



Visiting Chinese delegation hopes to bring investment and opportunity to Palm



Travelling to a theme of 'Good Fortune, Prosperity and Longevity' to explore investment and business opportunities on Palm Island, six high profile Chinese business leaders were impressed with what they saw during their visit late last month.

State Local Government Minister David Crisafulli also was on Palm during their visit.

Traditional Owner Allan Palm Island welcomed them to country and they enjoyed watching the St Michael's grade seven dancers.

Mayor Alf Lacey said never in Palm's history had such high calibre international VIP's visited the Island.

"We want to open doors to development and this could be the turning point to the direction we want to go," he said.

"It is all about having a better way of life and especially for our children.

"It is a real honour to have the Chinese delegates here."

Mr Crisafulli praised the Council and said in a week Palm Island had hosted the Chinese delegates and 200 mainland tourist for a successful Open Day.

"I welcome the Chinese delegates on behalf of the people of Queensland," he said.

"Alf Lacey is one of the State's

best leaders, it is impossible to come to Palm without escaping Alf's tentacles and he always puts me to work. Six months

ago Premier Campbell Newman commented about the potential of Palm Island."

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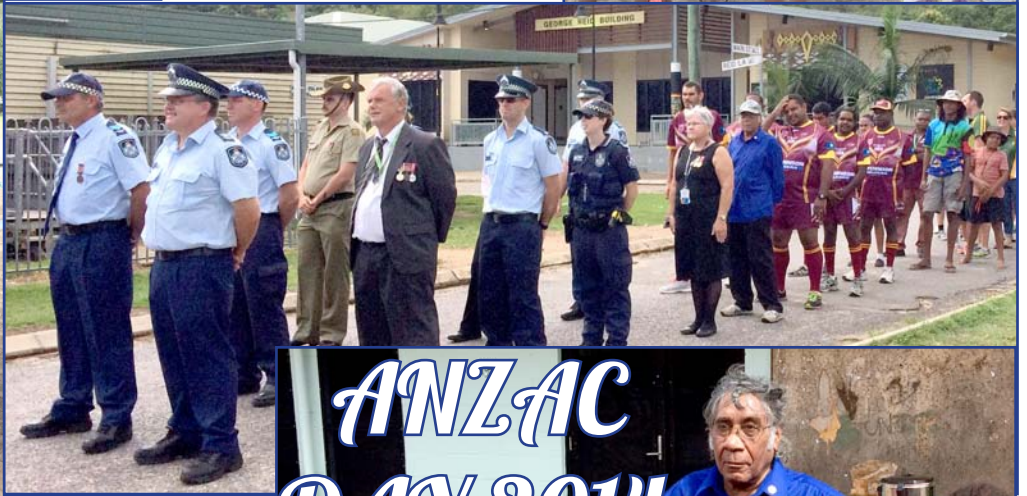
INSIDE: Skipjacks win!!!



WARNING! Some images in this Issue may contain deceased persons which may cause distress to some people.



“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.”



ANZAC DAY 2014



RIGHT: Pointing to their great great grandfather's name, Aubrey Walsh, who was a Rat of Tobruk was Lulu Pearson, 3 her brother Joel, 4.



PALE ISLAND PEOPLE WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES.

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PATTERSON	NOORMAN
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ROBERTSON	JEFFERY
SIMPSON	MAX
SARALWOOD	BARNZIE
TARPAULIN	JOHN
TALLAGE	JYVON
TALLAGE	WEN
WALSH	ARTHUR
WALSH	KEITH
WILSON	ARTHUR

Chinese visit a success



Mr ZHANG Qingan said he and the others were “overwhelmed by the hospitality and warmth of Palm Islanders.”

“This has been a very complete visit and few people back in China have heard of Palm Island,” Mr Qingan said.

“This has been a great opportunity and in China we are working with ethnic minority communities.

“I invite a delegation from Palm island to visit us in China.”

The delegates were Mr KONG Lingjie (Deputy Director of Rights and Interests Assurance Division, Policy and Law Department), Mr LAN Bujin (Director of Poverty Alleviation and Development Division, Economic and Development Department), Mr ZHANG Qingan (Deputy Director General of International Department), Ms WANG Liping (Director of High Education

Division, Department of Education and Sciences), Ms ZHAO Jing (Deputy Director of Foreign Affairs Administration Division, International Department), Mr GONG Yantao (Senior Staff member of Ethnic Minority Leadership Development Division, Human Resources Department) all from Beijing and Ms Mary Wang, International Development Manager (China), University of Sydney.

