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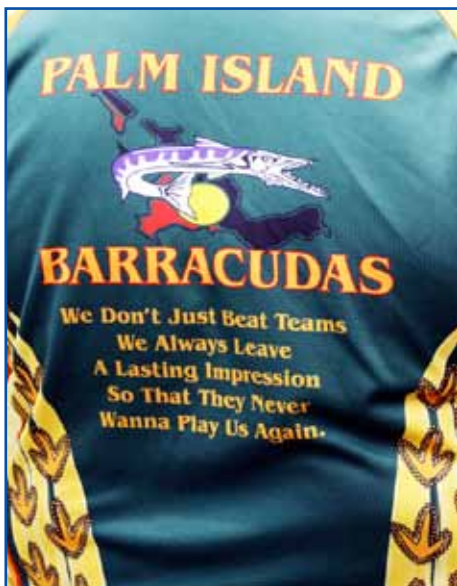
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Community-only for Palm Allblacks



NO NRL players is the call for a huge rugby league Allblacks carnival Palm Island looks set to host in February next year.

Brainchild behind the carnival Mayor Alf Lacey said he expected strong support from other Indigenous communities for the Carnival and the idea.

"I have spoken to people from other communities and they agree no NRL players should play for any of the sides," he said.

"This will be all about the Barracudas who constantly come up against sides stacked with NRL and other league players, some of whom have actually been bought in.

"Our Barracudas play for the pride of playing and winning for our community, there's no stacking and there's no money changing hands, they are all for Palm Island and they play for us for the love of their community."

He said the intention was to only allow communities to field resident teams - ie teams of players who lived on the community they were representing.

Already Yarrabah and Woorabinda have put their hands up, with Hopevale, Kowanyama, Lockhart River

and other communities expected to follow suit.

Phil Rist, CEO of Giringun Aboriginal Corporation in Cardwell said he was impressed with the idea.

"We would bring a team along for sure," he said.

Palm Island club premiers Jets travelled to Cardwell on October 29 for the third annual Jack Henry and Joe Romelo Memorial match. *Palm Island Voice* has covered numerous Allblacks carnivals around North Queensland over the years and most of the winning sides have played "ring ins" including current and former NRL stars.

The Palm carnival would ensure talent from communities would be on show for the pride of their home towns.

During 2011 Palm sides have travelled away to most of the big Allblacks carnivals at considerable cost. These include carnivals at Rockhampton, Cairns, Townsville, Yarrabah and last November a Palm team made the marathon journey to Bamaga.

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Mayors meet at Wujal Wujal



Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey was in Wujal Wujal last week to help celebrate the opening of the town's new Art & Culture centre and to meet with other Mayors.

While he was there he also met informally with Member for Leichhardt, Warren Entsch (*pictured below right*). "We just caught up and had a little chat about different issues and I've also offered him an invitation to come to Palm, and he'd like to take that up because he hasn't been here," he said. Mayors and CEOs from Aboriginal Shire Councils across the State, local State MP Jason O'Brien, Minister

for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Partnerships Curtis Pitt and the LGAQ also attended the 11th Ministerial Forum (roundtable) in Wujal Wujal over the week. "Mayor Desmond Tayley, his community and his Council need to be congratulated for another successful round table which was the follow-on from Palm Island and Bamaga and Cherbourg," he said. "Wujal Wujal has really picked up and it was good

to see the coming together of community members, particularly when there are good events like these are on."



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The Palm carnival will enable communities to where the Barracudas have travelled an opportunity to return the favour.

February would be an ideal time for such a carnival as it will give Palm players match time in which to fine tune their skills for the 2012 club season.

With a combined Palm Island/Bowen side to again contest the Foley Shield competition next May, it would give selectors a chance to see the players in action.

Indigenous sides from Charters Towers, Bowen, Cloncurry and Dajarra have also expressed a desire to compete at the Palm carnival.

Palm Island would be able to field a powerful Barracudas side with all available players to pick from and would be amongst the carnival favourites.

All players would be injury free and there would be no other football carnivals clashing with the February date.



...Out & About...



Thumbs up from a footy fan around the grounds earlier this year, above, and below at the Bindal Allblacks Carnival in Townsville



Above Left: Recently signed to the NQ Cowboys, Robert Lui now lives in Townsville and is an avid reader of the Palm Island Voice. The Cowboys have signed Lui on a two-year deal. A veteran of 43 NRL matches at just 21 years of age, he has been released from the final year of his contract with Wests Tigers and started training with his new team this week.

