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Our best at Bindal!



Pic thanks to N Sport APP Media

The future of Palm Island footy is bright with our
U17s Barracudas winners and
U13s Butler Bay Bulls runners-up

at this year's Bindal Sharks All Blacks Rugby League Carnival! The U15s Bwgcolman Warriors didn't place and, in the Senior Men, Barracudas came 5th and the Bwgcolman Warriors 13th... A great effort by all!

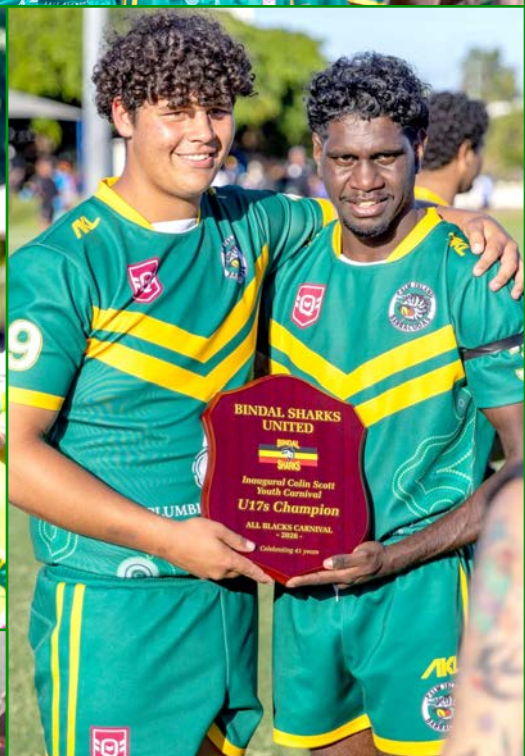
More pics inside!



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Butler Bay Bulls U13s - a carnival to remember!

By Murielle Walsh

What an incredible weekend for our Butler Bay Bulls U13s at the 2026 Bindal Sharks All Blacks Carnival in Townsville!

Bringing together young boys from different communities, many playing together for the very first time, our Bulls showed true determination, brotherhood and some deadly footy, fighting their way into the Grand Final and finishing with an 18-18 draw, proudly taking home the Co-Runners-Up title.

It was an especially proud moment

for our co-captains, Phoenix-James Walsh and Jax Radnedge, to accept the Co-Runners-Up trophy from Bindal Elder and organiser Aunty Jenny Pryor.

Massive congratulations also to Best Forward of the U13s Carnival Jax Peters!

A heartfelt thank you to our generous sponsors, CEQ, Palm Island

Aboriginal Shire Council, JCJames Constructions, and SeaLink North Queensland, and to our coaches, officials, parents and supporters who made this journey possible.

More than just a game of footy, this weekend brought young boys together, built friendships and created memories that will last a lifetime.



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Orange Sky service update

From Friday 16th October, the Orange Sky van will be out of service for 4-6 weeks.

After eight years of service and over 17,000 loads of washing, we're giving the van a well-deserved refresh and resetting our service so we can keep showing up for the community.

We'll keep you posted with further information on when the van will be back 🐾 See you soon!

Any questions?



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JOE GEIA BAND



**FRIDAY
16 OCT
PALM
ISLAND
4.30pm**

**Bwgc Colman
Community
School**

Through Joe Geia's iconic songs significant events in Queensland's Blak History will be revealed through music, story telling and archival footage.



Ruth Ross - Violin



Graham Moes - guitar



Phill McKenna - Bass



Avau Fanene - Drums

Joe Geia's 2026-2027 Sing for the Black Queensland Tour was made possible with support from the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland, as well as the Australian Government Regional Arts Fund, which supports the arts in regional and remote Australia, and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Music Office. With support from the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council and Bwgc Colman Community School.



**Bwgc Colman
CAFE
PALM ISLAND**

**Bwgc Colman Café is
open for business!**

Trading from 9am to 2.30pm.

Coffee will come in for landing soon.

More in our next issue!

Several opportunities are open for tender for the Design & Construction of New Social Housing on Palm Island, closing on Friday 13 November.

Submission details are available on the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council website at <https://www.palmcouncil.qld.gov.au/My-Council/TendersProcurement/Open-Tenders>



POSITION VACANT

Property Officer - closing on Thursday 12 November.

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