



Since Peter Beattie as Premier of Queensland acknowledged Australian South Sea Islanders (ASSI) as a distinctly separate cultural group in 2000, many such groups have strived to put their mark on Australian society.

In 2016/17 Mesh & Knots Women's Group under the guidance of their Chairperson Mrs Marion Healy the group have organised with the newly created men's group Common Thread —The Inaugural Kanaka Proud Cup and the Greg Fatnowna Memorial Shield involving Mackay & Rockhampton ASSI communities the game will be played on Saturday 15th July, 2017 at the BB Stadium Mackay.

The Games preceded by a community event Connecting the Past with the Future involving the Mackay Mayor Mr Greg Williamson, players and the public coming together at the Blue Water Quay near the Historic landmark—The Leichhardt Tree where the first 70 Pacific Islanders landed in Mackay 1867 to clear the land and prepare the land for the sugar cane. The Cup contenders will be the curtain raisers for the State League game between Mackay Cutters and Central Queensland Capras.

The Mackay Australian South Sea Islander & Rockhampton Australian South Sea Islander community & M&K Women's group's efforts have focussed on fostering understanding, awareness and a sharing of their story for the purposes of promoting harmony, inclusion and social cohesion within the communities of Mackay and Rockhampton.

The upcoming Greg Fatnowna Memorial Shield and the Kanaka Proud Cup will unify and strengthen the Rockhampton and Mackay ASSI communities as they come together in this inaugural challenge to stamp their mark on Queensland history as confident, engaged, proud Queenslanders.

The Mackay ASSI Kanaka Team vs Rockhampton ASSI Kanaka Team game will be played at 4pm and the Greg Fatnowna Memorial Shield Old Boys game will be played at 7.40pm approx. on Saturday 15 July, 2017.

Mackay's Team of Pacific Islanders  
And Aboriginal Rugby League Players  
—1949 Mirani Premiership Winners





## Friday 14th July 2017

9.00—10.30am Welcome to Mackay  
Blue Water Quay

10.30am - 1.30pm Bus Tour of Mackay - and some  
Special places of Australian South Sea Islander—  
“Connecting the past with the Future” Men’s Business—  
Mackay & Rockhampton Elders to join the  
Mackay and Rockhampton Kanaka Rugby League Teams.

10.30am —1.30pm Please join M&K Women’s Group  
and the Mackay community with a walk down memory lane.

- Visit the Mackay Cemetery’s  
114 unmarked graves for personal  
stories.
- Walk thru the Mackay Botanical  
Gardens
- Visit the Mackay Historical Library  
Section to view the Estate records.
- Get you photo against the Forget me  
Not logo and the anniversary picture  
with family and friends.



1.30pm-3.00pm Come and join the Players for lunch at the  
Mackay Australian South Sea Islander Hut.

6.00—9.00 **An Evening to Remember**  
**Harrup Park Country Club**  
**Our Past and our Future — M&K RADF Project.**  
**Join us in the 9 Room**  
**Purchase your meal from the Bistro.**  
**Families welcome**

## Saturday 15th July 2017

7.00am—9.00am Teams & Officials

**Breakfast**

**Presentation Mackay & Rockhampton Players Jersey**  
**Venue: Magpies**

10.30am –11.30am Training Sessions  
Club ground to be advised.

12.00pm –1.30pm **Lunch-“Sponsors Luncheon”**

2.00pm Visit the Local Mackay Junior Rugby  
League Ground.