Artists take healing journey to southern venues

PAINTINGS by three Palm Island artists have proven popular in NSW and the ACT during a 14-day Women's NSW Healing Trip made by seven ladies.

Artists Sandra Clay and her daughter Noby along with Aunt Mary Twaddle, arts coordinator Maggie Blackley, Caroline Doyle (nee Sibley) from Mackay, and tour co-ordinator Oni Kirwin were joined by Ranietta Lind on

their way to a number of art galleries, museums and libraries "in the big smoke".

Aunt Mary Twaddle, aged 82, said she was confident the trip would "open the door for her people in many ways."

Aunt Mary and Mrs Blackley said a much anticipated Arts Centre was likely to open on Palm Island in December this year so the tour gave artists some wonderful exposure.

"On the tour we will be able to connect with many in other communities," Aunt Mary said.

Mrs Blackley said the main purpose was to promote the excellent work they had already done.

"It is also to enable women connect with other communities and to gain expressions of interest about work our artists do," she said.

"It is good timing."

During the trip they enjoyed a guided tour of Parliament House in Canberra and had morning tea with Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin.

"Jenny Macklin knows of the importance of having



an art gallery on Palm Island," Ms Kirwin said. The group also had scheduled visits to Art Galleries, Museums, Libraries and the Blue Mountains.

After church services they travelled to Goulburn to do art works courtesy of South Hill Galleries.

They conducted workshops for TAFE students and gave an exhibition for the local Arts Council. Ms Kirwin spoke to the *Palm Island Voice* from Goulburn last weekend, saying the trip was proving to be an amazing success.

"In Canberra somebody was so impressed with our artists they wanted to buy three paintings," Ms Kirwin said.

Ms Oni said the ladies were in the "Lap of God" where they stayed at Goulburn.

"There is art around us everywhere and we look out at rolling hills and there are roses everywhere - this has been a wonderful tour," she said.

After Goulburn they visited the South Coast Aboriginal Community of Mogo and had an art exhibition.

From there they went to Sydney where they saw a play at the Opera House.

On Monday 21st November they will have lunch at Sydney Harbour, visit Taronga Park Zoo and return to North Queensland the following day.

Ms Kirwin said she wanted to thank Mayor Alf Lacey and the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, the Palm Island Community Company and St Vincent De Paul.



Top Right: L-R: Patricia Dawn Bobongie, Caroline Doyle (both nee Sibley) and Oni Kirwin; Above: Maggie Blackley, Aunt Mary Twaddle, Noby Clay and her mum Sandra Clay **3**

Looks like art will be Jimeika's bag

A partnership between the Cathy Freeman Foundation (CFF) and Coles supermarkets has proved to be a winner for budding artist Jimeika Richardson.

Earlier this year the two giants ran a student art competition across both St Michaels' Catholic School and Bwgcolman Community School, asking students to draw something to symbolise what they love about Palm Island.

The winning design was an opportunity not only to show off the artistic talents of the lucky winner, but to also the chance to have their design featured on a limited edition CFF shopping bag to be sold in every Coles supermarket across Australia.

"We were most excited to offer this unique opportunity for the students of Palm Island to have their design seen by Australians all over the country," CFF CEO Sonya Stephen said.

"We received over 50 wonderful drawings from all age groups ranging from Year 12 right down



to Prep, which made it very difficult for us to decide on a winner."

As with all competitions, there could only be one winner and that was 17-year-old Jimeika Richardson from Bwgcolman Community School for her vibrant, fuschia-infused drawing of local, exotic flowers.

Jimeika said she thought Palm Island was a pretty place to live which was reflected in her painting.

"The colours I've used in my artwork reflect parts of the island that are special to me," she said.

"I hope that other people enjoy my picture."

Jimeika said she was keen to continue with her art when she finished school.

"I want to go to TAFE and do an arts course and teach little kids how to do art," she said.

As a last minute surprise, Coles flew Jimeika and her father, Robert, down to Melbourne to present her personally with the first CFF shopping bag.

A long way from home, it was a proud and memorable moment when Jimeika jumped on stage in front of almost 600 people to accept the bag.

No doubt adding to Jimeika's already-exciting Melbourne trip was the opportunity to have lunch and a good yarn with Cathy Freeman and the rest of the CFF team.

