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The birth of

Injinoo Apudthama Indigenous Corporation

by Cr Gina Nona

Work recommenced on setting up the Injinoo Apudthama Indigenous Corporation.

At the Public Meeting (17 June, 2010), Cr Gina Nona led a lively discussion on the process and the work that needs to be done in order to apply for registration by 29 June 2010.

The Rule Book for the new Corporation was developed at a workshop held on 21 June 2010, Injinoo Council's Office. Applications were sought from persons interested in becoming Directors in the new Corporation. Selection Criteria was made available at the Public Meeting, at Injinoo Council office. On 25 June, the applications were considered by a selection panel.

A pre-incorporation meeting was held on 28 June. Eligible persons were asked to sign up as Members, Directors and the Contact Person was nominated, and the Rule book approved. Members approved the Application for Registration being forwarded to Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations for its consideration.

The new member directors are (left to right): Mr Tolowa Nona, Ms Enid Namok, Mrs Beatrice Nona, Mr Thomas Serubi and Mr Robert Bagie.

Between 17 June and 29 June 2010, Ms Rose Too (Indigenous Communities Volunteers) provided governance training and assistance in setting up the new Corporation.



Apudthama Land Trust elects new directors

Injinoo: Apudthama Land Trust has elected new directors to the board. The new directors are Mrs Gina Nona, Mrs Sandra Sebasio, Mr Meun Lifu, Mr Richard Tamwoy, Mr Richard Woosup, Mr Walter Moses, Mr Roy Mc Donnell, Mr Trevor Lifu, and Mr Bernard Charlie, re-elected as Chairperson.

Indigenous Roundtable No. 8



Mayor Napau Stephen



Mayor Desmond Tayley



Mayor Rodney Accoom



Mayor Thomas Hudson

Mayor Thomas Hudson (Kowanyama), Mayor Napau Stephen (Torres Shire), Mr Wayne See Kee (Torres Shire Regional Authority), Mr Steve Renouf (Indigenous Sport), Mr Max Parsons and Mr Ron Weatherall (both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services), Mayor Fredrick O'Keefe (Doomadgee), Mayor Percy Neal (Yarrabah), Mr Colin Neville (Dep of Transport and Main Roads), Mayor Roderick Tobane and Cr Archie Sullivan (both Wooragee), and Mayor Richard Tarpencha (Pormpuraaw).

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Indigenous Roundtable No. 8

The first Indigenous Roundtable held in an Indigenous community took place in Bamaga (early May).

Minister Boyle greeting Mrs Bethena McDonnell at Injinoo.

Minister Desley Boyle chaired the Roundtable, while Mayor Alfred Lacey (Palm Is) co-chaired the meeting.

Guests included: Cr David Bird (CAPE PCYC), Mr Max Barrie and Mr Michael Kinnane ESM (both Dep. Infrastructure & Planning), Ms Margaret Barnes (CEO Napranum), Mayor Roy Chevathen (Napranum), Mayor Rodney Accoom (Lockhart River), Mr Les Bullus and Mr Taylor (both Qld Police Services), Mr Rob Fielder (Qld Police Citizen's Youth Welfare Association), Mr Warren Collins (CEO, Cherbourg), Mr Allen Cunneen (Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program), Mr Eddie Hollingsworth (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services), Mayor Peter Guivarra and Cr Ricky Guivarra (both Mapoon), Mayor Desmond Toiley and Cr Allister Gibson (both Wujal Wujal), Ms Meg Frisby (Principal Policy Advisor), Mr Mike Fordham, Mr Tony Marten (both Indigenous Coordination Centre), Mr Rob Moore (Sport & Recreation Services),

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Rocking...



... and rolling



... and almost falling



"You can't tip on the tip!"

Refuse tip between Umagico and Injinoo during new cell construction.

Images courtesy Mr Nick Curnow.

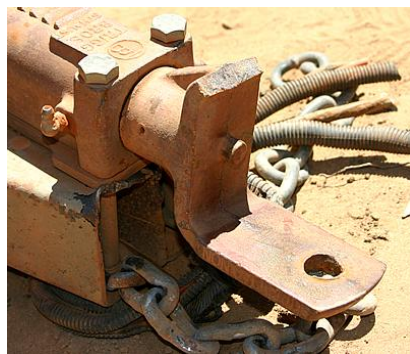
Airport fence



Fencing work at NPA Airport is just about complete. Many of the posts of the old fence had rusted away, which allowed wildlife access to the runway at night.

Road conditions... drive to survive

Road conditions can at times be hazardous, due to the effects of weather. The 4 images (below) were taken by Mr John Bond on his inspection rounds. Please drive to suit the prevailing conditions.



It looks like metal fatigue (left image) helped to wreck this (once) camper trailer, which is now left as an eyesore at the side of the road (last season).





Jet



Gerald



Franklin



Edna



Penina



Let's just have a nice exercise stroll to Umagico, talk about things...



We were going to do some exercises. Where are they all? Stop kidding, guys, are you in there?



It's not exercise if the heart's not pumping.



Where is my herd?

MoU signed



From left: NPARC CEO, Mr Stuart Duncan, Mayor, Mr Joseph Elu, Ms Sonia Townson signing the documents.

