



Palm Island Voice

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PLEASE note there may be some images of deceased persons within this publication.



Palm's pride in Patrick's debut

Patrick Clarke's epic entry into professional boxing may not have gone the way we all hoped it would, but the overall result for Palm Island has been huge Palm Island Mayor Mislam Sam says.

"In the middle of what has been a tough time for all of us Patrick has helped enormously to lift all our spirits and make us proud," he said.

"He has brought the best of his natural abilities along with commitment, focus and

determination, to the attention of our young people in particular and I hope they have seen and heard his message loud and clear – you can do what you whatever you want to do in life if you try.

"Last night was brilliant and a

great experience, we all hope this was only the beginning and that Patrick has a long and profitable career in front of him."

Clarke won one round from one judge, the overall score was 40-36; 40-36; 39-37.

He did us all proud!!!



MEANWHILE before the big night Cr Sam said, another example of someone who had enjoyed the fruits of his own hard work – boxing promoter Matt Rose – gave away 50 tickets to Palm Islanders for the fight out of his own pocket.

"In a show of support for Palm Island to enjoy and support their local hero Patrick Clarke, 50 free tickets were available for locals to attend the fight," he said.

"It was a very generous donation from Matty to help

make sure a lack of funds didn't stop anyone keen from attending."

He said the Council had also helped to support the big event by organising an extra ferry.

"The 'Patrick Clarke Ferry' was booked for us yesterday

to make sure all residents who wanted to go to the fight could get there," he said.

"I'd just like to add a big 'shout out' and thanks to everyone who backed Patrick and Palm Island, especially Matty."

TAFE graduates ready and willing to work



ABOVE: TAFE Certificate III in Early Childhood graduates L-R Malanee Parker, Pepetua Reuben, Christine James, Jameika Richardson, TAFE teacher Miss Trish, Loyla Hunter, Breannah Cannon, Lillian Lampton (at back) & Jon Sibley

Spring Festival cancelled

Next Friday, 4 September, will be a local public holiday on Palm Island but there will be no Spring Festival events this year CEO Adele Young says.

She said Covid issues and the state of Council finances meant the 2020 event could not go ahead.

“The Council has inherited a deficit of more than \$7 million for the year ahead so we will not be hosting any

Spring Festival events this year,” she said.

“Residents can still enjoy the extra public holiday and the Council offices on Palm Island will be closed.

“Our Townsville office will still be open for business.”

To mask or not to mask

Everyone should consider carrying and wearing a mask if they are in a crowded situation they can't get out of or away from, Queensland's Chief Health Officer Dr Jeannette Young says.

Masks are not yet compulsory anywhere in Queensland, she added.

“I don't believe we have broad-spread community transmission, but certainly we're in a risky period at this time,” she said.

Palm Island CEO and Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) chair Adele Young said Palm Islanders should consider what they thought best for themselves, their family and their community.

“Palm Islanders are encouraged to make sensible decisions about their own health and safety, and to assess the relative risk carefully,” she said.

“It's important to remember people can transmit the virus before they know they are sick themselves.

“Even though there are no reported cases outside of Brisbane at this time we all need to be very careful, at least for the next two weeks during the incubation period.”



We're guessing artist Agnes Wotton is smiling because she won the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair's (CIAF's) Peoples' Choice prize after her work 'Sea Anemone' was voted number one online. Well done Agnes!

Javelin champ ready to throw!

Several school and inter-school Javelin records tumbled over the past few weeks thanks to 12-year-old Sajida Coolwell, who will compete in North Queensland trials next month.

Sajida is a student at All Souls St Gabriel's School in Charters Towers.

In July she broke a school record which had been held (by Ruby Polsen) since 2014, throwing 18.14 metres.

Last Friday, at the inter-school athletics, she threw 19.8 metres, breaking yet another record for her age.

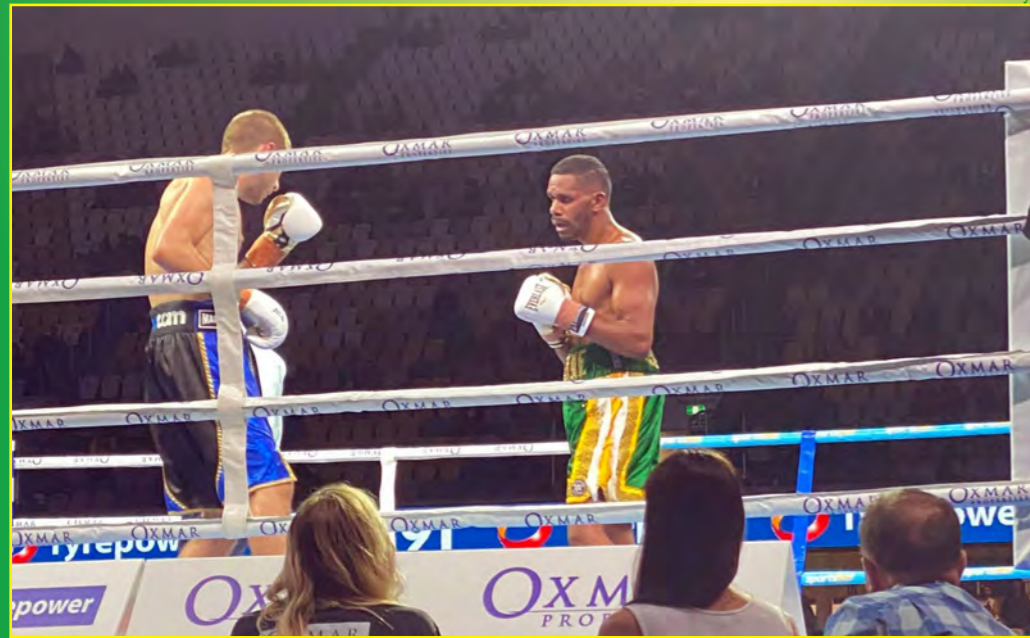


Fantastic work Sajida, congratulations and best of luck in the trials!

So proud of Patrick!



Pics thanks to Telstan Sibley



YOU GOTTA WASH YA HANDS



Queensland Government

**KEEP THE
FLU OFF
YOU**

The poster above was published in the Palm Island Voice in response to the Swine Flu epidemic in 2009 – the same message still carries – wash your hands!!!



New video relays important new health messages



“Covid-19 is spread through droplets in the air that you can breathe in or pick up on your hands...that is why handwashing, coughing into your elbow and social distancing is the best defence against this virus,” Community Nurse Lauwana Blackley.

The Joyce Palmer Health Service, with the Townsville Hospital & Health Service, has made a video with some very important health messages for the Palm Island community.

You can be tested for Covid-19 at the Palm Island Primary Health Care Centre. You can watch the video on the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council Facebook page or on our website at palmcouncil.qld.gov.au/health-says-get-ready

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SEE THE PALM ISLAND ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL FACEBOOK OR WEB PAGE FOR THE FULL VIDEO!

We're going weekly (for a bit)! OUR NEXT DEADLINE (Issue 308) will be Thursday 3 September for publication on Monday 7 September!

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