The limited edition bag is available in all Coles stores till 26 December for \$5. For each bag sold, Coles will donate a percentage of the bag sales to the Cathy Freeman Foundation.



Cathy Freeman
FOUNDATION

Store staff pick up hard-earned certificates



Retail Stores' statewide director Eoin Quinlivan was on hand last week to help deliver certificates to store staff who have successfully completed nationally recognised training.

Mr Quinlivan (*on the far right above*) said it was a great day on Palm Island, even if it all happened mid-stocktake.

"It really was a buzz as the staff were very excited and proud of their achievements both individually and as a group," he said.

He said two completed Certificate IIIs and ten completed Certificate IIs were presented, whilst three former staff members (who left due to having babies) were issued with Statements of Attainment for 9 modules of Certificate II.

"Also included were two Certificates of Appreciation from the Department of Communities for the staff and Assistant Manager concerning the fantastic work they did pre- and post- Cyclone Yasi to ensure impact on the community – from a store view – was as minimal as humanly possible," he said.

"Assistant Manager Pamela Johnson-Barry was acting as the Store Manager during that time."

Well done to all the staff concerned!!!



Funding boost to Coolgaree placements

Sixty Palm Islanders will benefit from jobs, apprenticeships and training in construction, security and hospitality being offered with the assistance of the Australian Government's Indigenous Employment Program through Coolgaree CDEP.

Minister for Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Mark Arbib and Senator for Queensland Jan McLucas said the offer to potential trainees was for accredited and non-accredited training.

"The training programs will assist the participant's transition from working on community development employment projects to full time employment," Senator Arbib said.

"The accredited certificates include training in security, construction or hospitality with non-accredited training to include budgeting, skills for managing work and home life, goal setting, career planning and communication skills.

"This is not just training for trainings' sake, on completion of accredited training, participants will be placed into an apprenticeship or traineeship on either Palm

Island or on the mainland." Senator McLucas said this program was a result of \$253,000 from the Australian Government's Indigenous Employment Program. "Through on-the-job training, mentoring and work experience, the program will equip local Indigenous people with the skills and confidence and knowledge to gain a job and contribute to their local community and economy," Senator McLucas said.

Coolgaree Yeast & Sweets & CFC



In some of the latest news from Coolgaree Yeast & Sweets & CFC, we have recently launched our new summer salad menu!

We have various gourmet salads available every day and a huge range of homemade dips, cakes, chutneys, pestos and other goodies.

We are now cooking breakfast from 8.30am Monday to Saturday with a brand new coffee machine and frappe machine being installed next week.

Our \$5 brekkie of bacon, eggs, and toast is a hit with the locals with all the extras including marinated mushrooms, slow roasted tomatoes, sausages and hash browns.

Eggs Benedict with Dani's famous sauce will be the signature dish eventually!

We also home deliver our chicken and our gourmet pizzas!

Or you can duck into the CDEP Kiosk for any last minute supplies while you wait for your chicken as they are open on Thursday and Friday nights until 8pm as well.

We are excited to welcome Silina Dabea, who has come home to Palm to live, to our deadly little team.

Having another qualified chef on board will prove priceless because it means we can make more of the yummy food you love!

Our Novelty Children's Cake sales are also going crazy!

Just come up and see Dani, or have a look through our colour catalogue, in which I'm sure you will find something you like - if not we can try and make it!

Just remember to give us a couple of days notice as they can be quite tricky to make.

Our new function and catering menus are also available to look at now and they give your the ease and pleasure of just picking a certain menu and we do the rest.

With Christmas just around the corner, don't forget your end of year break up party can be fully catered and looked after by us!

We set up, cook, serve and clean up after so you can have a good time too!

As always we are looking for new staff to join our deadly team, with above award wages and a fun environment to work in on offer -

who says work can't be fun?

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Our Bakery Opening Hours are Monday-Friday 8.30am-4pm and Saturday 8am-12pm.

CFC are open Monday-Wednesday 10am-4pm and Thursday-Friday 12pm-8pm (CFC is closed weekends until we get more staff!).

So come and check us out!!

Dani Sinn

Chef/Manager

Coolgaree CDEP Catering Services



Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council Community Infrastructure News



One of the options for Palm Island's new foreshore development is reminiscent of the Cairns Esplanade before decking was installed, Mayor Alf Lacey says.

"At the moment, Queensland Reconstruction Authority is assessing and having a look at the best possible options for the foreshore redevelopment on Palm that will, we're hoping, align with a funding request that we've put up to get that work done," he said.

