

Late dash for Cooktown Races with six horses for Cup

By MELANIE FENTON

AN EXTENDED nominations deadline saw trainers make a late dash yesterday for the 146th annual Cooktown Races on Saturday.

Six horses are up for the \$13,000 Cooktown Bowls Club Cooktown Cup over 1760m.

Races in Townsville this week led to reduced nominations for Cooktown but Townsville's Bonnie Thomson made the break with *Balmaceda* to run against Cairns hopes *Lansala* and *Lickety Lachie*, trained by Trevor and Peter Rowe, and Atherton's Janel Ryan-trained *We Just Love It*.

All have run horses at Cooktown previously.

Trevor Rowe added *Uptown Toff* to the mix after initial nominations were low and Allan Paterson stepped up with *Rock Spur*.

Cooktown Amateur Turf Club President Darryl Paradise was safe in his bet trainers would have a second look.



From left, Des Savage, President Darryl Paradise, Treasurer Julianne Meier, Vice-President Peter Shields, Race Secretary Marilyn Holmes, Club Secretary Katrina Lewis, Robyn Holmes and Gloria Savage.

Race 3, the 1000m Scotts Earthmoving & Bulk Haulage/Cooktown Hardware QTIS Ratings Band 0-60 Handicap, will be hotly contested by a full field since a win there could top the \$8,450 prize for the Cup winner.

Extra prize money from Racing Queensland means \$5,000 for the QTIS winner on top of \$6,500 for the win.

There are 43 horses nominated across six races, including emergencies, which

is down from 69 last year.

Odds will not be given until after acceptances today and jockeys, weights and barriers are known.

The calcutta will be held at the Cooktown racecourse tomorrow from 5pm, featuring food and bar.

Five bookies will be trackside Saturday with a reduced crowd of 800, who are asked to remember social distancing guidelines.

Gates open 10am to 6.30pm.

Tickets are pre-booked and will not be sold at the gate.

Best-dressed Local Lady in Fashions on the Field wins a return airfare for two from Cooktown to Cairns, two nights' Cairns accommodation, vouchers and \$200 cash.

There's up to \$5000 in cash and prizes across all categories, including Visiting Lady, Gentleman of the Day, and for boys and girls aged 13-17 and 12 and under. The foot races promise more than \$1750 in cash prizes up to third place, with \$500 for the fastest man and woman.

Mr Paradise thanked the committee and lawnmower man Des Savage, 77, who has volunteered at the track since he was 14.

He has worked at the racecourse almost every day for a year and said there wasn't as much grass to cut 60 years ago.

In the old days, he and wife Gloria used truck tarps so the club house had a roof for race day.

Island Olympics

By ALF WILSON

A SERIES of meetings are in progress on numerous Torres Strait Islands about the organisation of a proposed Mini-Olympics to be known as The Four Winds Games.

Torres Strait Youth and Recreational Association representatives have been visiting numerous islands to gauge interest.

The association's motto is "Uniting Our Culture Through Sports" and would see teams and players from the Torres Strait Islands and Northern Peninsula Area battling it out in numerous sports.

The community and stakeholder meetings commenced on Monday of this week at Mabuiag Community Hall and the next day were on Kubin Village and St Paul's and also on Badu.

On Wednesday, meetings were scheduled for Boigu and Saibai, with Thursday meetings set down for Iama, Poruma and Warraber.

Friday has meetings scheduled at Ugar Community Hall along with Dauan and Erub.

The final meeting will be held on Mer on Saturday.

Cape & Torres News understands that sports such as boxing, athletics, basketball, netball, darts, touch football and others could be included.

It is understood that the Torres Strait Youth and Recreational Sporting Association is a prime mover of the event.

A consultant is already working on organising the Games and the TSRA supports it.

Dates for the event will depend of how the Coronavirus Pandemic situation turns out with 2021 being discussed.

All major senior rugby league and most other sports have been cancelled during 2020 season due to COVID-19.

So such an event would be sure to receive great support from communities and the public in the region.

Boxing with amateur fighters would be a big hit - pardon the pun - as islanders cheered for their man.

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A copy of the proposed planning scheme may be inspected and purchased at Torres Shire Council, 68 Douglas Street, Thursday Island QLD 4875. A copy is also available on Council's website at www.torres.qld.gov.au.

