



Palm Island culture & history: up front for all to see



More than 20 Palm Islanders joined at least 300 invited guests for the launch of an exhibition at the State Library of Queensland (SLQ) acknowledging the centenary of the first placement of people to the island as an Aboriginal Reserve.

‘Palm Island and Our People’ is a showcase of images, memorabilia and digital stories which will be open to the general public at the Library until April next year.

Palm Island Elder Maryam Clay was one of those who

travelled to Brisbane for the launch and said they had spent an “amazing and emotional, full-on six days of sharing culture, song, dance and history”.

“What stands out is the resilience of our people in spite

of those very brutal times,” she said.

“White people were shaking their heads in disbelief at these very recent historical events, from documents, photos and films...and that it was in our lifetime.” *Continued...*

“We, Bwngcolman are a unique people being made up of over 70 different tribes and clans brought to Palm Island, many in chains and as small (half-caste) children, under the Assimilation and White Australia Policy,” Ms Clay said.

“We can still dance, sing, laugh and love.

“If you’re in Brisbane, it will be on display for six months at the SLQ.

“Thanks to the Council and staff, the Centenary Committee, our Indigenous Knowledge Centre staff Regina James and Nina Clay, and thank you Toby Castors and Germaine Bulsey and the dancers... you did us proud!”

Minister for the Arts, Leeanne Enoch said the exhibition was a significant addition to the State Library collections.

““Palm Island and Our People’ tells an important story about the history of Palm Island and provides an opportunity for Queenslanders to learn more through personal experiences and stories,” she said.

State Librarian and CEO Vicki McDonald said the SLQ was the custodian of Queensland’s “collective memory”.

“The exhibition is an emotive and informative experience, and highlights the incredible history of Palm Island and its people,” she said.

“The exhibition aims to shed light on its often tragic past and celebrate its present and hopes for the future.

“State Library is a custodian of Queensland’s collective memory and we are uniquely positioned to share the incredible stories of our state’s past and present.”

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey said it was “really good” to see the Island showcased in such a way.



PALM ISLAND & OUR PEOPLE

COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS OF PALM ISLAND PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

22 SEPTEMBER 2018 – 22 APRIL 2019

The Manbarra and Bwngcolman Nations recognise the Traditional Owners of the land on which this exhibition sits. We pay respect to Elders both past and present for they hold the memories of tradition, culture and hopes of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders that were sent to Palm Island.

Bwngcolman Nation are made up of over 70 different Nations/ language groups from Queensland and other states including the Northern Territory and South Australia. Today, many of the descendants sent to Palm Island still live there.

This exhibition showcases Palm Island's history, highlighting significant moments in time, commemorating 100 years of occupation and importantly celebrating our community growing stronger together every day. This is their story.



MESSAGE FROM MAYOR ALF LACEY

2018 marks the centenary of the first placement of people on Palm Island. It is an important milestone for us, for the Palm Island community. It is a time to reflect on the past 100 years, to accept where we are today and to look to the future for our children and theirs.

Our Council is working hard to build the right infrastructure for our community, not just to survive but to thrive. In our 2018 centenary year we have completed construction of 39 houses addressing overcrowding and providing homes for our community. We have built a primary health care centre, redeveloped our beautiful foreshore, renovated the club house and the netball courts at the sports reserve, upgraded our water and sewerage treatment plants and rehabilitated our tip.

But there is more to come. In 2019 we will build the first stages of a new retail and business precinct and a ferry terminal at the jetty. We will continue works on our roads and our footpaths and for the first time we will open a small business incubator. We aim to build on our existing assets of culture and nature to grow our arts, tourism and events and aquaculture.

The future is bright on Palm Island. We have come a long way over the past 100 years and there is still more to do. We welcome you to join us and share our journey.



Pics: Tony Robertson



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He said the Bwngcolman Dancers performed at the launch, and a traditional smoking ceremony held to help celebrate Palm Island’s rich culture.

“There was a lot of people at the launch, including many from

south east Queensland and the exhibition was excellent,” he said.

Highlights of the exhibition include:

- Rarely-seen home movies, from the 1930s and 50s, showing footage of everyday Palm Island life and the natural scenery.
- Culturally significant objects from the Manbarra (Traditional Owners) including woven bags, baskets, throwing stick and objects connected to public performances of music and dance.
- The story of the late



Jiinbilnggay (Alf Palmer), who spoke at least seven languages, either fluently or in part, and was determined to safeguard his culture despite it being forbidden at the time.

- The story of Dr Lynore Geia, a Bwgcolman woman who works as a remote area nurse in Aboriginal community

controlled health services. Dr Geia's work is informed by western research, Indigenous research knowledge and evidence based practice for youth and family health.

- Images supplied by Palm Island Voice correspondent Alf Wilson.

It is expected 'Palm Island and

Our People' will go on display at a Townsville Museum and on Palm Island when it finishes its run in Brisbane.

The SLQ acknowledged the significant contribution of the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council and the Bwgcolman Indigenous Knowledge Centre in the development of the exhibition.





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Hard slog wins cricket star a Bachelor

PALM Island born Colin Lamont has graduated with a Bachelor of Social Science in Police Studies from the University of Tasmania.

The 44-year-old Mr Lamont, now living in Latrobe, northern Tasmania, hopes this will enable him to gain full-time employment either in Tassie or in his home state of Queensland.

Versatile Mr Lamont had a great grounding for his studies, having worked as a radio room operator for Tasmanian Police for five years.

The degree has left Mr

Lamont with several options for future employment.

“I would love to get a job to do with government policy about justice, and law enforcement and if not in Tasmania would like to go back to north Queensland,” he said.

