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## Mayor 'honoured' to be elected to statewide local government exec

**Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey has been elected as a member of the Local Government Association of Queensland's (LGAQ's) Policy Executive.**

Mr Lacey is only the second Indigenous person to hold such a position within Queensland's peak body for local government across the entire state.

LGAQ President Paul Bell (*pictured above on the left with Mr Lacey*) said Mr Lacey's membership was highly valued.

"Alf has demonstrated tremendous leadership in his own community and, as the executive's only indigenous member, will be an important cog in the representative wheel," he told the *Palm Island Voice*. "In order to serve councils across the state it is vital that we embrace diverse views.

"Importantly, we value the local knowledge that members of our policy executive bring to the table.

"It ensures we strike an important balance when it comes to acting on member-wide and external viewpoints as we go about the business of deciding on policies, practices, management and operations of LGAQ."

Mr Lacey said he was honoured to be elected to the position.

"Certainly it is a great honour to serve at that



executive level, most importantly so I can help ensure issues for Indigenous communities across Queensland are adequately addressed," he said.

"It means we continue to have a voice, particularly at that mainstream level, so I'm pleased to take on this role.

"When it comes to Indigenous Councils' issues and particularly community issues, LGAQ can certainly help with lobbying government on our behalf, which I'm certain will become a key tool in helping us to elevate our issues.

"I have also had overwhelming support from all Indigenous councils in Queensland, so I thank them for that and for having confidence in me.

"I'll serve all our member councils with pride but will also work to ensure that our issues are brought to the forefront while I'm there, and to the utmost of my abilities."

## Best athletics result ever! – Full Story p 16 –



# 'Local laws' to replace former by-laws

**Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council has adopted a set of laws known as 'local laws' to replace what were previously known as 'by-laws' in the community.**

Mayor Alf Lacey said under the new Local Government Act the new laws were formally adopted earlier this month.

Council enlisted the services of Local Government consultant Vince Corbin to assist with reviewing and packaging the new laws.

"He's put together the Local Laws for the Palm Island Shire Council, which was adopted at last week's Council meeting on Monday," Mr Lacey said.

"I did attend a meeting yesterday with community elders and Justice Group members to show them the Local Law instruments we've adopted and what will be put out for community consultation

and conversation.

"So the community now has an opportunity to sit down and figure out if there's anything else they need to want to go into them.

"One of the things elders have raised with me is the question of a curfew.

"My response to that is if they feel strongly about curfew they can put a submission up to Council, which we would welcome so we can talk about whether we should make some kind of curfew part of our Local Law.

"No doubt that needs community consultation and it has to be put up around the community to give everyone

an opportunity to agree or disagree."

He said the 'new' laws were much shorter and easier to read than the previous by-laws but were, on the whole, almost the same.

"They talk about things like animal control, parks, camping fees and other things in the community," he said.

"We will put the electronic copies of the laws on the Council website, for those who have got internet access, and there will be hard copies available at the Community Justice Group office, the Indigenous Knowledge Centre (library) and at the Council offices."

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION:**

**That the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council accepts the *Model Local Laws* and adopts the *Model Local Laws* as follows:**

- 1. That the PIASC hereby resolves to propose to adopt *Model Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2010*. The local law so adopted will be referred to as *Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2011* of the PIASC Local Laws;**
- 2. That the PIASC hereby resolves to propose to adopt *Model Law No 2 (Animal Management) 2010*. The local law so adopted will be referred to as *Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011* of the Council's Local Laws.**
- 3. That the PIASC hereby resolves to propose to adopt *Model Local law No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management 2010)*. The local law so adopted will be referred to as *Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management) 2011* of Council's Local Laws.**
- 4. That the PIASC hereby resolves to propose to adopt *Model Local law No. 7 (Indigenous Community Land Management) 2010*. The local law so adopted will be referred to as *Local Law No. 7 (Indigenous Community Land Management) 2011* of Council's Local Laws.**
- 5. That the PIASC hereby resolves to propose to make *Subordinate Local Law No. 1 Administration) 2011*.**
- 6. That the PIAC hereby resolves to propose to make *Subordinate Local Law No 2 (Animal Management) 2011*.**
- 7. That the PIASC hereby resolves to propose to make *Subordinate Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management) 2011*.**
- 8. That the PIASC hereby resolves to propose to make *Subordinate Local Law No. 7 (Indigenous Community Land Management) 2011*.**
- 9. That the PIASC delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the responsibility to draw up the Public Interest Test Plans required under Section 38 of the Local Government Act 2009 in respect to making Local Laws and Subordinate Local Laws.**



# Catering for success

**PALM Island's Coolgaree Catering Services is in the process of producing master chefs, some of whom are already working at the new chicken shop and bakery located at the local CDEP.**

A special group of 18 locals are now Class II and III hospitality graduates after starting their courses in July last year.

