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'Unsung heroes' theme to 2010 NAIDOC celebrations

Anticipation and excitement is building on the Island as the community gears up for 2010 NAIDOC celebrations due to start this weekend.

The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities under this year's national theme which is *'Unsung Heroes - Closing the Gap by Leading their Way'*.

At least two events over the week on Palm will reflect that theme and such is the interest that event sponsors, the Palm island Shire Council, have been swamped by residents wanting a copy of the program.

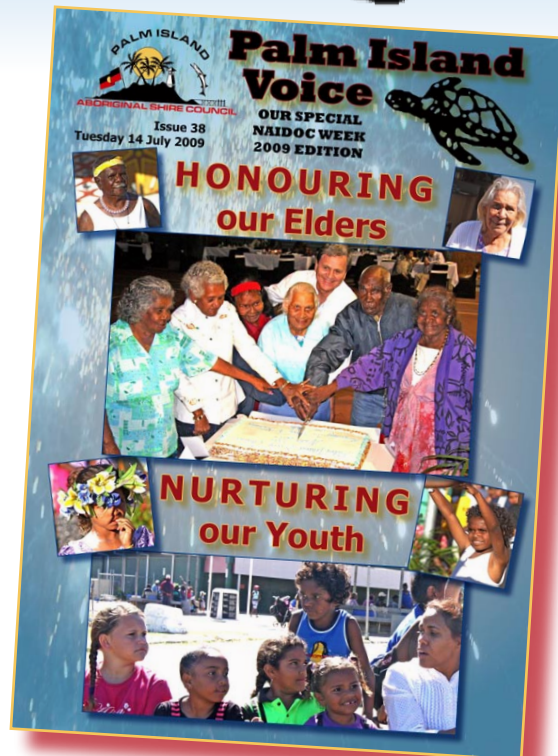
The week starts on Sunday July 4 with a festival which will include our own Spiritual Heroes – Unsung Heroes event, combined church services, a morning tea hosted by Council, community barbecue and fire yarning circle.

The following day, Monday, will be the official opening of NAIDOC and the Indigenous Knowledge Centre, followed by a touch competition at the PCYC.

From 10am onwards there will be stalls and between 1pm and 2pm traditional dancers will perform followed by an afternoon tea and a photographic history of Palm Island will be on display.

Tuesday July 6 will run to the theme: "Members of the 1957 Strike – Unsung Heroes", and will feature a Red Cross Youth Breakfast and a HACCS client, staff and community elders' morning tea.

Touch competition finals will be followed by traditional spear and boomerang throwing and making contests and arts and crafts displays. Wednesday will see the breakfast program continue, a Red Cross sports day at the PCYC, a CDEP Community Kup Murri at noon and baby, art and damper competitions.



Last year's NAIDOC week as celebrated in the Palm Island Voice

On Thursday July 8 there will be traditional and contemporary performers, community barbecue and a greasy pole contest.

That night a disco youth dance comp will be followed by Open Karaoke which will serve as a tribute to the late Cr Mick Thaiday.

Friday July 9 will be the big day with elders being acknowledged at 11am and a Tribal Banner March.

At 6.30pm the NAIDOC dinner dance is on which includes a fashion parade (for details about how to get tickets, see Public Notices). Red Cross' Youth Breakfast Program and community elders morning teas will continue into Saturday before rugby league matches take to the fields.

The Skipjacks versus Army Thunder rugby league match commences at the football oval at 11am followed by a game between Mount Bentley Raiders and visiting team, the Injinoo Warriors.

Disadvantage hits home

A report has found 34 of the 97 most 'disadvantaged' areas in Queensland are Aboriginal or Torres Strait communities, according to the Townsville Bulletin earlier this month.

The report – 'Scan of Disadvantage 2010' – was commissioned by Uniting Care Queensland and used 2006 census data.

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey told the Townsville paper he hoped the report would finally encourage government and other organisations to provide the help they have been crying out for.

"I'm not going to argue with a report that puts the truth on the table," Cr Lacey told reporter Nathan Paull.

"I'd like to see a lot of energy not only put in by government but the private sector to work with Palm Island shire in terms of creating opportunities.

"It's quite evident now that it is in a report and government and everyone else has to take notice of this report and pay some attention to it."