With the delegation were Dr. Sarah Jones, Operational Reform, Office of Deputy Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Strategy and Services, and Ms. Haylene Grogan, Director Operational Reform Office of Deputy Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Strategy and Services, both from University of Sydney.

The visitors arrived by charter flight at 1pm and were met at the Palm airport by Mayor Alf Lacey, Councillors Roy Prior,

Eddie Walsh, Frank Conway, CEO Ross Norman, Palm Island Community Company’s Paul Travis and local police.

A Chinese flag was raised in the town square with the Aboriginal and Australian flags.

Palm Island Community Company’s Paul Travis said the visit was of great importance and significance for Palm Island. They were then given a banquet lunch in their honour at the Coolgaree Sports Bar Restaurant which was attended by several Elders.

Gifts were exchanged before everyone enjoyed the food blessed by Elder Ralph Watson. After the lunch the delegates walked to the Council office where they had a meeting with the Mayor and Councillors.

They left by charter flight around 5pm and returned to Beijing a few days later.

Yarrabah trip for CFF attendees reward

Students of the Bwgcolman Community School recently travelled to Yarrabah for a fun and action packed rugby and netball competition.



The trip was part of the Cathy Freeman Foundation (CFF) Activities Program.

CFF has provided young people on Palm Island with regular structured sporting and recreational activities including netball, rugby, boxing and Australian Rules Football since 2009.

Junior Secondary Coordinator at Bwgcolman School Darryn Jamieson said CFF's Activities Program had been key in encouraging students to attend and thrive at school.

"There is no question the Yarrabah trip was a terrific incentive and experience, which positively impacted attendance and student behaviour at school," Mr Jamieson said.

"Data shows student attendance has improved in the secondary school. We have also noticed an improvement

in the learning culture inside the classroom and interactions within the school community are more positive. It's great that the Cathy Freeman Foundation has seen the value in what we are trying to achieve here at Bwgcolman and have supported this initiative."

CFF Program Director Jamie Howden said through the Activities Program they worked closely with Palm Island schools to deliver sporting activities designed to improve education outcomes.

"The Yarrabah trip was a great example of what we hope to achieve through the Program, where the Bwgcolman secondary students had a great incentive to attend school every day," he said.

"It's a terrific result to see students enjoying sport and fun competition, while also building

their capacity and opportunities at school. It's a win-win for everyone involved."

While students and teachers would agree they were interested in the competition score board results, it was clear the journey and relationships fostered were creating priceless lifelong memories for the students.

Results were:

- League – Yarrabah SS won 36-6
- Netball – Bwgcolman CS won 12-7

Bwgcolman students Ricky Johnson and Derek Creed-Haines said the additional Aboriginal wetlands tour and horse riding at Mungalla Station was "the best fun" on the trip. They also said they were grateful to the Cathy Freeman Foundation for making the trip possible.

Browsers ready to pump low-aromatic petrol

Low aromatic unleaded (or OPAL fuel as it's more commonly known) will soon be sold at Palm Island petrol stations in an effort to tackle petrol sniffing on the Island.

The fuel can be used in cars, boats and other small engines as a direct replacement for regular unleaded 91.

The Australian Government will subsidise its production and distribution to make sure the price doesn't go up, so the price of low aromatic unleaded will be the same as normal unleaded fuel.

Last year, the community requested that low aromatic fuel replace normal unleaded to complement existing community

and government initiatives already in place to tackle sniffing.