Under the leadership and tutorial of Chef and Manager of Coolgaree Catering Services, former Sydney chef Danielle Sinn, 13 students have secured permanent jobs, traineeships and or apprenticeships at Coolgaree's new Country Fried Chicken shop and new Bakery which opened at CDEP headquarters late last month.

They are already preparing top quality food, as the banquet of food at the Palm island PCYC for the hundreds of locals who attended a farewell to three Catholic nuns, showed.

Word was the presentation and taste of the food was equal to any top mainland restaurant and guests were going back for second and third helpings, such was its popularity.

The workers have also had national publicity in the *Koori Mail* newspaper about their efforts.

"I took up this challenge with a hope that I can start to educate Palm Island youngsters, through their elder family members to start eating healthy, cooking at home and living



*Check out our deadly bakers and spread the word: Palm Island "Yeast & Sweets on the Rise Bakery" will be officially opening soon!!!*

well," Ms Sinn said.

"All the trainees have been catering now for nearly a year together and do all the catering jobs for Palm, including many official visits by politicians & high profile people such as Cathy Freeman & Kevin Rudd to name a few.

"They range in age from 18 to 48 and are very proud, as are their families of having a job, wearing a uniform and having a brighter future. Two of the apprentices – Peggy Palm

Island and Eunice Webster – are being taken to Sydney in July as a reward for their hard work to attend the Sydney Food and Wine Show.

"They are to have classes with four Master Chef program chefs from the show and are very excited."

Danielle said the next Hospitality course was starting this month (June) and another 20 or so eager budding chefs were signed up already.

"So hopefully we will have no shortage of indigenous chefs coming up the ranks in the North Queensland cooking world," she said.



*From left to right- Gloria Walton , Mervyn Bengaroo , Francella Tommachy , Dani Sinn , James "Rambo" Roberts , Roberta Palmer & Veronna Baira at the Nun's farewell function*



**Palm Island Community Justice Group has been busy of late doing up Operational Management Plans, says coordinator Selena Shepherd.**

"We also wanted to remind people that court week is every CDEP Week and that anyone sentenced to Murri Court should remember it's very important for them to come and report to the Justice Group

before their next due court date, so a cultural report can be done up for them," she said.

"Also, every off-Court week we are doing court procedures training, with adults and school students (community education) on the Wednesday in the courtroom.

"Anyone wanting to know things about court proceedings and those kinds of things should come along to those sessions."

"Our last CJG meeting was held last Thursday 9th June 2011."

She said forthcoming meetings were to be held on the following dates:

- Thursday 21 July
- Thursday 18 August
- Thursday 15 September
- Thursday 13 October
- Thursday 10 November
- Thursday 8 December

Meetings start at 9.30am for CJG members, training (JP trainings, court procedures etc) goes through until 12pm for lunch.

"At 1pm on those days we also have network meetings with a representative from a non-government or government organisation in regards to justice issues, and then after that we have our normal monthly meetings," she said.

"I hope we can keep in touch with the *Palm*

*Island Voice* from now on so the Palm Island Community, as well as other communities across the board, will be more aware of what we are doing here." The Justice Group has a flyer, now available from their offices and from various places across the Island, which says they are very proud to be part of what was the first Justice Group in Queensland.

"It was our very own Palm Island Justice Group that became the first group in Queensland through a Pilot Program, and that were instrumental through a very special group of Elders, who wanted to see a positive change, as well as have more voice in their community," the flyer says.

"This bought a lot of RESPECT back into the community, where the Elders were finally recognised not only by the community itself but by the State Government bodies at that time. These first Community Justice Group members were – and some still are –:

Miss Josephine Geia - CJG Member/JP Magistrate  
 Mrs Kathy Gibson - CJG Member/JP Qualified  
 Mr. Ralph Watson - CJG Member/JP Magistrate  
 Mr. Owen Wyles - CJG Member/JP Magistrate  
 Mr. Keith Walsh - now lives in Townsville  
 Mr. Algon Walsh - Late  
 Mr. Kitchener Bligh - Late  
 Mrs Mona Wyles - Late  
 Mr. Bill Coolburra - Late  
 Mr. John Gigi - Late

The flyer acknowledges others who joined later: Mrs Gertie Massey; Mr. Albert Wotton (Dec.); Mrs Mona Wyles (Dec.); Mr. Raymond Foster (Dec.); Mr. Richard Conway (Dec.) The flyer also acknowledges "many more community members" who joined the group and became involved in Justice of the Peace training and running the JP Magistrate's Court.