The Bulletin also reported that Cr Lacey said despite the government attempts to recognise indigenous Australians' place in the nation's history and culture, it was still lacking in real support.

http://www.townsvillebulletin.com.au/article/2010/06/21/147915_news.html



WORK on a bigger helicopter landing pad to enable larger choppers to land has progressed with a cement pour going ahead late last week. The SES helicopter is required for medical evacuations and is across from the Palm island hospital near the Esplanade.

Boxing doco hailed 'a great success'

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Councillor Ruth Gorringer has declared the screening of the documentary entitled 'Boxing for Palm Island' at the PCYC earlier this month "a great success".

The documentary was also played in Townsville the following day after being one of two films chosen to open the 2010 Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival at the Sydney Opera House in May.

Cr Gorringer said about 100 people at the PCYC

enjoyed every minute of the documentary.

"I give it a five star rating and everybody there said they liked it," Cr Gorringer said.

Mr Dennis said the documentary would screen as two 30 minute shows on ABC television nationally over two weeks later in the year.



RON Geia (left) is a well known worker on Palm Island, often be seen down at the ramp driving the truck carrying goods from the mainland.

Last week Ron was behind the wheel of a forklift early, ready to deliver groceries to the Palm Island Retail Store.

Health kicks to a Latin beat



The local PCYC was flooded with interest and an excited buzz from women, men, teens and kids keen to dance their calories away in Zumba sessions earlier this month.

Everyone enjoyed a full hour of non-stop dancing to assorted Latin rhythms accompanied

by varied moves.

The oldest participant was 72-year-old Beryl Gorringer, the youngest a 5-year-old boy.

Instructor, Ms O'Connor, was warmly embraced by the elders and other participants and said she was keen to visit Palm Island again.

She also said with just over

60 starters, Palm Island has broken the record in Queensland for a first session of Zumba.

We look forward to having you join us for the next session of ZUMBA so bring a friend/family member and dance those calories away!

Lavenia Tubea, PCYC

Coolgaree Bistro/Cafe open for business

Coolgaree Bay Sports Bar and Bistro building near the Esplanade has opened a cafe with a caffeine kick which is proving popular with locals.

It is being run by former Palm Island Deputy Mayor Zac Sam and Shane Stratton who will be licensees of the complete Coolgaree Bay Sports Bar and Bistro, expected to fully open in July.

Café worker Helen Tomsana (*pictured right*) said it had been steadily busy especially early in the morning.

"It has been a couple of very busy days and people have been coming in regularly," Ms Tomsana said.

One happy customer was Astrid Bligh who said Islanders found it great to sit down in comfort and enjoy a coffee and some fine food.

"It is well set up and I will be coming here all the time," Ms Bligh said.

Kareem Sam, the son of Zac Sam, was busy stocking a display fridge up with fresh salad rolls which had just come by plane from the mainland.

"In the next few weeks we will have salad rolls made locally here on Palm," Zac Sam said.

The café has created a number of casual jobs for young Palm Islanders.





JASON Coolburra (right) is the son of the late great Bill Coolburra who would have celebrated his 64th birthday on June 20. Jason is pictured here with Jonelle and Theresa Watson. "It would have been dad's 64th birthday yesterday and we had a quiet get together on the day," Jason said. He said the family was looking forward to the big rugby league game at 11am on Saturday July 10, when local club Skipjacks takes on the Army Thunder for the Bill Coolburra Memorial Shield. Skipjacks have won the last two encounters. It will be on Palm for the first time, after the previous two games were held in Townsville and a large crowd is expected. "It will be a very emotional day," Jason said.

Palm Island Senior Campus News

2010 Athletics Carnival

Senior Campus would like to thank Bwgcolman Community School and St Michaels' for once again enabling the Senior Campus students to participate in the Annual Athletics Carnival. There were some good performances by students and they enjoyed participating in events. Special mention of John Sibley, Mulgar Fraser, Danice Nallajar and Allanah Richardson for their outstanding performances in track events.

Catherine Freeman Foundation

Semester I Bike Awards

On Tuesday the 22nd of June, Allanah Richardson (Yr 10), Joeleen Greenway (Yr 11) and Maggie Clumpoint (Yr 12) were presented with new mountain bikes by Catherine Freeman. These students were awarded the bikes for their improved attendance and their continued good behaviour and effort whilst at school.

Rae-Jon Bunting Visits

Rae-Jon Bunting (author of the Bwgcolman horse stories and respected horse professional) visited the Senior Campus to speak with students on the importance of not riding injured horses. Rae-Jon also talked about the Hendra virus, which is transmitted from bats to horses. The Hendra virus can infect and kill humans who have had contact with infected horses. She emphasised the importance of not coming into contact with fluids produced by horses (blood, saliva and waste products) and of reporting any sick, injured or dead horses to Council's Animal Control Officers.

