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Rotary Clubs keen to keep contributing

Rotary Clubs from across north Queensland have contributed up to \$500 each, amounting to well over \$3000, to support this year's Palm Island Rodeo.

The organisation is keen to set up a Rotary Club on Palm Island, a move which already has the support of Rotary's District Governor, Townsville-based Brendan Porter.

"Basically Rotarians are people who create goodwill and friendships and do good in the world," he said.

"I feel that Palm Island

deserves to have a Rotary Club where people can do good in a form that is safe and non-discriminatory.

"We would welcome people who are interested in joining who can commit to that criteria as well as having a high ethical standard."

Rotary Clubs' main aim is to encourage and foster the ideal of service through international understanding, goodwill and peace, and supporting those in need through more than 34,000 clubs in Australia alone.

Brian and Bernice Day (*Bernice is pictured left*) – both active Rotarians – worked at the Rodeo.

"Brian and I on behalf of the Ingham Rotary Club set up a stand at the Rodeo of the weekend and sold tickets in two raffles," Bernice said.

"Craig Tatnell won the \$100 Scratch Its and 205 litres of fuel.

"Craig is from Above Ground Zero Fireworks and did the Fireworks at the Rodeo on the weekend.

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"Norman Bounghi from Palm Island won the second raffle."

Prizes in the second raffle were donated by the Palm Island Retail Store, Palm Island Quality Meats, Retravisation in Ingham and NQAV in Townsville.

She said the Ingham Rotary Club would be conducting an Art Union for a 4m Tinnie with a 30HP Motor over the coming months.

"The proceeds will go to the 2010 Palm Island Rodeo and part of the proceeds will enable the Rodeo Committee to put up \$5,000 in prizes in order to attract more competitors from the mainland," she said.

"It is planned for the tickets to go on sale later this year."



Pictured: Left: Pauline & Shaun Shortjoe accept a cheque from Ingham Rotary President Rodger Bow. Above: Raffle winner Craig Tatnell and his daughter Julie with Bernice Day

NQ Rotary Clubs Contributions:

- 1. Ingham Rotary Club \$350**
- 2. Mossman Rotary Club \$350**
- 3. Airlie Beach Rotary Club \$400**
- 4. Thuringowa Central Rotary Club \$500**
- 5. Thuringowa Northern Beaches Rotary Club \$350**
- 6. Townsville Central Rotary Club \$350**
- 7. Cairns Mulgrave Rotary Club \$350**



SPORTING the new Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council's corporate uniforms (*above*) is Acting Grants Officer Andrea Kyle and receptionist Zita Robertson. Zita has also been helping to supervise PISC school captain YOLANDA KERR who has spent her school holidays doing work experience on Council reception. Yolanda said she was enjoying herself and hoped they would have her back!!



Swine flu shots available now

Palm Islanders are among the first in Queensland to benefit from swine flu vaccinations, which started their roll out across Australia last week.

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council CEO Barry Moyle said PIAC staff, including Corporate Services Manager Deniece Geia (pictured below), were amongst the first to be lined up for the shots.

"Council is keen to work with Queensland Health to ensure that all residents of Palm Island have access to the swine flu vaccine," he said. "Council also wanted to lead by example with Councillors and staff having the vaccinations last Friday."



*Protect Yourself
against*

Swine Flu

be vaccinated

- *Recommended for everyone over 10 years especially for pregnant women and chronic sick people*
- *The HEALTH VAN will be at the areas listed below*
- *The vaccine will also be available at the Joyce Palmer Health Centre from
8am -4pm
during October*

Times:	Venue:
Friday 2 nd October	1-3 pm PAIC – Beach Road
Tuesday 6 th October	10-3 pm Coolgaree CDEP
Wednesday 7 th October	10-3 pm Coolgaree CDEP
Tuesday 13 th October	10-3 pm Schools / Mission
Wednesday 14 th October	10-3 pm Schools / Mission
Tuesday 20 th October	1-3 pm Sandy Boyd / Mission
Wednesday 21 st October	1-3 pm Butler Bay
Tuesday 27 th October	1-3 pm Ferdys Haven / Farm Area
Wednesday 28 th October	1-3 pm Farm Area

Seniors' units opened in honour of former PI teacher

Local MP Mandy Johnstone – pictured right with PIAC Mayor Alf Lacey – has visited Palm Island for the second time in a month, this time to open the new Krause Seniors Units.