**BUSINESS HOURS**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**

**MORNING**

9.00AM - 12.00PM

**LUNCH**

12.00PM - 1.00PM

**AFTERNOON**

1.00 PM - 4.00

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Ms Loretta Prior - Justice Group Support Worker

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We also acknowledge our other elders who provide their time & support .

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# Townsville hosts 'Vibe Alive' for students



**Students from St Michael's Catholic School, Bwgcolman State and the Palm Island High campus were amongst thousands who attended the Vibe Alive Festival at the Townsville Showgrounds earlier this month.**

Vibe Alive is a fun, two-day festival for all school-aged Australians which celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

The festival offered two days of extreme fun with dancing, rapping, singing, painting and sport and featured guest artists including Luke Carroll, Nathan Foley, Casey Donovan and Gail Mabo.

Palm students with swags and sleeping bags were kitted out and ready to camp the night

in one of the halls.

Organisers said students from 42 schools attended with more than 200 from eight of those sleeping the night.

Vibe Alive is funded by the Australian Government's Community Festivals for Education Engagement program, designed to encourage school attendance, retention and healthy lifestyles for all young Australians, and in particular Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

***After a successful recruitment campaign launched in the early part of this year Paramedic Gemma Armit and local resident Robert Blackley have been selected to complete a student cadetship program with the QAS here on Palm Island, writes QAS OIC Ian Day.***

In three years they could be fully-fledged paramedics Filling Gemma Armit's spot is Cert III officer Brances Millar, who comes to us from the Mackay region.

She will be doing her Cert IV studies here.

Brances has been with the QAS for four years as a patient transport officer, is in a de facto relationship with a paramedic from North Mackay and loves fishing and camping.

She is Torres Strait Island (from Darnley Island) and is looking forward to meeting all her family that are here on Palm Island.

We welcome her to the team, which now comprises two paramedics – Greg and myself – and five Indigenous ambulance attendants – Billy, William, Gemma, Brances and Robert.



# Diversionary Centre artists working for NAIDOC week

**ARTISTS at the Palm Island Community Company's Diversionary Centre have been creating some excellent paintings with one of their focuses being forthcoming NAIDOC celebrations.**

Diversionary Centre manager and art program co-ordinator Vaughn Charles said t-shirts with colourful art printed on them were being prepared for July events.

"It is all being done at our arts and craft room here at the Diversionary Centre," Mr Charles said.

Artist and program assistant co-ordinator Moira Baira has been a prime mover in putting the art onto shirts.

"We are all looking forward to NAIDOC and the locals will like the shirts," she said.

Two other artists involved in the program are Damien Donaldson and Krishna Robertson.

Ms Robertson has created three excellent paintings, which were



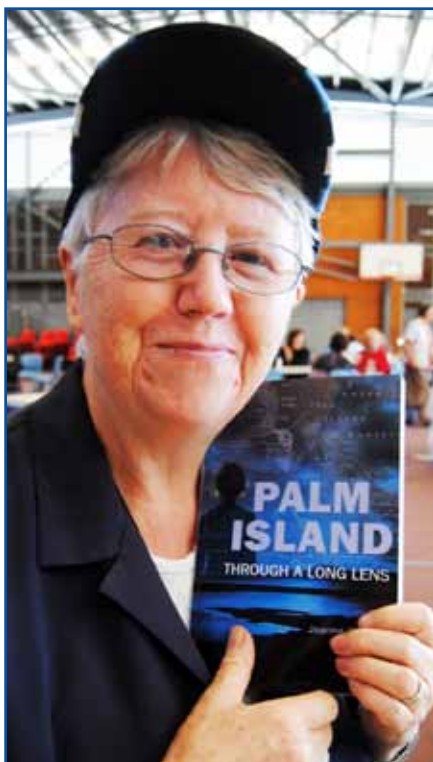
presented by Mr Charles to three nuns who left Palm Island last month.

The presentation was made in front of a packed congregation at St Anthony's Catholic Church.

Sister Christina said the three would treasure the paintings wherever their continuing journey in life took them.

"We have loved working on Palm Island and these beautiful paintings will continue to remind us of the people and beauty here," she said.

Mr Charles also paid tribute to the Centre's community patrol officers, Lenny Sibley and Deanne Sibley, who he said were doing a great job.



## A little bit of Palm wherever she goes...

**Palm Island will accompany Sister Christina McGlynn wherever she travels around the world in the form of a book she was presented with at the nun's farewell last month.**

Sister Christina was presented with the book on May 17 at the PCYC.

The sister and her two colleagues left Palm a week later on May 24 after Sister Christina had served there since 2004.

"I have the Palm Island book and will keep it with me," she said.

"We had a beautiful send off from Palm with many of our friends gathered on the jetty and final blessing prayers.

"Maria and I enjoyed the drive down to Sydney via the New England Highway.