Ms Sonia Townson (Area Manager, CAPE PCYC), "The MoU (the Memorandum of Understanding) was signed off on 5th May 2010, between NPA Regional Council and CAPE PCYC (Police Citizens Youth Club). It is an understanding, agreement, or document to say we (Cape PCYC) are able to utilize not only all facilities (Council facilities), but we've become the recognized Sports and Recreational Body to deliver services to the five communities. We are very happy to work with the council in relation to facilities, transport, to roll out our programs and projects.

The abbreviation of CAPE stands for 'Community Activity Programs through Education.'

Where are they?

Please notify NPARC Dept of Community Services (tel: 07 40693277) if anyone had seen this vehicle Rego# **634-HFV**. (It is a 4 door ute).

The rangers ordered a 50+ litre water cooler that was delivered by Peddells (10. May) (without our notice) and left at the wharf. It is now gone. If anyone knows where it might be please contact Warren at the Ranger Base on **4069 3614**.

Ministerial Indigenous Roundtable No. 8



The Northern Peninsula Area is the place for Roundtable Number 8. The host is The Honourable Desley Boyle, MP, Minister for Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Member for Cairns. Invited guests are the Mayors and CEOs from all Aboriginal Shire Councils, Torres Strait, as well as the NPA Regional Council.

11. May: The Minister and part of the delegation arrive via Regional Pacific at NPA Airport.



NPA Regional Council Mayor, Mr Joseph Elu welcomes Minister Boyle and guests to the NPA. Below: Convoy heading for Pajinka and the Tip.



Top: Minister Boyle with Ranger, Mr Doyle Sebasio, at Cape York, looking west. Left: In the sand at Cape York, with Mayor, Mr Elu.

Minister Boyle is Queensland's Minister for Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Partnerships (since March 2009). Minister Boyle was Minister for Child Safety (2006/07), Minister for Environment, Local Government, Planning and Women of Queensland (2004/06), Minister for Local Government, Planning and Women of Queensland (Feb. 2004 / Mar. 2004), and Queensland Minister for Tourism, Regional Development and Industry (2007).



On the climb to the Tip, Minister Boyle takes in the view, the Arafura Sea. In the far distance: Muralag, Narupai and Waiben Island (Prince of Wales, Horn and T.I.).





At the very top of Australia



Mayor Elu, "It's been a very productive day. We went up to the Tip and Somerset. We went to the sign and back, and tomorrow we'll get down to official business, the Roundtable. Hopefully in the afternoon we'll get to see the communities and a BBQ at Seisia Fishing Club."



Minister Desley Boyle and Ms Meg Frisby, Principal Advisor of the Minister for Local Government and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, at Cape York.

Mr Elu, "Minister Boyle is very interested in Education. The other Mayors are quiet impressed with the communities. They see a community that is functional, a work-force that is operating, and I think they see the cohesiveness of Council, the elected arm, administration, work-force, of the three spears of administration of Council is gelling. And of course the public servants really need to see this place (meaning NPA), and the ones that make the decisions. It is a 'showcase' day for us."



Returning from the Tip at Cape York, heading towards Somerset on the West Coast.



Above, from left: Minister Boyle, Mr Michael Kinnane, and Mr Allen Cunneen.



Far left, from left: Cr for Seisia, Mr Jeffrey Aniba, Mr Wayne See Kee (Gen Manager Torres Strait Regional Authority), and Mr Stuart Duncan (NPARC CEO).



Left: Minister Desley Boyle in a one to one with Cr Aniba.



12. May: Breakfast at Resort Bamaga.

Right: ID Labels at the ready.

Far right: The Function Room at Resort Bamaga.



Perhaps not a round table, but room for most to sit 'around.'

NPARC Chief Executive Officer
Mr Stuart Duncan

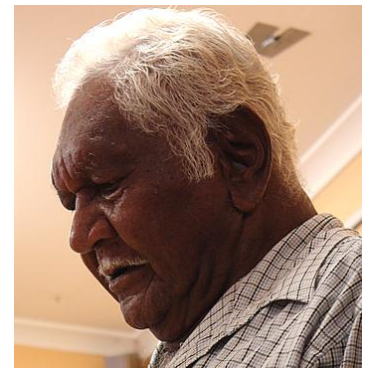
12. May:
Ministerial Indigenous Roundtable No. 8



Following the opening formalities it's down to business. On the agenda: Report back on previous Roundtable (held in Nov. 09), update Memorandum of Understanding with the Minister for Education and Training and Mayors.



Father Dalton Cowley conducted the opening prayer.



Bamaga Elder, Mr George Williams (also known as 'Rusty') during the 'Welcome to Country.'



Mayor Alfred Lacey co-chaired the Roundtable. Speaker / discussion leaders at this session were: Mr Robert Moore, Mr Rob Fiedler, speaking about Sport and Recreation, including Police Citizen's Youth Club Program.

The session continued after morning tea with Minister Boyle and Mayor Lacey outlining thoughts on Local Government Financial Sustainability. The meeting after lunch covered: Community Safety Plans, Outstations, Local Government Act 2009, Community Welcome functions for Public Servants, Community Protocol Project, Community Wellbeing Measures, Update to Retails Stores, Update on Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office. In the afternoon: A summary of Roundtable actions, other business and date set for next Roundtable, Nov 2010.

The tour of community initiatives started at Bamaga NPARC Depot, NPARC Stores, then a visit to the farmlands in the back of Bamaga, Sebasio Hall, and the Swimming Pool.