"The project has been named the Krause Seniors Units after Mr Fredrick Krause, who previously lived in a house on the site and was a long-serving teacher on Palm Island from 1936 to 1967," she said.

"The accommodation consists of three two-bedroom units and has been delivered in partnership with Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council to provide tenants with improved housing options that better meet their needs.



"The Queensland Government's Palm Island Housing Improvement Plan 2005–2010 identified the need for more accommodation for Palm Island residents aged 45 years and over.

"PIAC will continue its involvement with this development by managing the units once tenants move in."

Ms Johnstone said the Queensland Government's Community Renewal program provided more than \$1 million for the construction of the units.

CFF bike presentations this Friday

**Hello everybody,
How are y'all?**

The Catherine Freeman Foundation team are coming to town once again at the end of this week, on the 8 & 9th. We will be making bike presentations to the schools in the morning of the 9th and everyone is welcome to attend at the PCYC. CFF need your help and we need your opinions and direction and that's why we're setting up the CFF Consultation Group, but we can't do this without you.

There will be a meeting on Thursday the 8th from 12 noon –1 pm at the PCYC with a light catered lunch so I really hope you can come along and be a part of your future and CFF. Also, we will be looking to interview candidates for the Young Women in Sports and After School Activities Program on the Friday, so if you are interested, or know of someone who might be, we welcome you to contact us. For more information please email our CFF Programs Coordinator Svea Pitman on svea@catherinefreemanfoudnation.com

**Can't wait to be back on Palm again!
Catherine**



**The
Catherine Freeman
Foundation**

Learning to spell at Bwgcolman

Since the beginning of the second term this year primary students at Bwgcolman have participated in a spelling program which has brought about some real results and enthusiasm.

As well as the students learning spelling strategies as a part of their every day literacy program, I have also had the opportunity to extend to the students of each class an extra hour each week to assist with their spelling development. The spelling program has focused on the four kinds of spelling knowledge. Firstly, Phonological Knowledge which focuses

on sounds of the English language and the way different sounds are represented by letters. Secondly, Visual Knowledge which focuses on what letters look like and how to write them as well as frequently occurring letter combinations. Thirdly, Morphemic Knowledge which focuses on how compound words are constructed as well as how prefixes and suffixes function. And fourthly, Etymological Knowledge which focuses on roots of words and their origin and meaning. To link in with the four kinds of spelling knowledge, the school has ordered a wide range

of spelling games to enable the students to participate in hands on, practical, enjoyable learning experiences. A few of the students' favourite games were Homonym and Synonym Bingo, Word Puzzles, Listening Lotto (popular with the younger students), and many of the other spelling and language board games on offer. I have enjoyed and felt privileged to be a part of the students learning experiences this year. It is great to come into the classroom and see the excitement and enthusiasm on the students faces as we explore together the wonderful words of spelling.

Glenn Burton

Cowboys set to support Obe Geia Jnr Challenge

More than 100 school students, teachers, media and a few Cowboys will be on Palm later this month to play or watch the Palm Island Obe Geia Jnr Challenge.

Four mainland schools – Marian, St Joseph's on the Strand, Vincent and Heatley – will complete against Palm in a round robin contest it's hoped will become an annual event.

"We're hoping it will become a yearly event to encourage better relations between the school communities," a Cowboys spokesperson told the *Palm Island Voice*.

"And also to get Palm to show off their culture to the kids, we've heard the Palm kids are putting together a program in their cultural studies classes, so they'll be dancing for us when we get there."



Ben Heneway and Obe Geia (*above*) have been confirmed to attend and it's hoped more of the Indigenous Cowboys will come along as well.

"We are really looking forward to the day as are all the school groups that are participating," the spokesperson said.

"We have financial support from the PCYC and the Department of Sport and Recreation which will cover all travel costs for the participating schools, catering, a participation shirt, trophies and medals for all the kids."

PIAC seeks Tenants' Union support for renters

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council is in the early stages of exploring what the Tenants' Union of Queensland can do to help renters says Mayor Alf Lacey.

After formally meeting with TUQ's Indigenous Tenants' Education Program worker Pat Cora (*pictured below standing on the right*), Mr Lacey said tenants would soon need to know about new rules around the government's housing reform on Palm and across the state.