For information about the proposed planning scheme please contact Maxwell Duncan, Director, Governance and Planning, Torres Shire Council on 07 4069 1336 or via email maxwell.duncan@torres.qld.gov.au.

Dalassa Yorkston
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
November 2020

Ella Adair is our very own Agony Aunt who will tell you straight, that to have a life truly lived you will never come out unscathed. Ella is not here to talk down to you, but to speak to you and guide you. Coming through life unscathed is not the point; it's handling the sweet with the sour that determines who you are.

Daughter disengaged from school

Dear Ella,

My daughter is in Year 10 and very disengaged from school. The pressures, workload and expected standards are increasing and she is not coping well at all.

She used to enjoy seeing her friends at school but now she goes to school miserable and comes home miserable. She goes to her room and plays on her phone and repeats this same rhythm every day.

I know some families who have pulled their kids out of school after Year 10 and some are working or have an apprenticeship.

Do I tell her to toughen up and just keep

plugging away or do I give her the option to leave school in the hope that she becomes happier?

Hi Gemma,

It is unfortunate that your daughter feels this way and the curriculum has made the demands on educators and students more intense.

I cannot advise you whether to encourage her to stay in school or leave but as parents, mentors, and their key support person it is important they share and communicate with you. If they are isolating themselves, then perhaps talk with them a little more and find out what they need from you. School may only be a part of a bigger issue.

The positive here is that Year 11 and 12 brings many more options for your daughter. Flexibility, control, and choices around how her education is delivered. If attending school is painful for her, Year 11 and 12 could be completed online yet a huge negative here is how self-directed it needs to be. It might be that withdrawing

from school could help her become happier but what if she gets a job and the hours are long, and the tasks are demanding? What if she gets bored of a job or does not like her boss? Your daughter needs your support, but also reassurance. At whatever stage she is in life, each day could be tough and demanding with others' expectations of her being incredibly high. Help her to feel good about her strengths and perhaps provide opportunities where she can demonstrate these strengths and feel personal gratification from her successes. Let the successes outweigh the perceived negativities and this may lead to her building some resilience.

Goodluck!

Ella is happy to hear from our readers and to offer her guidance. If you have a matter that you would like Ella to help you with in this column, she can be reached at: hello@ellaadair.com



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TORRES SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN PROPOSED INTERIM AMENDMENT

To amend the Torres Shire Council Local Government Infrastructure Plan to align and be consistent with the proposed Torres Shire Council Planning Scheme.

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TORRES SHIRE COUNCIL COASTAL HAZARD ADAPTATION STRATEGY

Torres Shire Council is wanting to hear from you about the places you value on the coast and why, how you use them and your concerns about impacts to them.

How can you get involved

Council staff and consultants will be available at events being held on

Thursday Island

Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 November

Horn Island

Wednesday 18 and 19 November

Prince of Wales Island

Monday 23 November

Friday Island

Tuesday 24 November

Seisa

Wednesday 25 November







Information on the Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy will be available from Council's website at www.torres.qld.gov.au or visit Torres Shire Council at 68 Douglas Street, Thursday Island.

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The proposed planning scheme is currently subject to public consultation. Any person may make a submission to Torres Shire Council about the proposed planning scheme during the submission period of Monday 9 November 2020 to Tuesday 9 February 2021.

Submissions can be made in writing to Torres Shire Council. A submission can also be made using the online [form available here](#)

A proposed interim amendment to the Torres Shire Council Local Government Infrastructure Plan is also currently subject to public consultation.

A copy of the proposed planning scheme, along with supporting information, can be viewed below.

Proposed Torres Shire Council Planning Scheme

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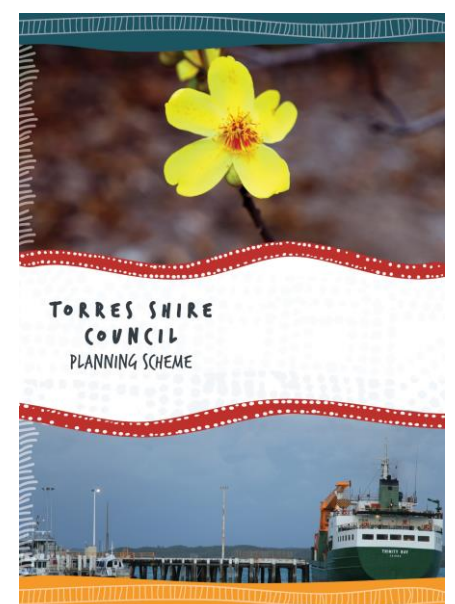
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For more information contact
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Torres Shire Council is in the progress of developing our new planning scheme for Torres Shire. The new planning scheme has been prepared pursuant to the Planning Act 2016 and will replace Council's current planning scheme, which commenced in 2007.