**BE SAFE, DO NOT RIDE/TOUCH HORSES
WHO ARE SICK OR INJURED**

Art Project

Thank you and congratulations to Ms Michelle Hall who has guided Senior Campus students through a process of planning, printing and sewing environmentally friendly shopping bags. A special thank you goes out to the community members who assisted the students and Bwgcolman Community School by lending us their sewing machines.

It has been great to see the students learn the processes to produce a commercial product. This project was made possible by funding secured by Ms Michelle through a BP Grant.

End of Semester I, 2010

School finished on Friday June 25th. I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff for their contributions during Semester I at the Senior Campus. I'd like to say farewell to Mr Dane Paulsen, Mr Stephen Malpas and Ms Michelle Hall. Replacement staff or a staffing model for Semester II is yet to be finalised. Classes resume at the Senior Campus on Tuesday the 13th of July.

Student Photographic IDs and Campus Photograph

Each student who was attending the Senior Campus on the days that photographs were taken have now received their Student IDs free of charge.

If a student requires a replacement card they can order one for \$5.00

Semester I Campus Photographs are available from the Senior Campus Office for \$10.00 each.

Leanne Young, Head of Campus

Fantome doco travels to Rosewood Train Museum

Fantome Island documentary-makers Joe Eggmolesse, Sean Gilligan and Adrian Strong travelled to Rosewood, west of Ipswich last weekend, on the trail of a 'leprosy train' carriage.

Their visit took them to the town's Railway Museum where an interesting morning ended in all three agreeing that the carriage they had found was "too flash" to have been used to transport Aboriginal people with Hansen's Disease, or leprosy.

Mr Eggmolesse said he was disappointed, but Mr Gilligan and Mr Strong both agreed the journey had by no means been wasted.

"Seeing the carriage, there's nothing I can remember about it but I couldn't imagine Murris travelling on that train," Mr Eggmolesse said.

"And the local historian we spoke to about it confirmed it was for Peel Island, which meant it was for white patients because it's got four bunks in it, a kitchen and showers – it looks too comfortable for those days.

"He also mentioned there was a sister-carriage over in Toowoomba and I think that might be the one Aboriginal & Islanders were on."

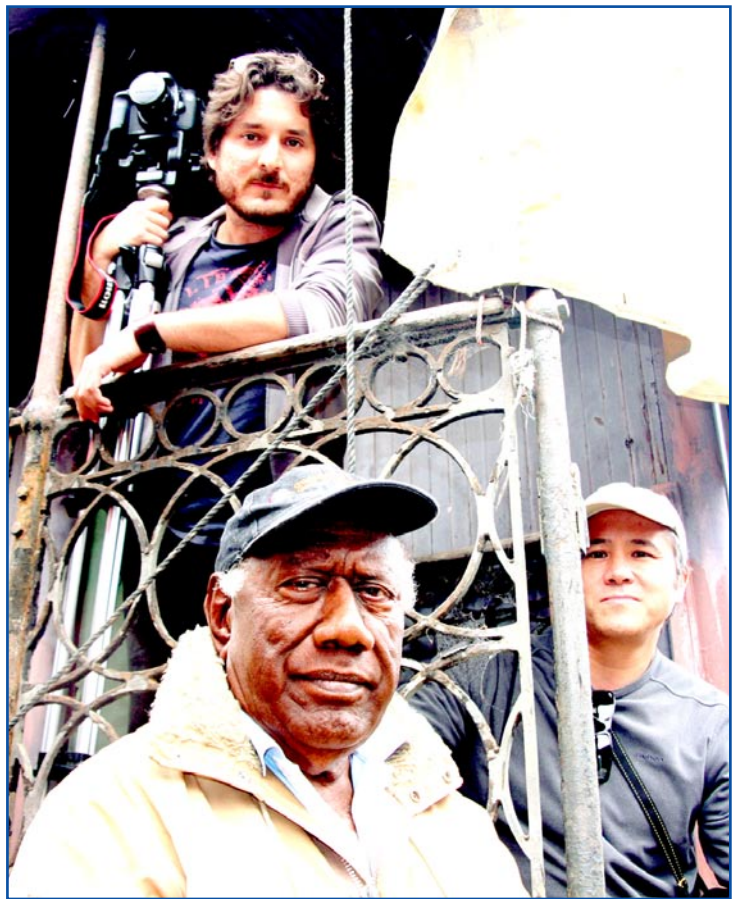
Mr Eggmolesse said he was identified as a patient as a seven-year-old and put on a train in Nambour with a police escort to travel to Cardwell.

