

Palm Island Voice

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



ANZAC Day commemorations draw big crowds

The unveiling of a new memorial drew one of the biggest crowds in years to Palm Island's ANZAC Day commemorations late last month.

Mayor Alf Lacey said it was well attended and included many school children.

The memorial was unveiled by Mrs Edna Coolburra and Cr Roy Prior.

Cr Lacey did the official opening after Allan Palm Island welcomed guests to country and Archie Fraser conducted a smoking ceremony.

After the unveiling Noel Cannon snr blessed the memorial and then soldiers conducted a service around it.

MC was Rhiannon (Rio) Walsh.

Wreaths were placed around the memorial as those in attendance paid their respects to the fallen.



An Anzac Day march along Main Street was held and a kup murri feast provided.

Later many gathered at the Coolgaree Sports Bar and Grill where they enjoyed a few drinks lots of friendship.

Pics on this page with thanks to Sondra Gorrige – see more inside!

INSIDE: Meet Cr Deniece Geia; CFF pics; boxing flash back and MORE!



Pics thanks to Sondra Goringe



PALM ISLAND PEOPLE WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES

ANDERSON NORMAN
 ANDY JOHN
 ANGUS MARTIN
 BAIRA JACOB SNR
 BOURNE MICHAEL
 CHOOKIE WAYNE
 CLEVENS BRENDA
 COOLBURRA BILL
 GEIA ALBERT JNR
 GEIA NAOMI
 MARPOONDIN OWEN
 MCKENZIE ALBERT
 MURDOCK ARTHUR
 NALLAJAR SAM

NOBLE VERNON
 PATTERSON NORMAN HENRY
 PRIOR ROY THOMAS R66955 R.A.N.
 PUTTABURRA ERNEST SNR
 ROBERTSON JEFFERY
 SIMPSON MAX
 SMALLWOOD DANZIE
 TARPULIN JOHN
 WALLACE FLYNN
 WALLACE NEIL
 WALSH KEITH AUBREY QX1780
 WALSH AUBREY WALSH 13578
 WILSON ARTHUR

Students thrive on goal setting adventure

Fifteen students in Year 5 and 6 from Palm Island and Woorabinda in Queensland, and Wurrumiyanga and Galiwin'ku in the Northern Territory, came together in Sydney on 17 April to 21 April as participants of the Cathy Freeman Foundation Horizons Program.

Highlights of the trip included a visit to Bangarra Dance Theatre, catching waves at Sydney's iconic Bondi Beach and a VIP experience at Taronga Zoo, including an educational meet and greet with some unusual animals and a unique opportunity to feed the majestic giraffes.

A main focus of the week involved goal setting workshops, team building activities and a presentation skills workshop at Credit Suisse, who are founding partners of the Horizons Program.

Palm Island Community Liaison Officer Ruth Gorringe said she hoped students would carry their experience throughout their lives.

"I'd like them to think that nothing is impossible," she said.

"That they can reach for the stars, not only during school, but when they finish school.

"That they can further their education and become whatever their hearts desire."



Bwgcolman Community School Teacher's Aide Dehannah Morgan said she was proud to have been involved.

"I was asked to go on this trip to support the kids and help them with their goals," she said.

"My first experience with the Cathy Freeman Foundation was actually as a student a few years ago when I came on the Horizons trip to set my own goals.

"One of my goals was to become

a Teacher's Aide and that's where I am today...a Teacher's Aide."

Students earned their position on the trip based on consistent attendance, attitude and a demonstrated desire to achieve at school via the Foundation's Starting Block Awards program.

Horizons trips focus on enjoyable educational, cultural and mentoring experiences, and secondary school camps also focus on post-school pathways.

The Sydney camp is one of five camps offered throughout the year which also includes trips to Melbourne and Canberra.

Attendees from Bwgcolman Community School were Shameka Bulsey-Sam, Craig Evers, Carcia Nallajar and staff member Ross McHutcheon.

St Michael's Catholic School attendees were Rhonda Bengaroo, Ikanau Conway, Nicholas Grannigan and staff member Dehannah Morgan.

Introducing Cr Deniece Geia...

Everything from employment to cleaning up the tip is on Cr Deniece Geia's agenda for her term as Councillor, and there are already runs on the board.

"I've confirmed meeting with the Council's engineer and we've been to the dump already," she said.

Cr Geia has the Community Wellbeing portfolio.

"I've got big shoulders," Cr Geia said.

"I'm looking forward to being part of a team of people that have the same interests - I won't be doing things on the ground as much as being the face that people can come to from a political perspective.

"One of the things I strongly campaigned for was trying to get our Land and Sea Rangers or Wildlife Officers back.

"I'd also like to do some things around women's issues and bringing women's issues to the forefront.

"I'd like to set up a women's advisory group.

"I've already organised for us to host the world's Biggest Morning Tea which will be a start to bringing those women's businesses, such as women's health, to the forefront.

"At least women will have a platform so they can gather in a mature environment and just voice their concerns, give us some ideas and advice around how can we do this better.