"Hopefully within the next few months we'll hear the outcome of the various reports that have been done on the subject so we'll see what type of design and what type of format they will use in terms of re-building.

"They have sent us some preliminary examples of the types of foreshores that have been developed around the state.

"One of the options they've given us reminds me of the Esplanade walking track before it got that wooden decking put onto it in Cairns.

"We're hopeful the community will be able to see some possible green light happening probably within the next few months.

"It is going to be a massive project, which will cost a bit of money.

"So that's the latest on it at the moment.

"The other important project is the pine forest.

"We've now had assessors come over and assess the forests up there in terms of value.

"These forestry people actually own the two forests at Cardwell and Ingham, and they own most of the forest in the state of Queensland so they've done that assessment for us.

"They're now preparing an options report for the Council to have a look at in terms of what's the best possible way forward in terms of pine forest and all the timber currently laying around up there.

"Some of it is really high quality and good quality pine, and we're hoping we'll be able to work out an arrangement with this company to actually sell off the wood.

"Then hopefully there should be a regrowth program.

"So soon as we get that report then we'll inform the community on what the outcome from that report will be."



Above: Forestry Plantations Queensland Harvest Operations Manager Steve Martini, TPT Australia Manager Bruce Channon, Mayor Alf Lacey and FPQ Harvest & Plantation Supervisor Frank Hughes **7**





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Where: PCYC

- Combined ceremony for all students from St Michael's Catholic School and Bwngcolman Community School
- Traditional dancing
- Free BBQ
- Special guest: Cathy Freeman
- After ceremony disco for students at PCYC

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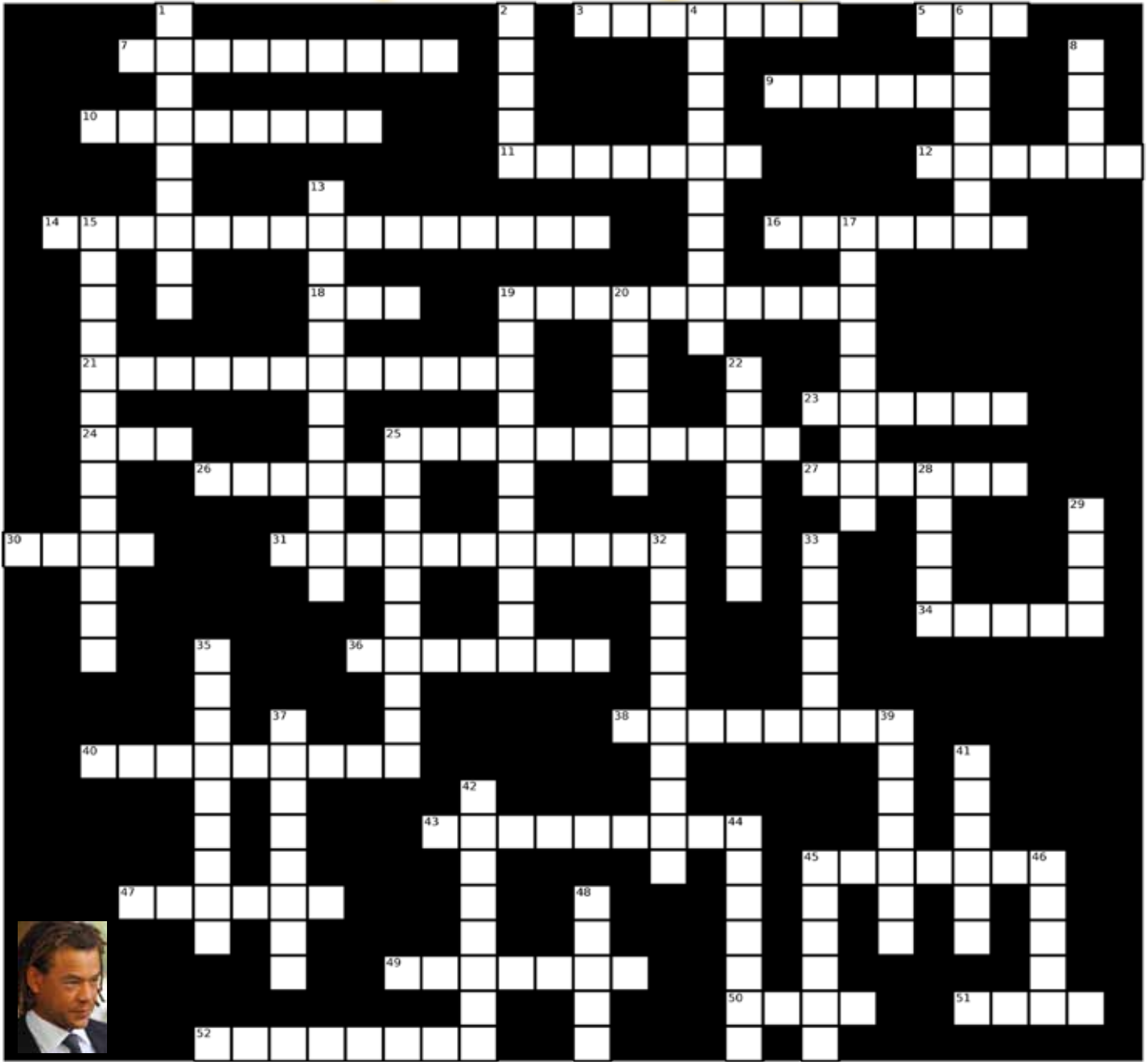
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Across