"My memory is getting on the train and having a cry because Mum was crying," he said.

"When we got to Cardwell a lovely old man by the name of Genami Geia was the skipper of a lugger which took me to Fantome.

"But the short story is I don't remember a carriage like that so I'm disappointed that I didn't see the one I travelled in, or that others would have travelled in."

Brisbane film-maker Sean Gilligan said the



Sean Gilligan, Joe Eggmolesse, and Adrian Strong on a railway carriage at Rosewood used to carry Hansen's Disease, or leprosy patients

train-ride was a significant part of Joe's story.

"We did a little bit of investigating and we came to learn that the carriages which were used to transport leprosy patients had been nicknamed the death trains in the early days," he said.

"So we just wanted to come here and connect that bit of history together."

Mr Strong said it was a bit of detective story trying to piece various things together.

"Joe went up to Fantome Island in 1945, but he also talks about his Aunt, who went up in 1940 from Peel Island, and that is also a part of the documentary we're looking into as well," he said.

"In 1940 they separated the so-called 'coloured' patients and 40 or 50 people were sent on this journey all the way up to Fantome Island from Peel Island, so that's part of this story as well."

Mr Gilligan said they definitely had footage they could use in the final documentary from the trip.

Worthwhile experience for junior players

EXPERIENCE against the best opposition around was gained by 15 young Palm Island rugby league players who played at the prestigious Laurie Spina Shield competition held at Brother's League's Club in Townsville last Friday and Saturday.

The Palm Island Barracudas or the "Bwngcolman Warriors" as some described themselves, played four games on Friday, and two on Saturday and lost them all.

But in a competition for 11-year-olds, boasting 54 teams and more than 800 players from all around North Queensland and NSW, the mainly young lads and two

lasses performed well.

It is believed to be the biggest rugby league carnival for juniors in Australia.

The two girls were Shonele Castors and Mirinda Bulsey who both played in the backs.

The side was in pool four, and lost to Cloncurry Bulls, Sarina Crocodiles, Western Lions Blue and Gladstone Brothers on day one, and then Townsville Brothers White and Edmonton Storm from Cairns last Saturday.

Palm Island Rugby League President Ili Dabea was with the team at the Sunferries terminal in Townsville on Sunday morning as they prepared to come home.

"The team lost three games narrowly and I am very proud of them and it has been a big trip and they are keen to go home," he said.

Team first aid officer was now 21-year-old Emele Dabea who in 1995 was the first female from Palm Island to play in the Laurie Spina Shield, named after the former North Queensland Cowboys and Sydney Easts ARL and NRL player who hails from Ingham. Palm players and officials stayed at the Shalom Christian College barracks and some got to go to the Cronulla Sharks versus North Queensland Cowboys match at Dairy Farmers Stadium on Saturday night.



Boxers set to take on Golden Gloves in Atherton this weekend

The chance for Palm Islanders to maintain their outstanding record at the Golden Gloves Amateur Boxing Titles in Atherton this weekend has been rescued thanks to sponsorship offered by the Townsville Bulletin and some support from Seven's Sunday Night program.

It will be a great adventure for at least 12 Palm Island boxers to compete at the event. Palm Islanders have performed magnificently at past Golden Gloves championships but this 2010 trip was in jeopardy because of a lack of finance.