"Tenants who currently rent in the community need to start to have a bit of awareness and in terms of working with the TUQ, and particularly with Pat, so we can ensure that the right information is gathered and shared with tenants here on Palm," he said.

"Especially in terms of the new housing reform and land reform that is currently happening for all the Indigenous Shires throughout the state.

"We need to make sure that we understand what our roles and responsibilities are, particularly given that there is going to be an increase in rent for some households, similar to a housing commission style of arrangement."

He said Council wanted to make sure the community had an opportunity to have their say about renting or other issues, and were informed about what they could do.

"We, particularly here on Palm and from our Council's point of view, want to make sure that we support something that is right for the community of Palm Island.

"Overall I think the first rounds of discussions went well and I think we look forward now for the next lot of discussion and then the community information workshops that have been suggested by Pat," he said.





Last month Minister for Community Services, Housing and Minister for Women Karen Struthers visited Palm Island. She's pictured above on the left with Mrs Gorringe and local MP Mandy Johnstone. Minister Struthers sent the following message to the *Palm Island Voice* for us to publish:

There are exciting times for Palm Island.

When I visited the island with State Member for Townsville Mandy Johnstone last month, I was impressed by the strong community spirit of local residents.

I saw people pulling together to build a better future for themselves and their children.

As a government, we have our sleeves rolled up to help you build a stronger community.

We're investing in better social housing, thereby delivering an important economic boost to the island - and we're building better family and community services.

The state government is spending \$5 million to improve community housing for Palm Island residents.

In addition to this, there is a federally-funded feasibility study underway to find the best location for a new subdivision to bring even more modern housing to the Island.

The best way to get a clear idea of how services are operating and helping the community is to talk to people on the ground.

That's what my trip to Palm Island was all about.

I met face-to-face with community leaders, residents and workers to hear their plans for the future, to hear how they plan to turn them into a reality.

The Bligh Government delivers more than \$2 million a year to fund community services on Palm Island, including \$954,000 for the Palm Island Family Support Hub.

We're spending \$1.4 million to refurbish the Palm Island retail store. It will deliver a major upgrade of refrigeration facilities, a new internal wall lining and ceiling, new floor coverings, new shelving and a big upgrade of the takeaway facilities.

All of these efforts are about building stronger community services for Palm Island residents.

By working together, we can build a brighter future for all Bwgcolman people.

A quick word about...



Corporate Services

From Corporate Services Manager Deniece Geia

Corporate Services is our new title, it is basically the administration team of the council which covers the mechanics of how Council operates.

We like to keep everything structured and above board – where things are in order.

On a day-to-day basis we have Council Minutes that need to be produced, business papers, agendas and reports. We have to provide accurate and correct information to Councillors so that they can make decisions based on that information. Corporate services is also about filtering information back through the community which is about good governance. Once Council makes a resolution, it's our job to put it out there so people can actually view our Minutes and see what's going on. We try to be as open and transparent as we can be because we don't have hidden agendas, there's always a paper trail which explains how and why Council does things.

At times that can be difficult, people often judge that politicians have a hidden agenda. From the point of view of Corporate Services we have to stay neutral — we don't want to play politics, in the administration of council our aim is to function efficiently, professionally and in strict confidence.

My role as Corporate Services Manager is to ensure that my staff, the team that works with me, work together openly and honestly to get the job done.

My immediate supervisor is the CEO who will delegate to me reports and responsibilities that I need to take on.

Our work is also about implementing the policies of Council. A lot of people may think that policies are something that administration just develop. We may propose draft policies and draft procedures to the Council general meeting but then it is Council who makes policies and procedures.

Our job in Corporate Services, from the CEO down, is to implement those policies and to make sure middle managers such as the Environmental Health, Works and Facilities and Aged Hostel Managers are also implementing

policies set by Council.

It's all about best practice and accountability. We have had to familiarise ourselves with what Corporate Services and good corporate governance means as terms which are foreign to us as Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people. Under the Local Government Act we need to take responsibility for the law and my role as Corporate Services Manager is to make sure we comply and to basically be the watchdog for the Act – it's about ethics doing the right thing and being seen to be doing the right thing.

