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Coolgaree Sports Bar & Bistro open for business!!



THE Coolgaree Sports Bar and Bistro opened on Palm Island last night, with the newly renovated bar ready to host a steady stream of people from 5pm onwards.

Ten young Palm Islanders have been employed at the new establishment, which is subject to more than 60 conditions imposed on its operations by the Queensland Licensing Commission.

Three Licensing Commission officers, two male and one female, were in attendance on the night.

Co-licensees Zac Sam and Shane Stratton have put a lot of work and money into getting the bar running with the assistance of the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, which owns the building.

Mr Sam said the opening was a low key event with a much larger opening due to be held in early November when Mayors from

Indigenous communities across Queensland will be on Palm for a Ministerial Round Table conference.

"It has been a long wait but we now have a place where residents can come and enjoy a drink and a meal in comfortable surroundings," Mr Sam said.

For the 10 days before the opening, Patty White from Academy Hospitality Training in Brisbane was on the Island training staff.

She was at the entrance to the bar where people coming in had to pay a membership fee of \$20 and were then given a card with their photo on it.

The cards are used to purchase midstrength alcohol to a maximum of six cans.

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After that patrons can only buy light beer and are also entitled to purchase a six-pack of mid strength when they leave.

It costs \$5 for patrons to purchase a card if they are not alcohol drinkers.

"The cards are for life," Mr Sam said.

Former Palm Island Councillor Maggie Blackley, said it was great alcohol management laws were in place because they would make it a great place for families.

"This is fantastic but sensitive, what a transformation," she said.

"It is beautiful inside and encourages responsible drinking."

The bar will be open from 5pm to 9pm on weeknights only and except for once a fortnight on CDEP pay day.

The view from the outside court area is spectacular and adds a wonderful romantic atmosphere as the sun sets at high tide.

The new manager is former Council employee Amos Njaramba who has worked in the hospitality industry in 11 countries including his native Kenya.

Bar staff Tarita Spencer, Zac Sam jnr, Kylie Doomadgee, Maneka Merrett, Paul Kidner, Luke Lenoy and Sedonia Ross are enthusiastic about the future.

Pictured Previous Page:

Left: Josh & Paulette Geia; Right: Zac Sam Jnr & Maggie Blackley

This Page:

Top right: at the entrance are from left Jeanie Ling & Patty White with patrons German Barry & Tom Lenoy

Middle left: Shane Stratton Middle right: Amos Njaramba & Zac Sam

Bottom left: staff Kylie Doomadgee & Maneka Merrett and right, other bar staff on opening night



Radio should be back this week

STRONG winds which blew over a transmitter tower have resulted in Bwgcman Radio Station 97.3FM being off-air since August 26.

The transmitter is still on the ground behind the radio station office in the PCYC Complex but Station manager Tim Miller (*pictured right*) said he hoped it would be repaired sometime this week.

"It is a just a tangled web of steel on the ground," he said. "We have a quote for \$30,000 to repair it."

Mr Miller said the wind definitely caused the damage.

The station has been taking programs from the National Indigenous Radio Service since the transmitter was damaged.

"But it was 10m high so the only people who can access the radio are near our office," he said.



The second half of doco, "Boxing for Palm Island", will be shown on ABC1 on Sunday starting at 1.30pm.

Part one was last Sunday – to be repeated on Saturday morning at 11.30am – and was well received all over Australia.

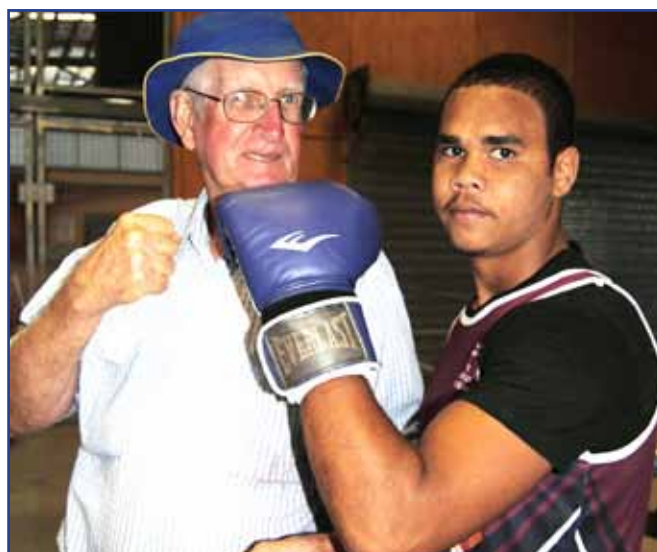
Former 4KIG Radio Station manager Velma Gara, now based on Thursday Island where she is news editor of the Torres News paper, watched it and was glowing in her praise.

