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Garbutt Shield winners!



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CEQ's big year

It's been a year of achievements, growth and community connection in 2024–2025 for Community Enterprise Queensland (CEQ).

From cost-of-living support to pioneering initiatives in nutrition, hygiene, and sustainability, CEQ has continued to strengthen its role as a community-first not-for-profit service provider across the Torres Strait, Northern Peninsula Area (NPA), Cape York Peninsula, and in Doomadgee and on Palm Island.

“This year has been about delivering for community – in real, practical and lasting ways,” CEQ Chief Executive Officer Michael Dykes said. “Everything we’ve done, from flying in essential goods during the wet season to refreshing stores and supporting

Pic by Leah Dubea



local events, has been driven by our core belief: that community comes first.”

Through Good Pasin (Give-back) CEQ has provided support

assisting many families through times of grief to help ease financial stress and supported local junior sports teams including the Palm Island Barracudas.



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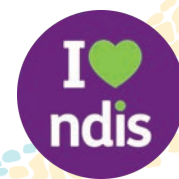
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Proud Palm Islanders play goood football



Words & pics by Alf Wilson

A combined Bwgcolman Community and St Michael's Catholic schools side won the shield section of the 11th Garbutt Magpies AFL carnival in Townsville last Wednesday, beating Willows State School in the final.

Gill Park was the venue, which was also the ground where the first games were played by the Garbutt Magpies Club when it was formed.

Seventy years later, a total of 27 primary school teams competed at the carnival held over 12 fields.

The carnival also honoured National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day with a theme of "Little Footsteps, Big Future".

The players arrived from Palm two days before kick-off and stayed at Ryan Catholic College, where they heard from former Magpies,

who included Randall Ross, David Nogar, Francis Tapim and Butch Macdonald.

The Palm Island boys and girls were all ears as Mr Ross said a future Palm Island Mayor may be amongst them.

"I am very impressed with you, young Palm Islanders, and there is every possibility that a future Mayor is in the group," he said.

Members of the team, including young Nallajar and Larry boys, said they loved being Palm Islanders.

On game day, in the qualifying rounds, teams were divided into four

groups named Guburu, Kuriagella, Banbari and Wungu, with Bwgcolman and St Michael's initially competing as separate teams.

Bwgcolman was in Group Guburu, with Ayr, Vincent, Shalom, Bowen (2), Kelso and Willows (2).

St Michael's lined up in Group Kuraigella against Good Shepherd, Garbutt, Aitkenvale (2) and Bluewater.

For the finals, it came down to the two leading teams from two pools, with the bigger schools playing for the Garbutt Magpies Cup and the smaller schools for the Shield.

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EVENTS DIARY

**TODAY - National Aboriginal &
Torres Strait Islander Indigenous
Children's Day – 11.30am-1pm – pre-
kindy to year 3 at the Bwngcolman
Community School Hall for activities,
games and gift bags from peak
organisations.**

**Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 August:
Autism Yarning Workshop**

**Tuesday 12 August: Welcome Bubs:
10.30am PICC CFC (blue) Building.
Please let CFC staff know if you
would like your child to be part of the
ceremony.**

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