

Consultants lend an ear to tourism project ideas

Potential tourism projects were the subject of community discussions around developing an action plan for same at various locations across Palm Island yesterday

and today.

Consultants Allison Rossetto and Tony O'Connor were at the cemetery turn off and the Farm from 10am until noon yesterday and today, Thursday 4th December, they will be near the Retail Store from 9am to 1.30pm and at the basketball courts and Butler Bay from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

They want to hear the opinions of residents about whether tourism ventures on Palm can benefit them and the Island.

"In April Palm Island successfully hosted around 200 visitors to the island," Ms Rossetto said. "In the four hours that visitors were on the island they spent \$13, 000."

Ms Rossetto said there was a great opportunity for more people to visit and for more families to benefit from this.

"We want to know what Palm people think," she said.

Residents were invited to sit with Allison and Tony during the "Talkin' Tourism" discussions having a cuppa.

"If you missed these consultations there will be more opportunities to Talk Tourism early next year," she said. "The discussions will help to develop an action plan to support the right type of tourism to develop on Palm



Island -the type of tourism that meets the needs of the Palm Island community."

Development of an action plan is supported by the Queensland Government Department of State Development (DSDIP), Infrastructure and Planning under the guidance of Palm Island Council, DSDIP, Townsville Enterprise and

SeaLink Queensland.

STOP PRESS!!: Palm Is boxers win BIG!!!

team in 2014.



William, Reggie, Chris and Thomas were all winners at the Queensland Titles in Brisbane last weekend!!!
William is the QLD men's 49kg champion, Reggie is the QLD men's 52kg champion, Chris is the new 34kg sub junior Queensland champion and Thomas is the QLD men's 56kg champion.
It's a clean sweep for the Palm Island

Second successful year for Stable on Palm

Last year Stable on Palm was born, bringing to reality the dream of taking the heart of Stable on the Strand to Palm Island.

Stable on Palm contained many of the elements that have made Stable on the Strand such a huge success.

Most volunteers came from the local churches on Palm Island.

They acted out the Bible story of the birth of Jesus Christ with wise men, shepherds and, of course, Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus. Hospitality was offered to all visitors.

Many Palm Island residents entered into the spirit of the event by providing their own entertainment, especially from the children, singing in the choir or enjoying special guests Pat Morgan, Steve Sparrow's Blood & Fire band, the International Gospel Outreach band and the Kawane family.

Mayor Alf Lacey said the Council was thrilled to have the Stable back on Palm for it's second year. "It brought a wonderful Christmas atmosphere to our residents last year," he said.

"Our Council and Community continue to be behind this project 100%.

"Welcome back Stable on Palm!"

Stable on Palm took place after the Palm Island Voice deadline for this Issue – see our next Issue (169) for a full list of main actors and pics!!!



New HACC building name honours much loved worker Beryl Castors



Above: Left of sign: Andrea Castors, Bernadine Castors, Theresa Creed, Kevin Castor (at back) Right of sign: Katie Armit, Pia Castors, Vanessa Castors, Toby Castors, John Hathaway (back and behind sign) Pic by Ian Hitchcock

Beloved former Home and Community Care (HACC) worker, the late Beryl Castors, was honoured last week when a new \$2.1 million HACC building on Palm Island was named after her.

The Beryl Castors Home and Community Care Centre, funded by the Department of

Communities and staffed and run by the Townsville Hospital and Health Service, was officially opened by Member for Townsville John Hathaway last Friday.

Townsville Hospital and Health Board chair John Bearne said the HACC service would assist local people who needed extra support with home maintenance, personal care and socialisation.

"Clients can be frail-aged or a younger person with a moderate to severe disability," he said.

"In simple terms, this means they are able to have help and support with personal care and for such things as cleaning their homes and mowing their lawns. "The HACC service also offers important social connectedness for clients by providing a place where local people can come together, do craft activities and learn skills with the HACC staff."

Mr Bearne said the service also provided transport around the community, meals in people's homes and respite care.

"It helps people live independently for longer with auality of life and social interactions."

Mr Bearne said he was

delighted to see the service named in honour of local nurse and HACC worker, the late Beryl Castors.

"Beryl was instrumental in the establishment of the first HACC service on Palm Island and even after her retirement she continued to take an interest in the service and its clients," he said.

"Beryl's family will be at the opening this Friday when the home and community care centre is officially opened and named in her honour."







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Local players shine as Townsville team beats ADF in rugby league



A Townsville Indigenous rugby league side beat Army 3rd Brigade team 44-22 late last month.

Palm connections included Roy Baira, Lester Hero, Justin Torney, Malcolm Congoo and Aidan McCollum, who all played well in the match at Townsville's Jnr Rugby League grounds.

Richard Martin and Dougie Blackley were to play as well have been Malcolm Congoo. but were injured.

This game was organised in the undermath of the Bindal Sharks Allblacks carnival in Townsville during early October at which an Australian Defence team competed along with four Palm sides.

"This game will now become an annual event," Bindal's

Jenny Pryor said.

Official Dean Saunders rated Indigenous side best players as Malcolm Congoo, Lester Hero, Joshua Batalibasi, Aiden Ketchup and Angelo Townson.

He said the standout would

Corporal Mick Hamer said the Army best were Pte Tyson Endacott from 2RAR, Bdr Lolo Tuungafasi from 4 REGT, Capt Jack Bolton from 1RAR, Pte Tim Carton from 2RAR, Cpl Phil Afu from 2RAR and Pte Pretram Pearson from 1RAR.

This game follows the tradition of co-operation

between Indigenous teams and Army sides.

In April former NRL players Milton Thaiday and Obe Geia inr led Palm Island Skipjacks to a 50-32 victory over Australian Army Thunder at 1300 Smiles Stadium in Townsville to win the prestigious Bill Coolburra Memorial Shield.

It was a curtain-raiser to the Cowboys versus Parramatta Eels NRL game and was the seventh clash for the shield named after the late and great Palm Aboriginal elder Bill Coolburra who served in the Australian Army for many years.