Working for the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council in the role as Corporate Services Manager/Deputy CEO for the past four years has been challenging but also rewarding and Council provides incentives which I enjoy.

We want to be the best indigenous Shire Council out there! To showcase what we do and how we do it!

I am thoroughly enjoying my new role and my team are a diverse bunch of people who are quick learners and are passionate about working for our Community in Local Government.



"Palm Island is still beautiful"

*That was the consensus of four elders who recently 'revisited' the Island home of their youths, although according to some sources there were some things not so good. The trip was funded through the Department of Justice by money leftover in the "Elders Account". Kevin Ngan Woo (late) was the Townsville Justice Group Coordinator until 2006 and received a \$10,000 community award from Jupiter's Casino. Anemah Ghee, Elsie Kennedy and Mary Twaddle have been contributing to the Murri Court process while Chrissie Pryor was asked to come in Eileen Kable's place (who was unavailable due to illness). Mrs Sailor told **Palm Island Voice** Reporter Tim Miller she hadn't been to the Island for 46 years. Here is some of her story:*

"My name is Betty Sailor, I came from a place called Chillagoe with my grandmother.

My mother died giving birth to me, she was 22 years old. My Grandmother grew me up from a baby, milking nanny goats on the side of the road for me to have the milk.

As I grew up Gran still would not let anyone take me away from her, so when she came to Palm Island she said she was not going to leave her baby for someone else to grow up. So I grew up here and went to school here.

As we grew older they took me away from the Granny's and put me into the dormitory until I got married at 21. I then went and lived in the village and had seven children. They are all still alive, but my husband passed away in 2000 from throat cancer.

The dormitory was very strict – the whole Island was strict. At 9pm the bell rings and everyone had to be indoors, even the kids in the dormitory. We had to go to bed and we had to get up about 4.30am or 5am. Everything had to be spotless, you could have eaten off

the scrubbed floor, then we had to make the beds. The younger ones had to clean the yard, the house and everything and then they had their breakfast and shower. Then we all had to get ready for school and the matron would come down from their cottage and inspect our work. If one bed was out of line she would rip all the sheets off all the beds. If the floor was not done, they would tip the bucket on it. And if we didn't do it we'd be punished, we got caned to the ground.

We were hungry too, not like the kids of today, they take everything for granted. In our day our grandparents had to sneak food up to us and I used to share it with other kids as the time. And the island was spotless.

As my children grew up they went to church every Sunday and played sport. They had the football on weekends and a big dance. Everything was done for ourselves, it was good in some ways and it was hard in other ways – we didn't have what they have today.

The children of today don't ever respect us, they want, want, want and don't ever give.

Kids would never steal in those days, they might do little things wrong but the mother would give them a good hiding. But not today, they can go and burn places down, smash other peoples belongings and that's a big joke to them. In our days we had respect. My children never ever stole, never ever swore, they were not allowed to, but today they are bad with the things that come out of their mouths.

This Island is a beautiful place, and now they have beautiful homes, we used to have coconut homes. We





Facing Page: Anemah Ghee & Mary Twaddle; Above: Anemah Ghee, Betty Sailor, Chrissie Pryor & Elsie Kennedy; Right: Mango Avenue in the 1940s; Below Right: Betty Sailor.



never had electricity until 1959. We didn't go around smashing light bulbs and things like that when I was growing up. Today they have everything in the palm of their hands and they don't respect it, they've got no respect whatsoever these kids. If I had my way I'd get them in a group and sit them down and if they

didn't listen I'd hit them with a big belt and tell them to listen. Their parents were not like that, where do they get their ideas from? Too many bad things going around. There should be a group here, an elders group to get the young people and teach them about their background, how they grew up.

They are not in this world to destroy it or on this island to destroy this island. Teach them right from wrong. They were out at all hours last night in the mall making noise. They should have a 9pm curfew then bed, and no wandering around late at night. If they get caught the police should come and take them for the night, bring them home or do something to them.

I blame the government for taking the rights away from the parents, if they had not done that the kids of today would not be like that but the government says you can't hit them or we will take them off you.

We need to bring back the old ways and tell them if you do something bad we will do something bad, we will flog you. They are way out of bounds nowadays. We need to take back the island from the kids, they think they run the island now and they're getting away with it."