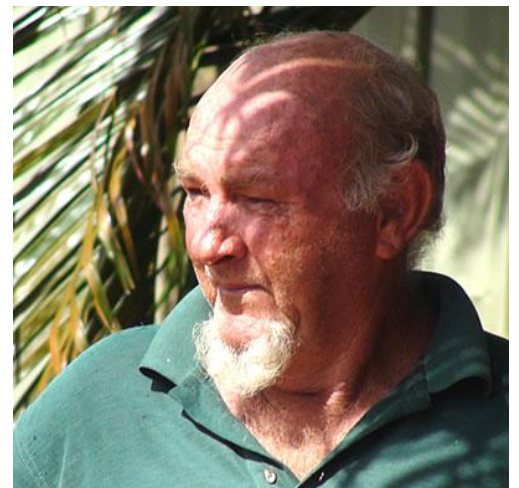
Image below: In Sebasio Hall, Bamaga.



Below: Bamaga Swimming Pool.



* (CDEP: Work Experience Subsidy)



Mr John Unwin's tireless dedication keeps the pool and grounds in top condition throughout the year. Minister is testing the water.



NPARC CEO, Mr Stuart Duncan, explained to Minister Boyle that 85 people, previously on CDEP* are now in full time employment, while another 125 people are currently in training.

NPARC Chief Executive Officer
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In Seisia the group visited the Butcher Shop.



Butcher, Mr Max O'Donnell.



Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council Mayor, Mr Roderick Tobane (right), speaking with Mr Donald Mooka.



Seisia Shopping Centre:



NPARC Mayor, Mr Elu, with Minister Boyle and Mayor Tobane.



Minister Desley Boyle with NPARC CEO, Mr Stuart Duncan (above) at Seisia Supermarket.



In Seisia, at the memorial of the late Mr Mugai Elu, father of NPARC Mayor, Mr J. Elu.



Stop-over at Umagico Depot (left and above):

Minister Boyle, "I'm blown away by what good order things are in, particularly in terms of the stores, the machinery, the

inventory, all of those very important functions that had been neglected by some Councils in the past, clearly a lot of hard work by the Council. They are running a magnificent set of facilities here, and congratulations to them."

At Umagico Sports Oval (below). The turf had recently been laid. Work relating to the water supply for the underground sprinklers is currently underway, see page 14.



African Drumming and Drum making in NPA

Great Holiday activities to **Celebrate Life! Drum Up Big** is part of CAPE PCYC's **Something Better Project**, funded by ICC, Cairns. They will visit Bamaga, New Mapoon and Injinoo during July, conducting a series of drumming and drum making workshops. The drums made will stay in the community. Last year it was a lot of fun for all who took part (see images).

For more info: Mr Bernard Charlie (Injinoo Youth Centre) 0407 618 031, Ms Rochelle Wasiu (Bamaga Youth Centre) 0457 489 345, Ms Tara Tucker (Drum Up Big) 0432 399 332, also: www.drumupbig.com, see dates on page 13.



Images courtesy of Ms Tara Tucker.

At Injinoo Council building elders and members of the Apudthama Land Trust gathered in the Conference room. Mr Richard Tamwoy opened the meeting with prayers.



Mr Bernhard Charlie (image left), Chair of Apudthama Land Trust, "This NPA belongs to us, as far as traditional lands go, east and west belongs to us. We like to personally thank you to come to our country. You are welcomed by us. We go around and introduce ourselves to you. We have a couple of Directors here from the Apudthama Land Trust." Starting with elder, Mr Meun Lifu, each person introduced themselves to others. Mayor Roderick Tobane (Woorabinda Shire Council), "I would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to come to your country. You have a beautiful country. I come up here and set my roots, if you let me (to the laughter from all). A few Woorabinda people are residing up here."

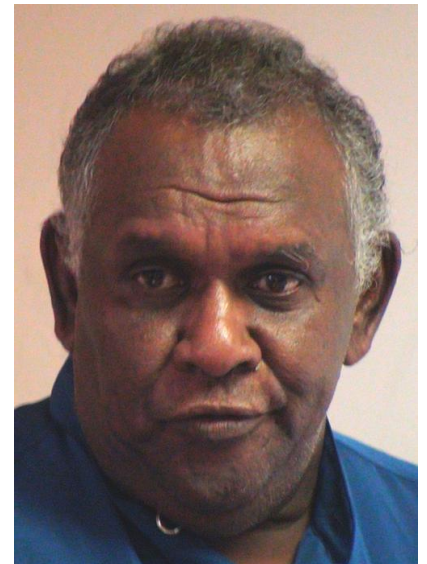


Minister Boyle offers local Elders water, at Injinoo Council building, Conference room.



Mr Richard Tamwoy, "We say 'Hello' to you. We tell you the *do's* and the *dont's*. If you ask us, we'll tell you. We share with you the information you so desperately need. Working together is fine. Some of you come from big property, you know, you got big property down south. Some of you got 5 hectares, more. You drive

around, look at your property, make sure everything is in place. What happens one day when you see a lot of squatters on there? What do you do? Can anybody give me an answer? You call the police. Get them kicked out of your land. That's Your land. We the same, we are the landowners. If people come to our country, we let them, we welcome them in. But if they come right way, not just come in every which way. So it's important that when we meet visitor, welcome visitor, get together, get to know one another, because we know when we come to your country, you're gonna do the same thing. You're gonna welcome us with open arms. To give you a brief rundown on who we are, what we are, and what it's all about. It's all about courtesy, respect for one another, our identity, our culture. We all need to work together. If we don't have that, we might as well pack up and go away. That is the reality. As a Land Trust representative, it gives me great pleasure in welcoming you all to our country once again, and you'll meet the various representatives from the tribes. Any questions?"

