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Signing paves the way for Manbarra aspirations; historic values and better land management

Manbarra People and the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council have taken a vital step towards what is expected to be the first Native Title agreement for town development and leasing in Queensland.

At last week's Aboriginal Shire Mayor's 'Roundtable' meeting (see page 5) a small ceremony was held with Traditional Owners, Bwgcolman and Councillors to sign off on a decision to proceed with an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) for the community.

Natural Resources, Mines & Energy Minister Stephen Robertson said the Bligh Government welcomed the signing.

"The agreement is significant, with the ILUA to become the first Native Title agreement in Queensland to provide for town development and leasing of land within an Indigenous community," Mr



Pictured L-R: Minister for Disabilities & Multicultural Services Annastacia Palaszczuk, Walter Palm Island, Nat Surha, Allan Palm Island, Malcolm Mabo, Crs Zina Prior, Alf Lacey & Ruth Gorrige after the signing

Robertson said. "When signed the ILUA will provide for Native Title (holders') consent for leasing in respect of social housing, home ownership, and economic & commercial development.

"It will also recognise the importance of cultural heritage of both the Manbarra People and the Palm Island community."

Traditional Owner Walter Palm Island said he felt the "shackles" lift with the decision.

"What's happened today is a sense of freedom and a sense of freedom from the shackles and the chains of living under the Act," he said.

"Change is coming about and it's up to people as individuals, but for me as a grassroots it's given me a bit of self-esteem about myself and how I can be an example to other grassroots people in the community."

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey said the signing was a step in the right direction.

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ILUA waiting on authorisation

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"The actual signing of the ILUA still needs to go to an authorisation meeting," Mr Lacey said.

"But from where I sit, what we've done is to enable three things - one is to allow Council to be the local government authority to do its business, two is to allow Bwgcolman People to protect their interests as Bwgcolman People and thirdly, for Manbarra to get what they need in terms of their Native Title.

"So it was significant and historic to say that we'll agree to agree, it was a very important and public step to make.

"Certainly we know a lot of community people want leases, but we haven't been able to officially or legally offer them unless we have some type of land use agreement in place, you know, so we have terms of negotiating with the traditional owners and a proper framework for certain types of land management here for Palm Island."

Mr Lacey said the groups concerned had been through a number of negotiations and consultations over a three-year period.

"Most of this year has been very intense, where we really got to do the community discussions, which was really important," he said.

"What the ILUA document will do is give Council some certainty in terms of the town area, so we've got a town boundary.

"We've also got a buffer zone, which includes the middle of the Island and the outer islands which will be a joint land trust, for Bwgcolman and Manbarra people.

"And then the back of Palm, where there's no development, is for Manbarra to have a under a 99-year lease.

"And generally the mood in the community is people have been happy with that, favourable of that particular arrangement."

He said when the ILUA was signed it would protect

certain things as well as allow for progress.

"It gives us certainty in terms of council looking after the town, in terms of building more new homes, getting the new sewage pipe done and more public infrastructure.

"And we don't have to keep on going back to them all the time, you know what I mean.

"We don't have to keep on going back and say we got this project, we want your tick on that; this is the next project coming up, we want your tick over this. They've now ticked off on everything in the town area."

He also said there was now the opportunity for community to take on lease arrangements over their homes.

"I think this provides a good opportunity for everyone now to start looking forward to having a piece of land where we can say it's ours," he said.

"At the moment we can't say it's ours, but under a lease arrangement it gives us an opportunity to say to the community and lets people in the community know that you own it now - that's yours; you are responsible for that.

"The community has certainly been a part of the process and played that role in helping council to negotiate on our terms and conditions.

"A lot of the terms and conditions notes in the agreement are views that came from a lot of community people that we embedded into.

"It also offers a historical protection for things like the clock tower, the old fig tree, Pawpaw Creek, Fantome Island, the Mission and things like that.

"So it's given us an opportunity to now also protect social significance that we as the historical people see as significant to us and protect the Bwgcolman peoples' interest too.

"I think we have a win in terms of protecting what is important to the people of Palm."

Mayors call for AMP reviews

Aboriginal Shire Council Mayors from communities across Queensland have asked the State Government in the strongest possible terms to hold a detailed and comparative review into Alcohol Management Plans (AMPs).

