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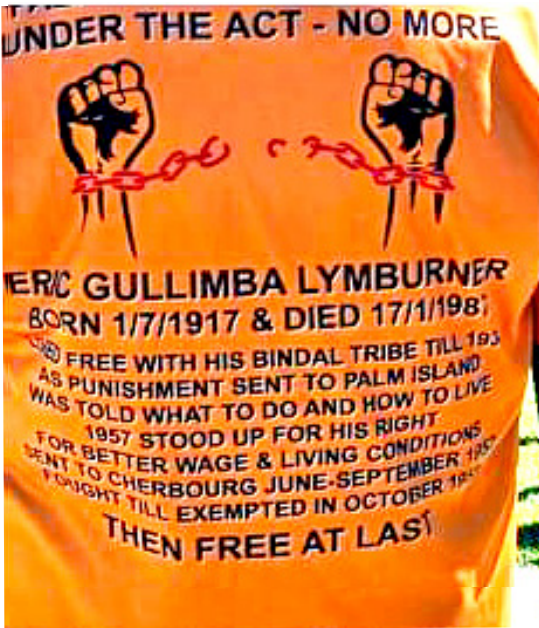
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PLEASE note there may be some images of deceased persons within this publication.

**67 years ago today seven men and their families were forcibly removed from their Palm Island homes and never given permission to return.**

*This page thanks to Jenny Pryor, more pics inside!*



CHILDREN & RELATIONS OF OUR 7 FALLEN HEROES



MAYOR ALF LACEY WITH THREE GENERATIONS OF ERIC GULLIMBA LYMBURNERS TO CELEBRATE AND HONOUR THE PRIVILEGES OF TOAY



MANBARRA ELDER ALLAN PALM ISLAND WELCOMING FAMILIES BACK HOME



GREAT GRANDMOTHER INGINA WITH HER GREAT GREAT GRANDSON CHULLA, 10, GOING BACK TO TOWNSVILLE ON THE FERRY

# GO FOR BROKE 57



Pics by Cr Telstan Sibley



*Today I walked down to the gathering with my yiggi yiggi and was asked to play and say a few words before playing. I acknowledged the Elders and shared that I had the honour of playing old man Willy in the re-enactment of the strike on its 50th anniversary.*

*The 1957 strike paved the way for many changes to take place.*

*Several Elders called for the younger generation to take pride in the Island's history, to heal and grab hold of the future because that's what those old people stood for – better living conditions, wages and to be treated as equals.*

*Our elders were hard workers and staunch fighters for the freedom we have today. If it wasn't for them I would be able to be the proud cultural man that I am today.*

Whanjullah Imbala

# Council finalists in prestigious awards

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council's management team has been recognised by industry leaders in local government advocacy, collaboration and professional development as a finalist in two categories of the 2024 Local Government Manager Association (LGMA) awards.



The awards celebrated the best managers and projects from Councils across Queensland.

CEO Michael Bissell – pictured above with deputy CEO Eva Haines – said achieving finalist status in two highly competitive categories was a testament to the hard work and strong governance developed by the Council over the past few years.

“The LGMA awards are the pinnacle of recognition for outstanding work done by local Council management teams across Queensland,” Mr Bissell said.

“Palm Island Council was a finalist in the Community Shaping and Resourcefulness categories representing a huge achievement

for a small and remote community competing against some of the largest Councils in Queensland.

“Achieving finalist status is recognition for our hard-working staff and their efforts in shaping the community we live in while demonstrating resourcefulness by doing more with less.

“Though we didn’t win this year, our finalist status is acknowledgement of how far we have come with our governance, operating systems and procedures and demonstrates that we are heading in the right direction.

“As a Council, we will continue to work hard to implement best practice into our operations and design and implement further

community shaping projects that will make our community even stronger.

“We look forward to going one better in 2025 and will continue to work tirelessly to achieve a better and stronger Palm Island.”

The LGMA Queensland Award winners were announced at a Gala function late last month.

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council was a finalist in the following categories:

- Community Shaping – recognises projects or initiatives that have influenced community behaviour and practice.
- Resourcefulness – recognises projects or initiatives that showcase the philosophy of doing more with less.



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- ≈ Main Dinner (Catering Service)
- ≈ Desserts
- ≈ Volunteers

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