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A new leaner, more efficient council

There have been numerous challenges facing the Council since the merger some three years ago. One of these has been managing with a workforce that had previously been heavily subsidised by CDEP wages. Those arrangements changed in June 2009, and the Council had no choice but to plan to reduce its workforce to ensure a financially sustainable future.

This has been achieved through a combination of a recruitment freeze, restructuring of the workforce and a program of voluntary redundancies. Thirty-one employees (31) accepted a voluntary redundancy and finished work on either 11 March or early in the following week.

From 17 March, 2011, the first day after the end of the Government's three year employment guarantee, the Council will have a smaller workforce and will no longer be relying on any CDEP funds for its operations.

"I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our departing employees the very best for their future endeavours, whether that be a well earned retirement or another career with an alternate employer."

Mr Elu continued, "Council will be working hard to direct and invest in new opportunities for the future of the young people of our communities, these strategies include the development of a program to build our own homes."

The Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network (ICAN) has been made available by council to all employees who have accepted a redundancy to provide them with advice about managing their redundancy payment and any other issues for which they may need assistance (see page 23).

CEO Stuart Duncan said, "I commend all employees for the professional approach they took to the issue of redundancies, there were a lot of false rumours getting around for the past few months, which did not help, but the council employees acted in a very understanding way. I would also like to thank the interview team of Bob Davidson (Davidson IR Consultants), Heather Van Dort (Council) and the assistance from Jesse Sagaukaz (Men's Shed) and Daryl Noak from the AWU."



Mayor Joseph Elu said, "I am very happy that we were able to achieve the required staff reductions without any forced

redundancies. All of the employees who have left the Council did so voluntarily and in many cases, have clear plans for their future. I am also very excited with the new structures that are now in place. I am confident that we will be able to maintain a high standard of municipal services and continue to strive for improvements into the future."

"We will now be focussing on improving our HR practices, concentrating on performance improvement, training and identifying employees for development into management roles."



One last time together, workers at the Injinoo carpenter shop on break-up day (March, 2011).



Warning: This issue contains names and images of deceased people on pages 3 to 7. If this is upsetting avoid pages 3 to 7.

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ANZAC Day

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, which was formed in Egypt during the First World War. At dawn, 25th April, 1915, the start of the first major battle of the Anzacs at Gallipoli began (Ottoman Empire, present day Turkey), a moment commemorated to this day in the Anzac Day Dawn Service. The Gallipoli Campaign during WWI lasted until January 1916.

The aim of the Gallipoli campaign was to prevent enemy attacks on allied shipping in the Dardanelles.

More info relating to World War I:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_War_I

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/July_Ultimatum

World War I is believed to have been sparked by the assassination of Arch Duke Franz Ferdinand of Austria (28 June, 1914), heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary. A month later Austria-Hungary invaded the Kingdom of Serbia. The conflict escalated to a war of unprecedented scale, due to the many alliances and treaties between many nations, to eventually involve over 100 countries. The number of Anzac lives lost during WWI was 18,000 New Zealanders and in excess of 60,000 Australians. Today Anzac Day commemorates the fallen of many wars.

World War I ended on 11 Nov, 1918, with the 'Treaty of Versailles'. This moment (11:11am, 11th day of the 11th month) is remembered as Armistice Day, also known as Remembrance Day. It is known as the 'Day of Peace' in Flanders Fields (a WW I battlefield).

The Treaty of Versailles also gave rise to the 'League of Nations' with the objective to prevent conflict between nations. It was unable to prevent World War II. Following World War II (1939-45), the 'League of Nations' was replaced by the 'United Nations' (UN). The Charter of the United Nations was in part influenced by the works of political philosopher Immanuel Kant, who wrote 150 years earlier (1795) the article 'Zum ewigen Frieden. Ein philosophischer Entwurf.' (Perpetual Peace. A Philosophical Sketch).

<http://www.un.org/en/documents/charter/>

World War I is also known as the 'war to end all wars' following publication from the H.G. Wells book 'The war that will end war.'

The Anzacs are known as 'Diggers'. The term was in use in New Zealand before WW I, referring then to NZ miners. The term lives on to the present time.