The Mayors, who met with Government representatives last week at a Roundtable on Palm Island (see page 5), said after ten years of alcohol restrictions – ranging from completely dry to carriage limits to restricted purchase – AMPs were not working.

Problems cited by most of the Mayors present included:

- Sly-grogging, which they said was mostly carried out by non-drinkers
- People risking their lives to access alcohol
- A massive increase in the amount of other drugs, especially amphetamines, available on communities
- Families losing precious income because of fines
- Innocent people and young teenagers publicly embarrassed by police searches

The Mayors said they were frustrated and angry that the Government appeared reluctant to look at any changes, despite AMP laws varying considerably across communities, which was viewed as frustrating, discriminatory and unfair.

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey said it was time

to “stop putting a bandaid on the sore and get to the real cause”.

“We don’t want to go back to the old days but we do want a good hard look at what’s in place now, what’s working and what’s not,” he said.

“It’s sickening to see people facing court here over things which are not illegal on the mainland.

“Sitting around the table here today we have Mayors representing completely dry communities, who are under siege because of sly grogging, through to our own community which has a tightly-controlled AMP.

“And I can tell you now, from our side of the table AMPs are not working and we need that review.”

The meeting was also addressed by Associate Professor Gracelyn Smallwood who has more than 40 years of experience as a registered nurse on communities said she had seen the effects of the AMPs in Townsville, and on young people in particular, over the past ten years.

Clock Tower and store gallery opened by Minister

Minister for Main Roads and Member for Thuringowa Craig Wallace was joined by Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council Mayor Alf Lacey to unveil the \$151,100 Palm Island Clock Tower in Freedom Park last week.

“The Clock Tower is more than just a clock, it is a piece of history,” Mr Wallace said.

Mr Wallace and Mr Lacey also unveiled the new Open Air Art Gallery featured on the external wall of the Palm Island Retail Store.

“The new Open Air Art Gallery features reproductions of works from leading Palm Island artists as well as some historical photos giving people a



Left: Minister Craig Wallace & Mayor Alf Lacey

Right: Franklyn Hughes, Auntie Kathleen Gibson & Ralph Watson at the unveiling of the Palm Island Retail Store artwork



snapshot of Palm Island’s history,” Mr Wallace said.

“Artists featured as part of the Art Gallery include Agnes Wotton, Rannietta Lind, Allan Palm Island, Clint Barry, Darren Murphy and Maverick Fox.”

West Wing offers resident discount

Local airline West Wing has announced a new 'residential fare' for permanent residents of Palm Island travelling to and from Townsville.

West Wing said the new price would offer a saving of over 40% on their fully flexible fare, which meant instead of the usual \$100.20 residents would now only have to pay \$57.20. West Wing Aviation Director Peter Collings said they were pleased to offer something in

return to the residents who supported them. "The resident fare is available for anyone who permanently lives in a residential dwelling or resides on Palm Island for a minimum of four nights per week," he said.

Palm Island Mayor Cr Alf Lacey also said he

was pleased. "It is important that the residents have frequent and reliable transport access to and from the Island and West Wing Aviation is committed to that," he said.

To receive a residential fare you must collect a letter from the Council, to confirm you are a resident of the Island.

To book or find out more about West Wing Aviation see www.westwing.com.au or call 4759 3777.



Magdalena Blackley, Andrea Kyle-Sailor (Palm Island Council), Margaret Conway, Nicole Collings, Jada Kyle-Sailor, Brendan Munro and Michael Hennessy

Students from Bwgcorman and St Michael's have again been presented with books and certificates by the Catherine Freeman Foundation in recognition of their achievements in literacy.

The CFF said each student demonstrated good effort and made commendable progress in their academic studies. A "Fun Run" was also held at the PCYC Hall during the week.



Students awarded at Bwgcorman were Narial Chatterton, Linfred Haines, Etosha Pearson, Maurice Bourne, Aston Kerr, Miriam Palmer, Jalun Lowatta-Creed, Breehanah Cannon, Frederick Bulsey, Retemoi Sam, and Mikaela Robertson.

Recipients at St Michael's were Taishima Fraser, Tina Yasserie, Chentalli Sibley, Emilios Barry, Giaan Baira, Serabiah Galligan, Raikiesha Castors, and Brenda Aden.

CFF wishes to extend congratulations to each of these hard working students!



