



Water should be good by Christmas - Mayor

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey says water issues plaguing the community should be over and done with by Christmas with the installation of new irrigators and pipes and several other works being done between the Council and other agencies.

Cr Lacey said there had also been some 'teething problems' in other areas, which had caused discolouration.

"In terms of the water situation, Council has done as much as it technically can and has brought in engineers who have identified a pump problem as the cause of the discolouration," he said.

"We've managed now to fix up the pump in the water treatment plant by replacing it with a brand new system, which has had some teething problems so more work needs to be done.

"Some work also needs to be done around the intake suction pipe from the dam back to the water treatment plant.



"Other than that I think we can comfortably say we've gotten on top of it and the advice we have is there is no health risk to the community and nor has there been.

"It is safe for human consumption and the thing is that I want to certainly thank the community for working with council and being patient with what we've seen over the past couple of weeks in our community.

"We've done the best we can.

"I'd also like to thank the Townsville City Council for their support in pointing us in the right direction."

He said the next step was new irrigators for both of the dams.

"The intake pipe needs a bit of work done on it as well, but hopefully we'll see this matter resolved before Christmas in terms of going back to the normal water supply in the community," he said.

"I know the water pressure to each of the suburban areas in our community has been fixed and thanks to the support that it's been given, so once again on behalf of Council, I just want to thank the Palm people for working with us to ensure the engineers and our staff could fix the problems."

Pic thanks to Watpac: <https://www.watpac.com.au/project/palm-island-minggudjambabanbarri-barra-dam/>



Tribal Warrior students graduate

A graduation ceremony was held for Tribal Warrior graduates in Yarrabah last week.

These four – Ricky, Valentine, Joseph and Seraeah – have qualified as coxwains, which means they can captain up to a 12m vessel, with passengers, just about anywhere. Trainer Kippa Zechariah said he was enormously proud of all the participants.

Police forum looks to community for guidance

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey travelled to Cairns last week to attend this years Queensland Police Service and Indigenous Mayors' Summit, where the highest levels of the police service got to speak to key players about community law and order issues.

He said it was an outstanding opportunity for communities to put forward their views on subjects ranging from Alcohol Management Plans through to the future of Police Liaison Officers.

“There are issues around more community involvement in community safety and engaging locals more into community policing arrangements,” he said.

“So we’ve put our view to the executive of the Queensland Police Service and particularly the Police Commissioner that we all feel our communities

should be taking a community-led approach around policing and community safety in all our communities.

“Currently there are only three communities in Queensland who have taken on a community policing model, which is outside the usual PLO model.

“What we’d like to see is the money spent on PLOs invested back into community plicing, which may work better for us.”

He said the other important issue was the PCYC, which was also looking for more community involvement and

support to activate more youth programs.

“We need to stop boredom,” he said. “So the PCYC CEO and program manager are intending to speak to each of our communities individually to see how those issues can be best resolved.

“An important outcome for Palm Island was the announcement that a new permanent manager would be starting in early December, which I think will help to sort out some of the youth issues in our community.”



ILF welcomes new D-G and housing advisor

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey and Councillors Walsh and Castors joined more than 800 delegates to the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) annual conference earlier this month.

The meeting included the twice yearly Indigenous Leaders' Forum.

In his role as LGAQ Policy Executive Director Cr Lacey said Indigenous Councils welcomed Chris Sarra as the new Director-General of the Department of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander policy and Mick Gooda as a special Indigenous advisor to the Department of Housing.

“Chris Sarra is well-known to a lot of our communities and we’ve pledged to work closely with him in terms of getting better



results from government spending and investment,” Cr Lacey said.

“The big push at the meeting was the need to index the federal assistance grants to all councils across the country.

“We’ve supported that push, particularly Indigenous councils – including Palm Island – fit under that criteria.”



Campbell Page National Program Manager Nathan Vinson and CDP Activity Manager Peter Sherry were invited to the Palm Island Community Company's (PICC) closing of their second 10 Week Health and Fitness Program early in October.

The program raised awareness around general health and wellbeing for Palm Islander men, with a strong focus on practical intervention and awareness in the community.

The Campbell Page Community Development Program (CDP) has provide ongoing support to PICC and assisted with providing placements into the program.



At completion our three job seekers did extremely well overcoming some difficulties and barriers to successfully complete the program.

The CDP Team said 'well done' to Marcus Ketchup,

John Barry and James Roberts (Phillips) for successfully completing the program and 'thank you' to PICC for putting such a fantastic and beneficial program together.



Job seekers David Doyle, Kevin Kidner, Todd Pearson and Valentine Fulford (left) successfully completed the 'Working at Heights' course with a local registered training organisation called Civil Safety last month.

The course covered safety legislation, equipment, safe anchoring, maintenance and inspection of safety gear and performing work at safe heights.

Lots to learn but certainly worth the effort, as any missed step could find you in a difficult situation. Well done to the lads completing the course and the very best for their future employment.

CDP staff member Raymond Johnson (right) has been with Campbell page for two and half years after working his way up and over from Client Service Officer to the front desk as our friendly Administration Officer.

These days he is in his element as our Activity Site Supervisor.

Raymond loves his job & his interaction with clients and his fellow workers is second to none.