PISC News

October 2009



I hope everybody has had a safe and happy holidays so far and the staff are looking forward to seeing all our students returning to school for the final term of the year.

This means that we are close to the end of the school year and the Christmas is just around the corner – boy doesn't time just fly.

Final term is set to be a busy one and it is VERY important that ALL students be at school for the whole term, right from TODAY.

This is because the term four is the final term of our grade 12s high school education.

Term four is also a short term with the grade 12s only having seven weeks of school left.

This means that much of their final assessment will be done in the first four or five weeks of term.

If students aren't showing up to school until the second or third week of school then they will miss out on a great deal of work.

I would hate to see so many of our students who have done really well so far this year miss out because they didn't attend the final weeks of school.

Our grade 11s have a few more weeks than the grade 12s left and even though they will not be finish high school this year it is still very important for them to attend EVERY day of school as well.

Like the grade 12s much of the 11s assessment will be done in the first five or six weeks of school.

Again is students miss these vital first weeks it will have an adverse affect on their grades and that the students will have to work just that little bit harder next year.

It is better to go into grade 12 with the highest grades possible so that students have the best chance possible to get the best marks possible.

Due to the students having to do exams and go on work experience we had to postpone our open day BBQ.

As a result the open day BBQ has been move to the second week of the new term.

It would be great to see as many parents there as possible so you can see some of the brilliant work your sons and daughters, nieces and nephews have been doing this year.

Once again I need to bring up the issue of people using the school ground as a short cut.

Several of our students have come to us saying that they feel unsafe as a result of the general public using school grounds in this way.

I ask you, which is more important, the convenience of taking a few seconds off your trip or the safety of your children?

As a parent I know which I would prefer.

Towards the end of last term the year 11 English and the year 11 and 12 Work Education students had to do a fund raising BBQ.

Initially students felt a little shame about standing in the mall and selling steakburgers, hamburgers and hotdogs to the community which was soon put to ease when the students saw how well the Palm Island community supported the event.

It was fantastic to see such support.

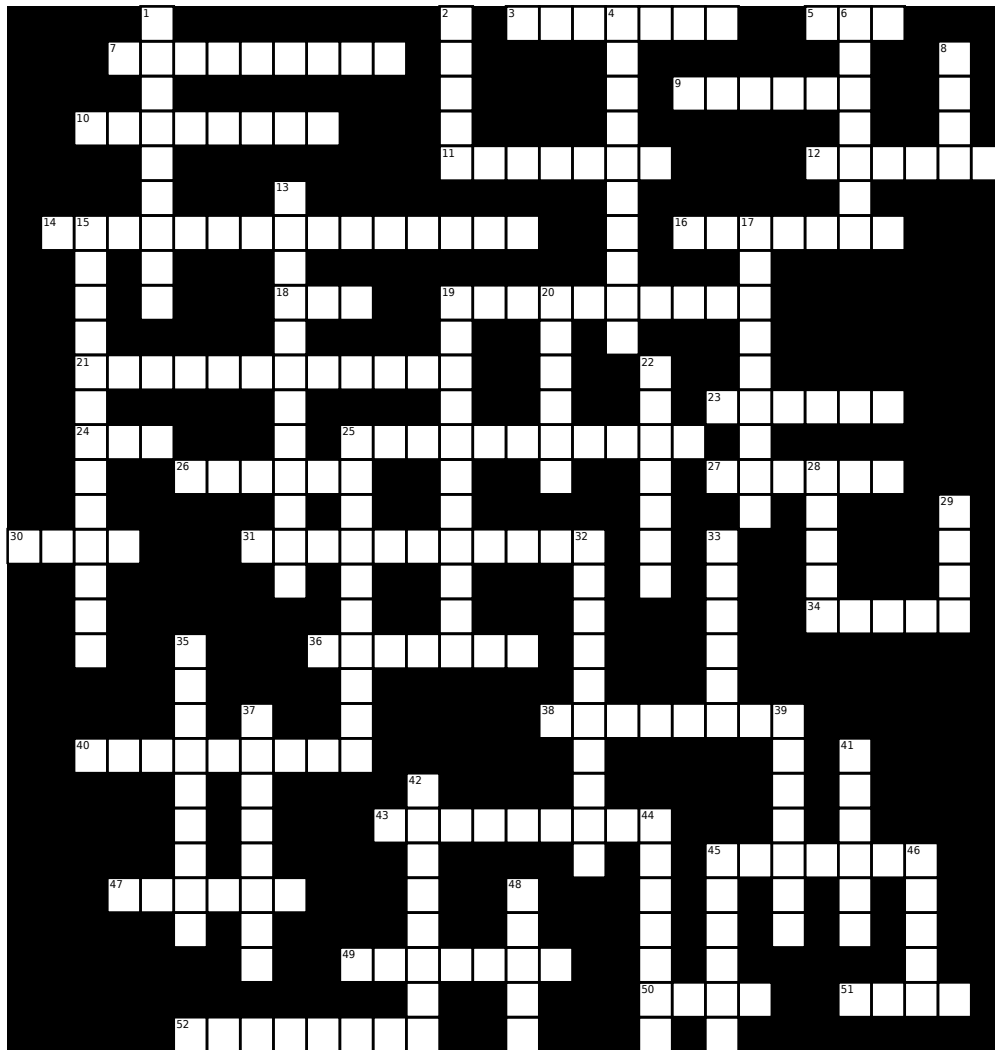
In fact we ran out of food twice during the day and had to restock on meat and bread, meaning that we were also putting money back into the community.