- 3 Points north, south, east & west
- 5 Morse code signal for help
- 7 Singer with nautical name
- 9 Billy Slater did this before he played NRL
- 10 Customs boat tragedy in Torres Strait
- 11 The monkey & the turtle looked for some of these
- 12 This sea creature is said to soak up water
- 14 Your community newspaper
- 16 You need this to be skipper
- 18 Frozen water
- 19 This attractive fish lives in the coral
- 21 Boats longer than 5m should have a fire ?
- 23 Another name for a bucket in a boat to remove water
- 24 No more than this speed

- when close to a jetty
- 25 Another name for weather watching
- 26 Weather system from the ocean causing drought
- 27 Baked in banana leaf and good with syrup
- 30 One nautical mile per hour
- 31 The initials MV mean this on boats
- 34 Water goes out, water comes in
- 36 Summer's fury from the ocean
- 38 Holy ? Batman! This fish puts up a fight
- 40 Slow down in this bay please
- 43 Keeps insects away but not sharks
- 45 Summer rain from the north
- 47 In charge of a seagoing barge
- 49 Bronco's 2nd-rower Sam ?

- 50 You must pass this to get a boat license
- 51 The plug in a small boat
- 52 A dinghy needs one of these at the back

Down

- 1 Our women catch plenty of fish from the ? ? Jetty
- 2 Emergency Position indicating Radio Beacon
- 4 Blue & Gold NRL team
- 6 Boat named after Greek Gods & sport - MV ?
- 8 A big tide
- 13 Inventor on the \$50 note
- 15 NQ cricket legend who likes fishing (pictured)
- 17 Boat with two hulls
- 19 TAFE event at PCYC or in Townsville every other year, sometimes featuring 'FOGS'
- 20 A boat's 'brakes'
- 22 White humpback whale

- 25 Wear your helmet when riding one of these
- 28 Ship's guide
- 29 Two of these in case the boat breaks down
- 32 Kids under 12 wear this in a dinghy
- 33 Pearling ship
- 35 Don't get stung by one of these
- 37 Popular fishing equipment
- 39 Coastal town with a girl's name
- 41 Sea cow
- 42 Hard at work helping the skipper on deck
- 44 Type of commercial fishing boat
- 45 What to say over ship's radio in an emergency
- 46 Fishing line is made of this
- 48 Emergency device with red or orange smoke

Boxers prepare for State Titles in Brisbane

SEVEN Palm Island boxers took part in the Hawks Club tournament held at Townsville's Kirwan Tavern earlier this month.

Trainer Ray Dennis said four boxers were matched but were all beaten.

"The best performance was put up by Josh Dorrick who was narrowly beaten by Anthony Perry from Hawks by split points decision," he said.

"Josh was having only his second bout and I thought it was the best fight of the night in the 72kg division."

Josh won his first bout at the Palm Island tournament in August on points.

Former Palm boxer Luke Lenoy, now working at Moranbah, was narrowly beaten in the main 78kg bout by Ryan Heck from Hawks.

"Luke has been training with me since he was aged 10 and went on to have 67 bouts and

won four Australian Titles," Mr Dennis said.

"He now lives and trains at Moranbah.

"If Luke trains hard and gets his weight back to what it should be he could most likely represent Australia."