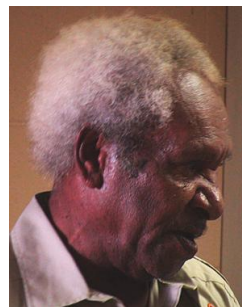


individual, myself and my family one day, I come to you fellows in relation to seeing that very important (part) in our history."

Mayor for Woorabinda, Mr Tobane, "I was over at Somerset, yesterday. I was told there was Aboriginal art in a cave, in the back there. I love to go and visit that. If I come up here as an



Mr Tamwoy, "Yes. We got our senior ranger here, that's his country up that way. Because the protocol here is different area, we have a representative on the Board. So you come to the Land Trust, Apudthama Land Trust, Apudthama meaning 'All of us' and you ask me, usually me, because I am the public officer, and I direct you to the traditional owner of country. You want to go to Somerset, Cape York, I direct you to Mr Lifu here (image), and he organizes a guided tour, probably, and just to make sure that you don't get eaten by crocodile, or eaten by one of us."



Other questions came up, relating to the Torres Boundaries in the Cape and how people feel about that. Mr Richard Tamwoy, "How does the pastoralist feel when he goes to his property and sees all the squatters there? How does it feel? You don't like squatters on your land, do you? Obviously that's how we feel when we get all these incursions. People just come and please themselves on country, you know. That's the issue that we are having here. We need to work together with local government and everybody else. We, the traditional owner group, we need to have that transparency, communication, both ways, so that we all can move forward together. But if it's going to be a lopsided issue, it's going to be lopsided all the way. And there are going to be innuendo, misunderstandings, and everything else that comes with it, and unfortunately, we won't reach our goal. Because what we're looking for is equality, everybody working together, hand in hand. And in modern days, when we remember, when the Minister come here (in the past) we stand up that far in water (chest deep), I was small boy, I see that, in Injinoo, and he see that (pointing to Mr Lifu) and some of the elders here, waiting for Mr Killoran and Mr O'Leary (*). They come by dinghy and Minister go like this (indicating two men cross arms, as a seat, to carry someone safely through water). The Minister sit on that and they carry them up the sand beach. Them days are gone now. We got to sit down and talk to people eyeball to eyeball. We got to talk to them about our aspirations. We all got weaknesses, we all got strengths, but if we work together, I believe, we can make things happen. That's all I think I have to say." **(Mr Pat Killoran was Director General of Department of Native Affairs, Mr Cornelius O'Leary was Director of Native Affairs (Protector))*



Minister Boyle, "Could I respond to that last part, not only to you, but to all the members of the Trust and the representatives of the different tribes. Some of the business we done today was not just about the Northern Peninsula Area, it was also for the Mayors in the other areas and communities in Queensland. We talked about the importance with the growth in your community that the Council Planning Scheme, the importance of sorting out some Native Title issues, or at the very least an ILUA (Indigenous Land Use Agreement), but we were involved in the development of that in parallel with any development of the planning scheme, so there are no surprises. So that the dialogue continues regularly about your hopes and your visions for your land and for this generation and the future generations, so that it is clear which is the

township area of land where you would want new houses build, or commercial facilities, or whatever it might be. So can I say to you, the Mayor (Mr Elu) made it very plain to us, as did some other Mayors, as the State Government, that we need to have this dialogue, that's what you've been saying (meaning Mr Richard Tamwoy), all the time. Not one special meeting, a continuing relationship, so that we can understand, that we, the State Government, can understand what your needs are, what your hopes are and what the limits are, how we can do this right. I do undertake, to make sure all of the State Agencies that are involved in this, planning for the future program, know that it makes it much easier for us to have a trust that affects all of the tribes in the area, and that we have it as the first page to begin a dialogue."



Minister Boyle continues: "They get privy to do an investigation, and report to government. But if I can, in a preliminary way, take your words as an indication that this is the direction you want to go in, and I know... (missing words due to noise in room) is already working on a solution for a submission to be put in to the State Government. If this could be cooperative it could happen quicker, and I certainly understand your sentiments. This is your country and those little incursions are not proper (Due to noise in the room the following sentence could not be properly understood)."

Mr Bernard Charlie, "We've been here, traditional owners been here, local government here now. We're looking forward to brighter future, as people too. Torres Shire (is) not here. I don't see why they should be here." Cr Gina Nona asked if others have something to say. Mr Robinson Salee asked why there had been no new houses built in the last 4 years.

Minister Desley Boyle explained that money is available for housing (see NPA News, Issue 9, page 1, \$66mill for housing).