The last New Zealand Anzac, the late Mr Albert Edward Matthew, passed away in 1997. Australia mourned the loss of its last Anzac, the late Mr Alec Campbell, in 2002. Both men took part in the Gallipoli Campaign in 1915.

The number of deaths, injured and maimed in wars since the end of the First Great War is beyond comprehension. Most wars bring deaths, misery and suffering to military and civilian populations. Hunger, diseases, and destruction on a massive scale are often the result.

There are no statistics of how many flowers had their heads blown off, how many trees were flattened, or how many animals died in misery.

Anzac Day is burned into the country's history. There were no battles won. It was a disaster with horrific carnage and unimaginable suffering. In 2011, 96 years on, Australia reflects on the sacrifice each made for their country so long ago. It is a solemn day when thoughts wonder how they must have coped being put into such a position. Many may well wonder if not the cause of all wars has its roots in injustice, the blatant abuse of basic human rights, and the failure to recognise the universal oneness of life. Anzac Day is also a time to reflect on the mate-ship, the camaraderie and special bonds times of disasters foster. It is a day for sharing experiences, the telling of stories, paying tribute and respect to the many that helped one survive, recollect moments and a celebration of life. For others it is a day on the beach, a BBQ, a family day, unaware of what has led to it becoming a holiday.

The first ANZAC Day was observed on April 25th, in 1916. Eventually the day became a public holiday in all Australian states and territories. Tonga, Samoa, Niue and the Cook Islands also observe this day and of course New Zealand. Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Thailand also have memorial services. In Gallipoli services are on 24th and 25th April with Turkey, Australia, New Zealand, Britain and France conducting the services.

Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the first President of Turkey *, addressed the first visitors from New Zealand, Britain and Australia to the Gallipoli battlefields, delivered these words in 1934:

"Those heroes that shed their blood And lost their lives. You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies And the Mehments to us where they lie side by side Here in this country of ours. You, the mothers, Who sent their sons from far away countries Wipe away your tears, Your sons are now lying in our bosom And are in peace After having lost their lives on this land they have Become our sons as well."

The words are inscribed in a monolith at Ari Burnu Cemetery (ANZAC Beach) and also on the Kemal Atatürk Memorial in Canberra.

*) Turkey was established in 1923 following the collapse of the Ottoman Empire during WW I.

WWI was a time when Aboriginal Australians had no rights to vote, when their children were taken from their families (stolen generation), yet despite all this, a large proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders volunteered to fight for the country in an attempt to improve their living conditions. The concept of Australian citizenship did not exist prior to 1948. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders received the right to vote long after WWII.

Each year Gallipoli attracts large numbers of visitors. In 2015 is the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. There are about 40 cemeteries and memorials in Turkey relating to Gallipoli. Two dedicated men have spent 6 years creating a website listing war cemeteries across the world, including details and photographs of countless individuals. It lists 31 Cemeteries in Australia. Anyone can submit details for inclusion:

<http://www.ww1cemeteries.com/>



It is believed that about 25 people from the NPA served in the first World War. If any reader knows the names of any WW1 servicemen or women, please contact NPA News (4090 4605 or email: heinz.ross@nparc.qld.gov.au), so that their names can be included in the next issue.

