

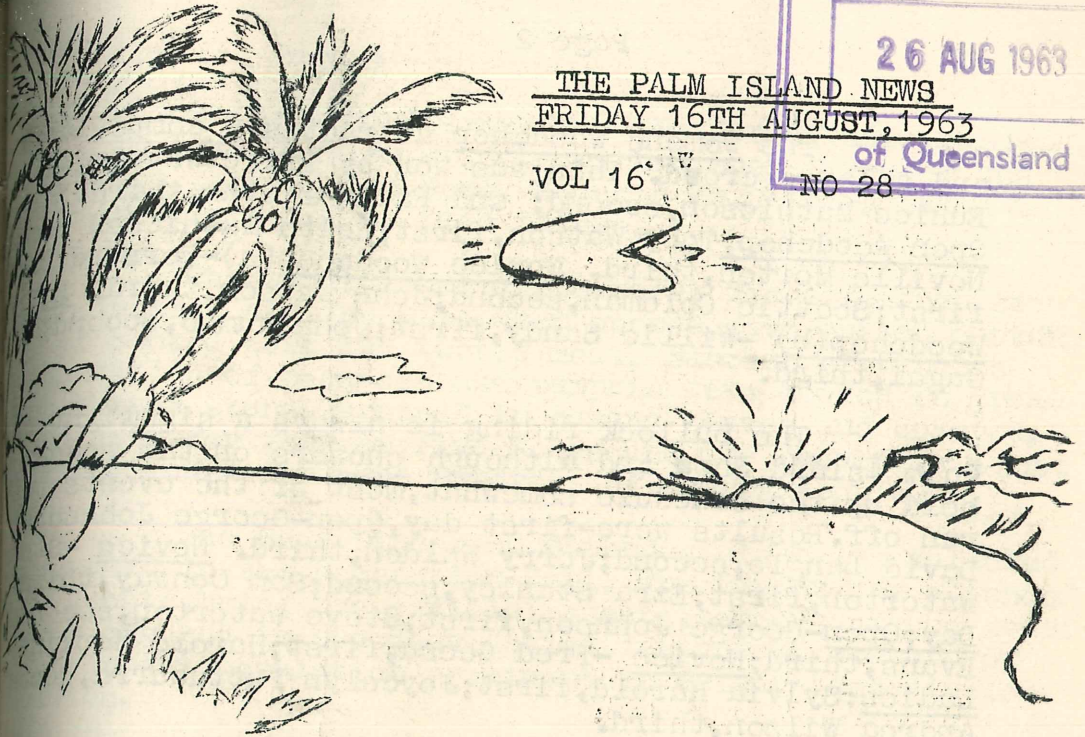
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PALM ISLAND SHOW

The Palm Island Show attracted the usual crowd of visitors and although the second day was marred by drizzling rain, generally the Show was most successful.

On the first day a parade headed by the Palm Island Band, marched to the Recreation Grounds. Representatives of Youth Clubs, Scouts, Guides and Island dancers in their uniforms and regalia made a smart showing as they marched under the avenue of Palm trees.

The main events were the wood chop classes and bullock riding events. The open tree-felling wood chop was won by George Watson Snr., with Toby Watson second.

The Scouts wood chop in teams of four was won by Stormy Petrel, amid frenzied excitement from the youthful barrackers.

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Owing to the weather, it was necessary to have official opening ceremony in the Hall and a very large gathering heard the Minister for Education and Native Affairs' address to the people. He spoke of the need of education in the world of today and mentioned the educational facilities which were available on Palm Island. He said that children who showed promise were being given the opportunity at secondary school and this would continue under his control.

Mr. Pizzey referred to the good standard of needlework and cookery exhibits and said they reflected the high standard of the training the people were receiving. The District Exhibits, he said were most attractively laid out and the winner, Lumma Lumma District, deserved the shield. The runner up, Beach Road-Cooktown area, had presented a pleasing display and was particularly meritorious by reason of the big improvement over last year. Mr. Pizzey then officially opened the twentieth Palm Island Show.

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