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Will 2013 be Palm Island's 'Year of the Boot'?!'



It's going to be a **BIG** year in football and starting soon when the Barracudas – pictured above after their win in Townsville last year – will travel down to Rockhampton for the first big carnival of the year over the long weekend at the end of this month.

Central Queensland Indigenous Development Ltd (CQID) Indigenous Reconciliation Rugby League Carnival is a drug- and alcohol-free community event offering more than \$50,000 in total prize money.

The 'Cudas will be taking on teams from all over the state including last year's Plate grand final winners & 2011 runners up Gladstone Goori United and 2012 winners the Curacoa Crusaders, who won over the Bundy Eels, who are also expected to be there.

In Townsville last year, the Barracudas' top team came out on top at the Bindal Allblacks so they have much to live up to. While the line-up for the side is yet to be confirmed, you can bet they are quietly confident they will do well.

MEANWHILE the Palm Island Rugby League is yet to determine a start date for 2013. Grand final winners Skipjacks are bound to want to shore up their position, while Butler Bay Bulls will be chasing their revenge after a close game finished the year for them in 2nd place.

For all the results and the best pics make sure you get your Palm Island Voice every fortnight!

They did it again – vows renewed at moving Townsville ceremony

Locals Evelyn Lymburner and Lorna Doolan were amongst a band of happy guests at the 60th wedding anniversary celebrations and renewal of vows for Norman and Mabel Ross in Townsville in December.

The ceremony was held under an arch on the green lawns behind at the German Club by celebrant and respected elder Ernie Hoolihan in front of more than 100 guests.

“This is a very rare and special occasion for an Indigenous couple to be married for 60 years,” Mr Hoolihan said.

Norman is aged 83 and met Mabel in 1948 in Townsville, when she was visiting relatives for Christmas. She returned to Mount Isa at that time, however Norman kept in touch with her until she returned in December 1949.



When she returned to Mount Isa once again, Norman decided to go out west where he worked on a couple of stations doing stock work. He moved back to Townsville for another six months before heading back out west to work with Mabel’s brothers on stations.

At the time Mabel was working at different hotels in Cloncurry and Mount Isa, in the dining and coffee rooms.

In 1952 they decided to

get married. Their first child was born in Mount Isa in 1954 before they moved back to Townsville and added five more to their brood. Today they have 11 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, many of whom were there on what turned out to be a top night.

When asked the reason behind their long and happy marriage, Norman was quick to answer.

“It is because I have always done what I was told by Mabel,” he said.



Far left: Evelyn Lymburner & grandson Clint at Stable on the Strand; Left: Norma Fulford, James Daphney & Greg Grannigan shopping in December.

Much to celebrate after 36 years

Palm Island Councillor Eddie Walsh has had much to celebrate over the Christmas/New Year period.

He and his wife, Colyning Ursula celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary and her own birthday, both in early January.

Between them they have two daughters and six sons aged from 18 to 35, and 22 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

“And that makes about ten different tribal groups all my mob,” he said.

Cr Walsh also wanted to let people know he had his quadruple bypass on December 19 last year.

“The doctors are so good these days they sent me home the day before Xmas so I was home for Xmas day,” he said.

“I’d like to thank the doctors and staff of both Townsville and Palm Island for a bloody good job, well done. I’d also like to thank all my



family and friends for their well wishes which helped get me through.”

Job expo attracts young Palm Islanders keen to work

A number of Palm Islanders were at an Australian Government Jobs and Skills Expo at Townsville’s RSL Stadium in December.

More than 50 stalls and an estimated 2000 youths and adults were there, 132 of whom secured

employment at the event.

Palm Island Voice spotted Sandra

Wallace (*left*), Flo Izzard (*above*) and many others.

Ms Wallace was checking out hospitality work such as in a café, whilst Ms Izzard said she was looking for domestic and cleaning positions.



*Far Right: Thomas’s Wilson & Ketchup
Right: Debra Bourne & Hosea Murphy shopping in Townsville.*



Did you hear...?!

Local project officer for the National Indigenous Ear Health Campaign, Aaron Thaiday-Jantzen, has been on the job for more than three months with a focus on keeping up a daily morning show on the air at Bwgc Colman Radio 97.3FM.

“Since starting the position we have been able to broadcast to the local community of Palm Island the Cathy Freeman netball challenge and the Obie Geia Jnr Rugby league challenge,” he said.

“They were both very enjoyable and it was a privilege to broadcast from home.

“In the month of December we had our hip hop holiday workshops to help promote ear health to our kids through the holidays, and there’s also the PCYC vacation care program.

“We finished the year with our Christmas Concert for Ears which is known as “Deadly Murries not Bina Guries”.

“I also have been trying to keep up a daily morning show once again giving Palm Island live radio.