SGT Waraka Adidi	PTE Anau David	PTE James Matasia	PTE Abari Sam
PTE Medai Agi	PTE Mas Elu	PTE Awati Mau	PTE Banu Sam
PTE Aleck Agie	LCPL Morgan Elu	PTE Budia Mau	PTE Masie Satrick
PTE Calop Agie	PTE Nawai Elu	PTE Warusam Mau	PTE Kelly Sigai
PTE Abai Agiri	LCPL Peter Eseli	PTE Harry McDonnell	PTE Gausa Sigai
PTE Sigai Aki	CPL Willie Gowa	PTE Larry McDonnell	PTE Roy Stephen
PTE Asuelu Aniba	PTE Agirie Ger	PTE Jack McDonnell	PTE Jimmy Soki
PTE (CPL) Robson Aniba	PTE Railey Ger	CPL Ali Mudu	PTE Andrew Soki
CPL Nadi Anu	PTE Imai Getoma	PTE Meseka Mudu	PTE Thomas Sokie
PTE Taba Anu	PTE Yusia Ginau	LCPL Serega Mudu	PTE Daniel Solomon
PTE Gaibiri Asse	LCPL Bewan Idai	CPL Anu Nadi	PTE Steven Sunai
A/CPL Makie Asse	PTE Daunau Idai	PTE Abea Namai	PTE Henry Tabuai
PTE Baira Atu	PTE Paikia Idai	PTE Alick Pablo	PTE Jew Tiati
A/CPL Namaibai Atu	PTE Peter Idai	PTE Jeibi Paii	PTE Allan Toeboy
PTE Mansu Bagasi	PTE Bob Jacob	PTE Jasoe Paii	PTE Amos Wapau
PTE Adidi Bagiri	PTE Levi Jacob	PTE Josua Paii	PTE Jorpetai Wapau
PTE Bawari Bana	PTE Esau Jawai	PTE Paipai Paii	PTE Wasaku Ware
PTE Fredrick Baira	A/CPL Morris Jawai	PTE Sawia Paii	PTE Phillip Wasaga
PTE Jimmy Kanai Baira	PTE Waiaka Jawai	PTE Waimi Pausa	LCPL Phillip Wasiu
PTE Wilfred Bowie	A/SGT Smith Lui	PTE Au Poipoi	PTE Charlie Wasiu
PTE Captain Brisbane	PTE Charlie Lockart	PTE Tom Pheneasa	LCPL Jerry Wasiu
PTE Jimmy Brisbane	PTE Samson Madau	PTE Tumena Sagaukaz	PTE Aimutu Yoelu
PTE Willie Charcoal	PTE Johnny Mamoose	A/CPL Willima Sagaukaz	PTE Jate Yoelu
PTE Bobe Coriga	A/SGT George Mara	CPL Dan Jacob Sagigi	PTE Mapea Yoelu

The plaque at Bamaga is dedicated to the Servicemen of the Northern Peninsula Area Light Infantry Battalion who served in WWII, 1939 – 1945.



Lest We Forget

The names above are shown as per memorial plaque located in Bamaga.

World War II: The area around Cape York changed quickly when Japan entered the war. A Coast Watch station operated from Vrilya Point. The CLS2 Carpentaria Lightship was stationed in the Gulf of Carpentaria, wrecked in a 1979 cyclone. Muttee Heads became a port and radar station, and Higgins field became a large base in the north of Australia. It was once



known as Red Island Point Airfield, Jacky Jacky Airfield, Injinoo Airfield, and Bamaga Airfield in later years. Recent image (left: NPA Airport in top centre) gives an indication of the large clearing. 'Australia @

War' website lists 10 military aircraft crashes at Higgins field during WWII. The evidence is still around us. Horn Island Aerodrome had 8 Japanese bombing raids (1942-1943).

Info source: Display at Seisia Camp Ground.



Higgins field during WWII. It is now NPA Airport with a single double sided runway.

Image above: © Commonwealth of Australia 2006, Department of Defence



Muttee Heads in 1943 (left). The WW II infrastructure at Muttee Heads and Red Island Point was after the war used to accommodate the people who came from Saibai Island. Bamaga was established after the war.



The plane is a single seat Boomerang, built in Sydney (1942-45). The engine is a Pratt and Whitney, which could be used in a DC-3 as well. Two of these planes crashed into the mouth of Jardine River (1943). Both images were found in March 2011, at the NPA refuse dump (more on this find on page 7).

Mr Awati Monga Mau is from Saibai, now living in Bamaga "Awati Monga Mau, that's my real great-great-grandfather's name.



I've been born in the middle of swamp. My father (has) been born that place. I'm from No 11 Platoon, D Company." Mr Mau received training on T.I. but was also

stationed on Woody Island, Hammond Island (Kiriri), Horn Island, Entrance Island and others during the war. "Princess Margret born April 25th, I've been born December 25. Today I'm 85 years old, and I use a walking stick."