Overall the students made a profit of just over \$500 dollars, which they were totally stoked about.

Yours in Education,

**Sylvia Wagner (Co-ordinator),
Stephen Malpas (Mathematics),
Dane Paulsen (English),
Iaga Viri & Lindsey Malone
(Case Managers).**

Palm Island Voice Crossword Issue 44



Across

- 3 Points north south east and west
- 5 The morse code signal for help
- 7 Well-known singer with a 'nautical' name
- 9 Billy Slater did this before he played NRL
- 10 Customs boat tragedy in the Torres Strait
- 11 Monkey and the turtle looked for some of these
- 12 This sea creature is said to soak up water
- 14 Your community newspaper
- 16 You need this to be a skipper
- 18 Frozen water
- 19 This attractive fish lives in the coral
- 21 Boats longer than 5 metres should have this:
Fire _____
- 23 Another name for a bucket in a boat to remove water
- 24 No more than this speed limit when close to a jetty,
_____ knots
- 25 Another name for weather watching
- 26 Weather system from the ocean causing drought
- 27 Baked in banana leaf and good with syrup
- 30 One nautical mile per hour
- 31 The initials MV mean this on boats
- 34 Water goes out water comes in
- 36 Summer's fury from the ocean
- 38 Holy _____ Batman! This fish puts up a fight
- 40 Slow down in this bay please
- 43 Keeps the insects away but not the sharks
- 45 Summer rain from the north
- 47 In charge of a seagoing barge
- 49 Bronco's second-rower - man he's got hair!
Sam _____
- 50 You must pass this to get a boat licence
- 51 The plug in a small boat
- 52 A dinghy needs one of these at the back

Down

- 1 Our women catch plenty of fish from this: _____ jetty
- 2 Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon
- 4 Blue and gold NRL grand final team
- 6 Boat named after Greek gods and sport. MV _____
- 8 A big tide
- 13 Inventor on the \$50 note
- 15 NQ cricket legend who likes fishing
- 17 Boat with two hulls
- 19 TAFE event at PCYC in October
- 20 A boat's 'brakes'
- 22 White humpback whale
- 25 Wear your helmet when riding one of these
- 28 Ship's guide
- 29 Two of these in case the boat breaks down
- 32 Kids under 12 wear this in a dinghy
- 33 Pearling ship
- 35 Don't get stung by one of these
- 37 Popular fishing equipment
- 39 Coastal town with a girl's name
- 41 Sea cow
- 42 Hard at work helping the skipper on deck
- 44 A type of commercial fishing boat
- 45 What to say over ship's radio in an emergency
- 46 Fishing line is made of this
- 48 Emergency device with red or orange smoke

Palm Island Voice would like to acknowledge the Crossword Maker at <http://www.armoredpenguin.com/crossword/> and thank David Goeldner again for his fine work in putting together these clues for us.

Palm Island Voice

Public & Community Notices

WATER FLUORIDATION

SHIRE Councils across Queensland are being encouraged to consider adding fluoride to their drinking water. PIAC is currently in discussions with Queensland Health about our water supply and will keep you posted through the *Palm Island Voice*. If you have any thoughts on fluoridation please drop us a line or let the Council know.



