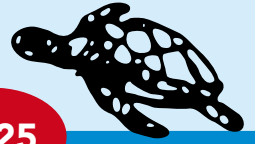




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No local refs = no local games

ONE of north Queensland's most respected rugby league referees Rod "Hairy" McCrae travelled to Palm Island to help coach locals to referee our own matches last weekend.

Rod was sent to Palm by the QRL Northern Division and said Raoul Miller, Owen Robertson and Miceal Sibley did the job in the fixtures and came though with flying colours. "They did very well and could be (mainstream) referees in the future," Rod said. He said he spoke to the trio before and after the games, and supported them during each.

"Raoul refereed the 32-all draw between Mount Bentley Raiders and Skipjacks which was close, and he did cop some flak but really handled it well," Rod said.

Owen refereed the game in which Butler Bay Bulls defeated Bwgcolman Brothers 70-nil.

"Miceal refereed the other gem in which Jets beat Mundy Bay Warriors 80-28," he said.

It's important the PIRL has its own referees on the Island, given the cost of flying mainlanders over for fixtures.

Rod also conducted a junior coaching clinic on Sunday morning, even though many footballers were still in Townsville after competing at the Laurie Spina Shield (*see separate story*). "I was there in the morning before going to Palm Island and meeting PIRL President Ili Dabea," he said.

61-year-old McCrae is based in Cairns and started refereeing community games at the Badu Island Island of Origin in 1994.

He said it was important for Palm Island club officials and supporters to respect referees and abide by a QRL code of conduct.

"Without referees there would be no games," he said.



Palm Island Rugby League president Ili Dabea with referee Rod 'Hairy' McCrae



MEANWHILE junior Palm Island Barracudas rugby league footballers competed at the prestigious Laurie Spina Shield carnival held in Townsville on 22 and 23rd June. A total of 64 under-11 teams contested what is one of Australia's biggest junior league carnivals in eight pools of eight sides. FULL STORY & RESULTS NEXT WEEK - see page 8 for more pics!!!



Palm Island football coach Lance Poynter was delighted to be in the right place at the right time the morning after the North Queensland Cowboys beat the Brisbane Broncos 12-nil at Townsville's Dairy Farmer's Stadium earlier this month.

Lance was in the Townsville CBD reading the latest *Palm Island Voice* when the Brisbane Broncos players started to walk out of the Holiday Inn to catch their bus to the airport. He had his pic snapped with star Broncos halfback Peter Wallace (*above*) and Ben Te'o.

"I am very happy," he said.

Lance led the Butler Bay Bulls side to the Palm reserve grade premiership in 2008 season, he also coached Hornets at a Bindal Allblacks carnival in Townsville two years ago.

AMP nets public servants on remote CY beach

A police officer and two teachers have been served with notices to appear in Court for alleged possession of liquor at Kowanyama.

Mayor Alf Lacey said remote Aboriginal communities would have trouble attracting public servants working at them as a result.

The charges relate to the alleged consumption of liquor on the night of 14th June on a beach about 20km from Kowanyama, within an Alcohol Management Plan (AMP) area.

The 32-year-old male senior constable from Townsville was off-duty at the time as were two male teachers, aged 27 and 32, also from far north Queensland.

The matter has been listed for the Kowanyama Magistrates Court on July 18.

"How are Aboriginal communities going to attract public servants?" Cr Lacey said.

"This proves the Government's AMP is just not working."

***NEW* 2012-2013 Advertising & Subscription Rates**

In order to cut costs and to try to become more self-sufficient, the *Palm Island Voice* is currently undergoing a process of restructuring.

As a result our ad prices have been reviewed and are now:

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Ads are to be booked by no later than 5pm on deadline day (see back page) and material submitted no later than COB the next day.

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Call for NAIDOC Week Volunteers