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(68 Douglas Street, Thursday Island)**



Stephen Whitaker

From: Tamoya Cowell <tamoya.cowell@torres.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 17 November 2020 3:37 PM
To: mail@cook.qld.gov.au
Subject: Proposed Torres Shire Planning Scheme
Attachments: 4893 PC Adjoining Councils Letter (CSC).pdf

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter from Torres Shire Council for your attention.

Kind regards



Tamoya Cowell | Admin Support – Governance

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17 November 2020

Cook Shire Council
PO Box 3
COOKTOWN QLD 4895

Attention: Linda Cardew, Chief Executive Officer

Delivery via email: mail@cook.qld.gov.au

Dear Linda,

I am writing to advise that Torres Shire Council has now commenced formal public consultation of its new planning scheme. Public consultation of the planning scheme has occurred following an extensive period of preparation which commenced in 2017. The new planning scheme is accompanied by a proposed amendment to Torres Shire Council's Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP).

A copy of the proposed planning scheme and the proposed LGIP amendment can be viewed on Council's website at www.torres.qld.gov.au.

Torres Shire Council would welcome any feedback Cook Shire Council may have to in relation to the planning scheme or the LGIP amendment. The formal public consultation period, during which formal submissions may be made, is between Monday 9 November 2020 and Tuesday 9 February 2021.

Should you have any questions in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Maxwell Duncan, Director Governance & Planning on (07) 4069 1336 or via email at maxwell.duncan@torres.qld.gov.au.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Dalassa Yorkston
Chief Executive Officer

Stephen Whitaker

From: Tamoya Cowell <tamoya.cowell@torres.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 17 November 2020 3:35 PM
To: info@nparc.qld.gov.au
Subject: Proposed Torres Shire Planning Scheme
Attachments: 4893 PC Adjoining Councils Letter (NPARC).002.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter from Torres Shire Council for your attention.

Kind regards



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Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council
PO Box 200
BAMAGA QLD 4876

Attention: *Renee Williams, Interim Chief Executive Officer*

Delivery via email: info@nparc.qld.gov.au

Dear Renee,

I am writing to advise that Torres Shire Council has now commenced formal public consultation of its new planning scheme. Public consultation of the planning scheme has occurred following an extensive period of preparation which commenced in 2017. The new planning scheme is accompanied by a proposed amendment to Torres Shire Council's Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP).

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Torres Shire Council would welcome any feedback Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council may have to in relation to the planning scheme or the LGIP amendment. The formal public consultation period, during which formal submissions may be made, is between Monday 9 November 2020 and Tuesday 9 February 2021.

Representatives from Torres Shire Council and the planning scheme project team will also be attending a community day to be held at Seisa on Wednesday 25 November 2020.

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Yours faithfully,

Ms Dalassa Yorkston
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From: Tamoya Cowell <tamoya.cowell@torres.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 17 November 2020 3:36 PM
To: info@tsirc.qld.gov.au
Subject: Proposed Torres Shire Planning Scheme
Attachments: 4893 PC Adjoining Councils Letter (TSIRC).002.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter from Torres Shire Council for your attention.

Kind regards



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Torres Strait Island Regional Council
PO Box 7336
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Attention: *Hollie Faithfull, Acting Chief Executive Officer*

Delivery via email: info@tsirc.qld.gov.au

Dear Hollie,

I am writing to advise that Torres Shire Council has now commenced formal public consultation of its new planning scheme. Public consultation of the planning scheme has occurred following an extensive period of preparation which commenced in 2017. The new planning scheme is accompanied by a proposed amendment to Torres Shire Council's Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP).

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Torres Shire Council would welcome any feedback Torres Strait Island Regional Council may have to in relation to the planning scheme or the LGIP amendment. The formal public consultation period, during which formal submissions may be made, is between Monday 9 November 2020 and Tuesday 9 February 2021.

Representatives from Torres Shire Council and the planning scheme project team will also be attending community days throughout the Shire, including on Thursday Island on Monday 16 November 2020 and Tuesday 17 November 2020.

