



# PALM ISLAND VOICE

## Issue 250!!!

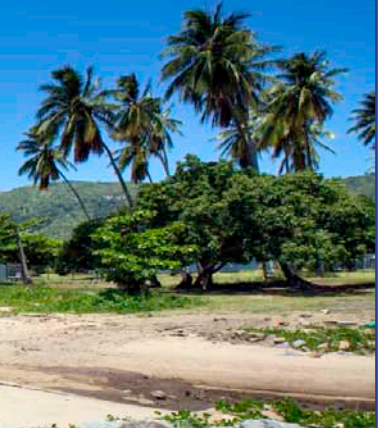
Thursday 19 April 2018

\*\*\*FREE\*\*\*



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

# Welcome to Palm Island!!!



Thanks for coming to help us celebrate our Centenary Year with our Deadly Didge 'n Dance Festival, our list of performers is **HUGE** and we hope to break records!

Artists from far North Queensland and beyond are just some of the 100+ names who will be singing along with a long list of local dancers and performers which include the Jay Crew Dance Group, Bwgcolman Dancers, Mother's Dust, the Pacific Flowers Hula Girls and home-grown Maggie Walsh and Sean Choolburra.

Also PI original, Joe Geia, will travel from Melbourne for the event, and he has put together a TNQ band to play with and they are all excited.

"I look forward to playing my music for this spectacular event, with brilliant musicianship from

Brisbane region and the Far North Queensland area," he said on his Facebook page.

"Yil-Lull album recorded in 1988 is a focus on leaders from Palm Island and how the struggle was for Bwgcolman people as a collection of half

castes were taken to the settlement.

"Come and join us and celebrate a historical place."

We've looked forward to having you here for a long time, we hope you all enjoy your stay and our talent!!!

## 2 STAGES | 100+ PERFORMERS

ZENNITH | Konnektd by Blud | Sean Choolburra | DJUKI MALA  
Bwgcolman Dancers | Barry Cedric | OKA | Melita Murphy  
| JOE GEIA BAND | Great Northern Dancers | Mother's Dust |  
Pacific Pearls | IAN ZARO | Barry Cedric | Jay Crew Dance Group  
| Normey Johnson | Yidinji Descendants | Pacific Flowers Hula Girls |  
Darnley Island and Badu Island Descendants | MAGGIE WALSH  
| ISIAH FIREBRACE | Bamaga Dancers |

## MARKETPLACE + AMUSEMENTS

Markets | Traditional and contemporary food | Healing spaces  
| Children's rides and amusements |

# Join us for a community celebration

**TOMORROW, Friday 20 April, a community celebration will be held at the PCYC on Palm Island to launch the Palm Island Health Action Plan 2018–2028 Townsville Hospital & Health Service Chair Tony Mooney writes...**

Mayor Alf Lacey and I are hoping to see many of you there on the day to enjoy the celebration. There will be a free, healthy lunch, a basketball clinic with Townsville Fire star and championship winner Micaela Cocks and interactive health stalls. I am also delighted to announce that North Queensland Cowboys legend Ray Thompson will also attend to throw a footy around with locals. The Palm Island Health Action Plan 2018 – 2028 is a historic document. Over the past 18 months we've sat down with the community and you've shared your stories and given your ideas about how you want to be cared for. The message was loud and clear. You want greater involvement and influence in your health care. On the day we will have six of the core agencies responsible for the delivery of health services and meeting the 'Closing the Gap' agenda sign a Statement of Intent supporting the actions in this Plan. This plan is already delivering on your vision with construction on the \$16.5 million Palm Island Primary Care Centre already underway. I hope you will join us for this important celebration.

## FOOTBALL PRESENTATION NIGHT

On Saturday night, 20th November, the Palm Island Rugby League Football Club held a dinner and dance to celebrate the presentation of the awards for 1976 season.

Algon Walsh made the announcements, while John Cleary, Manager of B.P.A., Townsville, presented the trophies. The following received awards:

### Ladies

Best and Fairest Back: Sandra Cannon  
 Best and fairest Forward: Jenny Cannon  
 Most Improved Back : Elsie Prior  
 Most Improved Forward: Patsy Poynter

### Juniors:

Best and Fairest Back : Patrick Bramwell  
 Best and Fairest Forward: Eddie Luff  
 Most Improved Back : Wes. Lennoy  
 Most Improved Forward: John Watson

### Seniors:

Best and Fairest Back : Jim Baira  
 Best and Fairest Forward: Joey Obah  
 Most Improved Back: John Tarpaulin  
 Most Improved Forward: Stuart Rosser

1976

*The current run of the Palm Island Voice is 250!!!*

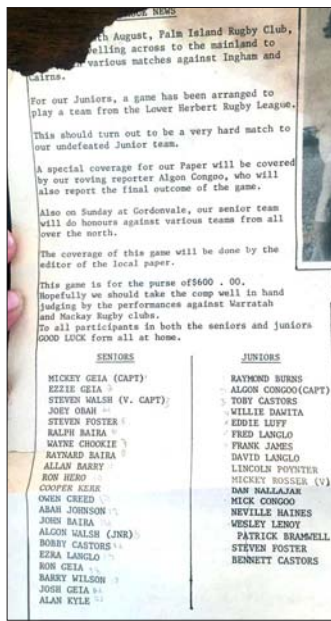
*But we weren't the first and trust we won't be the last... these clips were kindly sent to us by Telstan Sibley and his family, if you have any old clippings from the 'Palm Islanders' such as these three (from 1976) we'll be happy to run them when we can!*