Amongst the large audience barracking for Luke was his proud dad Wes Lenoy.

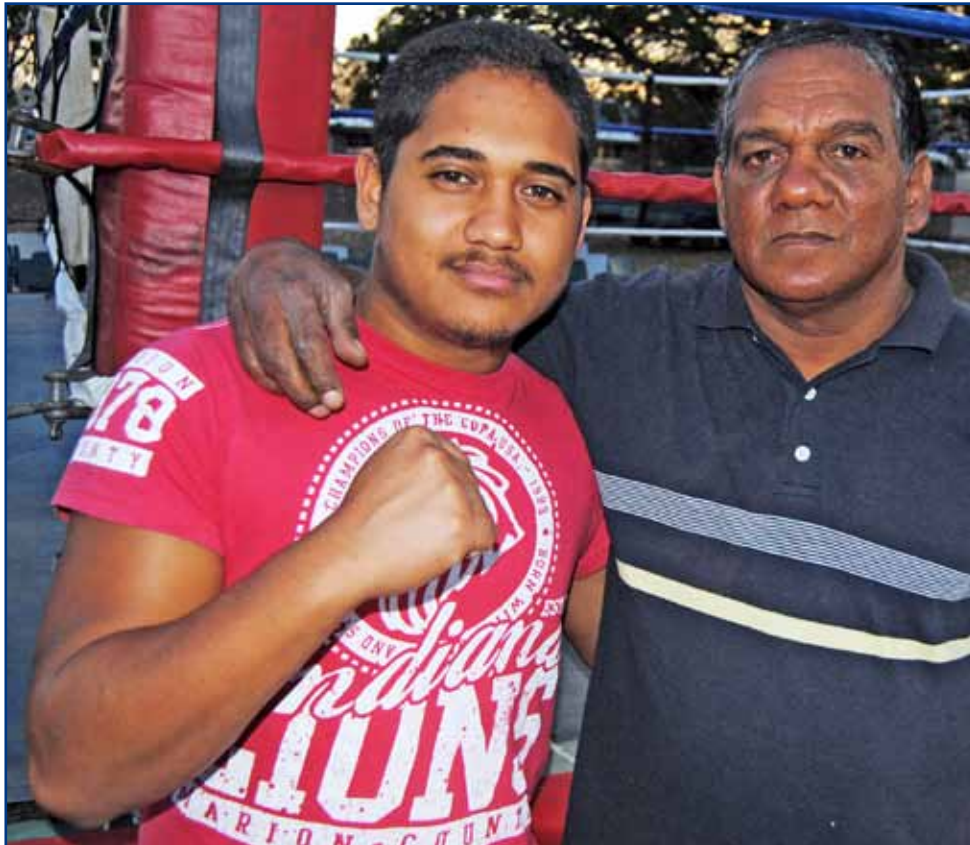
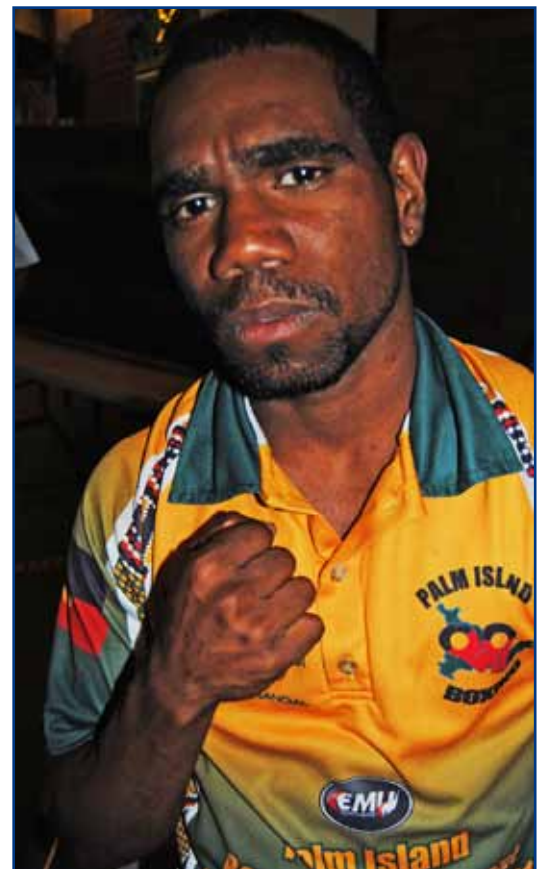
Youngster Isaac Bulsey was defeated by Ethan Cannon from KO Gym in the 45kg bout.