Over the past few weeks, we have a few Activity Supervisors away and Raymond has jumped in with the teams to ensure the activities are run with adequate supervision and without harm to our job seekers – all of which keeps him on his toes, but he thrives on challenge.

Raymond is an asset to the Community Development Program with his local knowledge and his commitment to Campbell Pages values.



Eight of our job seekers attended an information session with Defence Force Recruiting (DFR) at the Palm Island TAFE campus last month.

The information provided by the DFR Recruiters was focused on some of the many fantastic opportunities on offer for young Indigenous Australians if they were to join any one of the three services through the Indigenous Pre-Recruitment Course (IPRC).

The IPRC is a Defence Specialised Pathways to Employment Program that directly supports the Government's agenda to close the gap in Indigenous employment outcomes. The courses are delivered with support from TAFE and local community groups.

Overall the session went extremely well and out of the eight who attended, all eight completed an expression of interest to attend a two day information session in Townsville this month. Thanks must also go to the Palm Island TAFE Campus for allowing DFR and Campbell Page to use their classroom.



CDP staff member Rhiannon Friday is another outstanding worker we would like to acknowledge.

Rhiannon has worked for Campbell Page as a Client Service Officer for almost two years and during this time she has proven to be a most reliable and dependable staff member.

She has recorded the highest results for KPI's across the whole team and she works hard to understand the needs of peers, consistently offering to lend a helping hand to support the team when time is short or when other team members are away. Rhiannon routinely enforces company values and abides by the company culture which inspires the same amongst her peers especially when it comes to doing what is right for our job seekers.

She has been an asset to the team and we would like to acknowledge the great support she has provided to our operations here on Palm Island.

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The Palm Island Junior Rugby League committee members, as elected at the AGM held on Wednesday 31 October, were:

- President: Keona Smith
- Treasurer: Deborah Bourne
- Secretary: Tanya Haines

The next JUNIOR LEAGUE COMMITTEE MEETING will be held on WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER @ 5PM in the Parole & Probation Offices.

On the AGENDA is preparations for the Junior Football presentation night, which may be on Wednesday 5 December and a date and venue/s for a Junior sign-up day for players.



On the first of November in 2008 families gathered to celebrate the marriage of Keith and Maryanna Bligh at the Dan Gleeson Memorial Gardens in Kirwan. Mr and Mrs Bligh are delighted to announce 2018 marks their 10th Wedding Anniversary and they wanted to thank everyone for their support and for such fond memories. Maryanna declared, 'It was a MATA Nice DAY' for all!



Palm Island Services

Townsville Hospital and Health Service

Yarn with these Services if too much is on your mind



- Family Wellbeing Service - (07) 4791 4051
- Women's Service - (07) 4791 4010
- Diversion Service - (07) 4791 4072
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Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Townsville Services

TAIHS Primary Health Clinic, Social and Emotional Wellbeing Service - (07) 4759 4001

Ask for either Aunty Erica Buttigieg (Manager SEWB), Kaylene Hale (Registered Nurse) or Denise Sheedy (Clinic Coordinator)

Address: 57-59 Gordon Street, Garbutt.



Roy Baira Jnr (*right*), who played for the Kulpiyam team, was named Best Forward at the Mackay Indigenous Allblacks rugby league carnival last month.

Kulpiyam won over Townsville team Coastal Balaz 30-10 in the final, after winning two of their three qualifying round games – their only loss was to local Mackay side GH United which included NRL player Josh Hoffman.

They earned themselves a tidy \$20,000 in prize money with halfback Maipele Morseu, continuing his stellar form, also being named Player of the Carnival.

Maipele was also player of the carnival when his team Wagadagam Storm beat Mulga in the final of TI's Zenadth Kes carnival in mid October.

A week before Maipele captained Skytrans Wenlock River Stallions which won the Arthur Beetson Murri Knockout carnival in Townsville.



Scooter pays tribute to Uncle Ray's good work

PALM Island boxers Patrick Clarke and Lawrence Haines were gallant in defeat at a 12-bout Sunstate Amateur Boxing League tournament at Townsville's Centenary Hotel earlier this month.

Lawrence lost to Knuckles Club boxer Tristan Banfield in the first bout of the night in the 57kg division.

Seasoned boxer Patrick lost to Ryan Lucas from Cairns Club Berserkers in the 66kg class.

There were also two exhibition bouts on the night.

Sunstate League President and Art of Strength supremo Scooter Hooper paid tribute to Palm Island

veteran trainer Uncle Ray Dennis.

"Ray has now had his hip operation and is on the road to recovery," he said.

"The importance of this man to health and fitness of the young people on this island is second to none.

"With Uncle Ray Dennis being hindered by his sore hip for most of the year the number of fighters attending training and

participating was very low.

"Not the normal eight to 10 attending at most tournaments throughout the north and down to Rockhampton.

"The 100 year Palm tournament was well attended by clubs from all over North Queensland and Rocky as a mark of respect to the important role boxing has had in the development of the Palm Island community."



Townsville-based brothers Tellay, 12, and Micah, 9, Lifou Thaiday took up the challenge of a sport new to them in 2018, and the two of them are acing it.

They helped local basketball team 'Bouncers' into the Under 13 and Under 11 division finals with high percentage of winning through to the grand final.

Both have been awarded trophies for the year, Micah a participation trophy while Tellay won the award for Most Consistent for 2018 after averaging 11.8 points per game.

Well done boys!