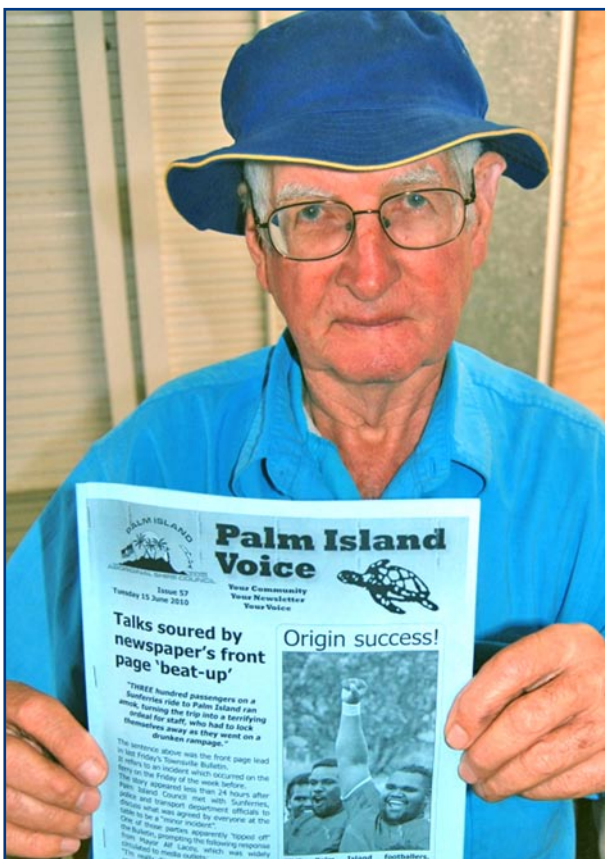
Trainer Ray Dennis (pictured below with his 2nd favourite read) said he wanted to thank the Townsville Bulletin newspaper for coming forward to sponsor the trip with a hire bus, accommodation and some other expenses.

"The Bulletin has supported us in the past and I can't thank them enough for helping us out this time around," Mr Dennis said.

"This will enable between 10 and 15 our boxers including female Noby Clay to go to Atherton."



Young boxing hopeful Reggie Palm Island ready to go to Atherton this weekend



Mr Dennis and the boxers will travel from Palm Island on Thursday July 1 by barge to Lucinda with producers of the Channel 7 program Sunday Night.

"They will be shooting footage of us here on Palm and they have paid for the barge," Mr Dennis said.

Bus driver and assistant trainer Chris Gundy will travel to Townsville to pick up the boxers' hire bus.

"Chris will drive up to Lucinda and meet us when we get off the barge and then we go to Atherton," Mr Dennis said.

Mr Dennis is confident his boxers will win a swag of gold medals at the Golden Gloves and they will be filmed by Channel 7.

"We will all be driving back from Atherton to Townsville on Sunday July 4 and there isn't a ferry back to Palm Island that day because of the speed boat races in Cleveland Bay, so we will stay overnight at the Hotel Allen in North Ward and come back to Palm on Monday," Mr Dennis said.

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Public & Community Notices

POSITIONS VACANT

Palm Island Safe House

The Safe House will provide a short term placement for children and young people who are referred from Department of Communities (Child Safety Services). This service will ensure children who require out-of-home care can remain in the community connected to family, culture, language and country.



Safe House Staff – full time and part time

The Palm Island Community Company currently has a number of job vacancies based at the newly established Safe House on Palm Island. We are looking for community members to work at the Safe House to care for children and provide for their daily needs and assist with case plans and decision making so that the best possible outcomes for the child and family can be achieved.

Family Intervention Service (FIS) worker – Full time

The purpose of this position is to provide practical support and assistance for children and families who are subject to departmental child protection intervention. This service will provide the opportunity to address child protection concerns, building capacity for children to safely remain in or return to their family home.

For further information and a Position Description contact

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or Narelle Gleeson-Henaway on 07 4721 2277, email narelle@picc.com.au

Closing date Monday 12 July 2010.

Community Notices

Happy 21st
Birthday
Murielle!!!

*From all the management and staff
at the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire
Council. Congratulations Murielle!!*

**MISSING: One large grey male cat
at Butler Bay. Answers to Fluffy
(he's not fluffy, though, he has
short hair). Please contact Andrea
at the Council if you think you
have seen him.**



NAIDOC Dinner Dance

Friday night 9th July 7.30 – 10.30pm **IMPORTANT:**
Tickets are \$20 per person and there is only 200
tickets, so once sold no one can come in.

New sports complex

The new sports complex has been named:
Bwgcolman Sports and Recreation Complex.
Thank you to all who submitted an expression of
interest.

EOI closes 23 July 2010

Business/office space is available at the Palm
Island airport.