NAIDOC WEEK 2012							
SUNDAY 8th	MONDAY 9th	TUESDAY 10th	WEDNESDAY 11th	THURSDAY 12th	FRIDAY 13th	SATURDAY 14th	Sunday 15th
6:00:00 AM							
6:30:00 AM							
7:00:00 AM	Flag Raising @ Monument Hosted by P.J.A.S.C.	Flag Raising @ Monument Hosted by PIASC	Flag Raising @ Monument Hosted by PIASC	Flag Raising @ Monument Hosted by PIASC	Flag Raising @ Monument Hosted by PIASC	March/Float/Tribal Banners By Schools & Community	Flag Raising @ Monument Hosted by PIASC
7:30:00 AM	Church Services by A.I.M and Catholic churches	Official welcome & Opening 2 Dances Performance - Walter foster Noel Cannon	Community Breakfast by Cathy Freeman Foundation TBC	??????	??????	Flag Raising @ Monument Hosted by PIASC	Church Services by A.I.M and Catholic churches
8:00:00 AM						Judging of floats by Elder's	
8:30:00 AM	FUN RUN by Ngarda	Community BBQ by P.I.C.C.	??????	Bwgcolman open day	St Michael's open day	Greasy poles, performers Sack Races/egg n spoon Cake and Damper competition	Football @ Farm Football @ Farm Football @ Farm Football @ Farm Football @ Farm
9:00:00 AM							
9:30:00 AM							
10:00:00 AM							
10:30:00 AM							
11:00:00 AM							
11:30:00 AM							
12:00:00 PM	Sunday Markets @ top field	Arts & Crafts @ Arts centre	Arts & Crafts @ Arts centre	Arts & Crafts @ Arts centre	Arts & Crafts @ Arts centre	Arts & Crafts @ Arts centre	Markets @ The Farm
12:30:00 PM	Visiting Agencies Open Day	Arts & Crafts @ Arts centre	Arts & Crafts @ Arts centre	Arts & Crafts @ Arts centre	Arts & Crafts @ Arts centre	Arts & Crafts @ Arts centre	Markets @ top field
1:00:00 PM	BBQ Hosted by Ngarda	Community BBQ Hosted by PICCC at PCYC	Netball Mixed Ssr at PCYC	COMMUNITY BBQ Hosted by CDEP at CDEP	Community BBQ Hosted by PIASC	Community BBQ Hosted by PICCC at PCYC	Local Agencies Open Day
1:30:00 PM							
2:00:00 PM							
2:30:00 PM							
3:00:00 PM	Cleaning up	Cleaning up	Cleaning up	Cleaning up	Cleaning up	Cleaning up	Cleaning up
3:30:00 PM	Cleaning up	Cleaning up	Cleaning up	Cleaning up	Cleaning up	Cleaning up	Cleaning up
4:00:00 PM	Sunday Fishing Competitions >12	Eddie Mabo jnr talk of culture on Palm Island for youth including own story	PCYC to Host Activities Including Dance Workshops Performance by Milton Thaiday, Light Finger food and more.	NAIDOC WEEK barrel Races @ FARM Hosted by Animal Control	at PCYC	NAIDOC HORSE RACE Hosted by PIASC	Community Concert at PCYC
4:30:00 PM							
5:00:00 PM							
5:30:00 PM							
6:00:00 PM	Opens Men's/Women's 18-35 START	Movie Night Aboriginal Films Hosted by PIASC at PCYC	Movie night Contemporary Hosted by PIASC at PCYC	Battle Of the Bands at PCYC Hosted by EAR HEALTH	Cleaning up Under 18 disco Hosted by PCYC	Black Friday Black Tie hosted by Coolgaree Bistro and Rotary entertainment Ava Johnson and Cedric Giea	Football @ Farm Football @ Farm Football @ Farm
6:30:00 PM							
7:00:00 PM							
7:30:00 PM	Evening Services by A.I.M and Catholic churches						Evening Services by A.I.M and Catholic churches
8:00:00 PM							
8:30:00 PM							
9:00:00 PM							

A draft-plan for Palm Island's 2012 NAIDOC Week, to be held from Sunday 8 to Sunday 15 July, has been circulated with some spaces still open for more activities and a call for more volunteers.

Events Coordinator Aaron Thaiday said they were looking for any and all community members wanting to be involved this year to come along to the meetings regularly. He said he and Nikita McKean could be contacted via the Council offices.

More 57 Strike Pics

Hundreds of Palm Islanders enjoyed 57 Strike activities earlier this month, and the Palm Island Voice has been sent 100 or more photos of the day to share with readers, most of them taken by event coordinator Aaron Thaiday and other members of the organising committee.

Mr Thaiday said, "We the Strike '57 Organising Committee would like to acknowledge the many people and organisations involved this year including Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council's Mayor Lacey, Serina James, Lyn Freckleton and Council workers; Palm Island Community Company's Hal Walsh, Vaughn Charles and the many workers who were present; Lorraine and the workers of Palm Island PCYC for all their help and resources; all the staff of Coolgaree CDEP; the many volunteers and our special local performers who entertained for their community including Walter Foster and Band, Elder Kathy Gibson and grandchildren and those who entertained our children throughout the day. And last, but not least, our funding bodies, FAHSCIA, Qld Department of Communities and PIASC. Special mention goes to Struddy's Townsville for their support and resources, the Palm Island Voice and Bwgcolman Radio."







STRIKE '57

In June, 1957, seven men were arrested and charged by police, during the night. The men, some with wives and children, were herded like cattle onto a bus and sent to Townsville.

The names of these brave men were:

BILL CONGOO
ALBIE GIEA
ERIC LYMBURGH
BOBBY SMILEY
GORDON TAPAU
WILLIE THADYAY
GEORGE WATSON

There were many people involved in the strike, but these seven leaders were found "guilty" of leading a long planned strike for better wages, food and housing. They also acted for the removal of the superintendant, Sir Bartlett. They were deported to other settlements from their home, Palm Island. The media reported the government's opinion that a riot had broken out. The following inquiry found there had been no damage to either property or persons, and the strikers had no conflicting grievances.