"All being well I will fly to USA on June 22nd.

"The Palm Island community will always remain dear to me.

"May the Lord bless and protect them always."



## 2011 57 Strike Day pool, darts and karaoke winners

Frank Hughes Jnr was the first to win an inaugural Pool Memorial Shield for the annual 57 Strike Day; runner up was Rabbit Barry. The Darts Memorial Shield was won by Dick Haines, runner Up Rabbit Barry. The Karaoke and Dinner Dance was enjoyed by young and old, Karaoke winner was Victor Parker who sang 'Because of Love' (Elvis Presley).

**MORE ON 57 STRIKE DAY IN THE NEXT ISSUE!!!**



## Are you ready to ride??!!!



### **PALM Island riders are encouraged to nominate for the Mungalla Station Bull Spectacular Rodeo to be held on September 17.**

Mungalla Station is near Ingham and the rodeo action will be run by Townsville man John Moss of Bucko Billy Rodeo.

Palm Island's Pauline Shortjoe has also assisted with organising the event, expected to draw hundreds of Palm Island people for on-site camping and festivities.

The event will be an alternative to the Palm Island rodeo which was to be held at Charters Towers in May but was cancelled due to high costs and other unforeseen circumstances.

Mr Moss they were expecting 70 riders.

"We will have 20 riders in the open bull ride, 20 in the novice bull ride, 15 in the juvenile

and 15 youngsters in the calf ride," Mr Moss said.

He said there were already nine nominations for the calf ride with some from Palm Island. "Fliers will soon be put around North Queensland and there will be some on Palm Island," Mr Moss said.

**NOMINATIONS** for the rodeo can be made by phoning Central Entry on 4627 4197.

The first rodeo on Palm in 32 years was held in 2008 and attracted huge support from mainland competitors and spectators.

The 2009 rodeo on Palm was also very well supported.

# Pearls show their form in Townsville comp

**Late last month four Junior Netball teams travelled to Townsville to compete at the McDonalds Junior Netball Carnival hosted by the Townsville City Netball Association, writes Palm Island Pearls coach Murielle Morgan**

Teams departed Palm Friday 27th May 2011, with team sponsors Sunferries Travel & Charter.

All the players were nervous but excited to compete at representative level.

Early Saturday morning the players were up at 6am and ready to "rock n roll".

At the opening of the carnival all 92 teams participating were welcomed but Palm



Island were given a special welcome by the Association. It has been 11 years (2000) since Palm Island has brought as many as four teams to the Carnival.

**The Little P.I. Turtles** – this very competitive U9's teams with skills and great ball work is coached & managed by Master Player Margaret Conway, the turtles competed in the Mod's and had four wins and three losses.

Even though this team was the youngest of the teams to travel, the Turtles had the most energy and so much spice even the old players couldn't keep up with them!

All these players gave all they could and played hard but some of stand-outs included Jerry James, Zimarne Oui, Mahlia Geia, Ngarlie Prior, Pricilla and Sierra Sibley.



**The P.I. Sharks** – the intimidators, and the only team to be undefeated throughout the carnival.

The Sharks had a "roll" going on where nothing could go wrong – goal after goal, intercepts, and great defence – they were the team to beat and they showed no mercy, thrashing the opposition teams.

Throughout the carnival coach Thomasina Morgan, received great feedback on how well the team gelled with their skills, co-ordination and ball work.

And, most of all, their teamwork – they did not give up, all they wanted was to win and they thrived on every victory.

Outstanding players included Vasnae Dabea, Luke James & Trakium Prior-Barry.



**The P.I. Brumbies** competed in the 12B division, coached by our youngest coach Kristyn Morgan.

With little coaching experience, she gave her team exactly what they needed in her direction, encouragement and by showing them how to compete has a team.

Even though the Brumbies was not successful overall, they played to the best of their ability and their best players included Savane Castors Shoshanna Daisy, Dianne Fulford and Tareesha Pearson.



# Vicki Wilson to 'drop in' on CFF netball comp

**Palm Island is gearing up for another exciting day of netball events and competition with the Cathy Freeman Foundation Netball Challenge 2011, kicking off TOMORROW (Friday) at the Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC).**

Netball champion and former captain of the Australian netball team Vicki Wilson will be there to support the day on behalf of Womensport Queensland.

After the success of last year's inaugural Netball Challenge, Programs Manager for the Cathy Freeman Foundation Jamie Howden said they were excited to be putting on the event. "This great event brings all members of the community together and gives students the chance to build relationships with their neighbouring schools," he said.

60 participants from six schools across Palm Island, Magnetic Island and Townsville will come together to play for the prestigious Kathy Tarpaulin Memorial

Shield.