**For more information see Andrea Kyle-Sailor
at Council, ph 4770 117 or email andrea.kyle-sailor@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au**

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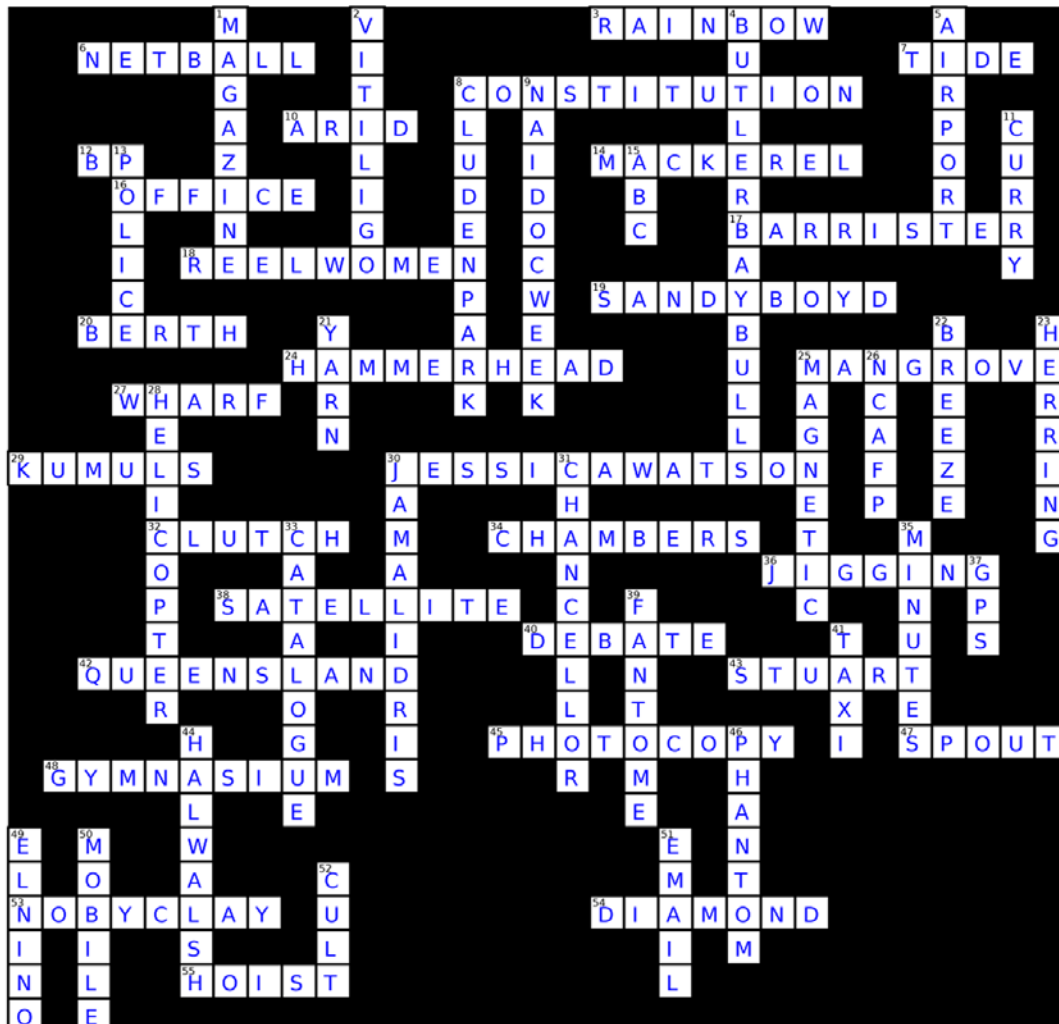
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**Come & join the ZUMBA
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at the PCYC!!!**

See Lavenia Tuibua for more details



**PI Voice Crossword
57 Answers**

Footy Round-Up: Week 8 (19 June)

RAIDERS proved they are genuine premierships material with a handsome 78-14 win over Brothers in fixture eight on June 19, which was the first matches of the second round.

For Raiders John Baira scored three tries with two each to Adrian Poynter, Selwyn McLean, John Watson and Ralph Watson, and singles to Ben Nomoa, Frank Conway and Thomas Massey.

Jacob Baira booted six goals with two to John Baira, who had a fine all-round game, and one to John Watson.

Try scorers for Brothers were Alfonzo Canendo, Terence Sibley and Gavin Johnson, with a goal to Anthony

Thompson.

Skipjacks defeated Hornets 56-18.

For Skippies Ezrom Geia, Fred Bulsey and Jason Bulsey each scored two tries with singles to Niu Rabuka, Raoul Miller, Walter Geia, Cooper Kerr and Valentine Fulford.

Kevin Morgan booted five goals and Thomas Foster kicked one. For the improving Rio Walsh-coached Hornets, Robert Snyder, Owen Robertson and Kenneth Wilson crossed, with two goals to Lee Chandler.