Expressions of Interest

Old Laundromat

PIAC is keen to hear from anyone who has any ideas for using the old Laundromat for small business development or office space. Please put your proposal and/or ideas for the space in writing and send it to the CEO.

Old Computers

Council also has a number of old computers up for bidding. Interested parties should lodge their Expression of Interest by Friday 16 October.

Get Paid for Hunting

Council is looking for tenders for the Eradication of the Wild Pigs on the Island. Information sessions will be hosted by the Department of Environment in the near future. Contact CEO Barry Moyle at the Council for more details.

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Ads are to be submitted by no later than 5pm on deadline day (see p 16 for details).

Qld Police have advised there are some places available on their Applied First Aid workbook & combined PCPR course on the 21st October at the Palm Island Police Station.

Anyone who would like to attend should contact the Community Education Unit at Queensland Ambulance Service on 4727 4888.

World Diabetes Day is officially on Saturday 14 November but here on Palm Island we will be celebrating on Thursday 12th of November.

Theme: EDUCATION AND PREVENTION

Education and prevention is the theme for World Diabetes Day for the next five years and also very important for our community.

Why World Diabetes Day is on this Day?

14 November is the official United Nations' World Diabetes Day, chosen because it marks the birthday of Frederick Banting who, along with Charles Best, is credited with the discovery of insulin. While many events take place on or around the day itself, a themed campaign runs throughout the year.

ALL ARE WELCOME

DATE: 12TH NOVEMBER 2009

WHERE: NEAR THE CLOCK TOWER

TIME: 10:00am – 2:00pm

Free Giveaways

(but you have to go through all the stations first!)

Games for Kids Prizes for Kids and Adults

Shoes (special from the Foot Doctor)

A lot of Information for Everyone!!!

*Happy Birthday Erykah Kyle
(Mum!) for the 8th October
- 72 years of age. Love from
your family on Palm.
Another Happy Birthday to
Erica Jnr on the
14th October 2009.
Love from all of us.*

Expressions of interest: Queensland Indigenous Languages Advisory Committee

Queensland Indigenous Languages Advisory Committee is a representative group established to create and maintain a community based network coordinating and supporting the work to strengthen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages in Queensland.

Expressions of interest are invited to take a place on this committee to represent Torres Strait Islander programs on the mainland of Australia.

For more information go to www.qilac.org.au

DAY&DAY
SHIPPING

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**

DAY&DAY
SHIPPING

Yorta Yorta man supports kids, boots and all ...

Donations of riding gear including boots, halters, leads, jodhpurs, socks, saddle blankets and hats have found their way to Palm Island via a Facebook networking page and the enterprise of Bwgcolman teacher James Ward.

Supported by School principal Leonie Betts, the initiative has also resulted in what could be seen as an unlikely partnership between Bwgcolman Community School and independent girls' boarding and day school, Seymour College, in Adelaide.

A Learning & Support teacher, Mr Ward said he believed the children's passion for riding would be enhanced by having proper gear.

"I requested donations via the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Grapevine site on Facebook," he said. "From there, Dare to Lead's Stephanie Armstrong saw my request and referred it to Dare to Lead School Corporate Partnerships Coordinator Cliff Downey, who in turn spoke to the Chief Operating Officer of RM Williams. The iconic outfitter immediately sent one dozen pairs of top-of-the-range boots to Bwgcolman Community School. This donation was augmented by a plethora of other goods donated by individuals. Kids who have been helpful at school, kids who have made special progress in their studies or who have attended every day for the past month, have been given these wonderful bits of gear as prizes. The competition is fierce."

Mr Ward said the biggest individual donation came from John Briggs, a Yorta Yorta man who runs an earth moving business, Active Bobkats, in Adelaide. He said Mr Briggs saw the request and decided to call for donations through his own networks.