CFF has enlisted the help of 20 volunteers from the Island to assist in umpiring, handing out drink bottles to the kids, and being there to help if anyone has any questions.

Also on hand to offer physiotherapy support to all participants as well as the wider Palm Island community will be the SOS Foundation, who have offered their services for the day.

"We are expecting a crowd of approximately 300 people and we encourage all members of the community to come on down and enjoy the day, which will also include a free lunchtime BBQ, traditional dancing and a tour of Palm Island organised by the PCYC," Mr Howden said.

The event was funded by the Queensland Department of Communities and was a culmination of the Cathy Freeman Foundation After School Netball Competition, which has had up to 50 students participating on a weekly basis.

A tailored ferry schedule organised by Sunferries, especially for the tournament, will ensure participants are ferried to and from the Island in time for the event, which starts at 9.10am.

"We feel it is a great privilege to be able to provide the youth of Palm Island with structured sporting and recreational activities and hope it becomes an anticipated event on the Palm Island sporting calendar," Mr Howden said.



**2011 Premiers Division 12A – Palm Island Pearls** – this sassy and skilful team had only eight players but nonetheless managed to dominate their division. Players demonstrated too deadly netball skills on all fronts and they all worked together consistently hard to encourage their teammates to go the distance every time to become the great netball players they are.

Players in the running for Most Valuable Players included Kathleen Coolwell (selected three times), Naikeza James and Mallory Morgan (both selected twice). The Pearls decided Naikeza James had Best & Fairest

Player for them as she motivated the team and was the talker on and off the court.

During the Carnival Palm Island was also invited to compete at two other carnivals to be held in Townsville and Charter Towers. Prior to those carnivals players will be selected to attend.

Special thanks to our supporters who came to watch and to Lenny James; Austin Walsh; Delphine Robertson; Sondra Barry; Jen Healy; Sunferries Travel; Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council; Palm Island Community Company and Women Sports Queensland.



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## Cathy Freeman Netball Challenge Program: Friday June 17th at PCYC