Daniel Murphy lost to Brodie Hohn also from KO Gym in the 30kg class.

Mr Dennis said Harry Reuben fought out of condition and lost to Tony Belsey from Townsville Flatenem Club in the 85kg bout.

Mr Dennis said the best Palm fighters would travel to Brisbane next month for the Queensland Association State Titles.

Palm Island Voice also travelled to Charters Towers last weekend and that report will appear in the next Issue.



Above: Boxer Luke Lenoy and proud dad Wes; Top Right: Harry Reuben; Below Right: William Palm Island

Barracudas & fans in Yarrie

In qualifying games Barracudas Gold had drawn with Yarrabah White 26-all and lost 32-8 to Yarrabah Gold, which had a cavalcade of North Queensland representative stars.

"We really wanted to give the boys some guidance and we are very happy with our results," Vaughn said.

Official Alex said William Marpoondin (named best forward of the carnival), Maverick Fox, Michael Noble, Ezo Geia, Owen Wilson and Tony Morgan were great players.

Palm Island Barracudas White coach Norman Bounghi said his best picks at the Yarrabah carnival were Germaine Bulsey, John Baira/Kidner, Patrick Charles, Gresham Ross, Edward Prior jnr, Tollowah Prior and Zac Geia.

"I would like to thank all players who played for the Palm Island Barracudas, Mayor Alf Lacey and the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, Studdy's Sports, Sealink, Roy Prior for the use of the jerseys, and finally Lenny James who volunteered to drive the team up to Yarrabah and back," Mr Bounghi said.

In their round one qualifying games Barracudas White

lost 24-10 to East Coast, defeated Northern Knights 24-20 and lost 18-8 to Hope Vale Wandii.

Barracudas White advanced to the knockout quarter finals on day two and lost 56-4 to eventual grand final winners Yarrabah Seahawks Gold.

(Pics on this page by Alf Wilson & Christine Howes)

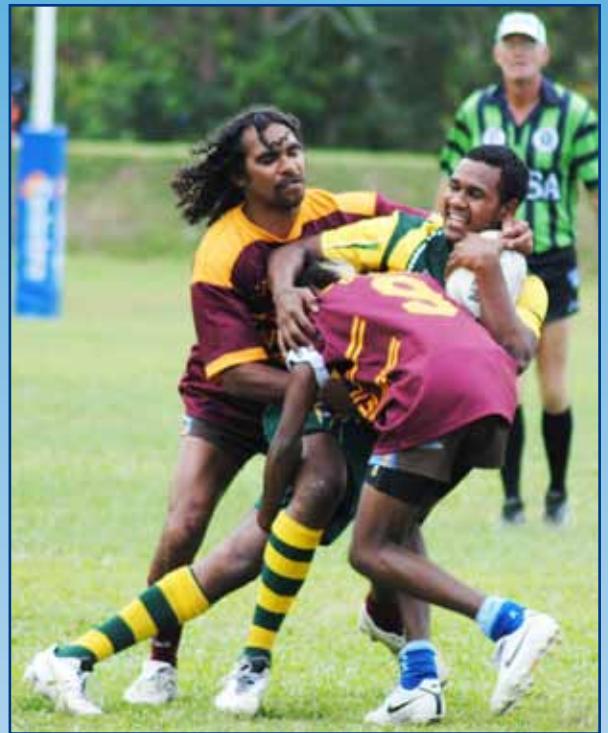




**Barracudas
Gold**



Barracudas White



Yarrabah tastes Barracuda's bite

Barracudas' Gold and White sides travelled to Yarrabah to battle it out against seven other sides in the Bishop Arthur Malcolm Allblacks carnival late last month. Mentors Bryan Conway, aged 39, and Vaughn Charles, 37, lined up for the younger Barracudas Gold side which had an outstanding carnival reaching the semi finals before being beaten by eventual grand final winners Yarrabah Seahawks Gold.

Palm Island's Barracudas Gold side upset Yarrabah White in the quarter final and finished sixth on the table after the qualifying round a day before.

Just before the players ran on to the field for that upset win, they were boosted by a visit to their dressing room by Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey.

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Trainer Ray Dennis with his team of 'mosquito' boxers in Townsville earlier this month. For more boxing news see page 13...



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