“My major studies were about Police Studies, International Relations and Politics and Policy.”

Mr Lamont and his brother Bernie were born on Palm

Island and they have many relatives here.



Palm set to shine at Murri Carnival

PALM Island teams figure prominently in final nominations for the Arthur Beetson Foundation Murri Knockout rugby league carnival to be held at the Townsville Sports Reserve this weekend.

Hosted by Townsville's Bindal Sharks the event will feature 28 men's teams and 12 open women's sides as well as Under 12 and Under 15 junior divisions.

An invasion of Palm Island football fans is expected to travel to Townsville by ferry to support the teams.

They will be joined by hundreds of Palm Islanders who live in Townsville.

Palm Island Barracudas Gold and Barracudas Green teams are in the men's division along with Aja's Boys which won the 2017 Bindal carnival.

The men's teams are: Aja Boys Palm Island, Black Brems Charters Towers, Cannonball Townsville, Coastal Balaz Townsville, Eastern Star

Warriors, Gulf Bulls Normanton, Juru Gubullamunda Bowen, DT Raiders Cairns, Magun Warriors Yam Island, Gulf Warriors Normanton, Merinya Raiders Townsville, North Coast Dolphins, Nyungkul United Woree, Matty Bowen Invitational Hopevale/Townsville, Qld Connection Brisbane, Weipa Raiders, Erub United, Skytrans Wenlock River Stallions, Palm Island Barracudas Gold, Yarrabah Seahawks, Hunters Mackay, Brothers United Cherbourg, Palm Island Barracudas Green, Walkabouts Townsville, Mackay Stallions, Burdekin River Wolves, Brisbane Blacks and Ipswich Purga Wagtails.

Ladies sides are: Cherbourg Hornets, CQ Tiddas

Rockhampton, Emu Girls Rockhampton, Kalkatunga Kintja's Mt Isa, Northern Gems Darwin, Serenity Sistaz Townsville, Tiddas United Rockhampton, Wongai Tiddas Kirwan, Yarrabah Seagals, Brisbane Native Womens, Flora Sandlands Memorial with Deddeyal Gammaz Torres Strait still waiting for confirmation of their nomination.

Under 12 sides are: Mhumpa Broncos, Black Brems Charters Towers, Walkabouts and North Coast Dolphins.

Under 15 teams: Palm Island Barracudas, Cannonballs, North Coast Dolphins, Elijah Hero's, Eastern Star Warriors, Ajas Boys, Cannonballs and Gimuy United Cairns.

Beryl scores spot to play huge London venue

Next month Australian netballer Beryl Friday will play in the 2018 British Fast5 Netball All-Stars Championship at the Copper Box Arena, a multi-sport venue used for the 2012 Olympics in London.

Featuring 12-minute matches, an all-star 5-point line and a Golden Buzzer Power Play, the British Fast5 Netball All-Stars Championship is an all-action afternoon of non-stop, pulsating netball as the top eight teams from the 2018 Netball Superleague battle it out to be crowned 2018 All-Star Champions.

Twice an ANZ title winner with Queensland Firebirds, shooter Ms Friday has joined an exciting Blue and Gold Team Bath Netball squad featuring a mix of new and familiar names for the event in which they were runners-up a year ago.

Team Bath Netball Head



Coach Jess Thirlby said: "We had fantastic fun at this event last year as well as reaching the final."

"It's a great opportunity to play in a significant arena in front of what we hope will be

a big crowd and, unusually for netball, for prize money.

"We are looking forward to this early opportunity to take to the court and show what we can do as part of the pre-season."

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<https://www.teambath.com/2018/09/24/british-fast5-netball-championships-squad/>

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THE GAME

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- ★ All-Star **Double Elimination** format - Round 1 | 8 Teams | 10 matches
- ★ Teams will play up to 3 matches.
- ★ 2 wins and the team will advance straight through to the Semi Finals.
- ★ 2 defeats and the team will be sent packing.
- ★ Semi Finals and Final will involve a **Straight Knockout**.

THE TEAM

Each All-Star squad will be made up of a total of 5 playing positions. The teams will consist of the following:

- ★ A minimum of 8 players from the 2017 Superleague Squad
- ★ Up to 2 Worldwide **All-Star picks**

SUBSTITUTIONS

Fast5 All-Stars includes rolling substitutions, which means a change can be made at any stage of the match from inside the substitution zone.

GAME MANAGEMENT

There are **no cautions** in the British Fast5 All-Stars Championship. All-Stars will receive **Official Warnings** for intentional infringements. For all intentional infringements after an Official Warning and for Dangerous Play the player will be sent to the Sin Bin and **suspended for 30 seconds**.

BRITISH FAST5 ALL-STARS

12 MINS

INTERVALS

TIMING

All Fast5 All-Stars matches will run a total of **12 minutes**. In the event of a tied game, the result will be determined on a next goal wins concept.

POWER PLAY

Each All-Star team will have the ability to double all points scored in a **2-minute Power Play**. The Power Play must conclude during the first 10 minutes of the game and cannot be used while the opposing team's is in motion - **a fight for the golden buzzer!**

GOAL SCORING

- 5 The All-Star that made them within the 5 point zone, for the long jump specialist's goal must be made.
- 3 A shot made from the outer circle, for those who want to be a little more brave.
- 1 A goal scored in the inner circle, the safe option.

CENTRE PASSES

All centre passes shall be taken by the team that did not score the last goal. The coin toss at the start of the game will determine who takes the first centre pass.



Boxing and non-boxing fans alike are pretty happy to see Uncle Ray Dennis back training and out and about in the community again. Well done Ray!
Pic thanks to Ashley Lenoy.