"Overall we want to try to bring people in all our different community groups to the table, and especially women.

"I just want to try to empower our women to be more out there and doing some really good, positive things with the support of the Council."



At the swearing in ceremony earlier last month - Cr Roy Prior, CEO Ross Norman, Cr Deniece Geia and Cr Bob Castors. Pics thanks to Sondra Gorringe.





PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL MEMBERS AS

PORTFOLIO SPOKEPERSONS

2016/2020

The following list provides details relating to appropriate and relevant Portfolios Together with a description of each Portfolio's strategic intent

Mayor Alfred Lacey Snr & Deputy Mayor Roy Prior

KRA 1 – Governance & Housing

To deliver positive strategic outcomes that reflects our organisational values and guiding principles to achieve effective Management:-

- **Governance & Policy Development**
- **Government Coordination & Community Engagement**
- **Community Housing**
- **Health & Alcohol Management**
- **Economic Prosperity**
- **Emergency Coordination**

Councillor Roy Prior & Councillor Robert Castors Snr

KRA 2 – Infrastructure Services

To provide and maintain reliable cost efficient infrastructure services: - Civil Works

- **Water Supply**
- **Sewerage Services**
- **Cleansing Services**
- **Parks and Gardens**
- **Cemetery**

Councillor Edward Walsh Snr

KRA 3 – Planning and Liveability

- *To maintain Palm Island's quality lifestyle through appropriate planning and effective handling of community concerns and to provide opportunities that facilitates*
- **Sustainable economic growth.**
- **Employment & Training**
- **Planning of Community Facilities**
- **Recreation and Leisure**
- **Food Safety Courses**
- **Support Services to Residents**

Councillor Robert Castors Snr

KRA 4 – Facilities and Growth –

To provide opportunities that facilitates sustainable growth

- **Arts and Culture**
- **Promotion of Palm Island**
- **Aged Care & Housing**
- **Community Justice Visitor Information**

Councillor Deniece Geia

KRA 5 – Community Wellbeing

To provide and maintain an environment that enhances the liveability of the community through the provision of:-

- **Cultural Heritage Events and Planning**
- **Social, cultural and sporting services**
- **Community Grants/Minor Grants (identification)**
- **Children's Health and Education**
- **Land Sea & Environment**
- **Youth Services**
- **Women's Issues**

Law & Order/Crime Prevention is the Portfolio of all Councillors

Palm Island Voice

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Community Notices



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If you have any questions please contact Reception on 4770 1177 or 4770 0200



Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council has 1,141 'likes' on Facebook!!!

NQ Allblacks looking for reps

PALM Island Barracudas have been invited to nominate a person to be part of a steering committee being formed to organise a 'Super North Queensland Allblacks Carnival'.

The committee representatives will be named by the QRL Northern Division in late May.

QRL spokesman Robbie Moore said the formation of the steering committee had attracted considerable interest.

"We have some nominees but will need to ask them if they would like it to be publicised (before the meeting)," he said.

"Things are happening and we have the meeting on 30th May in regards to the NQ Carnival."

The Super carnival is proposed

to take place after the club and representative competitions around North Queensland.

Palm Island would be expected to enter several teams.

Proposed dates include during late September or during October but the big carnival would not clash with any already established North Queensland carnivals.

However it would be in opposition to another QRL sanctioned carnival, the Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri Knockout usually

held at Redcliffe in early October.

Whilst sides from NQ have competed at the Murri Knockout in past years, the cost of doing so is prohibitive.

A spokesman for one side which travelled south for the 2015 carnival said it cost more than \$30,000 for players and official's airfares, accommodation and other outlays.

However a similar carnival in Cairns would be much cheaper and many players could be billeted with family or friends.

An aerial photograph showing the coastline of Palm Island, with a sandy beach, turquoise water, and lush green hills in the background.

POSITION AVAILABLE WITH THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE AGENCY PALM ISLAND

Join the National Disability Insurance Agency team and help people with disability and their families on Palm Island access the support they need. We are currently looking for a local person for the following full time job:

- Community Connector

The job will be based on Palm Island and will be supported by the Agency team in Townsville. For a copy of the Position Description, please visit our website: <http://www.ndis.gov.au/about-us/jobs-ndia>

Applications close 19 May 2016

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy 0455 067 094

BOXING *FLASH BACK!* BOXING *FLASH BACK!*



BOXING has always been an important sport for Palm Island youth who possess excellent hand and eye co-ordination.

Over recent months trainer Ray Dennis said there have been a lot of new youngsters fronting up at the PCYC Gym to learn the skills.

“It is a great sport and recreation for them and we continue to produce champions,” he said.

Mr Dennis said those who continued with the sport after their teen years could reap the rewards.

Those being continued fitness and perhaps even a career if they are good enough to turn professional.

Over the past decade Palm boxers have travelled around Australia for tournaments.

At those away events they have always been treated with respect – from Ingham, to Charters Towers and even as far as Mount Isa and Emerald and beyond.