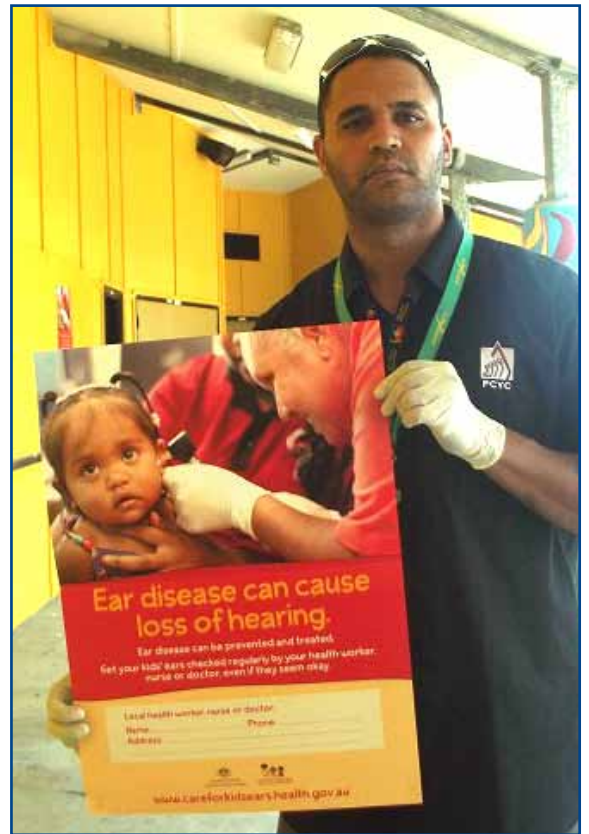
“As part of the next phase in the Campaign we are forming a community reference group to see out the first few months of this new year with events such as a back to school concert and another live music event in March.

“Other events will include regular Elder yarning circles and workshops.

“The end of the holidays will also bring the opportunity to really drive the message of good ear health with our kids really tuned in while they are fresh and eager to get back into their new school year.

For more info on The National Indigenous Ear health Campaign go to <http://www.careforkidsears.health.gov.au> or see your local health worker, doctor or nurse at Joyce Palmer Health Centre. For more information on the reference group contact Aaron Thaiday-Jantzen at Bwgc Colman Radio, phone 4770 1863.

And if you’re on the Island make sure you tune into radio 4PI on 97.3FM!!!



“We are also inviting anyone interested in a career in radio or communication to contact the station as we look into traineeships this year. With a new upgrade about to start as well, we’re looking forward to bringing Palm Island a high standard of broadcast programming.

“If you want to be a part of all this, we are also looking for organisations interested in doing some promotion give me a call.”



...make sure you can listen up!



Otitis Media (also known as 'ear disease' and 'middle ear infection') is the medical term for all forms of inflammation and infection of the middle ear.

Some studies suggest that up to 91% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in remote communities present with Otitis Media (OM).

Left untreated, ear infections can lead to hearing loss which may limit a child's capacity to develop socially and emotionally.

Ear infections can also adversely affect educational outcomes.

The best way to prevent children getting ear disease is to have their ears checked every time they see the health worker, nurse or doctor.

In addition, the following preventative measures are recommended:

- keep children clean (wash their hands and faces regularly);
- ensure children eat healthy foods like fruit and vegetables;
- make sure children get all their vaccinations;
- get children to blow their nose;
- breastfeed your baby as it helps fight infection;
- don't smoke around children; and
- don't stick anything in a child's ears, unless recommended by a health worker, nurse or doctor.





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Brothers continue to bat for Tassie

Story & pic by Alf Wilson

PALM Island-born Bernie Lamont will be one of the few players to have played in every Imparja Cup cricket carnival when he lines up for Tasmania for the 2013 event in Alice Springs next month.

Bernie was the highest run scorer in Imparja Cup history and hopes the old adage that life begins at 40 will hold him in good stead for the coming carnival.

"I turned 40 last 5th May and I think we can go well as we have a couple of young fellows picked for Tasmania and also seasoned players such as Sean Gower and fast bowler Nick Cashion returning after an absence," Lamont said.

Tasmania won their only carnival back in 2001 and Lamont is quietly confident of a good showing in 2013.



Lamont has been in good form for his new club Spreyton which competes in the six team Mersey Valley Cricket Association competition.

Spreyton Club is coached by his younger brother Colin who also has been making consistent scores.

Bernie and Colin wanted to say a big hello to all their relatives on Palm, especially Victor and Randall Parker.

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Elizabeth Clay Snr

Happy 60th

with love from Family & Friends

and Happy Birthday to Norman Patterson (Gana),

Beryl Kyle,

Malcolm Geia Snr, Jake Kyle

& Noreen (Nina) Clay

all with love from family & friends

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Palm Island champ set to turn pro

STAR local athlete Reggie Palm Island will be boxing as a professional in 2013.