NPARC Chief Executive Officer
Mr Stuart Duncan

World War II Nominal Roll of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders from Far North Queensland**Nominal Rolls WWII****Mer****Murray Islanders**

Akee Emene
Akee Wabey
Akee Moeat
Ansey Philip
Ansey Filemon
Aud Gesa
Barsa John
Barsa Jacodin
Barsa Sapey
Benny Tapim
Bero Tat
Bero Areag
Billy Sarou
Blanco George
Boa Ogai
Bon Lui
Bourne John
Captain Alifaid
Cowley Timothy
Dau Sabau
Dawita Dedee
Day Day
Day Banakane
Day Sager
Depoma Marwer
Dick Kakam
Ebul Serge
Eseg Dad
Gabes Too
Gabey John
Geas Tata
Geas Tarou
Seas Sawag
Geas Ses
Gesa Iland
Gesa Segodam
Ghee Esaka
Ghee Moree
Ghee Kaneso
Gisu Kamai
Gisu Tonga
Gisu Esara
Gisu Fred
Gisu Degee
Gokis Polinga
Guchen James
Johnson Sawire
Kaddy Scsay
Kaigey Toto
Kaikai Kaniu
Kudab Ghee
Lui Eric
Lui Smith
Lui Abai
Lui Joseph Andrew
Mabo Benny
Mabo Lui Kaddy
Mabo Jack
Mabo Tak
Marou Gul
Marau Melpal
Mata Claude
Matoika Geary
Murray David

Noah Kaba
Noah Samuel
Odo Mau
Odo Amey
Omev Moses
Oroki Willie
Oth William
Pai Paiwer
Passi Captain
Passi Uni
Rice James
Salee Pokar
Salee Meb
Salee Gokisa
Salee Barsa
Salee Charlie
Salkan Tabo
Sam David
Sam Eskey
Sam Wasalge
Sambo Sarob
Sambo Apey
Sambo Rocky
Sambo James
Sambo Robert
Smabo Spear
Ses Gasee
Simbolo Dat
Tabo Salkal
Tabo Souak
Tabo Salkal
Tabo Nagai
Tapau (Esaia) Peter
Tapau Tom
Tapau Jile
Tapau Arees
Tapau Peter
Tapim Kakam
Tapim Skorane
Tapim Wawcy
Tapim Maidam
Taiday Appie
Tom Daw
Wailu Jimmy
Williams David
Zaro Enemarki
Zaro Uni
**Arukun, Weipa,
Lockhart, and Cowal
Creek Men**
Accom Toby
Anderson
Bandakootcha
Barney Small
Bob Charlie
Bonie Wilfred
Bowie Wilfred
Brisbane Jimmy
Brisbane Captain
Brodie Alfred
Buttons Billy
Callum
Charcoal
Chrissy Peter
Coconut Billy
Coconut Ralph
Coconut Stanley

Comprabar Billy
Coriga Bob
Cowal Johnny
Day Robert
Dick Arthur
Dick Tic Tic
Fox Tommy
Frank
George William
George Roy
Harry Samuel
James Ned
Jeremiah
Joseph
Kanore Willie
Karumba Billy
Laclac Johnny
Lockhart Charlie
Magna Charlie
Mamoose Johnny
Marrot David
Massie Joe
Matthew Lawrence
Mattie Young
McDonald Bob
McDonald Harry
McDonald Jack
McDonald Jacko
McDonald Larry
Mmerkoolla Oki Moses
Motton Frank
Nanbone Bobby Ned
Joe
Pablo Alick
Paujee Billy
Pasoe Allick
Piper Jack
Pootchemunka Sandy
Ropnain Saimon
Ruben Harry
Sambo
Sandy
Solomon
Toby Allan
Tommy Jack
Weare Sonny
Wilkie Joseph
Wilson Davies
York Issak
Yama / Iama
Yam Island
Arthur Stephen
Baluz Anua
Bann James
Cloudy Gretta
Daniel Silver
David Gezu
David Dick
David Tom
George Ernest (Kebisu)
Hankin Sameul
Harry Pryce
Harry Smeon
Jack Daniel
Kebesu Arthur
Kebiso Christian
Kebresu William
Kelly David
Kelly John

Kelly Maino
Kepa Edward
Kepa John
Makie Niki
Mare Edward
Mareko Erio
Mareko Jimmy
Mareko Railey
Mosby Jeffrey
Ned Brya (Samuel)
Pearson Jimmy
Price Manuel
Samuel Amos
Samuel Billy
Samuel Maza
Satrik Gabriel
Thaiday Patrick
Tugai Joe Bann
Wesley John

