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# Pop star sings praises of budding stars

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A FORMER pop star helped high school students write lyrics, sing and record a song, perform it and then work on the film clip in just two days.

Adam Thompson, formerly of band Chocolate Starfish, hosted 50 students on Hamilton Island on Monday and Tuesday for the Muso Magic Workshop. "From a muso's perspective, it's some of the best talent we've seen all year," Mr Thompson said, who has travelled the state with the workshop.

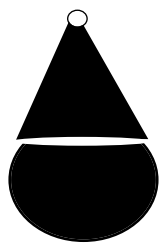
The students from Prosperpine and Bowen state high schools and Calen District State College started by writing phrases and

sentences that were used for lyrics for the band they named Tropicattitude.

He said the students chose a style, and recorded the song they named Picture of Myself.

They created a CD cover, video clip and performed the song on the last day in front of 250 people.

Mr Thompson said he created the workshop out of frustration with music reality TV shows.



**TROPICATTITUDE:** Proserpine State High School workshop attendees, back row, from left, teacher Elisha Heffernan, Joel Wells, Matt Connors, Lukas Sabo, Denholm Brockley, Lachlan Mee, David Hughes and parent Perry Mee; middle row, from left, Kristiaan Sinclair, Jamie Beveridge, Jen Deambrogio, Elisa Brockley, Cassie Dobinson, Rozie Graham, Kiersten Hansen, Sophie Fletcher, Rhys Sunderland; front row, from left, Harrison Kemp, Kristi Gregory, Kobi Haig, Ashlee Nolan and facilitator Adam Thompson.

Picture: Contributed.

# Training exercise puts port on alert

EMERGENCY services and port workers were given an opportunity to respond to a hands-on terrorism attack at Mackay Harbour yesterday morning.

The training exercise involved a state of emergency being declared, after a 3kg bomb exploded under the main fuel products wharf sparking an intense fire that destroyed buildings and equipment.

The exercise enabled the Mackay Port Authority (MPA) to put its Seaport Bomb Threat Plan into action following the introduction of strict new anti-terrorism laws that came into force at the harbour on July 1.

Mackay Port Authority operations manager John Kraft said the training exercise involved more than 30 emergency services personnel, including Mackay police and MPA employees.

Mr Kraft said the exercise highlighted a few areas of concern.

"We are now looking at a common communications radio system that can be used by all agencies, but overall the exercise went smoothly," he said.

# Elephant polo



LONDON, AAP. — Scotland can finally declare itself a sporting heavyweight after winning the elephant polo world championship in Nepal.

The Scots snared the 2004 title after a week-long tournament in the Himalayan kingdom's Royal Chitawan National Park, attended by crowds of up to 5000 people. "It's fantastic for Scotland — we don't normally win a huge number of tournaments these days," team captain the Duke of Argyll said.

The Scots beat local favourites National Parks of Nepal 12-6, winning back a crown they held in 2001.

# Twice bitten, not shy

OSLO, AAP. — The old saying, once bitten twice shy apparently did not have any meaning to a Norwegian man who was treated twice in the same day for snake bites, reports said.

The man said to be in his 30s was taken to hospital after being bitten by a rattlesnake, police said.

While in hospital, it emerged that he had been treated earlier that day for another snake bite; attributed to a Wagler's pit viper, a tree-living snake found in South-East Asia.

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