In Memory of Aunty Kathy Tarpaulin

All Welcome

9am - Visiting teams arrive 11.50 Rassmussen V St  
Palm Island Michael's

### **9.10 - Welcome**

#### **Round 1**

9.30 St Michael's V Ryan  
9.50 Maggie Is V Good  
Shephard  
10.10 Rassmussen V  
Bwgcolman

#### **Round 2**

10.30 Good Shephard V St  
Michael's  
10.50 Bwgcolman V Maggie Is  
11.10 Rassmussen V Ryan

#### **Round 3**

11.30 Bwgcolman V Good  
Shephard

12.10 Maggie Is V Ryan

#### **Round 4**

12.30 St Michael's V  
Bwgcolman  
12.50 Maggie Is V  
Rassmussen  
1.10 Good Shephard V Ryan

#### **Round 5**

1.30 St Michael's V Maggie Is  
1.50 Good Shep V  
Rassmussen  
2.10 Bwgcolman V Ryan

#### **2.30 Final**

#### **2.50 Presentation**

3pm End of Carnival  
3.30 Visiting Teams depart

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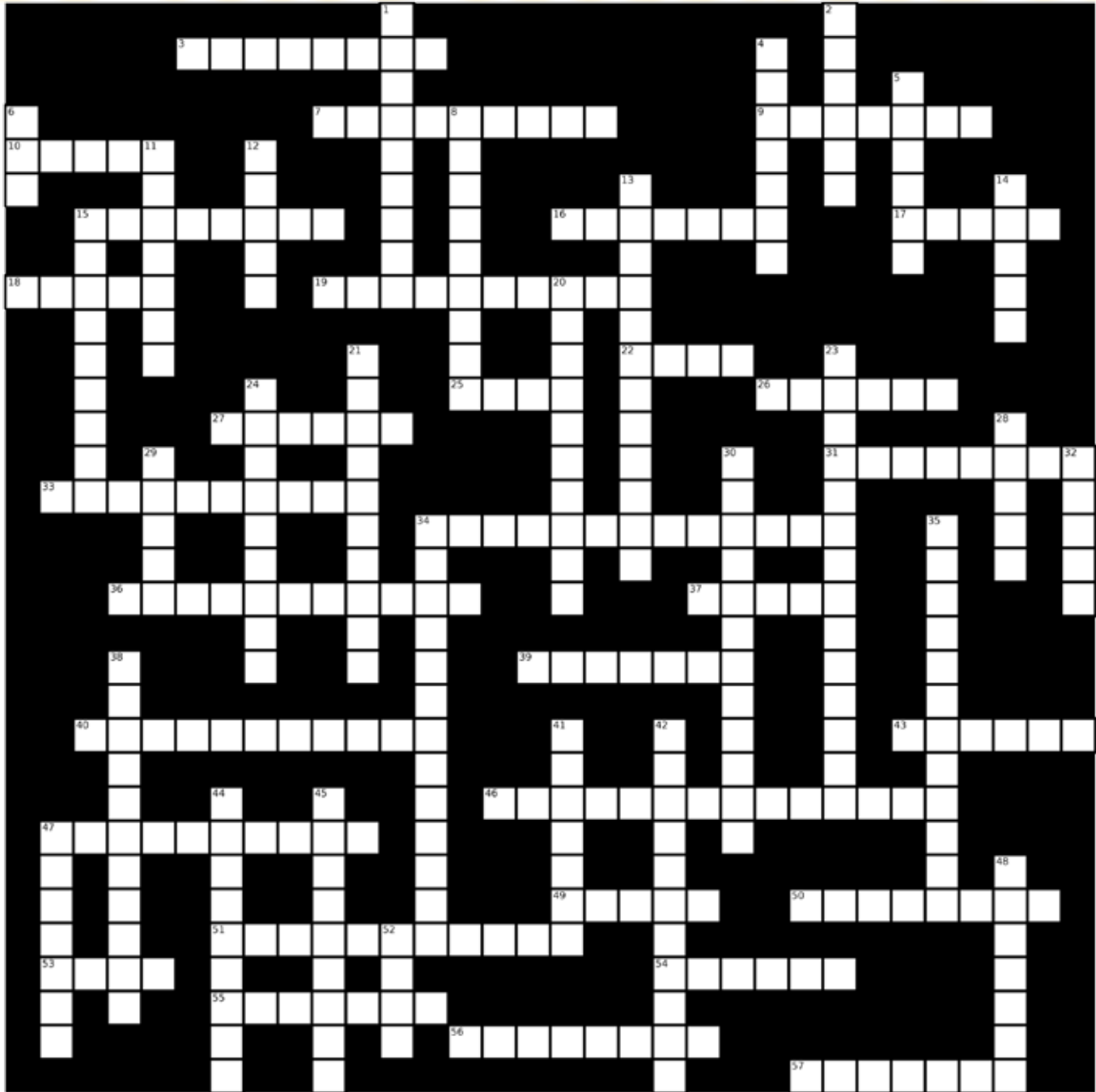
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# PI Voice Crossword 81



With thanks again to David Goeldner & the Crossword Puzzle Maker at <http://www.armoredpenguin.com>

## Across

3. blood sugar disease
7. Government financial controller
9. Could be basketball, but you don't bounce
10. Head of a shire or town council
15. coffee chemical
16. Another name for light persistent rain
17. Colloquial name for ambulance officers
18. Group of singers
19. Type of fish and a tough PI league team (plural)
22. Otherwise known as '8 ball'
25. Galvanising steel with zinc stops this
26. Some kids think they are too cool for this
27. Cereal grain used in beer, soup or bread
31. CMYK is a colour code used

in this process

33. This 'H' word makes blood red
34. Said to be changing the Earth's temperature (2 Words)
36. Open air theatre
37. Features sharp points, feathers and a circular board
39. Repository for books & CDs
40. NQ's fiercely contested league comp (2 Words)
43. The 'P' in PCYC
46. Large all-terrain vehicle (3)
47. Social security support agency
49. Complete team playing roster
50. PI Mayor (2)
51. PI's favourite footy code (2)
53. Professional cook
54. PI Deputy Mayor, Raymond ?
55. Famous PI footy family
56. Christian religion
57. Anaphylactic shock can be caused by this legume (plural)

## Down

1. Large water storage
2. Last try scorer in Origin 1, Billy ?
4. Record of a meeting
5. Foley Shield winners 2001, ? Sea Eagles
6. Alcohol Management Plan (init)
8. large sail
11. One who controls a footy match
12. Organised employees group
13. New indigenous group: National Congress of Australia's ? ? (2)
14. Popular way to ride around PI on this
15. Hospitality service on PI, ? Catering Service
20. Where to look up a word's meaning
21. Winner of Origin 1
23. Another name for brush cutter (2)

24. Measures atmospheric pressure
28. Popular lawn mower brand
29. The Internet links to a computer through this
30. Maroons and Broncos star winger, ? ? ? (3)
32. ATSI Social Justice Commissioner, Mick ?
34. This gas is blamed for Climate Change (2)
35. A large book of knowledge
38. Unpaid indigenous wage claim (2 Words)
41. Too much of this causes diabetes
42. An award to fund study
44. power source
45. Queensland Premier (2)
47. Island near PI
48. National Indigenous Awards, The ?
52. Local Government Association of Queensland (init)



# Boxers hope to win their way overseas

**TWO Palm Island boxers have made appointments to apply for passports as their trainer Ray Dennis is confident overseas fights are on the horizon.**