Masig**Yorke Island**

Asai Lota
Asai Urimah
Billy Ingovil
Billy James
Billy Joe
Ezekiel Billy
Maurice Morrison
Mena Moses
Mosby David
Mosby Edward
Mosby Frank
Mosby Harry
Mosby Joseph
Warria Langley
William Emmanuel
William James
William Ned
William O'Leary

Naghir & Badu Islands

Iuduldum Alfred
Mills Dick
Mills Victor
Sagigi Samuel
Sagigi Salepata
Sagigi Seriba
Sailor Jack
Savage Eric
Savage Powanga
Sapon Ephata
Sapon Kina
Solomon Absolam
Solomon Getawan
Solomon Jephania
Solomon Nimrod
Solomon Repoam
Tamwoy Clarence
Tamwoy Albert
Tamwoy Peo
Tamwoy Timothy
Tamwoy Young
Tipot Atridige
Tipot Waipila
Tipoti Alick
Tipote Ongopo
Tipote Ereto
Tipota Waira
Tomsana Nazil
Tomsana Gainub

Waireg Kada
Waria Buddie
William Mair
William John
William William
Zawa Zamiak

Poruma**Coconut Island**

Andrew Billy
Aragu Bob
Billy Billy
Billy Absolam
Billy David
Bob Daniel
Bob Harry
Bowie Eliotha
Dedong Lui
Fauid Elia
Fauid Opeta
Fauid Patterson
Jacob Fauid
Larry John
Larry Pitar
Murray Joseph
Pearson Jimmy
Pearson Jonathon
Pearson Phillemon
Penathe Billy

Waiben**Thursday Island**

Ano Kailu
Asse Makie
Balgub Lee
Benny George
James Jimmy
Jawal Esau
Motlo Alickson
Napatali Eli
Tom Amarama
Waigana Besai

Saibai Island

Abiu Timothy
Adea Wapau
Adidi Waraka
Agie Alick
Agi Poipoi
Agi Medai
Agie Abai
Aken Siware
Aki Sigai
Akiba Kinaur
Akiba Timothy
Alu Nawai
Aniba Robson
Aniba Asculu
Anu Nadi
Anu Taba
Asa Walit
Asse Gaibiri
Atu Adagi
Atu Baira
Atu Namabai
Babia Janguar
Babia Jerimiah
Babia Nima
Basasi Manase
Banu Koimai
Dai Eliab
Elisaia Siwia
Elu Mas

Enosa John
Enosa John
Gamia K
Garmai Johnny
Gasu Sam
Gauge Ezekia
Ger Agirie
Ger Frank
Ger Railey
Getoma Imai
Gibia Islaiti
Gibia Napoleon
Ginau Yusia
Giui Samuel
Ibua Isau
Idai Peter
Idai Saunau
Idai Paikia
Isua Carolas
Isua Danalgub
Jacob Levi
Jawal Morris
Jawai Waiaka
Joelu Aimutu
Kawari Mareko
Koraba Herbert
Kusu Girai
Madua Samson
Mau Budia
Mau Warusam
Mudu Ali
Mudu Meseka
Mudu Serge
Morgan Elu
Naima
Nawal Jubal
Niki David
Ober Wake
Paii Jeibi
Paii Paipai
Paii Sawai
Paii Jose
Paipai AU
Pau J
Sabaukaz William
Sagaukaz Tumema
Sam Abari
Sauko Waia
Sidsolau Sido
Sigal Gausa
Sigai Kelly
Soki Andrew
Soki Jimmy
Soki Thomas
Sunai Stephen
Tabuai Henry
Tabuai Nabea
Tabuai Selemea
Tabuai James
Tiati Jew
Timothy Nami
Timothy Sau
Uta Lawrence
Utta Daniel
Wagin Phillip
Waia Wagea
Waia Isaak
Waia Kala

Saibai Island (cont)