Trainer Ray Dennis said Reggie liked to fight like an aggressive Mike Tyson and believed he would be more suited to professional boxing.

“As an amateur he fought Jason Cooper from Deception Bay in the Commonwealth Games trials at Maroochydore and he also fought him in the main fight at Deception Bay,” he said.

“Reggie performed very well against Jason both times and Jason has just won the professional super bantam weight title of Australia.

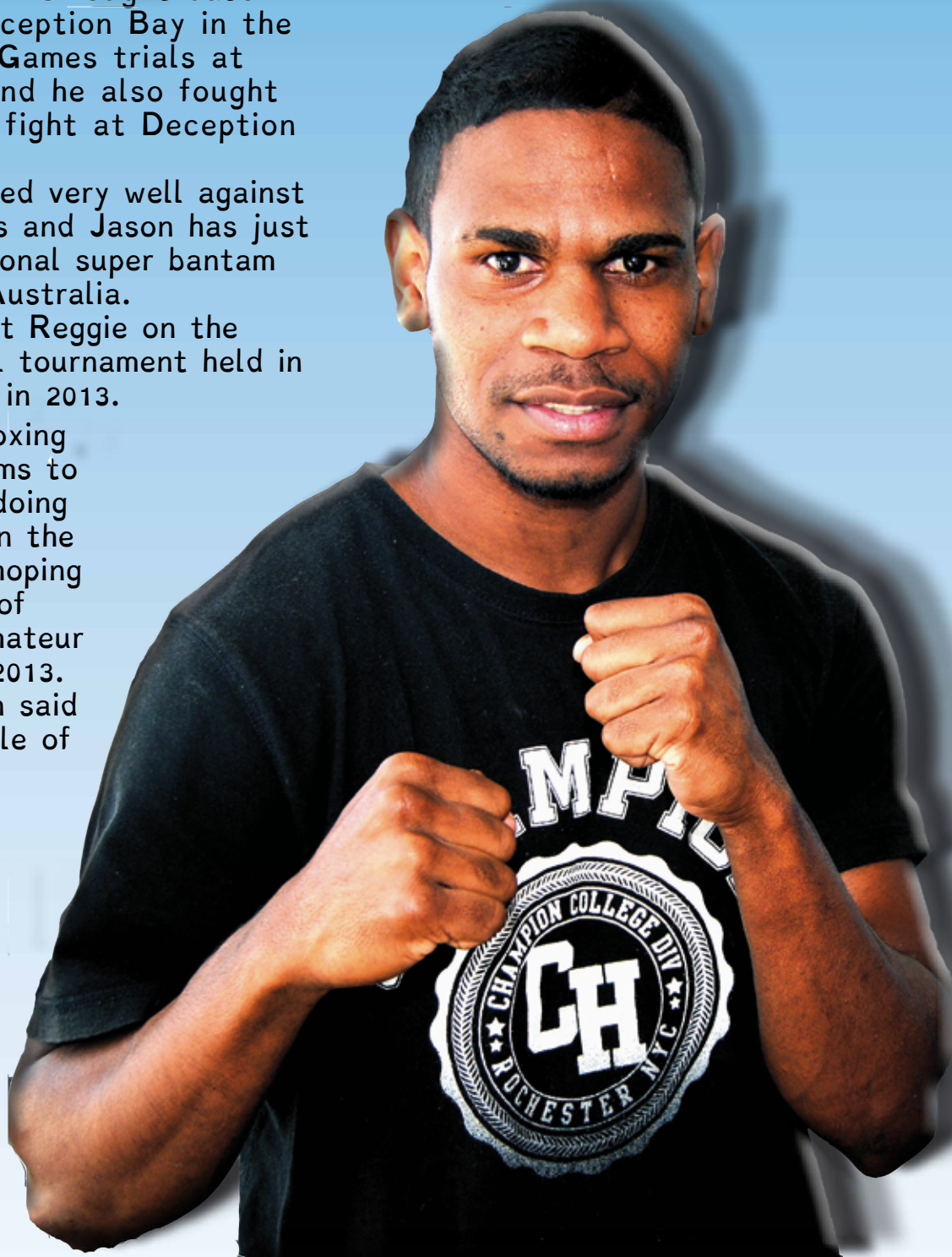
“I will try to get Reggie on the first professional tournament held in Townsville early in 2013.

“Professional boxing in Australia seems to be thriving and doing much better than the amateurs. I am hoping to attend most of the Sunstate amateur tournaments in 2013.

“Gerald Wotton said he wants a couple of amateur fights and then turn professional.

“Luke Lenoy is back on Palm Island and is very keen to box for Palm Island again.

“I have at least three females who want to box if they can be matched.”



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