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Chief Executive Officer

Stephen Whitaker

From: Tamoya Cowell <tamoya.cowell@torres.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 17 November 2020 2:53 PM
To: Tamoya Cowell
Subject: Invitation to Stakeholder Meeting – Proposed Torres Shire Council Planning Scheme
Attachments: Letter 5.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached correspondence from Torres Shire Council in relation to an upcoming stakeholder meeting.

Please contact Maxwell Duncan, Director, Governance and Planning, on 4069 1336 or via email maxwell.duncan@torres.qld.gov.au

Kind Regards,



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Dear Sir/Madam,

Torres Shire Council is currently undertaking public consultation in relation to its proposed new planning scheme and an associated amendment to its Local Government Infrastructure Plan.

Council has identified that your views on the development of Torres Shire and the new planning scheme may be particularly relevant to Council.

Council is holding a series of targeted stakeholder meetings over the coming weeks. The purpose of this letter is to invite you to attend a stakeholder meeting as detailed below.

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Time	3:00pm to 4:00pm
Location	Horn Island Airport

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Stephen Whitaker

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Sent: Tuesday, 17 November 2020 2:54 PM
To: Tamoya Cowell
Subject: Invitation to Stakeholder Meeting – Proposed Torres Shire Council Planning Scheme
Attachments: Letter 8.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached correspondence from Torres Shire Council in relation to an upcoming stakeholder meeting.

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Kind Regards,



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Time	1:00pm to 2:00pm
Location	Grand Hotel 6 Victoria Parade, Thursday Island

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Date	Friday 27 November 2020
Time	10:00am to 10:45am
Location	The Boland's Centre – Conference Room 14 Spence Street, Cairns

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Attachments: Letter 13.pdf

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Date	Friday 27 November 2020
Time	12:30pm to 1:30pm
Location	Level 9, 15 Lake Street, Cairns (DATSIP Conference Room, Cairns Corporate Tower)

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From: Maxwell Duncan <maxwell.duncan@torres.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 19 November 2020 8:11 AM
To: _TSC-AllStaff
Cc: Stephen Whitaker
Subject: HAVE YOUR SAY - Proposed Torres Shire Planning Scheme - Consultation until Tuesday 9 February 2021
Attachments: 4893_Submissions_template__Planning_Scheme.docx; 000_Combined_Zone_Maps.pdf

CEO, Directors and all Staff Members ,

Council is currently completing public consultation for the new Torres Shire Planning Scheme. The planning scheme regulates development across the Shire, including (but not limited to) Thursday Island, Horn Island and Prince of Wales Island.

I am writing to you to encourage you to **have your say** during the consultation period, which closes on **Tuesday 9 February 2021**.

If you would like to make a submission, I have attached a submission form template. By completing the form and returning it to Council (either in hard copy or via email) you will be making a formal submission under the *Planning Act 2016*, which Council is required to consider prior to finalising the planning scheme.

I have also attached the zoning maps from the planning scheme, which are a key document as they identify the zone of each block of land in the Shire. The zoning of a block of land identifies the land use intent under the planning scheme.

You can also find more information, including a full copy of the planning scheme on Council's website using the below link.

<https://www.torres.qld.gov.au/proposed-shire-planning-scheme>

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Ferry shut down a hammer blow

By MARK BOUSEN

THE totally unexpected shut down of the Jardine River ferry for the next month will deliver the NPA economy a hammer blow estimated, conservatively, at about \$250,000, starting with the Easter shutdown.

Affected business people are distraught at the closure as they continue to “bleed money”.

One tourist operator told *Cape & Torres News* the tourist industry nation-wide is also upset by a new ferry levy and the impact it will have on the industry.

One tradesman, scheduled to carry out work in Weipa, was refused use of the ferry, and was forced to ship his vehicle with Sea Swift, and then hire a plane to fly to Weipa.

He already is out of pocket \$4500, I’ve been told.

One business owner told me the anger and frustration and people are living in a divided community.

The closure of the ferry came the same day that a settlement had been reached about the alleged “closure” of the Tip to tourists.

The agreement, the full details of which appear not to have been released, between the Traditional Owners and the NPARC

New levy for Jardine River crossings

Mayor Patricia Yusia and new CEO Susan Law was reached last Wednesday after which the ferry closure was announced.