Alcohol, finance and economics fuel historic Mayor's meeting on Palm Island



Mayors from 14 mostly-Aboriginal communities across Queensland met on Palm Island last week to talk alcohol, finance and economics between themselves and State Government representatives.

Mayor Alf Lacey said he thought many of the Mayors were impressed with the Island and what had been achieved here.

"The mayors have enjoyed themselves and the community showed them the Palm hospitality in welcoming them," he said.

"We've also had two ministers in two days.

"Not a lot of communities get that opportunity so we were a bit lucky that we were able to have Craig Wallace and Anastacia Palaszczuk.

"A lot of the mayors were surprised in terms of what Palm's got.

"After all the problems we've been through, they were really surprised, you know - a nice emergency service centre, a nice safe house and the bar and bistro and the store.

"I think it allows us also as mayors to think outside of our own square, a lot of the time we're only in our own community.

"When you go to another community there's the opportunity to pick up good ideas."

He said the agenda for the two-day meeting was packed.

"Home ownership was an important item that was on the agenda," he said.

"Land valuation was another important space that we need to keep our eyes on, particularly when we come to leasing arrangements in our community.

"It's been agreed we will have another workshop in Cairns at the end of January to really get into the nitty gritty of that, because we couldn't really do that at this meeting.

"We also had a good look at Alcohol Management Plans as well (see below), and I think it's really important for the Queensland Government to sit down now and think, and that's what all the mayors said.

"We didn't want to sit

down and keep talking about housing, health and education, we thought there was a lot being done in those areas and there was no need to waste valuable time when we need to be moving towards these things that will sustain our communities."

Minister Desley Boyle was taken ill and was unable to attend the two days of meetings, but was represented instead by Minister for Main Roads Craig Wallace on the first day (Tuesday) and Minister for Disabilities and Multicultural Services Anastacia Palaszczuk on the second (Wednesday).

Department of Communities Director-General Linda Apelt was also at the meetings along with Mayors and Councillors from Doomadgee, Kowanyama, Pormpuraaw, Aurukun, Napranum, Old Mapoon, Northern Peninsula Area, Wujal Wujal, Yarrabah, Woorabinda and Cherbourg.

Boxers impress world champ Green

RAY Dennis was a proud man as he sat with Palm Island Deputy Mayor Raymond Sibley last Sunday night watching his beloved boxers on national television.

The Palm Island boxing team featured

in a story on the Sunday Night program on the Seven Network hosted by legendary journalist Mike Munro.

The story – called “Ready to Rumble” – can still be seen on the program’s website at <http://au.tv.yahoo.com/sunday-night/>, along with a ‘blog’ from world boxing champ Danny Green who was invited by the program to visit the boxers.

Trainer Ray Dennis told Tiga Bayles on 98.9FM that they’d tried to keep the boxer’s visit a surprise.

“It was good of Danny Green to come over and the boxers really appreciated it, we kept it a secret,” he said.

On the Sunday Night webpage Danny said he held Ray in the



highest esteem.

“When I was told of the great work that Ray Dennis was doing up there with the local indigenous kids, with him being a white fella, it really made my ears prick up,” he says.

“Two things that seemed obvious to me was that Ray – putting in all this time and effort for the sheer love of it – was a special character, and that the kids themselves were obviously characters in their own right! I wasn’t far off the mark either.”

He said he was delighted to have the opportunity, especially after the welcome he received.

“When the door of the van slid open, I hopped out and boom!” he said. “The smiles I

got could have lit up the MCG and the hug I got from Noby Clay could have crushed a polar bear!

“I was so happy and proud that I could evoke such feeling from kids that come from

such a different background to me. Yet after half an hour with them I felt like an old school mate.”

He said he was impressed with the skill level of the team. “Patrick Clarke really impressed me, as did all of the kids,” he said. “Reggie is such a jet of a kid, as a person and as a fighter.

“I seriously could have watched them box all day, especially the way that they cared for each other, boxing has really brought them closer and has given them a real sense of camaraderie.

“Ray has done an amazing job with these wonderful kids, and he is a fine man. I tip my hat to him and to all of the kids for they are achieving something very special for themselves, something that no-one can take away from them, and that is pride.

“I am a very lucky human being to have met these kids, and I thank them so very much for a memory that will last forever, and that has made such a positive impact on my own life.

“Hands up Palm Island crew, you all deserve a clap.”



