



New Premier has the Plan in hand



Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey took the opportunity to have a one-on-one conversation with new Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk during last month's Community Cabinet meeting in Townsville.

Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk was handed a copy of the 'Growing Our Economy' document by Cr Lacey.

Scores of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were amongst hundreds who attended the meeting.

The focus was on Indigenous

issues and during question time NAIDOC person of the year Professor Gracelyn Smallwood asked the Premier to sit down in the near future with all Aboriginal and TSI community leaders in a forum like meeting to discuss concerns.

Ms Palaszczuk replied she

would ask her Minister for North Queensland to organise such a round table meeting which



Top: Crs Eddie Walsh, Alf Lacey & Frank Conway with Ms Palaszczuk; Above: the Premier with Elizabeth Clay

she would be at to discuss the issues.

Two of the main issues generally at the community meeting were employment and health.

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Out & About...

...at the Community Cabinet in Townsville

Top Row: Cr Eddie Walsh & Townsville Mayor Cr Jenny Hill; and Ruth Gorringe, Jim Petrich and Delena Oui Foster; Bottom Row: Gladys Willis, Elizabeth Clay, MP Leeanne Enoch, Fiona Johnson, Delena Oui Foster & Ruth Gorringe; Gracelyn and Eddie Smallwood.



Live long and healthy

Neilene and Leon Tromp moved to Palm Island from Hervey Bay to continue the work of Medical Missionary Training Institute.

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Let us explain what we mean by **NEW START**.

N - NUTRITION

E - EXERCISE

W - WATER

S - SUNSHINE

T - TEMPERANCE

A - AIR

R - REST

T - TRUST IN GOD

More next time!



Coolburra Shield play-off on 18 April in Townsville



Skipjacks will once again attempt to cement its dominance over the Australian Army Thunder when they meet for the prestigious **Bill Coolburra Memorial Shield** at **1300 Smiles Stadium** in **Townsville** in the coming weeks.

The eighth match between the two teams will a curtain raiser to the North Queensland Cowboys versus New Zealand Warriors game.

Skipjacks have won four of the previous seven clashes and the Thunder three with those matches played alternatively in Townsville and Palm Island.

The coming game was due to be held at the Palm football oval but both sides agreed to again meet at the home of the Cowboys.

Champion Skipjacks forward Fred Bulsey said it was agreed to play at 1300Smiles Stadium. “We should have a good side again,” Bulsey said.

The Army, however, have every chance of winning considering that no domestic competition has started on Palm Island in 2015 although numerous Palm island footballers have lined up for teams in the seven club Townsville and District competition.

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2015 Cross Country



Our 2015 Cross Country Carnival was a blast. Thank you especially to all the runners and participants along with the staff for running the program along with the parents and relatives who came to support the children. Congratulations to the Trevally team on their win. Thank you to all St Michael's and Bwgcolman Community School for their organisation and effort in making the day a huge success for all. Special thanks also to the PCYC on the use of their facility for the juniors.

Trevally took out the Primary Cross Country for 2015 and Curacoa won the Secondary Carnival.

Age champions as follows:

- 9yrs – Tavian Thimble & Patrice Mills
- 10yrs – Ingai Geia & Lyndal Sibley
- 11yrs– Jarrias Coolwell & Phyllis Cannon
- 12yrs – Daniel Nomoa & Jean Sibley
- 13yrs – Elijah Miller & Tanya Thimble
- 14yrs – Hananias Murphy & Patria Gabori
- 15yrs – John Reuben & Natalie David
- 16yrs – Marcus Ketchup & Moira Murray
- 17yrs – Joseph Nallajar & Kathleen Haines

Congratulations to all that participated and to all that came and supported the kids.

Next comp is swimming at the start of Term 2.

Out & About...

...Happy Birthday
Deniece Geia!



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They gave CQID a go!



PALM Island players make up the nucleus of the Southern Cross Tiddas side which contested the ladies section of the Central Queensland Reconciliation Allblacks rugby league carnival in Rockhampton over the Easter weekend.

Twelve sides battled it out in the men's division in four pools of three as well as eight women's teams.

It is the first Allblacks carnival of 2015.

Prior to hitting the road Southern Cross Tiddas were spotted training strongly under the watchful eye of coach Charlie Williams on the Strand.

The Palm girls included Georgina Haines jnr, Jessica Johnson, Anita Johnson, Lyn Inkerman, Racine James, Josephine Landers and Sharonna Johnson.

Team officials were Palm ladies Sasha Pearce, Tracey Hero and Rachel Obah.

Some Palm players were also expected to line up for some teams in the men's division.

Women's teams were Emu Park Emus, Macca United, Harmony Angels, Highlanders, Bowen's Buccaneers, South West Queensland Phoenix, Coastal Gummaz and Southern Cross Tiddas.



BOXING NEWS



PALM Island boxing trainer Ray Dennis is convinced his star young female boxer Kathleen Haines has the ability to go a long way in the sport.

That opinion was reinforced when Mr Dennis saw news that Burdekin boxer Emma Lawson has been selected in an Australian Boxing Association team.

"In her first bout at Blackwater in May 2013, Kathleen beat Emma," Mr Dennis said.

16-year-old Palm Islander Kathleen had now had five fights for three impressive wins.

"It was as impressive a debut as I have ever seen," Mr Dennis said.

"Kathleen had good defence and threw plenty of punches."

Mr Dennis is predicting many more wins for Kathleen in 2015.