



CAMP Quality's Mark McGregor and Ren Pedersen from The Cure Starts Now will go toe-to-toe in a charity boxing match at Jupiters *Photo: DARREN HILDER JJ198668*

Coming to blows in the fight against cancer

IT'S time to knock out cancer as two of Townsville's main charity fund-raisers take to the ring at Jupiters on Friday week.

Camp Quality's very own Mark 'The Mouse' McGregor will take on Ren 'Start It Now' Pedersen from the Cure Starts Now in a live bash for cash, raising money for kids with cancer.

On the undercard of an Australian Junior Welterweight title bout between Townsville's Josh King and Rey Anton Orlate, promoter Jamie Myer has agreed to let the two 'adversaries' demonstrate that laughter is the best medicine.

"Both of our charities view our cancer kids as heroes," Mr Pedersen said.

"This match-up between two of the most deserving charities in Australia will hopefully gain increased national exposure to our respective causes.

"We are using the fighting spirit of our children to honour them with this event."

October is also The Cure Starts Now Heroes Month and details can be viewed on the organisation's Australian webpage.

The fight will be seen nationally on Fox Sports Three and the public is encouraged to come and show support on the night with the bout over three one-minute rounds expected to be staged at 9pm at Jupiters.

Mr Pedersen said he was outweighed and conceded reach to his rival but reckoned he had an edge in stamina.

Donations to both these proud charities in support of this unique venture will also be most appreciated.

Contact Ren Pedersen on 0413 318 425 for further details to be involved in this unusual clash of the charities.

— LYDIA KELLNER

Govt lifts fire bans early

UNUSUAL weather patterns has prompted an early cancellation of the fire danger period in Townsville.

After only two months of the declaration, the cancellation comes three months early after heavy rainfall combined with an early start to the storm and cyclone season in North Queensland.

Emergency Services Minister, Neil Roberts, said after two months of the declaration, the main threat of fire season had passed.

"Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) declared the Fire Danger Period on August 29 following last year's horror fire season which saw thousands of bushfires devastate parts of the State," he said.

"Thankfully this year we have had a reduced fire threat; the vegetation is far less dry and the drought index is much more favourable.

"Those factors, combined with the current La Nina weather pattern bringing wetter conditions, have led to the QFRS declaring that the Fire Danger Period is no longer required."

Mr Roberts said the Fire Danger Period was intended to remain in place until January 2 or until the en-



A QUEENSLAND Fire and Rescue officer battles a bush fire near Douglas *JJ080995*

hanced threat of bushfire had passed and that the public had adhered to fire restrictions very well.

"We did see a high level of acceptance of the restrictive measures that were in place under the fire danger period which included the requirement to have a permit for most outdoor fires," he said. "This was the first year we

implemented a fire danger period and the community support has given the QFRS confidence to consider making this standard practice in years to come to further reduce bushfire risk."

While the main threat for bushfire has passed residents are urged to remain prepared for the possibility of bushfires.

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