Gardens set to teach & protect



From left is Uncle Walter Palm Island, then standing are Raelene Palmer, Noel Coolwell, Harold Wilson, Lyn Freckleton & Steven Boyd + Ray Roberts & Alan Palm Island in front. Back row: Michael Marpoondin, Joel Conway, Eddie Mabo, Anne Palm Island, Frank Sibley, Mayor Alf Lacey & Bob Howard

An area for the Bwgcolman Cultural Botanical Gardens has been set aside and was officially opened late last month by Mayor Alf Lacey.

The area – between the Cemetery, sports ground and Frances Creek – will be planted with the special plants food and medicine plants for all the different tribal groups that make up Bwgcolman.

Mr Lacey said this particular project was a great example of Palm organisations working together for Palm Island.

He said Coolgaree CDEP had organised a very professional submission to the Queensland Government as well as coordinating with Traditional Owners, the Palm Island Council and Green Army.

Mr Lacey also said Council was committed to a “clean up” of the dumpsite.

Traditional Owner Uncle Walter Palm Island explained the importance of the site to the 11 Green Army participants involved in the project, and everyone concerned.

He said it was particularly important to respect this very significant burial site.

Speeches were followed by a very moving Smoking ceremony to welcome and to introduce everyone to the ancestors.

Coolgaree CDEP CEO Roy Prior said their participants had learned and used new skills in landscaping and horticulture that would prepare them for future job opportunities as well as enhancing their local environment.

“The participants will identify and grow plants that are endangered or useful for bush tucker and other applications to the community,” he said.

“The garden will also include a coastal dune to protect against tidal flooding, and an exercise track.

“We will also improve how participants search and apply for jobs and their other general workplace skills to help them overcome other barriers limiting their opportunities.

“The work covers preparing the site, identifying and propagating the plants that will be in the garden, learning to use different machinery and equipment safely, designing and building irrigation and on-going site maintenance.”

The participants will also extend their knowledge of the plants by asking and talking to the elders of the community about important plants from their Tribal area.

. . . LETTER TO THE EDITOR . . .

Mayor Alf Lacey has passed the letter below onto the Palm Island Voice for publication and wishes to add his own thanks to everyone working behind the scenes who helped to make the week a huge success for Palm Island. Congratulations to all for a job very well done!!!

Good afternoon Alfred and Jeff,

I write to express my thanks to yourselves and the staff of the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council for participating in the activities for the Roundtable.

The prior planning for the event, assistance and diligence during the running of the event was greatly appreciated and the proceedings would not have been able to flow so smoothly without them.

Feedback so far from everyone is all positive with the organisation of the activities and the event itself, even if the weather tried to make it difficult. The participation of the community members was very welcome by all and I think everyone was blown away at the official dinner when many of the Mayors stood out front and pointed out their connections back to Palm Island.

Special thanks to yourself Alfred, and to Lyn and Andrea for the many meetings beforehand, the hands-on stuff over the recent days, and for thinking on your feet when needed throughout the two days.

Thanks Raymond for putting your hand up at the last minute to MC at the proceedings – you are getting better every time.

Lyn, the catering was fantastic – as many people returning for seconds (and thirds and fourths) testified too. Please pass on my congratulations to everyone involved in the catering.

The involvement of the school students was brilliant and their performances were very well received by all.

Please also thank the staff of the Old Peoples home for allowing use of their bus for the tour of the community.

The marquees as well were very appreciated by everyone and I thank everyone involved with providing them and putting them up on the day.

Can you please also pass on my thanks to Uncle Ralph Watson for his warm welcome on behalf of the Bwgcolman Elders and community members. Thank you very much for allowing me to be part of this ground breaking achievement for the island.

Phil Peachey

**A/g Director, Government Coordination Centre – Palm Island
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services
Department of Communities – North Queensland**

MAYOR ALF LACEY & THE PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

would like to congratulate Acting-Corporate Services Manager **Andrea Kyle-Sailor** as our newest Bwgcolman lawyer!!! Mrs Kyle-Sailor passed her exams last week with flying colours and has done her community proud, says Mayor Alf Lacey. He said he particularly wanted to encourage other Palm Islanders to have a go at further studies. "The better we are educated, the better we can help ourselves and our community," he said. "Andy is a perfect example of chasing a dream and making it happen and we can all learn from that."