SEISIA FISHING CLUB



At Seisia Fishing

Club Mayor Elu thanked the Club members for putting this on tonight. He thanked the band, "The Band ('Blaik Coral') used to play on a Wednesday night, but are here to play for the Minister

tonight and the other Mayors." Mr Elu explained to the guests the purpose, "We have what is called a Ministerial Roundtable in the NPA, at the Bamaga Resort, and it's the first time it's been held outside of Cairns or Brisbane, it's the first time in an Indigenous community. I raise my glass here, to the then Minister Lindy Nelson-Carr, things like that need to happen in Indigenous communities, where our people can see our politics in action. I am glad and I'm proud and honoured that this Minister made the decision to have this one here. Hopefully we'll have it in other Indigenous communities in the future. I'd like to say in front of some of the local people here, that the Mayors here are very glad to welcome you here. I know we had a welcome from Gina last night, and from Rusty this morning (meaning Cr Nona and Elder R. Williams), then you had the traditional owners welcome you, and in front of this community gathering, I welcome you all here, tonight. Like I said to you this morning, this place is a melting pot, the Department of Native Affairs, back in the late 40s, early 50s, tied to make this a black town. We had people from the islands, we had people from the east coast, people from the west coast. (If) you're from an Indigenous community, you'll find a relative here. They all grew up here, in the 50s, 60s. I don't know the reason why, but today, for that reason, we are a very dynamic community, we are very broad thinkers, people from Woorabinda, Palm Island, Cherbourg, you name them, they ended up in this town. For that I think we're much more richer. I'm going to hand over to the Minister, to have a say, but I just like to say to my colleagues, the Mayors from other communities, if you'd like to come, have a couple of minutes' say, if you want to, especially Alfie from Palm Island, who co-chaired today's Roundtable, or anybody else who wants to have a say, please do."

"This is spectacular country. How amazing is the blend of cultures that you've got. Today I had a really good look around the NPA communities, and got a good glimpse of the tremendous progress that you've made. I hear this afternoon that there are those not entirely convinced that the amalgamation was a great idea. Our government takes responsibility for forcing that decision, and we stand by that decision I have to say. I need also to tell you that, even though where you might as locals still want more to be done and more to be sorted, your Council is doing an excellent job. It is a very large job to amalgamate the councils, to put them together, to form the broader NPA Area, to be doing the kind of strategic and corporate planning, financial planning, that governments expecting these days, and they've done very well two years down the track. So thank you very much, to your Mayor (Mr Elu), to Stuart (NPARC CEO, Mr Duncan) and the staff of the Council, to all of the Councillors who've hosted us here these couple of days. Thank you to the community for your welcome, several times, most importantly in the meeting with the Land Trust (Apudthama), and some of the others this afternoon. We really do appreciate it. It has been a worthwhile meeting, but it has also given me certainty, and I'm sure all the others on the team some very special memories that we'll take with us forever. Thank you."



in terms of making however good life today in the Northern Peninsula Area better in the generations to come. I love the little bloke sitting over at the side, practicing his drumming (Jonah Lui, image), and waiting to take over from the big blokes first chance he gets. That's how it should be with our kids. That



those of us who are getting a bit older get pushed to the side, as the new young ones, who are brighter and better educated, and maybe more confident can come through. Particularly what we have done here, as your Mayor said, is to apply local government and strategic business for Indigenous communities with my co-chair, and others of the Mayors, we set the agenda for each of these Roundtables. Today the two items particularly in our focus were first sport and recreation and healthy activity and event opportunities in Indigenous communities across Queensland. Sport and Recreation people, very senior people were there, as were representatives from PCYC. In case you don't know it, your Mayors, your own Mayor here, all of the Mayors from the Indigenous communities don't hold back. This is a very forthright discussion so that we don't waste the time and really talk about how the system isn't working and how it needs to be made better. The second big issue that we addressed today was financial sustainability for the Aboriginal Councils in particular. There is certainly a need for more money, absolutely, for infrastructure and planning purposes. But there also needs to be some big work done, to develop a proper economy in Indigenous communities, a private sector to open up the opportunities, of businesses to thrive to broaden the economy, increasing jobs, and in order to make that happen I have to say your Mayor has been hammering me these last days, and other Mayors have similarly in other ways, that is we need to sort out the land. We need to get to the land, back in your control, with account plan and ILUA sorted out, so Council knows what land they have under their control, in order to develop housing, to develop businesses that are needed to really make these thriving economies in the generations ahead. It's a big ask, as a lot of people who talked about it before this... well the prove in this is whether we are, your Mayors, but also those of us who are here representing State Government, really able to make some action. I think we've started well, but I look forward to coming back and reporting to you, about a year from now, on how we're going."

Minister Boyle, "So, we've got this really good idea in Brisbane. When Premier Bligh (Qld Premier) goes out with the whole Cabinet, and we have a community cabinet in the community, mostly the bigger communities, at the special lunch at the end of it, she through, sort of historical archives' arm of the State Government, always presents



the Mayor as a 'Thank you' gift with some pictures from that town, city, community, from the past.

Joseph (meaning Mayor Elu), I thought we should do the same and follow that tradition. So we looked out some pictures from the NPA Area

from decades ago, and we put them together in a collage. So, on behalf of the Department of Infrastructure and Planning, of which local government is a part, more particularly on behalf of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services, can we present you and the Council with this memento?"



Mayor for Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, Mr Alfred Lacey, "I think it was a very excellent meeting and I want to say thank you to the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council and the people of the NPA area for inviting us to be in their shire, to host the meeting while we are here. I think it is very important that we have a lot of common ground, taking communities forward. So I'd like to close off by saying it's been wonderful, the hospitality has been good, and together we'll do it better."