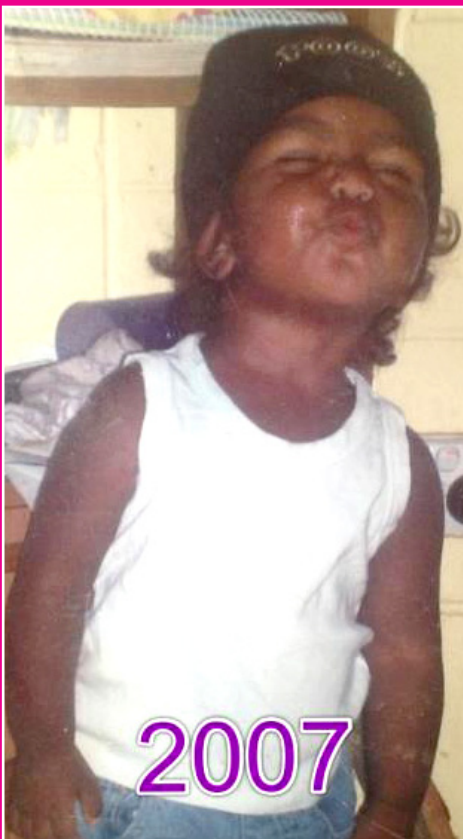
The Palm Island Health Action Plan 2010–2015 and the Local Inhalants Prevention Plan were both then drafted in close consultation with key community stakeholders, identifying low aromatic unleaded as key to combating petrol sniffing.

A recent report from the Menzies School of Health Research also showed levels of petrol sniffing decreased in

communities and regions that have replaced regular unleaded petrol with low aromatic unleaded.

To complement the introduction of low aromatic unleaded, the Australian Government is funding youth diversionary activities on Palm Island, including workshops on music, dance, singing, visual art and creative writing.

Already in place are the Night Café, Youth Patrol, and Police Citizens and Youth Club activities.



HAPPY 9th
BIRTHDAY
TO MY ONE
AND ONLY
DAUGHTER
IKANAU
CONWAY
Have a great day
from Dad, Mum
and your brothers,
Frank and Daniel.



Palm Island Open Day







Happy to share family pics

Betty Hill-Wallace recently posted this small collection of pictures given to her by her Aunt Francine Wallace on Facebook.

She said her Aunt used to work for the Council and the Health Service “way back”.

“My step-mum used to work with her as well and some other ladies that I know that actually worked with her,” she said.

“I don’t know why Auntie gave me these; she had them packed in a brown envelope.

“I’ve got the original ones, and that’s why I scanned them, just in case I lost them or anything.”

She said posting them on Facebook had produced a lot of interest and people’s comments had told her more about them.

“I’m getting more information about these pictures and it’s exciting more about it, so it’s just like ‘wow’ sort of thing to me. I want to put these in a picture frame.”

Betty said she was happy to share her pictures in the *Palm Island Voice*.



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Coordinator – Outside School Hours Care
Palm Island

- Part Time, Fixed Term (until 30 June 2014)
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Shire Council has 325
'likes' on Facebook!!!

SKIPJACKS TRIBUTE

ARMY Thunder players had grins on their DIALS,
WHEN they played Skipjacks at 1300 SMILES,
THEY thought they would win and get on with the JOB,
BUT other ideas had the Palm Skipjacks MOB,
THE whistle blew and Skippies threw the ball out WIDE,
FIT Army Thunder team was in for a RIDE,
FABULOUS Fred Bulsey charged up the RUCK,
FORCING Army defenders to weave and DUCK,
RAOUL Blackie Miller was again tough as NAILS,
THIS reliable forward shows he never FAILS,
MILTON Thaiday was starring in number SEVEN,
OUTSIDE backs thought they were in HEAVEN,
OBE Geia jnr bumped tacklers off like FLIES,
This Palm speedster scored two wonderful TRIES,
FULLBACK Fred Haines was a genuine super BOOT,
HIS 22 points helped Skipjacks win the LOOT,
CRAFTY Clinton Pearson was poetry in MOTION,
LIKE the Sealink ferry cruising the OCEAN,
HIS twin Darryl was elusive and ENCHANTING,
PINKY left the Army boys puffing and PANTING,
PROP Joi Joi Dabea was really on a ROLL,
In the Army defence he created many a HOLE,
ON the Skippies bench there seemed to be a LIZARD,
IT was none other than Kenny Wilson our WIZARD,
WILLIAM Marpoondin was in his best FORM,
FOR all the Skippies players this was the NORM,
BLITZKREIG was the Skippies style of PLAY,
LIKE Panzer tanks forward was the only WAY,
ON the field our backs were looking very PACEY,
WATCHING on the sideline was Mayor Alf LACEY,
BIG Alf Wilson was snapping action GALORE,
AS the supporters at the ground began to ROAR,



They checked out the score
which was very NIFTY,

ARMY was 32 and Skipjacks reached the magic FIFTY,
WHEN the siren sounded Army had no reason to GRIN,
BUT they paid tribute to Skippies applauding their WIN,
AT the presentation Skipjacks players celebrated LOUD,
YOU boys have made Palm Island very PROUD.