4.00pm **Inaugural Kanaka Proud Cup**

**Mackay Kanaka Team vs**  
**Rockhampton Kanaka Team**

6.00pm Mackay Cutters vs Central Qld  
Capras

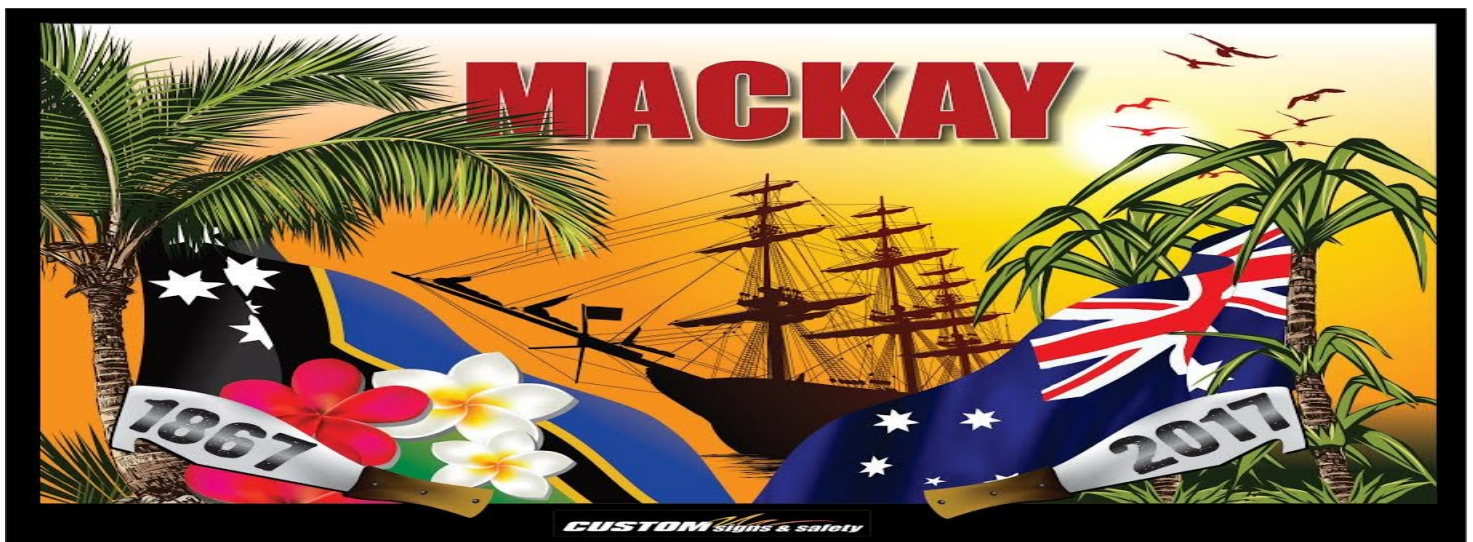
7.40pm **Greg Fatnowna Memorial Shield**

Carlton Norths Old Boys vs Invitation Old Boys side.

9.30pm to late: Late night Curry & Rice - Damper

M&K & CT.

**All Welcome**



## 14th June 2017 Program

9.00am —10.30am

### *“Light morning Tea”*

MC : Mrs Marion Healy & Mr Peter Ahmat

Welcome on behalf of M&K—Common Thread

Housekeeping

Welcome by the Traditional Owners

Smoking Ceremony Mr Phil Kemp (tba)

Open with a blessing.

Setting the Scene— Mrs Marion Healy Chairperson M&K MASSI MATSI Women’s Group

Welcome - The Honourable Mayor Mr Greg Williamson

Welcome—Mr Starret Vea Vea Chairperson of MADASSIA

Acknowledgement from Rockhampton RACCIA—Mr Randell Warkill Chairperson

Introduction to Mackay & Rockhampton Rugby League Coach

Mr Joseph Fatnowna & Mr Lionel Harbin

Introduction to the Group Leader & Community ASSI Elder Mr Dougie Mooney.

A brief outline of the 2 days event .

Closing Ceremony

150years Mackay.

“We remember the past so we can connect to our Future.” Marion Healy.



## Acknowledgement & Thank you

*“The Australian South Sea Islander Players, Coaches and Management”*

On behalf of our group Mesh & Knots Mackay ASSI & ATSI Women’s Group & Men’s Group Common Thread I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following

Organisations:

### **Football committees**

Mackay Cutters  
 Central Queensland Capras  
 Mackay Rugby League Clubs  
 Central Queensland Rugby  
 League Clubs  
 Mackay Operations QRL

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 “Remember the past - United we stand”

Marion Healy Chairperson

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