The only major point to be made public about the “settlement” is a \$10 per person levy and \$5 for children under 14 who use the ferry.

However, NPARC CEO Susan Law said council has neither the plans nor the authority to implement a levy for passengers on the Jardine River barge as part of an agreement to facilitate keeping access open to the Tip.

“The levy’s implementation was a matter for the Traditional Owners.”

In plain figures, a car and trailer, carrying five adult passengers, will cost \$183 return to cross the river.

The levy apparently will be used to provide and maintain additional facilities and parking at Pajinka.

In a curious media release last Wednesday, Mayor Yusia said, among other things: “Visitors to Pajinka, and indeed

throughout the Northern Peninsula are welcome, but the area and environment is precious to the Traditional Owners and all of us.

“We need to respect it, and ensure it remains a place of significance for future generations.”

No mention was made of the \$10 / \$5 levy; it simply was omitted.

The levy apparently doesn’t apply to anyone not using the ferry – such as locals and people from the Torres Strait.

One tourist operator said it’s not inconceivable that 500 vehicles and well over 1000 people could have visited the NPA during the next month.

“There’s always an early rush as people try to be first to get to the Tip.

“They spend money on accommodation, food and drink, fishing trips, tourist excursions, trips to Thursday Island where they spend more money; the list is endless.”

The NPARC has been on the brunt of the abuse.

Cape & Torres News understands the report, which urged the urgent repairs to the ferry, was received by council last October.

It apparently has been sitting on a desk until recently.

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Border movements disappear



Australian Border Force Assistant Commissioner Tim Fitzgerald (third from right) and members of the ABF team in the Torres Strait last week.

By MARK BOUSEN

CROSS-BORDER movements from Treaty villages in Western Province have “completely disappeared” in the last few weeks following an out-of-control upsurge of COVID-19 in PNG.

This has been in keeping with a significant reduction in movements to, mainly, Saibai and Boigu during the last 12 months when only about 700 have been recorded, compared to the normal annual movements of about 15,500 in pre-COVID times.

The threat from COVID-19 has prompted significant increases in Australian Border Force personnel and operational equipment across the region.

ABF Assistant Commissioner Tim Fitzgerald told *Cape & Torres News* the ABF continues to closely monitor the situation in PNG and its potential threat to the Torres Strait and the Northern Cape communities.

“The threat of COVID-19 comes from not only planes to Cairns and Brisbane, but also from the Treaty villages.”

The border was closed to Australia on March 16 last year.

Most of the movement in the last 12 months have been medically related, but more-stringent measures are in place to deal with any potential threat from the pandemic.

Only the person with the medical issue is allowed to leave the vessel by which they have travelled to the Torres Strait. Any others must remain in the boat while the patient is being treated, who, in turn, has to return to their village.

Only a very small number have been diagnosed for further medical treatment in Cairns.

Assistant Commissioner Fitzgerald said, importantly, there had been no COVID-19 cases from any patients tested upon arrival.

“We have been working closely with the PNG Govern-

ment to educate Treaty village residents that their first point of call should be the Mabuan clinic, and not the Torres Strait Department of Health medical facilities.”

He praised the work of all the government agencies – State and Federal – in working together with the Torres Strait and Northern Cape communities.

“It’s an incredible effort for such a vast area. We don’t work in isolation, but with other agencies, such as

Defence, Queensland Health, Queensland Police and the Australian Federal Police.

“As a result of this inter-agency work, we have been able to maintain a strong presence across the region.”

Assistant Commissioner Fitzgerald said there has been significant increases in personnel and assets in recent weeks in line with the escalating COVID-19 situation in PNG.

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LOCAL FIRES: Top Row (from left): Lt Robbie Tapim, FF Carey Laban, FF David Foster, A/Station Officer Aeron Holzhauser. Front row (from left): Capt. Richard Muhamad, FF Robert Beach, FF Coen Nicholls, FF Ben Bartsch, FF Tyler Pask, Recruit Ffion Kirk, Recruit Hayley Beach, Recruit Alasdair Murray, Recruit Daniel Morgan. (ABSENT: Corey DelGiaccio who was completing the ARTEP course in Cairns.)

A TEAM of about 12 Thursday Island Auxiliary firefighters continue to undergo all aspects of Fire and Rescue training as they work to protect the community.

Auxiliary Firefighters are casual, station-based

firefighters who respond to emergency situations when the demand arises.