Mayor Alfred Lacey (Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council) also addressed the gathering.

Mr Richard Tamwoy said prayers to bless the food.



Image right, top: Cabinet making, School Band, Boat building, Shaping boomerangs. Centre image: Red Island Jetty. Bottom left: Bamaga vs T.I., the Show, the Store, in the Classroom, and Bamaga Sawmill.

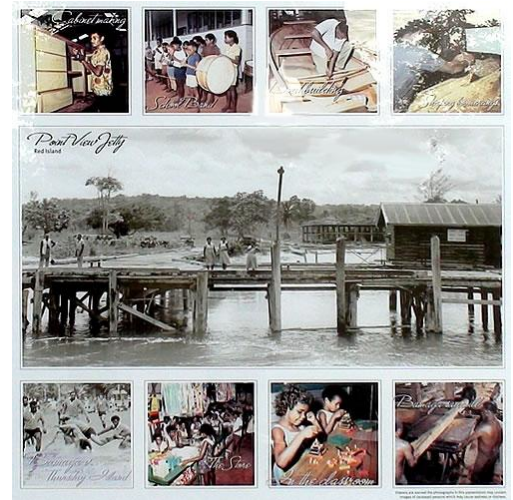
See also footnote page 15.



From left: Ben Gebadi, Mr Meun Lifu, Mr Roy McDonnell, Mrs Sandra Sebasio, Mrs Celia Ropeyarn, Mrs Bethena McDonnell



From left: Mr Ben Gebadi, Mr Meun Lifu, Mr Robinson Salee, Mr Joel Nona



Minister Desley Boyle's gift is on display at NPARC Council, Bamaga.

Solar power grants for clubs and organisations

Mr Jason O'Brien, Cook MP, is encouraging sporting clubs and community groups in his electorate to apply for Gambling Community Benefit Fund grants to help them switch to solar power.

"Switching to solar can help save clubs and organisations large amounts of money, and is well worth considering," said Mr O'Brien, "It not only reduces electricity bills, it helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Power bills for clubs and organisations can run into the thousands of dollars a month, so savings can be very significant. The money that is saved by moving to solar can then be applied to the services and facilities provided."

To help make the solar switch, the Bligh Labor Government has asked the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to make solar applications a priority.

Eligible sporting and community organisations can apply for grants to support the purchase and installation of 1.5 kilowatt solar panels and/or solar hot water systems.

Grants for solar panels and hot water systems are available through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund via a competitive application process. Guidelines and application packs will be available from 1 June.

It is estimated that switching to solar will cumulatively save Queensland community organisations up to \$245,000 each year in electricity costs.

It will also avoid around 1200 megawatt hours of electricity consumption and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 1300 tonnes a year.

For more information about the Gambling Community Benefit Fund's Funding Guidelines, visit the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulations website: www.olgr.qld.gov.au

Press Release by Mr Jason O'Brien, Cook MP (early May)

'Act as one, against Domestic Violence'

NPA Family and Community Services received a \$5000 grant from NPA Regional Council for 'Respect Family Day,' held on 29th May at Bamaga Oval.



Family and Community Services work in collaboration with NPARC, Mensheds, (CAPE) PCYC, Sports and Rec, the Footy Clubs, Nai Beguta Agama, Bamaga Enterprises (BEL), and many other organizations. Games, face painting, dance, food and drink stalls are on the agenda. "We call it, Having fun in the sun activities," says Ms Dianne Lewis. "We'll be doing 'hands around the park,' to symbolize the theme, which is **Act as one, against Domestic Violence.**"

Help is available:

Statewide DVConnect for women, call **1800 811 811**

Statewide DVConnect for men, call **1800 600 636**

Statewide Elder Abuse Prevention Helpline, call **1300 651 192**

Child Protection

NPA Family and Community Services advises in one of their posters:

55,120 proven cases of child abuse and neglect across Australia (2007-08) concerning 32,098 children. One in 5 children will be sexually assaulted before the age of 18 (braveheart.org.au).

The rates of Indigenous children on care and protection orders were more than 7 times that of any other children (2007-08, Australian Institute of Health and Wellbeing).

What are you doing to help care for and protect children of the NPA? For more information or assistance please contact the Family Resource Centre, Bamaga, tel. **4069 3555**.

Child protection is everyone's business, everyone's responsibility.

GRAM launches website

GRAM (Qld Remote Aboriginal Media (Aboriginal Corporation) has launched their new website on: www.gramac.org.au

Origin: Blues blue

Game 1: 28 – 24.

Game 2: Thirty-four to what?

Game 3: 23 – 18, lively game



Clean sweep:

Qld 3 – NSW 0

Sewage pipeline

Work has started to lay the pipe work that will connect Seisia to sewage facilities. Earthworks between Seisia and New Mapoon are supervised by Elders Mr Meun Lifu and Mr Rusty Williams, in case any artefacts are unearthed.



In time, the sewage of all communities will be treated at Bamaga Treatment Works.

Bee



because

What's up?