## Out & About ...in Townsville...



*Above: Leilani Geia and Lynore Sansbury – daughters of David and Corrina Geia, who run the Sunset Snack Bar on Palm Island – with Christos Gatis at Simply Tops in Townsville; Below: Anne Marie Malamoo, Gracelyn Smallwood, Elder Shireen Malamoo, Louise Cole, Maggie Walsh and Leonie Malamoo at the opening of Black Panthers.*





# Local CDP workers contribute to Festival preparations



Palm Island Community Development Programme's Recycling Team (*pictured left*) has been working hard to assist Bwgcolman Community State School prepare for Deadly Didge 'n Dance Festival to held on the Island this weekend.

The school grounds will be used as a camping ground for visitors who wish to camp overnight or over the three days of celebrations. With ladders and small trowels, they were able to clean overgrown and blocked gutters around the school's major buildings.

This weekend's Festival is a celebration of Palm Island's 'Present' with performances by musicians and artists as well as local dancers, workshops, storytelling, poetry, markets and more.

The festival will also feature attempts to break two Guinness World Records.

"Our recycling team has also worked hard to remove recyclable waste from the Island to the mainland with the assistance of Reef Logistics," Programme Manager Nathan Vinson said.

"To date they have sent six 44-gallon drums filled with copper wiring and eight pallets of old batteries to Sims Metals in Townsville."

He said the removal of recyclable waste generated a enough income for the team to buy a sandwich maker, a hot water urn and several healthy morning teas to enjoy in their workplace.

# Festival 2018





*PALM ISLAND's Bwgc Colman Dancers were the stars of the show at Townsville's Festival 2018, an offshoot celebration of the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games held earlier this month. They were so good Acting Premier Jackie Trad dropped in for a pic (above). Bwgc Colman Arts also had a presence at the Festival, offering workshops on technique and colour. The event helped to raise the Island's profile in the lead up too this weekend's Deadly Didge 'n Dance Festival. Pics thanks to Rachael Floyd-Jones.*

# Palm Island Voice



Public &  
Community Notices



Don't forget!!!

The next DEADLINE  
for the  
PALM ISLAND VOICE  
(250!!!) is

**Thursday  
12 April**

FOR PUBLICATION

**Thursday  
19 April**

Check out our  
Facebook page!

**ADVERTISE!**

Page Sponsorship: (1cm or 18pt high banner  
across nominated page): \$120

Quarter A4 Page: \$250 + GST

Half A4 Page: \$350 + GST

Full A4 Page: \$550 + GST

Ads are to be booked by no later than 5pm  
on deadline day (see above) and all material  
submitted no later than COB the next day.  
Print approval required by Monday COB.

To book an ad, make a contribution or  
inquire about subscriptions please contact  
the Editor, Christine Howes,  
on 0419 656 277 or  
[palmislandvoice@chowes.com.au](mailto:palmislandvoice@chowes.com.au)



## Have your say!

Submissions for a proposed  
development application for  
the Palm Island Town Centre  
Master Plan will be closing  
next week.

For those who haven't  
attended community  
consultations, held over the  
past several years, this is a  
chance to have your say!

**Be sure to make your  
submission by this coming**

**Monday, 23 April**

For more information contact the Council.



**Operating Hours for  
Council are Monday –  
Friday 8am – 5pm**

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



Palm Island  
Aboriginal  
Shire Council  
has 2,259  
'likes' on  
Facebook!!!



Townsville  
Hospital  
and Health  
Service



The Palm Island community is invited to a  
community celebration for the launch of the  
*Palm Island Health Action Plan 2018-2028*

**What:** A free healthy lunch, football clinic with North Queensland Cowboys legend Ray Thompson and health stalls

**Where:** PCYC, Mango Avenue

**When:** Friday, 20 April 2018, 11.30am - 1.30pm



# Skipjacks 2017



It will be showdown time on April 28 at Townsville's 1300 Smiles Stadium when Palm Island Skipjacks and Australian Army Thunder face each other in the 11th chase for the prestigious Bill Coolburra Memorial Shield.

What makes this the juiciest match of them all is that both sides have won five so

whoever wins this will go one-up on bragging rights. This much anticipated clash will

be a curtain raiser to the North Queensland Cowboys versus Canberra Raiders NRL match.

Saturday 2 June is the new date for the much-anticipated boxing tournament on Palm, after the original date of 7 April had to be cancelled because of the weather.

Visiting boxers from up to 10 mainland clubs were expected, however a cyclone warning at their home towns prevented many of the boxers from coming.

Sunstate Amateur Boxing League President Scooter Hooper said there was still a lot of interest.

Tournaments on Palm in 2015 and 2012 attracted huge crowds.



*FLASHBACK! This team of boxers travelled to Richmond, western Queensland, together in 2011 - recognise any of them?!*