Acting Station Officer Aeron Holzhauser said they undertake different training techniques each week due to the wide scope of responsibilities required under the Fire and Emergency Services.

Training is wide and varied each week, with regular emphasis on skillsets, such as Pump training, Road Crash Rescue, Technical rescue and HAZMAT to name a few.

Last week's drills, carried out at the Star of the Sea Home for Aged, involved communication, teamwork and knots and the ability to think outside the box.

Four new participants are in the process of becoming an Auxiliary Firefighter, commencing basic training before they undergo their Auxiliary Recruit Training and Education Programme (ARTEP) – a two-week course held in Cairns.

A/Station Officer Holzhauser hopes to have all four accepted into the

July course.

In a real boost for the Auxiliaries, Corey DelGiaccio graduated from the ARTEP course in Cairns last Friday.

"They're a dedicated, close knit team and give up many hours throughout their personal lives to continually improve their skillsets with on-going training and attend callouts day and night to protect their local community.

"And congratulations to Corey on his excellent achievement."



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RECONSULTATION – HAVE YOUR SAY

PROPOSED TORRES SHIRE COUNCIL PLANNING SCHEME

Torres Shire Council has changed the proposed planning scheme in response to public consultation and is now reconsulting in relation to the changed version. Have your say on the changes that have been made.

The proposed planning scheme will replace the Torres Shire IPA Planning Scheme (July 2007)

Any person may make a submission to Torres Shire Council about the proposed planning scheme during the following submission period:

Tuesday 6 April 2021 to Thursday 3 June 2021

A properly made submission is a submission that:

- is signed by each person (the submission-makers) who made the submission; and
- is received on or before the last day for making the submission (2 June 2021); and
- states the name and residential or business address of all submission-makers; and
- states its grounds, and the facts and circumstances relied on to support the grounds; and
- states 1 postal or electronic address for service relating to the submission for all submission-makers; and
- is made to Torres Shire Council.

A copy of the proposed planning scheme (as changed) may be inspected and purchased at Torres Shire Council, 68 Douglas Street, Thursday Island QLD 4875. A copy is also available on Council's website at www.torres.qld.gov.au.

For information about the proposed planning scheme please contact Maxwell Duncan, Director, Governance and Planning, Torres Shire Council on 07 4069 1336 or via email maxwell.duncan@torres.qld.gov.au.

Dalassa Yorkston
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
March 2021

ABF beefs up presence

(Continued from page 1)

"We've increased our presence to a level where we are at 24/7 patrol capability, allowing the ABF to continuously monitor cross-border activity.

"There has been an increase in our aircraft and helicopter presence, as well as an additional five vessels to monitor Saibai, Boigu and Thursday Island, and the broader Torres Strait and Northern Cape.

"There has also been a significant increase in personnel, including in the areas of radar and air capacity which detect the movement of vessels which include banana boats.

"This is in addition to working with Queensland Police Service to increase our on-water capacity."

Assistant Commissioner Fitzgerald praised the support of the various communities across the region.

"They understand the situation and are keen to keep COVID-19 out of the Torres Strait, although many have close ties to the Treaty villages.

"Of course, our main focus is on Boigu and Saibai, as the closest islands to the villages.

"The communities know their local environment and know when something is not right, but, just as importantly, they have developed that trust and will report anything suspicious to us.

"They know it's in everyone's best interest."

Assistant Commissioner Fitzgerald said the PNG and Australian Governments are working closely together.

"PNG has been a great support and has assisted us in villages where the Mabaduan Clinic should be the first choice, and that it has been stocked with the appropriate medication.

"We all realise it is more convenient in many cases to come to Boigu and Saibai rather than Mabaduan."

The key to the success has been working closely with the community and working with a whole-of-government approach to reduce the risk.

"The great thing about my visit last week to Northern Queensland, including the Torres Strait, was the community feedback, and recognition the ABF has become a vital part of the community as they go about their day-to-day living.

"The ABF staff have been visiting schools, sports and other community-based activities."

Assistant Commissioner Fitzgerald was delighted by the extremely high take-up rate of the COVID-19 vaccinations across the region.

"It's a really encouraging result. It's been a whole-of-government effort and delivering a great outcome to protect the community," he said.

In news from the PNG outbreak, there were six new deaths – all recorded in the National Capital District – bringing the total to 45, with total COVID-19 cases at 5184.