Part two will feature the boxers competing at the National Championships in Geelong.

"I would advise people not to miss part two as it's even better than the first one," Trainer Ray Dennis (*pictured right with boxer Selwyn Seaton*) said.

A story about the boxers on Channel 7's "Sunday Night" program will be seen nationally in the next few weeks.

Dates and times will be published in the



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In other news, the Boxing Club has been given permission to run regular raffles at the now opened Coolgaree Sports Bar and Bistro which it's hoped will relieve some financial pressures.

Palm reps attend Local Government financial 'master class'

Financial sustainability was top of the agenda when Mayors from Queensland's Indigenous Councils attend a financial management master class in Yarrabah late last month.

Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Desley Boyle said it was the first financial management master class to be held in an Indigenous community.

"Communities are expecting

more from their Councils and this one-day master class will help Mayors develop the skills required to plan and manage Council finances and assets," Ms Boyle said.

"I take my hat off to Yarrabah, Kowanyama, Northern Peninsula

Area, Wujal Wujal, Palm Island, Lockhart River, Woorabinda and Hope Vale Councils which all received unmodified audits." Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey, and acting-CEO John Mugambi attended the class for the Council.

Mungalla Festival tests skills in Kup Murri cook-off

PALM Island-born Trevor Prior is now renowned as one of north Queensland's best traditional Indigenous cooks.

The 73-year-old Mr Prior (*pictured on the left*) was at the inaugural Mungalla Festival where a "Kup Murri" cook-off – traditional style underground preparation of meats and vegetables – held early this month.

The venue was Mungalla Station, near Ingham, and the event was run by the Mungalla Aboriginal Business Corporation.

People came from all over North Queensland and many camped at Mungalla Station for the duration.

Mr Prior was described by Mungalla spokesman Jake Cassidy (*right*) as one of the very best cooks and singers in North Queensland.

During a short break from helping Mungalla



prepare their fire, Mr Prior said he left Palm Island at six-years-old but loves going back there.

"There have been some very big changes on Palm since I was a kid," he said.

"In my day most people used to hunt but these days not many do. "I love getting back to Palm regularly and have lots of relations there."

In his younger days, Mr Prior remembers a visit to the leper colony on Fantome Island where he was told by a nun he had to wear shoes.

JT on-site to help with eye tests

RUGBY league champion and North Queensland Cowboys captain Jonathan Thurston visited Vincent State Primary School in Townsville on August 18 to get behind OPSM and the OneSight Foundation to help education students about sight.

A Queensland State of Origin and Australian Test star, Mr Thurston is recovering from surgery after being injured and walked with the help of crutches.

"It has been great to come along and help the kids learn about basic eye care which is so important," Mr Thurston said.

Indigenous children, especially in remote areas,

often have better eye sight than their mainstream peers but, by the time they reach adulthood, Indigenous blindness rates are 6.2 times higher than in other Australians.

OPSM and OneSight staff conducted eyesight tests as Mr Thurston sat near students who were thrilled to have arguably the best rugby league player in the world there.

Grade two pupil Zak Eseli had his eyes tested by OPSM Townsville branch optometrist Shannon Peckham who is from the Wiradjuri mob based around