Basketball

3 on 3 competitions. Tue and Fri nights 6pm - 7:30pm

Seisia 22. June & 25. June

Bamaga 29. June & 2. July

Umagico 6. July & 9. July

Injinoo 13. July & 16. July

Any inquiries please contact Mrs Sonia Townson @ PCYC on ph 4069 3524 or email: sonia.townson@pcyc.org.au

Women's Football

9 A Side women's team

Ladies 17yrs+ who wish to enter a 9 A Side Team into Women's Football Competition, please contact Ms Nola Lewin or Ms Shaleah @ PCYC ASAP on ph: 4069 3524 or email: nola.lewin@pcyc.org.au

Competition starts Sat 19. June 2010

Ladies Softball

Come try out All ladies welcome, Friday 25. June. New Mapoon Football Oval, 5pm - 6:30pm. Improve your health, get active, get involved, and improve fitness. Transport provided: Umagico Bus Stop: 4:15pm

Injinoo Bus Stop: 4:30pm

Any questions contact PCYC on 4069 3524.

Volleyball

Come and try day, volleyball game

All ladies welcome

Alau Sports Complex

24 June, 5:30 pm - 7 pm

Holiday activities: Drum making

6 July: Drumming sessions, Bamaga Youth Centre, 6 - 8pm. **7 July:** Drumming fun for little ones, Injinoo Child Care Centre, 10 - 11am, Drum making, Injinoo Youth Centre 1 - 3pm, Bamaga Youth Centre 6 - 8pm. **8 July:** Drumming fun for little ones, Injinoo Child Care Centre, 10 - 11am. Drum making, Injinoo Youth Centre, 1 - 3pm, Bamaga Youth Centre, 6 - 8pm.

Drum making continued

9 July: Drumming sessions, New Mapoon Community Hall, 1 - 2pm. **10 July:** Drumming session, New Mapoon Community Hall, 10am.

Careers Market

Ebry Pamplae welcome!

Held at Sebasio Hall, Bamaga

9 June, 2010, 9am to 3:15pm

Jobfind Community visits

Injinoo Council Office

17 June and 1 July, 9am - 12noon

If you're unable to attend your appointment, please contact Ms Harriett Phineasa on 4069 3252 / 0417 318 532.

The Something and Better Project

Free workshop that helps save lives. Umagico Council Chambers, Wed. 23. June, 11:30am - 3pm. Lunch provided. Book your place with Dulcie on 0409 765 305, or Marilyn on 4031 0145. Free counselling also available by appointment.

Seisia Sunset Markets

Every second Saturday Seisia hosts the Sunset Markets, starting 4pm.

Special Thanks



Special thanks to Mr Thomas Serubi for printing and distributing the previous issue Newsletters throughout the communities.

Out for a rinse

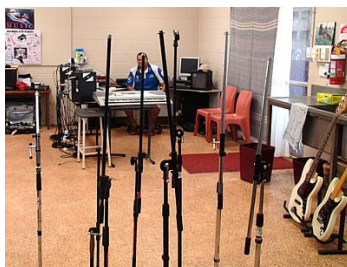


What at first appeared to be a broken mains supply turned out to be all under control. Sunwater flushed its big tank at Sagaukaz Road, Bamaga.

Gabriel and Oskar made good use of it. Their dogs too enjoyed a splash. The car down the road has at least two clean tires, on its left.



Seaman Dan mentors recording sessions



Mr Seaman Dan, Mr Karl Neuenfeldt and Mr Will Kepa are in the NPA recording local artists, individuals, groups and choirs. The sessions were planned back in February (as reported in Issue 12,

NPA News). The group is recording at Bamaga High School (14 June to 25 June) and will record in New Mapoon from 25 June to 2 July.

The filming and recording of 'our journey' is taking place on 28 to 30 June at New Mapoon and Seisia. The films tell of the move of people, from Saibai to Seisia, and also the forced relocation of people from Mapoon (Marpuna) to New Mapoon (more on this in next issue).



Mr Kepa working on Mr Edmond Mooka's soundtrack, who wrote his own contemporary song called 'Zion'. The light blue coloured track (above) represents the drum kit, keeping it all in time. Light green is bass, other tracks are keyboard, various guitars, vocals and effects. The final mix will be done at the Cairns Studio before burning it to CD.



That looks like a cracker...



...it could be a cracker...



...where is it? Not here, not there, not anywhere...



What's she doing? Looking for cracker? But she's not Polly. C'mon in, have a footbath.



Wise guys, who likes soggy crackers? Of course I'm not Polly, and I have the crest to prove it.

We grew up with coconut plants...

Seisia Holiday Park cleared many of its coconut palms of fruits and flowers. This has caused upset to one of Seisia's residents.

Mrs Marie Gibadi, Seisia, "It's about the coconut plants through the camping grounds (at Seisia). Made me feel really sad yesterday, seeing those coconuts. They cut everything and only leave the tree growing. Fruits, flowers, everything, only leave those leaves, no fruit. The coconut is our cultural food. People lived on that before. We believe the story of the tree. It's a man that's been travelling from New Guinea, this way, then going back to New Guinea. That story is attached to the coconut tree. I've been feeling upset when I saw that. I don't know who done that. If they clear that place just for tourists, it's sad. Tourists are not coming every day. They only come in, they see them, and go back again."



Sometimes people go out to sea, get lost in a dinghy. They live off coconuts. It's survival for everybody. We use the coconut for food and for coconut oil. We eat the young ones and eat the dry ones too."



Mrs Eugenie Ball (image left), Manager of Seisia Holiday Park explains. "As a safety precaution we need to de-nut those trees in the park. We've only cut certain trees, which were a risk to our guests, staff & locals (there are some within the park that still have fruit). As our peak season is approaching we must prepare for our guests. I am more than willing to clarify things with Mrs Gibadi. Note: The Council still has fruits on their trees."