Reggie Palm Island (*below right*) will be the first to need a passport if he defeats an opponent in Melbourne on 7 August. "If Reggie wins that bout he will be in the Australian team to contest the World Amateur Championships," Mr Dennis said. He said he was also certain that 17-year-old Patrick Clarke (*centre*) was not far away from an overseas trip as well. "David Sam (*above*) may also have to get a passport as I am very doubtful there is any junior boxer in Australia capable of beating him," he said. "David is just 16 years old and his last three opponents were aged 18, 20 and 27," he said. Mr Dennis said since he had been on Palm Island his boxers has tasted much success. "It is not that I am a hot shot trainer but I just seem to have the ability to select the boxers with the natural ability to put in the ring to box," he said. Astute Mr Dennis said he had trained many Palm boxers in

the past with the ability to represent Australia. "Whilst they have only been registered with the Queensland Sunstate Amateur Boxing League they never had a chance," he said. "Now our best boxers are also registered with the Australian Boxing Association and can take part in trials to represent Australia," he said. One boxer currently training hard, and who Mr Dennis expects big things of, is 16-year-old Vernon Geia.



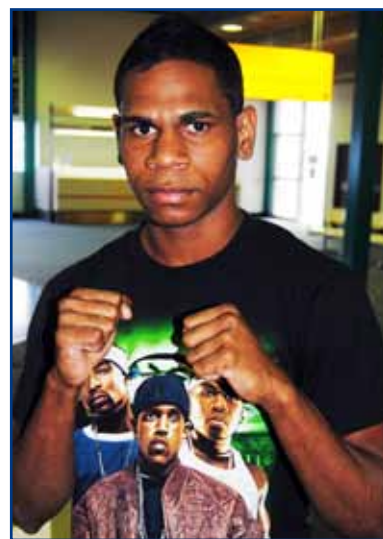
"Vernon will be hard to beat at 81kg junior level," he said. Two more young Palm boxers are ready to fight at coming tournaments. Harry Friday is a 13-year-old great grandson of the late and great Jack Hassen whilst Chris Johnson is a grandson of Colin Gibson. "Jack Hassen and Colin Gibson were two of the best boxers to come from Palm Island," Mr Dennis said.

Jack Hassen was regarded as one of Australia's better fighters as an Australian lightweight champion. His record stood at 36 fights for 29 wins, one of his losses being to the champion American Freddie Dawson.

## **GOLDEN GLOVES BID**

Meanwhile Mr Dennis is hoping to have a big team representing Palm Island at the Queensland Gold Gloves tournament to be held at Cairns on June 24 and 25. Palm boxers have performed well at previous Golden Gloves.

"We need a sponsor to pay for the trip which will cost about \$3,000 for boat tickets, bus hire and accommodation," Mr Dennis said.



*EDITOR'S NOTE: Palm Island Voice would like to add we think Ray Dennis may be selling himself well short by saying he is 'no hot shot trainer' – we know he is one of the most respected boxing trainers in the country and is DEADLY!!!*

# ***PIRL PLAYER PROFILE: STEVE LOWATTA***

**LOYALTY to the Barracudas has earned star Hornets back Stephen Lowatta great respect on Palm island.**

The 26-year-old Lowatta has been playing with the Barracudas since age 15 and is a quality five eighth, with the same number 6 position Johnathan Thurston has with the North Queensland Cowboys.

"There was no local competition here on Palm when I left school so I played with the Barracudas when Lex Wotton was a winger and Fred Haines senior a centre," he said. Born on Palm, Stephen attended Bwgcolman Primary and later St Anne and St Joseph's School in Townsville.

Employed as a mechanic by the Palm island Aboriginal Shire Council, Lowatta also played with Brothers Club in Townsville in 2007.

Lowatta had been with family club Mount Bentley Raiders for the past few seasons and joined Hornets after Raiders didn't enter a team in 2011.

It has been a big month for Lowatta who is one of the most exciting backs on Palm Island.

On May 7 at Ayr he shone for the Barracudas when they played an exciting 24-all draw with Bowen/Collinsville in a Foley Shield selection trial.

After that great form Lowatta was picked to play for the combined Palm Island/Bowen side which competed at the Foley Shield from May 20 to 22.

Lowatta impressed and held his own against the best footballers in North Queensland.

"I really like playing for the Barracudas and representing Palm Island," he said.

In round five of the Palm domestic comp on June 1, Lowatta starred for Hornets who narrowly lost a cliffhanger game 28-26 to Mundy Bay Warriors.

Lowatta scored two tries and booted two goals for a personal tally of 12 points – signalling loud and clear he is a danger man to opposition sides whenever he plays.



Hornets spokesman Billy Landers described Lowatta as a key utility player.