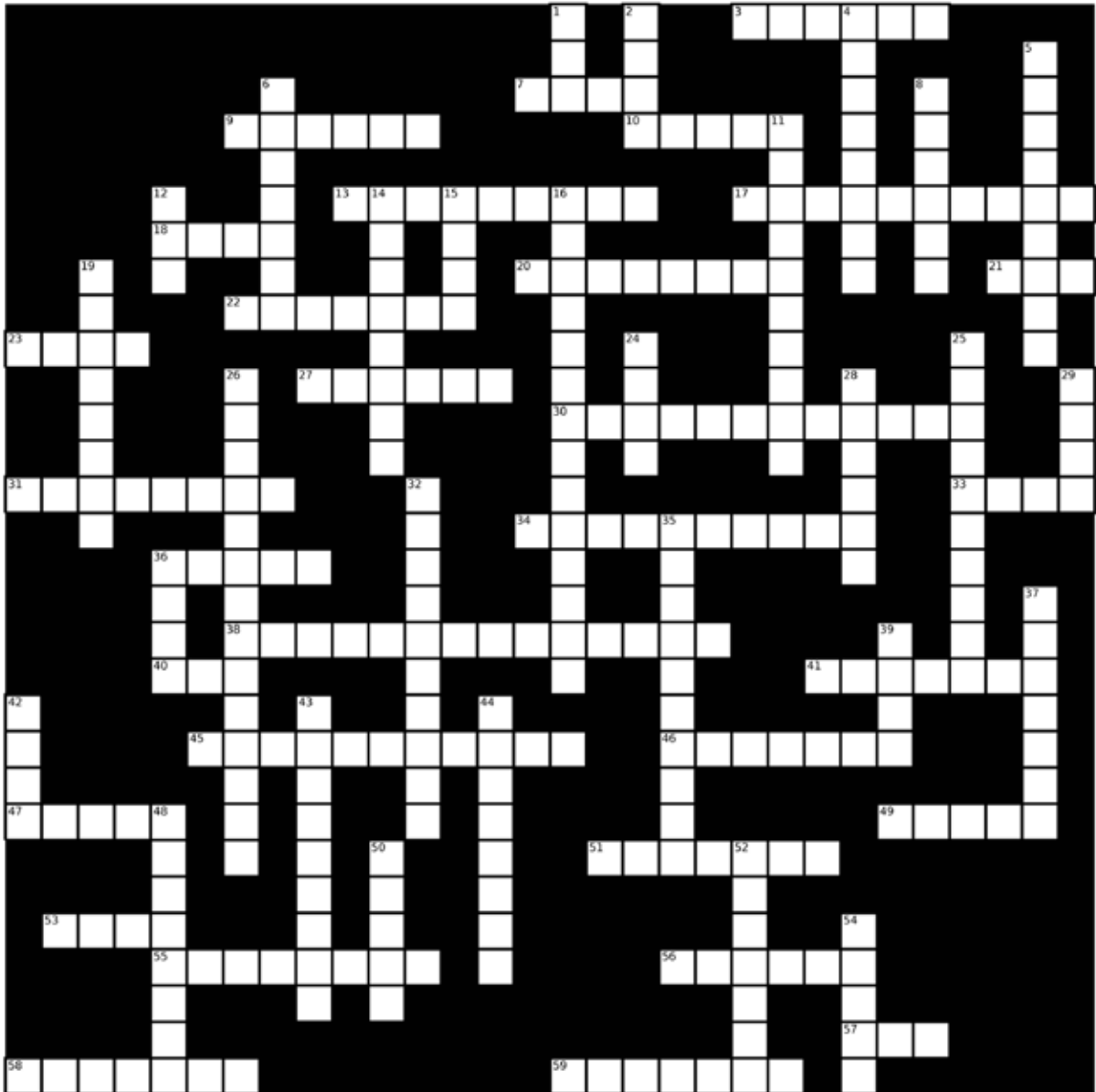
Dubbo.

Miss Peckham has a lot of family living around Mareeba on the Atherton Tablelands and was delighted that a person of Mr Thurston's fame was there.

Other Indigenous pupils who are big fans of Mr Thurston's who had their eyes tested were Maree Bann, Faith Walsh and Norisha Eseli.

PI Voice Crossword 63

With thanks again to David Goeldner & the Crossword Puzzle Maker at <http://www.armoredpenguin.com>



Across

3. Class of boxing weight
7. Penalty kick conversion
9. Titans half back, Scott _____
10. Thrown into the ring to signal 'enough'
13. Leaping fish also a strong PI League team
17. Protects your teeth (2 words)
18. High kick in rugby league
20. End of the first half (2 words)
21. short punch
22. Missed out on NRL finals for first time in 19 years
23. Another name for a boxing match
27. Boxers wear these
30. PI junior champion boxer (2 words)
31. When the ball is out of play (2 words)
33. swinging blow
34. Last match of the season (2 words)
36. The money pro boxers battle over
38. Super middleweight champ - 'The Man' (2 words)
40. Grounding the ball in-goal
41. Dropped the ball forward (2 words)
45. Float like a butterfly - famous boxer (2 words)

46. Canberra & PI share this team name
47. Fragile jaw made of this in boxing terms
49. Last team to win 'official' NRL premiership
51. Home of Rugby League in Qld
53. Front rower in a scrum
55. Winners of a Rugby League title
56. Coolgaree Bar and _____
57. National Rugby League (initials)
58. boxer's agent
59. Controls a match

Down

1. Technical knock out (initials)
2. Boxers aim to win this
4. Dally M Player of the Year 2007, Jonathan _____
5. Bout before the main event
6. Short kick along the ground
8. Ali's famous Zaire fight, Rumble in the _____
11. First aboriginal boxing world title holder (2 words)
12. World Boxing Council (initials)
14. Down and out for the count
15. Throw the football