PNG also has banned all traditional border crossings, including Western Province, as they try to deal with a skyrocketing COVID-19 infection rate.

All traditional border crossings have been banned with immediate effect.

Under this order, all land and sea borders between Papua New Guinea and Australia, Indonesia and Solomon Islands are to remain closed and all cross-border travel between Western Province and Torres Strait, including traditional Treaty Village travel, has been banned.

Closures would be until further notice.

Naygay takes out ICBL double



Naygay team, winners of the boys' comp.



Naygay team, winners of the girls' competition.

By MARK BOUSEN
Photos by MATILDA LOBAN

THE eight-week long inaugural Australia-wide Indigenous Community Basketball League (ICBL) received its appropriate climax on Thursday Island on Sunday, with an extraordinary display of skills in the grand finals.

In the girls' division, Naygay defeated Sager 31-25 to claim the title, while Zey downed Kuki 52-22 win the play-off for third.

Naygay made it a double by taking out the boys' division, winning 44-36 against Zey, and Sager accounted for Kuki 47-38 for third-fourth play-off.

The final standings were:

GIRLS: 1 Naygay, 2 Sager, 3 Zey, 4 Kuki.

BOYS: 1 Naygay, 2 Zey, 3 Sager, 4 Kuki.

MVP for the series for the boys was Terence Mosby and Mistee Sagigi for the girls.

Outstanding players in the finals were Terence Mosby and Sonrae Lui.

The grand finals were played before a packed stadium, a tribute for the interest and community spirit the ICBL has generated.

Co-ordinator for the Torres Strait Mick Loban said: "It was a really good atmosphere; it was deadly."

"Lots of families packed out from the

stadium from start to finish."

Representatives from Indigenous Basketball Australia also attended the matches, taking photos and videos and to meet with local basketball leaders.

Mick Loban said the series had been outstanding and advocated extending it to include other age groups in addition with Under 14s of this year.

"It's a brilliant concept and I hope it continues and grows.

"I would like to thank everyone and the whole community for their support, as well as our sponsors for the entire eight weeks, and a big thank you to volunteers."

The two teams to represent the Torres Strait in the ICBL play-offs on the Gold Coast next month were named recently.

Both the boys' and girls' team will consist of 10 players with three shadow players and represent the best of under 14-year olds in the region.

BOYS: Devin Ahboo, Jacoby Assan, Hassan Binawel, Micaree Binawel, Lucas Dewis, Talis Moloney, Terence Mosby, Timothy Panuel, Joey Tom, Benjamin Ware. Reserves: Patrick Banu, Deon Binawel, Harold Wattia.

GIRLS: Natayah-Lee Binawel, Freya Callope, Beka Dorante, Leia Elu, Letiya George, Sonrae Lui, Sharvsha Mills, Lykira Nona, Mistee Sagigi, Nayeli Tamwoy. Reserves: Shakaya Dorante, Kashada Mosby, Kikayla Mosby.

The teams fly out on April 11.

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RECONSULTATION – HAVE YOUR SAY

TORRES SHIRE COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN PROPOSED INTERIM AMENDMENT

Torres Shire Council has changed the proposed interim LGIP amendment in response to public consultation and is now reconsulting in relation to the changed version. Have your say on the changes that have been made.

To amend the Torres Shire Council Local Government Infrastructure Plan to align and be consistent with the proposed Torres Shire Council Planning Scheme.

Any person may make a submission to Torres Shire Council about the proposed interim LGIP amendment during the following submission period:

**Tuesday 6 April 2021 to
Thursday 3 June 2021**

A properly made submission is a submission that:

- is signed by each person (the submission-makers) who made the submission; and
- is received on or before the last day for making the submission (2 June 2021); and
- states the name and residential or business address of all submission-makers; and
- states its grounds, and the facts and circumstances relied on to support the grounds; and
- states 1 postal or electronic address for service relating to the submission for all submission-makers; and
- is made to Torres Shire Council.

A copy of the proposed interim LGIP amendment (as changed) may be inspected and purchased at Torres Shire Council, 68 Douglas Street, Thursday Island QLD 4875. A copy is also available on Council's website at www.torres.qld.gov.au.

For information about the proposed interim LGIP amendment please contact Maxwell Duncan, Director, Governance and Planning, Torres Shire Council on 07 4069 1336 or via email maxwell.duncan@torres.qld.gov.au.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
March 2021