"He is a strong back and came over to Hornets this year after having played with his family club Mount Bentley Raiders last season," Landers said.

"He can play centre, halfback or five eighth."

Palm Island Rugby League President Ili Dabea said Lowatta's experience was vital to the younger players in his team.

"Stephen is a good player and has been leading the way for Hornets," he said.

Back in 2009 at the Central Queensland Indigenous Reconciliation Allblacks carnival at Rockhampton, Lowatta was named in the merit team named at halfback after playing for the Barracudas.

Hornets look sure to be competing come semi finals time and Lowatta is sure to be one of their leading players.

"I think we can go all the way to the grand final," he said.

**STOP PRESS:** The winners last weekend's PIRL (first game of round two) were Skipjacks, Brothers and Jets. More footy next issue!!!



# Who will come out on top in 2011?

**Palm Island Voice reports on all of the action as of the end of week five now each of the six clubs have played each other once.**

ROUND one of the exciting Palm Island Rugby League competition was completed on June 1 and 3 when Mundy Bay Warriors scored their first win of the season, Skipjacks became outright leader on the table and the fast-improving Jets signalled they are again a premiership force.

**WARRIORS CELEBRATE** EXCITEMENT reigned in game one of week five when Mundy Bay Warriors scored a cliffhanger 28-26 win over Hornets. The match was played on June 1 after these scheduled games from the previous weekend were postponed due to unavailability of referees. Whilst Mundy Bay Warriors players and supporters celebrated hard, Hornets fans were left pondering another narrow loss.

For Mundy Bay Warriors Greg Marpoondin scored two tries, with one each to Michael McLean, Ezra Langlo and Luke James. Luke James kicked two goals, whilst Gary Marpoondin and Gary Fulford each booted one. Hornets try scorers were Steven Lowatta with two, and singles to Josh Landers, Robert Snyder and Cooper Kerr 1.

Steven Lowatta kicked two goals and Robert Snyder one.

"It was the second game in recent weeks we have lost on the hooter," a Hornets official said.

The other two games in

the round were played two days later on the Friday public holiday June 3.

Jets took on Butler Bay Bulls and Skipjacks met Brothers to determine an outright leader after that round.



*An injured Fred Bulsey at the Foley Shield with Frank Hughes*

## JETS FLY OVER BULLS

IN a replay of the 2010 grand final, Jets defeated Butler Bay Bulls 32-20.

Jets have sharply improved in recent week after a slow start to the season and they have the firepower to be there at the business end of the season.

Greg Barry, Aroma Miller, Robert Bulsey, Ezra Noble, Robin Kerr and Gavin Barry scored tries for Jets with three goals to Robert Bulsey and one to Gavin Barry.

For Butler Bay Bulls Val Fulford

scored two tries with Robin Nallajar and Chris Camenzuli crossing for one each. Val Fulford kicked the two goals.

## JACKS SKIP TO TOP

A FOUR try blitz by blockbusting forward Fred Bulsey led Skipjacks to a 44-28 win over Bwgcolman Brothers in the main game. Just two weeks before when representing Palm Island/Bowen at the Foley Shield in Townsville, Bulsey injured his knee and was forced to miss the second game of three.

Defying pain, Bulsey lined up in the main game against Cairns and shone and it was still feared he may miss a few clubs games.

But with the benefit of a short break, courageous Bulsey pounded into the Brothers defence and was well supported by William Marpoondin who scored two tries, with singles to Anthony Thompson and Brian Conway.

Thompson had a fine match also booting five goals for a personal tally of 14 points.

Jason Bulsey booted the other goal.

For Brothers lanky back and quality boxer Sterling Aden scored three tries with one apiece to John Watson, Malcolm Larry and Ben Baira. Goals went to Gavin Johnson and Jimmy James.

## Ladder after round one:

- 1 Skipjacks
- 2 Brothers
- 3 Jets
- 4 Hornets
- 5 Butler Bay Bulls
- 6 Mundy Bay Warriors



**Palm Island schools smashed records and made history when 36 Bwgcolman & St Michael's students travelled to Townsville to compete in the District Primary Schools Athletics Carnival late last month.**

The students in this team are to be congratulated for their outstanding performances. Palm Island won the carnival convincingly with a total of

300 points before the next best team on 190 points. Every student placed in every event, with most taking out first places, we broke six records and have 10 students competing in the Regional Carnival on June 14th. This is the best result that we have had at any Athletics Carnival in the history of our school and the students involved in this success need to

be very proud of the effort that they put into their training and their performance on the day. We also need to acknowledge the support of Bwgcolman and St Michael's Schools, our families, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, Palm Island Community Company and Sunferries, without their support we would never have achieved such an amazing result.



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