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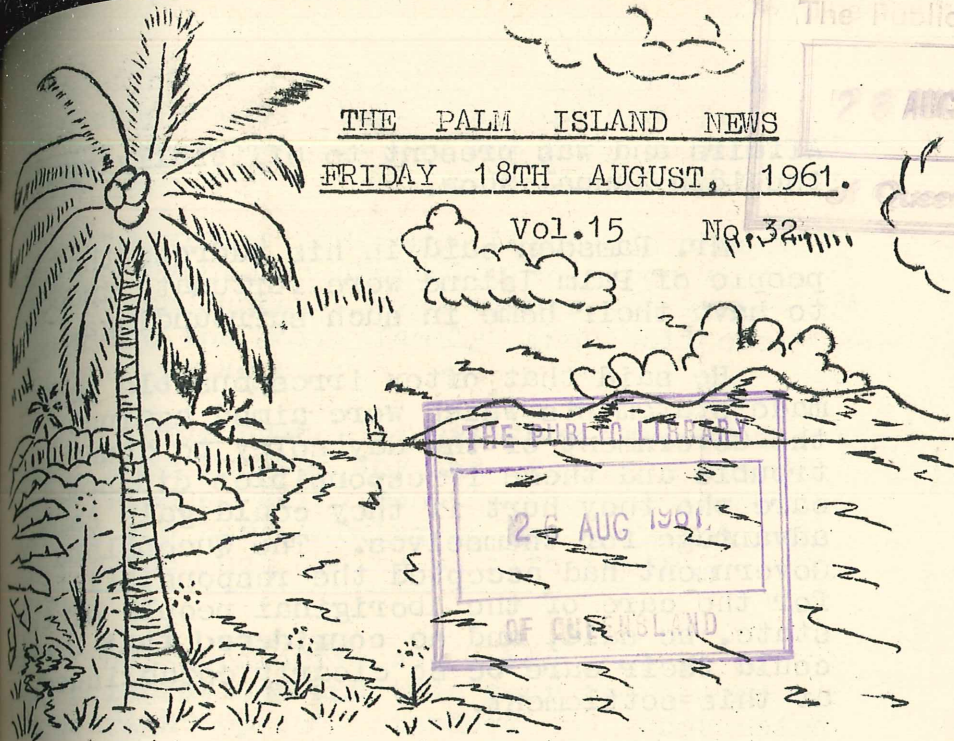
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PALM ISLAND SHOW.

The Palm Island Show was held last Friday and Saturday and the weather proved kind for the sea travellers.

The days were clear and sunny and the visitors were very busy with cameras specially on the second day when about 200 mainland visitors were present. The parade left **Main Street** at 1.45 p.m. on each day and the procession of Dancers, Athletes, Scouts and Youth Club representative were led on to the Recreation Ground by the Palm Island Band.

There Mr. Bartlam introduced Mr. Ramsden M.L.A. to the gathering. Mr. Ramsden representing the Minister for Health and Home

Affairs and was present to officially open the 18th Annual Show.

Mr. Ramsden said in his address that the people of Palm Island were fortunate indeed to have their home in such surroundings.

He said that often irresponsible people made statements which were aimed against the Government of the day, solely to cause trouble and these irresponsibles did not care who they hurt if they could gain some advantage for themselves. The Queensland Government had accepted the responsibility for the care of the Aboriginal people of this state, he said, and he considered that nowhere could their care be so clearly established as at this settlement.

He said that the progress he had seen was evidently the work of keen and far seeing administration and that although he had heard much about Palm Island, it was an 'eye opener' for him to see the work being done.

Following Mr. Ramsden's address the Island Dancing team gave a display and Pompey Clumpoint gave a display of Boomerang throwing.

The spear throwing was keenly watched by the spectators and the performers were eagerly sought for photographing.

The woodchop events are always popular and the women's chop was particularly so. On the first day this was won by Diane Doyle and the second day by Veronica James.

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George Watson Senior did not compete this
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The greasy pig competition was a most
amusing event and about 150 children lined
up for the chase. The winner was Frank
Conway so the Daisy family dined well over
the show weekend.

A large number of visitors arrived for the
show, some for the day and others to stay
with friends, while most of the settlement
people who were working on the mainland came
in for the show and to be with their
relatives.

The Cuppamurrie was a big feature of
the celebrations and this year too seemed
to be right up to standard and Jacob Baira
had a good team of helpers.

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SHOW BALL

The Palm Island Show Ball was the big
social event of the year for Palm Island.

There was a very large attendance, and
at one time 125 couples were noticed on the
floor.

The gay frocks of the girls, combined
with the bright centre piece, did much to
enliven the scene, and the lack of other
decoration was not noticeable against the
green of coconut leaves fastooned along
the side of the hall.