"GO AWAY HOME!"



57 Strike 2012



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Public & Community Notices

Palm Island Voice Public & Community Notices are your best choice for birthdays, anniversaries, meeting notices, sales & all your classified needs - and most of them are free!

The *Palm Island Voice* will continue to be published fortnightly however due to financial constraints outside of Council control Issue 107 and beyond may be reduced in size and quantity, but not quality when it comes to bringing you your news.

We'd like to thank the community, especially the organisations and schools, who have supported us - we're still more than happy to accept your material when we can and will look forward to your ongoing contributions.

Please continue to support us, so we can continue to support you!!!



Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council

is closed every second Friday
(Council pay week) for RDO.

**The next RDO is
Friday 6 July**

REMEMBER: the Bank & Post Office now
closes each Council RDO
(every second week).

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Australian Government

REMOTE JOBS AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Jobs and stronger communities for people in remote Australia

Invitation to Information and Consultation Sessions

The new Remote Jobs and Communities Program will provide a simpler, more integrated and flexible approach to employment services and participation in remote areas of Australia from 1 July 2013.

The program will assist people to get the skills needed to find and keep a job and help build stronger communities.

The Australian Government has already talked to a lot of people and organisations about these changes and the new service responds to the needs of people living in remote areas.

Information and consultation sessions will be held in regional centres and remote communities across Australia from late May to mid-July 2012.

Come and find out how the changes will benefit you, your organisation or your community. You can also talk to the Government about how the new service should operate in your area.

For information about the session times and locations, please visit www.deewr.gov.au/rsr, call 13 62 68, or talk to your CDEP, JSA or DES provider.

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Happy 1st Birthday!!!

**To Miranda Georgina Sonya Brown
23 June 2012**

**With lots of love & kisses from Nanny
Georgina, Popi Tolowah, Uncle Obe, Aunties
Resipa & Alinah, Mum, Brayth, Lakiesha,
Jayden, Mickeal, Kaylan, Israel & Vyneika**

Butler Bay Bull continued on their percentage boosting form in the local comp with a 120-nil thrashing of Mundy Bay Warriors.

The Bulls scored 21 tries in the blitz with four each to hard running Adrian Poynter and Billo Wotton, three to Allan Brown, two to Simeon Oui and John Oliffe and singles to Pita Morgan, David Bulsey, Gelam Geia, Isiah Blackman, Lincoln Poynter and Jason Poynter. Val Fulford kicked 10 goals, John Oliffe seven and Billo Wotton one.

JETS GET OVER BROTHERS

In a replay of last year's grand final and with the same winner, premiers Jets rolled Bwgc Colman Brothers 62-32. Germaine Bulsey scored three tries for Bulls, Moa Sam two, and one each to Hosea Murphy, Robert Chookie, Phillip Kyle, Costa Sam, Gavin Barry and Raoul Miller. James Palmer kicked eight goals with one to Hosea Murphy.

For Brothers ever reliable William Bramwell scored two four pointers, with one each to Ben Baira, Robert Fraser, Robert Johnson and Rod Shortjoe.

Rod Shortjoe kicked three goals and Robert Johnson one.

SKIPJACKS WIN BY FORFEIT

Skipjacks won on forfeit against Hornets and Mount Bentley Raiders had the bye.

Please note: a full report including try-scorers for the next round (23 June) was not given to the Palm Island Voice in time for publication.

Overall results are reported on page 1 and the Current Points Table (right) is up-to-date as of Monday 25 June.

Boxers in ongoing struggle to find transport to comps

UP to 12 Palm Island boxers look set to travel to Kingaroy for a Boxing Association Queensland tournament on the weekend of July 7th and 8th.

But the proviso is that club officials can get a bus to take them to the southern city.

Trainer Chris Ivers said the event clashed with when the V-8 Supercar Races will be held in Townsville.

"It will be hard to hire a bus at that time, but if we can't we may be able to get a loan of one from the Island and go by barge to the mainland before driving to Kingaroy," he said.

Interested boxers include Patrick Clarke, Thomas Blanker, Leroy Baira, Kevin Kidner, Chris Evers jnr, Marcus Ketchup, Stanley

Fraser, Shanden Burns and four others.

A lot of youngsters have been training hard at the Palm PCYC in preparation for these types of events.

Some also hope to journey by road to Bundaberg for an Association card on the weekend of 21st and 22nd July.

Several scheduled away tournaments which Palm boxers were going to compete in over the past month haven't come about because of issues around bus hire out of Townsville, which has had a string of events tying up transport resources.

PIRL

Current Points Table

- 1 Butler Bay Bulls**
- = 2 Mount Bentley Raiders**
- = 2 Skipjacks**
- 4 Jets**
- 5 Mundy Bay Warriors**
- 6 Bwgc Colman Brothers**
- 7 Hornets**

Junior Barracudas enjoy a run in Townsville's Laurie Spina comp

...from page 1 - full story and results next Issue...



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