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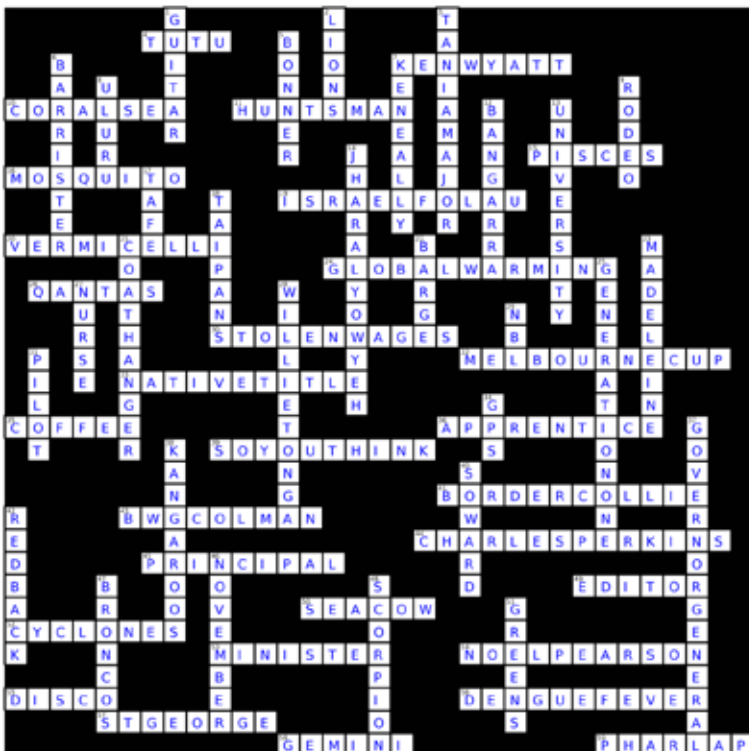
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For more information contact the Council on 4770 1177

Boxers off to Tassie for National Titles

PALM Island boxers are confident of a good showing at the Australian Amateur Titles at far off Hobart Tasmania from November 25 to 27 after their best ever effort at the Queensland State Titles.

Their trainer Ray Dennis is busy trying to get funding and sponsorship so the boxers can travel to Tasmania.

Boxers who will be competing at the National Titles will be Joey Geia (35kg), Steen Walsh (41kg), Noby Clay (female 63.5kg), Reggie Palm Island (51kg), Patrick Clarke (63.5kg), Luke Lenoy (71kg) and David Sam (95kg).

"Our seven boxers will be hard to beat if enough finance can be found to get them there," Dennis said.

Dennis has been running raffles at the Coolgaree Sports Bar and Grill which have been well supported but the club needs corporate or business sponsorship to get to Hobart.

The boxers will be up against some of the best from around Australia and have competed with distinction at previous Australian Titles.

Dennis said he was proud of the efforts of his boxers at the Queensland Titles held in Mackay in October when they returned with five gold medals, five championship belts, one silver and two bronze medals.

"There were well over 100 boxers from the Queensland State League and the Australian Global Boxing Association and Palm Island club did better than any other club including Townsville," he said. "This was our most successful State Titles against the best black and white boxers in Queensland."

Joey Geia, David Sam, Luke Lenoy, Selwyn Seaton, Patrick Clarke and female Noby Clay all won gold medals. Sam, Lenoy, Seaton, Clarke and Ms Clay also won championship belts for outstanding performances.

Trip to Emerald worth the effort

Six Palm Island boxers travelled to Emerald to compete in a tournament on Saturday November 6.

It was disappointing for Isaac Bulsey that he could not get a match after such a long bus trip.

Patrick Clarke won his bout in the 63.5kg division against a Rockhampton opponent.

Thomas Blanket beat Simon Purcell from Mackay in the 52kg division.

In the 39kg division, Steen Walsh was defeated by much older Jabin Gibley from Mackay.

Nathan James in the 43kg class was defeated by Lincoln Martin from the Rockhampton PCYC.

Fred Bulsey was defeated by Jason King on Emerald in the 44kg bout.



MEANWHILE the day after their trip to Emerald the last thing Patrick Clarke and Thomas Blanket expected to come face to face to was a dinosaur.

The pair were spotted in Flinders Street outside the Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre as they tried to pass the time over a six-hour wait for the ferry ride back home.

"We are just going for a walk for a few hours to save sitting around waiting," Clarke said.