16. ATSIC identity and pro soccer player (2 words)
19. left handed boxer
24. Signaling the end of the round
25. Too many knocks to the head (2 words)
26. Pearson boys play for this PI league team (3 words)
28. Bringing your opponent to the ground
29. Binds the scrum at the back
32. League player who made a stand against racism this year (2 words)
35. The 'green machine' - boxer (2 wd)
36. Type of football kick
37. infringement
39. Former Origin Greats
42. Where boxing matches take place
43. PI boxing trainer (2 words)
44. Feeds the scrum (2 words)
48. Still the best cardio workout with a rope
50. Team stripped of 2009 2010 NRL premierships
52. In front of the kicker (2 words)
54. Each of these lasts three minutes

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Donations will only be given to Funerals being held on Palm Island to the value of \$200.00. Funerals will not be held on Council Rostered Day Off or on weekends.

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council is closed every second Friday (Council pay week) for RDO.

The next RDO is Friday 10 September.

For emergencies on a Friday please call 0458 789 010.

For more information contact the Council on 4770 1177

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROVISION OF IT/COMPUTER SERVICES.

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council (PIASC) wishes to outsource its IT SERVICES for one day a fortnight.

PIASC is proposing to enter into a contract for provision of these services for an initial period of one year, commencing as soon as possible, and may consider an extension of the contract period for two further terms of one year. The PIASC selection committee will select a contractor to provide these services on the basis of:

- Demonstrated capacity to provide the required services
- The technical feasibility and commercial acceptability of the proposal
- Price competitiveness
- Conformity with professional standards.

Expressions of interest, including a company/organisational profile, a short recent work history and references must be provided by 17th September 2010 to:

Jeff Brown, Acting CEO, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council
1 Main Street, Palm Island QLD 4816

The PIASC will utilise expressions of interest to shortlist suitable service providers. 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 should be directed to John Mugambi, Finance Manager, PIASC on (07) 47700212 or via email to john.mugambi@palmcouncil.qld.gov.au





Above Left: Bulls coach Lloyd Morgan, right, & star forward Chris Camenzuli Above Right: Bulls star five eighth Darryl Pearson was one of four brothers who starred for Bulls in a narrow grand final win

Protest upheld prior to Grand Final

Palm Island Rugby League upheld a protest after the local rugby league qualifying semi-final on August 22 and awarded the game to Jets.

Premiers Butler Bay Bulls had won the game 36-17 on the field and would have normally

advanced to the grand final. However PIRL President Ili Dabea said that Jets were awarded the match after it was found that Bulls had fielded one "player who was not qualified under the rules."

That decision was made after

the deadline for the last *Palm Island Voice*.

Subsequently Jets contested the grand final last Saturday (September 4) against Butler Bay Bulls who defeated Skipjacks 40-14 in the preliminary final the Saturday before (August 28).

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BUTLER BAY BULLS 2010 CHAMPIONS!



PIC THANKS TO MURIELLE MORGAN

THE high rolling Butler Bay Bulls made it three Palm island domestic rugby league premierships in a row when they defeated arch rivals Jets 24-22 in the cliffhanger grand final on Saturday September 4.

A large crowd converged on the Bwgc Colman Football Oval to watch the Lloyd Morgan coached Bulls race to a 14-nil lead after 18 minutes and hold a 14-6 advantage at halftime.

But Jets never gave up and dug deep to score a converted try 90 seconds from full-time to narrow the margin to two points.

Townsville referee Matt Sibley handled the final in which some top quality football was on show.

Both teams are pictured above after the match.

For Bulls Christian Walsh scored two tries with singles to Clinton Pearson, Walter Morgan and Billo Wotton. Clinton Pearson kicked two goals. Jets try scorers were the ever reliable Tabua Oui, Dion Marks, Robert Bulsey and Gavin Barry. Oui booted three goals.

Palm Island-based QRL northern division trainee Tanya James said it was one of the

most exciting games she had seen.

"Jets got to within two points in the last two minutes but just couldn't score again," she said.

Palm Island Rugby League President Ili Dabea said Billo Wotton and Clinton Pearson stood out for Bulls, whilst Tabua Oui and Phillip Kyle shone for Jets.

"It has been a great season and we also want to take another step forward next year," Mr Dabea said.

During the seven club season, Bulls had lost only two matches – one to Jets and the other by forfeit.

Hornets scored a historical first win for the fledgling club when they defeated Mundy Bay Warriors 24-12 in the curtain raiser to the big game.

Mr Dabea said a date for presentation night would be decided at the next PIRL meeting.

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