Referees best and fairest votes went to Kevin Morgan (Skipjacks) 3, Fred Bulsey (Skipjacks) 2, and veteran Josh Geia (Hornets) 1.

In the other game premiers Butler Bay Bulls 44 rolled

Mundy Bay Warriors 24 in an exciting encounter.

For the well-drilled Bulls Pita Morgan scored a hat trick of tries with two to craft back Darryl Pearson and one each to William Blanket, Nelson Doolan and Walter Morgan.

Walter Morgan and Pita Morgan each kicked three goals.

For Mundy Bay Warriors 24 John Oliffe scored two tries and booted a goal to continue his fine form whilst Alan Brown, Brian Brown, and Luke James snared singles.

Referee votes went to Bulls forward Gary McNeil 3, Tom Walsh (Warriors) 2 and Darryl Pearson (Bulls) 1.

Jets had the bye.

THE RESULTS

Week 8: 19 June

Raiders 78 d Brothers 14

Skipjacks 56 d Hornets 18

Butler Bay Bulls 44 d Mundy Bay Warriors 24

Week 9: 26 June

Mount Bentley Raiders 80 d Hornets 18

Brothers 44 d Mundy Bay Warriors 36

Jets 34 drew with Skipjacks 34

Bye: Butler Bay Bulls

Current League Table:

1. Butler Bay Bulls 1

=2= Jets + Skipjacks

4. Mount Bentley Raiders

5. Brothers

6. Mundy Bay Warriors

7. Hornets

Athletics carnival success for schools

One of the most anticipated events by Palm Island schools is the Athletics Carnival held at the Farm every year.

Teachers said the Carnival was a celebration of the Island's natural talent, our love of running and just generally an exciting and enjoyable day.

Congratulations once again to Bronwyn Kerr for winning the Fastest Woman on Palm Island Race for the second year in a row, they said. And congratulations to David Bulsey Jr who is now officially the fastest Man on Palm Island.

Both are \$100 richer thanks to a donation by Palm Island Community Company.

This year's carnival was made extra special by Cathy Freeman spending the day with us.

Not only did she have a lovely day but she was very impressed by a number of our runners, she was especially interested in the

winner of the 10 yrs 100m race Isaac Bulsey who she has tipped to be the next Australian Champion!

Thanks to the following organisations for the many ways that they continually support school sport –Catherine Freeman Foundation, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, Palm Island Company, Q-Build, PCYC, Red Cross, Retail Store, Joyce Palmer Health Service and Coolgaree CDEP – without your support this event wouldn't have been possible.

Also congratulations St Michael's and Trevally for winning this years carnival and well done to the 2010 Age Champions!

A Palm Island representative side will soon be announced to compete in Townsville at Red Track on August 24th and defend our District Championship from last year.

More details next term, have a happy and safe school holidays everyone!

	Boys	Girls
9 yrs	Eliar Charles	Tareesha Baira
10 yrs	Sian Lai & Ralph Watson	Serabiah Gallagher
11 yrs	Marcus Ketchup & Quinton Panuel	Mirinda Bulsey
12 yrs	Emmanuel Blackman	Colleen Wilson
13 yrs	Peter Reid	Danielle Kyle
14 yrs	Stanley Fraser	Kahlani Pearson
Catherine Freeman Trophy	Malanee Tanner	

Footy Round-Up: Week 9 (26 June)

IN one of the most exciting games seen on Palm Island this season, class sides Jets and Skipjacks played a 34-all draw last Saturday.

Jets had led 16-12 at half time and local QRL trainee and official Tanja James said it was a great match.

For Jets ever reliable forward Jason Thimble scored two

tries, with one each to dynamic backs Tabua Oui and Caleb Geia and utilities Gavin Barry and Arona Miller.

Tabua Oui booted five goals with his radar like boot.

For Skipjacks Jason Bulsey scored two tries with singles to powerhouse forwards Walter Geia and Fred Bulsey, as well as Valentine Fulford and Phillip Kerr.

Clint Barry booted three goals and Kevin Morgan two.

Mount Bentley Raiders continued their fine recent form with an 80-18 win over Hornets, and Brothers narrowly defeated Mundy Bay Warriors 44-36.

Premiers Butler Bay Bulls had the bye in fixtures which were the second week of round two.



Focus and drive at the School's Athletics Carnival. Full story p 11.

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