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At the 37th minute Josiah Geia found a gaping hole in the Army defence and that was followed by a Toby Hero try for Skippies.

Goals saw Skippies lead 28-22 at halftime.

In the second half, tries by captain Fred Bulsey, Haines jnr, Clinton Burns jnr and Obe Geia jnr gave the Alex Morgan coached Skippies the well deserved win.

After the final siren the shield was presented by Bill Coolburra's widow Edna to Skippies skipper Fred Bulsey with Mayor Alf Lacey also there.

The win gives Skipjacks four victories from the seven encounters.

Last October Army Thunder beat Skipjacks 32-28 in an exciting game on Palm Island.

In late 2012 the Army beat Skipjacks 32-14 played as a curtain raiser to the Test between Australia and New Zealand in Townsville.

Skipjacks won the 2011 clash held on Palm Island's football oval 46-30.

It was sweet revenge for Skipjacks which lost the 2010 game 22-16 to Army Thunder.

The 2008 and 2009 clashes were held at Brother's League's Club in Townsville and were won by Skipjacks in amazing similar circumstances.

Scores were deadlocked at 28-all in both when the final siren sounded but Skipjacks were awarded the victory because they scored first under game rules.

Bill Coolburra's widow Edna was at the game and presented the shield to Skipjacks Fred

Bulsey and the team.

Mr Coolburra served as a Regular soldier in the Royal Australian Engineers after enlisting in 1964.

His overseas service included Borneo, Malaya and Vietnam, serving as a member of 1 Field Squadron and also 3 Field Troop.

He saw action in Vietnam as a tunnel rat in the tunnels of the infamous Hobo Woods while attached as an engineer to the 1st Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (1 RAR) and the 6th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (6 RAR) in 1965 and 66.

It was while serving in the Army that he gained the nickname "Kookaburra."

He served 16 years in the Army he loved.

But he also loved his Rugby League, and his favourite Palm Island team, the Skipjacks.

It was his wish that the Army and Palm Island play an annual game that would forge friendships and closer ties between the Army and the indigenous community.

FULL RESULTS: Palm Island Skipjacks 50 (Obe Geia jnr 2, Fred Haines jnr 2, Mickeal Sibley, Josiah Geia, Toby Hero, Fred Bulsey, Clinton Burns jnr 1 tries, Fred Haines jnr 7 goals, d Australian Army Thunder 32 (Dylan Buckingham, Ross Hunter, Ben Carter, Mahn Darley, Adam Fisher Michael Hamer 1 tries, Mahn Darley 4 goals).

In the main game NQ Cowboys beat Parramatta Eels 42-14.

MORE (ACTION!) PICS NEXT ISSUE!!!

Skipjacks score 18-points over Army

A great team effort saw Palm Island Skipjacks score a 50-32 win over Australian Army Thunder at 1300Smiles Stadium in Townsville to win the seventh Bill Coolburra Memorial Shield last month.



The game was a curtain-raiser to the Cowboys versus Parramatta Eels NRL clash and a large number of Palm Islanders cheered the boys on.

The shield was named after the late and great Palm Aboriginal elder Bill Coolburra, who served in the Australian Army for many years.

Stars of the Skippies victory were halfback Milton Thaiday, centres Obe Geia jnr and Darryl Pearson, fullback Fred Haines jnr, forwards Fred Bulsey, William Marpoondin and Joi Joi Dabea.

But every player in the team played his part.

Even though Skipjacks were heavily outweighed up front they more than held their own in the forward clashes.

Army scored first, in the second minute, courtesy of a Dylan Buckingham try and the Mahn Darley conversion saw them lead 6-nil.

Flying winger Mickeal Sibley scored for Skippies at the 14th minute and the Haines jnr goal leveled the scores at 6-all.

Five minutes later Army scored to take a 12-6 advantage then Obe Geia jnr scored a four pointer and Haines jnr conversion locked the sores at 12-all.

Haines jnr then scored a try at the 26th minute and Army responded twice to take a 22-16 advantage.

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Lisa Brannigan is proud of her daughters Natalie David, 14, and Stephanie David, 12, who are rising young female boxing stars of the future. Natalie has already had some bouts and Stephanie will in the near future. Trainer Ray Dennis said they have good ability in the ring.