by Monday 5th October 2009 to: Barry Moyle, CEO, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, 1 Main Street, Palm Island, QLD 4816

The PIASC will short-list suitable candidates. It reserves the right to request further information from short-listed candidates. This may be by way of a formal presentation to a selection panel or written presentation, at the discretion of the PIASC.

Enquiries or requests for further information may be directed to John Mugambi, Finance Manager, PIASC on (07) 47700212 or via email to john.mugambi@piac.com.au

Works Department Maintenance Supervisor

The Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council is calling for applicants for the position of Maintenance Supervisor.

Position Details:

Report to: The Works & Facilities Manager
Supervise the Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical & Painting teams in the day-to-day repairs and maintenance of all Council buildings and infrastructure
Order materials, monitor stock, submit estimations for work as required. Supervise sub-contractors engaged on Council projects.

Qualifications:

Trade qualifications in the Building, Plumbing or Electrical fields is highly desired. This is a full-time position and pay rates and conditions will be negotiable based on qualifications and experience. Applications close COB Friday 2 October 2009.

**Address applications, including resume, to:
The CEO at PIAC. For additional information contact Bill on 0458 789 011.**

Palm Island Voice Casual Reporter(s)

Palm Island's community newsletter, the Palm Island Voice, is looking for paid contributors to work on a casual basis every fortnight and report directly to the Editor, Christine Howes, under the supervision of the Deputy CEO. Some writing and photography skills are required, but more essential is a commitment to and interest in getting current and relevant, community-driven news to Palm Island residents and other interested readers. Training will be provided for the right people. Please note, payment for stories will not be made without prior negotiation with the Editor.

For more information contact Christine on 0419 656 277. Applications should be sent to chowes@westnet.com.au

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 (07) 4776 5055



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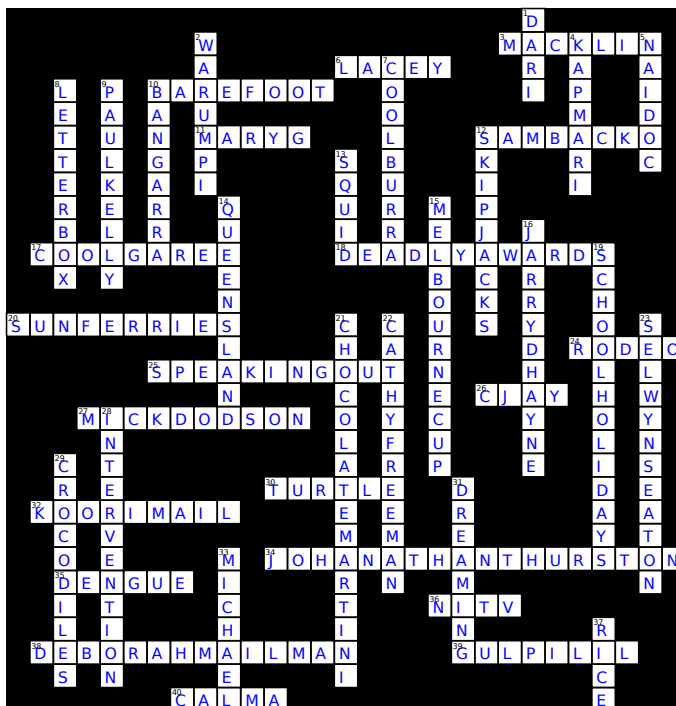


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Palm Island boxers were expected to perform well at the Queensland State Titles in Gordonvale over last weekend and so they did, bagging a total of five gold and four silver medals.

Boxers who competed were:

Joey Geia – Sub-Junior
– 10-12 years 32kg

Steen Walsh – Sub-Junior
– 10-12 years 35kg

Nathan James – Sub-Junior
– 10-12 years 38kg

Reggie Palm Island – Junior
– 15-17 years 51kg

Dennis Haines – Junior
– 15-17 years 54kg

Patrick Clarke – Junior
– 15-17 years 60kg

David Sam – Schoolboy
– 13-15 years 91kg

Selwyn Seaton – Intermediate
– 17-19 years 71kg

Luke Lenoy – Intermediate
– 17-19 years 75kg

Noby Clay (Female) – Senior
– +19 years 48kg

Craig Desatge – Senior
– +19 years 67kg

Costa Sam – Senior
– +19 years 81kg

All these Palm Island boxers trained hard. They have to compete in the State Titles to be eligible for the Australian Titles, to be held in Geelong, Victoria, in November (27-28). It is very disappointing that I have to keep chasing finance

to compete in these titles.

Palm Island is the only Aboriginal boxing team in Australia and we are most likely the most successful boxing club in Australia.

We are the only sporting club on the Island that is competing against the best competitors on the mainland for nine months of the year.

I also have three boxers I believe have a great chance to compete at the next Olympic Games.

Ray Dennis

In recent times there have been a lot of motorcycle riders on Palm Island.

With this there has also been an increase in the complaints from community members about the riding of motorcycles around the community.

THIS WEEK on Wednesday & Thursday, the 23rd and 24th of September, there will be the 2nd Motorcycle Riding Workshop for Palm Island.

It will again be a two-day course which will start at the PCYC on Wednesday at about 10am.

Everyone who came along last time had a great time and wanted another one so here it is! Qualified instructors are coming over from

Townsville to talk and show people how to ride motorcycles safely but while having fun.

They will also talk about how to maintain and work on your motorcycles.

Members of the community will also be coming along to talk to riders about riding around the community and how it affects them.

At the end of the second day there will be a trail ride that everyone who attends the course is welcome to go on.

Lunch will also be provided on both days.

So bring your helmets, riding gear and motorcycles down and show us what you've got!

If anyone has any questions in relation to the law about motorcycles or the use of motorcycles in the community please contact the Palm Island Police Station on 4770 1800 or the Palm Island Aboriginal Council on 4770 1177.



Schools' swimming carnival Palm Island style



Responsibilities of Horse Ownership

All horses have certain basic needs irrespective of the husbandry system under which they are kept:

- * Ready access to food and fresh water to maintain health and vigour.
- * Freedom of movement to stand, stretch and lie down.
- * Regular exercise.
- * Social contact with other horses and people.
- * Accommodation that neither harms nor causes undue strain, and provides adequate protection.
- * Protection from disease and regular inspection to assess the need for attention to feet, teeth and worm control.
- * Rapid identification and treatment of lice, injury and disease.

All horse owners should be fully aware of the general and specific husbandry requirements of the horse.

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