"We had some luck getting second-hand boots but not as many as we wanted and there was not much time before the Palm Island Rodeo so my wife and I bought 14 pairs of boots, some new bridles, saddle-blankets and socks to put into the box," Mr Briggs said. "James sent me photos of the Palm Island kids riding horses using string as bridles and old towels as saddle blankets. I sent the pictures on to Australian Air Express, it pulled all our heart strings, and they agreed to freight the gear to Townsville free of charge because there was no time to get it there by road transport. If I can help these kids, that's what it's all about. Why stop it there? I plan on doing a bit more, I've found that people are willing to do anything when they know about it. As part of all this, the two schools are starting a relationship, getting in touch as penpals and hopefully this will lead to more contact. The ultimate would be to get kids down from Palm Island to visit us here, or our kids to visit them."

Mr Ward said Bwgcolman Community School children have had training in animal husbandry skills and horse care strategies over the past five years.

"This not only makes their education more relevant but provides a tangible reason to



Jets win in close battle for reserve grade final

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The clubs had finished first and second in the five club comp and had played a tie in the qualifying semi final and were still locked together after extra time.

Skipjacks lost the replay to Bulls 24 to 18 and then beat Jets in the Preliminary final 28 to 26. In the 2008 decider, Bulls also narrowly defeated Skipjacks.

In the reserve grade grand final, it was a great battle between Jets and Skipjacks which resulted in a 22-20 win to Jets.

Jets scored a late try to regain the lead with 60 seconds to go. The huge crowd appreciated the quality of the games and it was a great end to the season and PIRL president Ili Dabea and all his administrators and the club coaches and officials are to be congratulated.

About half the population of Palm Island

attended grand final day with lots of spirited cheering.

Overall it was a very competitive season with the standard improving from last year.

On the field the two games were hard and tough but played in a competitive spirit with lots of sportsmanship.

No ladies comp was held on Palm Island this season after Jets ladies won the 2008 climax top the season.

However it is expected that four ladies teams will compete in the 2010.

There is also some possibility that a Palm Island Barracudas side will enter the Townsville and District competition in 2010 or 2011 season with lack of funding the only obstacle.

PIRL has been invited by the TDRL to submit a proposal for inclusion.

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HINTS FOR HORSE OWNERS, RIDERS & CARERS

Feeding and exercising a horse are important to maintaining fitness and healthy muscles, however the amount of exercise depends on how much food and what type of food the horse eats.

If a horse eats only grass then the amount of exercise can only be minimal because a horse has to eat 22 hours a day just to survive. If your horse is only eating grass then it should only have about one hour a day of light work (riding) or exercise (that means no galloping) and that is if he is already well fed and fit.

To work a horse for a longer time he needs to eat grain and purchased horse feed with added vitamins and minerals. He can't get all these needs from just grass.

Don't forget to follow the manufactures instructions on the package on how much to feed and how often.

If you can see his ribs (he is thin) or his hair is long or patchy (he is wormy) or he has any injuries he should not be ridden at all.

Water is important too especially as the summer temperatures increase. Remember a horse has to cool down before it will drink. A hot horse will not drink even if it is offered water. A simple test to see if your horse needs water is if you can pinch the skin on his neck and it doesn't spring back he needs water and lots of it. A horse like this is called dehydrated and can't be ridden either.

Hint on personal safety when working with ropes and long reins:

***Never wrap a rope or long rein around your hand or wrist,
and always wear enclosed shoes or boots.***

With your healthy happy horse have fun and stay safe.

BUTLER BAY BULLS WIN 2009!!



A huge crowd of 1500 watched Butler Bay Bulls defend their Palm Island domestic rugby league title in the grand final last weekend, when they beat arch rivals Skipjacks 36-28.

Action was high and there were banners and cheers squads from the participating clubs. Palm Island Rugby League committee member Regina James said that Bulls fullback and former champion boxer Peter Morgan was named man of the match for a faultless display. "There was a very big crowd and good football," Regina said.

The final was highlighted by some big clashes in the forwards and speedy backs running well. Bulls established a lead but the Skipjack boys kept coming at them with captain Fred Bulsey playing a magnificent game on the losing side.

Darryl Huddy, Gerome Hughes were outstanding in the Bulls pack and their top class back line included Clinton Pearson and Peter Morgan, who were dynamic all day.

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PICTURED LEFT is Palm Islander Lance Poynter in Townsville Mall looking forward to supporting the Palm Island teams at the Bindal Sharks United Allblacks carnival at Brothers League's Club this weekend. Last year Lance was coach of the Palm Bulls side which made the grand final of the losers comp.

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