"We grew up with coconut plants, out on the islands. We walk under the coconut trees, to and fro. Every time we try to go, we must look up. If there is no coconut, we go through. If there are coconuts, there is someone to break the dry ones down. But on these ones, they cleaned everything."

"We open them up, drink it, and eat the inside."



"I really care about the tree, because it's a traditional tree. I don't see why they cut those trees. Anyone can look up and see dry coconut and don't walk underneath."

Umagico Sports Ground



Conduit work is currently carried out near Umagico Sports Ground. When completed it will enable the switching of irrigation pump that supplies water to the recently laid turf on the oval.

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

by Mrs Glenda Christian



The month of May was Morning Tea time. So we thought we would 'tea' (pardon the pun) up our friends, workmates and community to help tip the balance in the fight against cancer. NPA Family & Community Services staff put up our hands to raise funds for the fight against cancer. We hosted a **BIGGEST MORNING TEA** fundraising event at our place on Friday 21st May.

Staff baked a few culinary delights and we requested

support from some of the businesses in the community to make the event even more of a success. We and Cancer Council Queensland are very grateful to those businesses who did not hesitate to put their hands up. Big esso to the Bakehaus, New Mapoon Store, IBIS Store, Seisia Meats, Umagico Supermarket and Cape York Ice & Tackle.



Cancer Council Queensland receives no funding from the Government, so rely on community-minded people like ourselves so they may continue their vital

work. All money raised goes towards:

- **Research** – to provide grants to find new and improved treatments and develop programs on issues such as skin and prostate cancer, just to name a few.
- **Support Services** – To help improve quality of life of cancer patients, people living with cancer and their families and carers.
- **Advocacy** – To work alongside government and other organisations to implement programs to reduce the incidence of cancer.
- **Education & Prevention** – To help members of our communities quit smoking, protect themselves from the sun and eat healthier to reduce the risk of cancer.

Cancer Council Queensland had their sights set on raising more than \$1,950,000. It's rewarding to know our recent contribution of \$442 has gone towards reaching this target. If anyone would like more information about the Cancer Council, please call 131 120. Or to monitor fundraising efforts so far visit www.cancerqld.org.au. The road to finding a cure for cancer is a long one. We thank the community of Bamaga for being a part of the journey.

Article courtesy of Mrs Glenda Christian, Assets Manager, **NPA Family Resource Centre, NPA Family & Community Services A&TSI Corporation, Bamaga.**

Artist: Mr Matthew Kulla Kulla

Story continued from previous issue.

Image right: The paddle some weeks ago. Artist Matthew Kulla Kulla's first work in timber. The result, a paddle with Barramundi, shaped and painted.



Check out the **New Mapoon Arts Centre** for original works by local artists (located next to the Council building in New Mapoon).
Tel: 0740 830 271,
Mon-Fri 8am – 5pm

Specialists coming to NPA:

June / July / Aug

Bamaga Hospital and Community PHCC

5-9 July	EYES, Dr Gary Brian, TIH OPD & OT 5 th – 9 th
15-16 July	Renal Clinic, Dr Tim Furlong, Bamaga Hosp 16 th
5-9 July	EYES, Dr Gary Brian, Thursday Island Hospital & OT
15-16 July	Renal Clinic, Dr Jim Furlong, Bamaga Hospital 16th
4 Aug	General Physician/ Paediatric /OT, Dr Heazlewood, Dr Marshall & Team, Bamaga Hospital OPD
3-6 Aug	Dr Jane Barry (to be confirmed), all Health Centres
10 Aug	Endocrine Clinic, Bamaga PHCC
10 Aug	Dietician, Bamaga PHCC (3 days)
23-27 Aug	EYES, Dr Gary Brian, TIH OPD & OT

Footnote from page 12

With reference to the order of the Roundtable guest's visit to the various communities, Mr Bernhard Charlie said (18. June), "We were the first people to greet Captain Cook, we are the first people to greet the historic owners, we should be the first people to greet any and every Ministers or highly positioned people that come into NPA."

The order of visits was as shown on page 7 to 9, with Injinoo being the last stop.

Land Trust welcomes tourists to NPA



Mr Bernard Charlie, "Please look after our country, because our country looks after us. You are welcome into our country, by all means. Treat our country as you treat your own." Sentiments also reflected by Mr Richard Tamwoy (page 9). Mr Bernard Charlie is the re-elected chair-person of the Apudthama Land Trust.

Repairs to culvert near Injinoo



The road south, near Injinoo cemetery, had collapsed, due to a rusted out section of pipe work, made of galvanized iron some 20 years ago. NPA Regional Council ordered concrete pipes to repair the damage.

A diversion channel was dug around the worksite, allowing the creek to flow unhindered. The worksite is dammed off temporarily with concrete blocks and liner.



Now the culvert is completed. It takes less than a second to cross, thanks to these men.



Any good panel beaters around?



All old pipe work removed



Temporary dam wall keeps work area dry



Temporary diversion for creek, fully lined



Foundations for the pipes in place



Compacting the fill



Where did he go?



Putting pipes in position, first set of three



Cut to suit



Position into place



Seal the pipes



Hide it all

Images courtesy Mr Craig Bethune, Remote Area Civil Earthmoving