They noticed Nibbles the Dinosaur nearby, outside the Queensland Museum of Tropical Science and were happy to have their pic snapped in front of him.

Nibbles is a replica of the dinosaur and would be a frightening sight for anybody who staggered past him at night.

"It was a good trip to Emerald and we are looking forward to getting back to Palm," Blanket said.

Rocky Reconciliation Carnival may test strengths

The strength of Palm Island footy may be put to the test in January at the Central Queensland Indigenous Reconciliation Carnival to be held at Rockhampton's Browne Park over the Australia Day long weekend.

It couldn't come at a more appropriate time with a combined Palm Island/Bowen side set to enter the blue ribbon Foley Shield competition next season.

Curacoa Crusaders (right), a team organised by well-known Palm Islander Telston Sibley, won October's Bindal Allblacks carnival when they defeated Palm Island Barracudas 37-6 in the grand final at Townsville's Brothers League's Club.



The star studded Crusaders will be amongst a field of 24 teams at the first major Allblacks carnival of 2011.

It will be a showdown that genuine connoisseurs of rugby league can't miss when Torres Cup winners Wagadagam Storm compete against Cairns Allblacks carnival winner Cherbourg Hornets and Curacoa Crusaders.

Wagadagam Storm scored the biggest Torres Cup grand final win in the history of the blue ribbon event when they defeated Wagga Boars 80-6 at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval on Thursday Island in early October.

That same weekend Curacoa Crusaders blitzed the opposition at the 16 team Bindal carnival at Brothers League's Club in Townsville, defeating a Palm Island Barracudas side, which included NRL Rabbitohs star Chris Sandow, 37-6 in the grand final.

Tully Bima scores Rainforest Cup (cricket) win

Seven teams competed for the Rainforest Cup: Tully Bima, Innisfail Redbacks, Ghungalu Warriors, Cardwell Kingfishers, Yarrabah Pelicanos, Townsville Falcons and the Cooktown Crocs. Atherton Highlanders had nominated but was a late withdrawal.

The following weekend 30 men's teams battled it out at the Queensland's biggest Allblacks carnival in Cairns.

It is now history that Sandow led the way for Cherbourg Hornets who defeated TSI side Kulpiyam 28-20 in the final.

Sandow was named player of the carnival.

Included in that Cherbourg winning team was Palm Islander Fred Bulsey, who is also of Moya Island descent.

Blockbusting Bulsey was a shining light for the Mua Rajorbacks who won the final of the 2010 25th Island of Origin jubilee carnival on Badu Island convincingly.

Rockhampton Carnival co-ordinator Walson Carlos said that he had been swamped with enquiries from footballers and teams from up north.

'There are many from Palm Island and the far north, and I can confirm that Curacoa Crusaders are certainly coming,' he said.

Some of the Yarrabah players have strong Palm Island connections.

In the semi finals Bima defeated Ghungalu Warriors and Cooktown won against Yarrabah.

Bima defeated Cooktown in the grand final.



Jets & Pirates should be well-matched in Cardwell

INTEREST in the rugby league matches between Palm Island Jets and Girringun Pirates at Cardwell this weekend is high with players from the home side expecting tough opposition.

Girringun Pirates scored a 48-40 win over a gallant Palm Island Jets A Grade team last year in the match named in honour of the late Jack Henry and Desmond (Joe) Romelo who tragically drowned the previous February.

However in the under 17 game Palm Island Barracudas defeated Girringun Pirates 44-20 in a high quality clash which saw some rising stars on display including William Blackman who doubled up for the A grade game and scored three tries.

Some of the Pirates players

were members of the Tully team which won the recent grand final of the strong Cairns A Grade competition.

Tully also took out the reserve grade final and should be strong.

Some of the Pirates footballers were competing at Queensland's biggest Indigenous cricket carnival, the Rainforest Cup, held at Tully in early November.

"The Jets players will be keen to gain revenge for last year's loss which was a tough encounter. We know they will be hard to beat,"

one player said.

A large contingent of Palm Islanders will travel to Cardwell for the game which is being organised by Mislam Sam.

Jets lost the recent Palm Island domestic competition grand final to Butler Bay Bulls. Players will also be under the eye of selectors for possible inclusion in a squad to be picked after the decision of the QRL Northern Division to have a combined team from Palm Island and Bowen in the 2011 Foley Shield competition.

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