Waia Robert
 Waia William
 Waiga Waigana
 Waigana Enoas
 Waigana Imasu
 Walet Abel
 Wap Jimmy
 Wapau Amos
 Wapau Jorpetai
 Wapau Ned
 Ware Waseku
 Warusam Jackasai
 Warusam Mebai
 Wasiu Charlie
 Wasiu Jerry
 Yoelu Jate
 Yoelu Mapea

Boigu Island

Abai Daniel
 Abai Simon
 Anua Aarn
 Anua Jerry
 Anua Maka
 Auda Garmai
 Auda Semeri
 Banu Isaiah
 Banu Ishmail
 Baun Umai
 Benny Mathew
 Dau Moses
 Fuda Benjamin
 Gibuma Charlie
 Gibuma Mauri
 Gibuma Matthew
 Gibuma Pilot
 Marama Arama
 Marama Bunai
 Matthew Jacob
 Matthew Konoma
 Paibai Mamai
 Peter John
 Pinu Aiggie
 Tom Levi
 Toby Banu
 Toby Question
 Toby Ganadia
 Toby Gau
 Toby Manossch

Dauan Island

Anua Idai
 Anua Kabai
 Anua Tabipa
 Arago Abui
 Arago Benjamin
 Arago Edward
 Arago Olandi
 Aragu Olandi
 Aragu Wellington
 Galdan Nasili
 Gaidan Samuki
 Garden Daku
 Harry Manua
 Harry Mobita
 Jacob Bob
 Koimai Nikira
 Maka Mogila
 Maka Wilkie
 Mau Anau
 Mau Matusela

More info: <http://www.torresstraitheritage.com/blog/>

Mooka Makila
 Muka
 Jeremiah
 Nawaki Sipau
 Nawakie Saba
 Poupua Rupena
 Sani Sanie
 Simona

Poid, Kubin, Moa Is.

Aken Morslam
 Aken Semu
 Ara Anu
 Bagie Lou
 Batu Noah
 Bosun Makeer
 Charlie Loane
 Charlie Korea
 Charlie Tom
 Duda Akul
 Eslda Elimisick
 Genai Elimatamo
 Genai Elley
 Hammond Japania
 Isaia Wigness
 Isaka Edward
 Kaitap Sorea
 Kaur Jimmy
 Kris Mis
 Luta Clarke
 Madu Madu
 Maki Maipap
 Manas Jermiah
 Misia
 Miskin Kiu
 Miskin Sails
 Namai Abea
 Namai Katwa
 Nabalbai Jaum
 Nawie Joseph
 Nawake Daniel
 Nkupaia Luta
 Poau Idea
 Ram WasagaRattler
 Sitona
 Savage Naidai
 Savage Mislam
 Seriat
 Seriat Charlie
 Solomon Ben
 Solomon Daniel
 Tamat Billy
 Tom Eliasu
 Ubai Suma
 Wasaga Phillip
 Wasaga Samuel
 Wasaga Billy
 Wees Elisaia
 Whap Charlie
St Paul's Mission, Moa
 Bullio Alphonse
 Daniel Abendigo
 Hankin Johnny
 Ishmael Timothy
 Kennel George
 Kennel Wilson
 Kris Epesaio
 Kris Jackson
 Kris Kara
 Kris Nelem

Levi Johnny
 Lowah Samuel
 Lowah Thomas
 Lowah Wiliam
 Lowry Jack
 Morrison John
 Morrison Ned
 Namok Bertie
 Namok Billy
 Namok Napau
 Namok Simeon
 Namok Wilfred
 Nawie James
 Nota Dick
 Oba Francis
 Oth Paul
 Oth William
 Saveka Asera
 Sineng Jimmy
 Solomon Sam
 Stephen Henley
 Stephen Jerry
 Stephen Roy
 Stephen Sireako
 Steven Palm Baigao
 Toto Sammy Walter
 Ware Cook
 Ware Elia
 Ware Gesa
 Ware Jack
 Ware Kalep
 Wigness Joseph
 Wigness Manu
 Wigness Moses
 Wigness Solomon
 William Apelu
 William Beut

Badu Island

Alagida Ulduldum
 Apiuta John
 Arago Anua
 Baira James
 Baira Jimmy
 Baira Jimoia
 Baira John
 Baira Marm
 Baira Ned
 Baira Samie
 Baira Fredrick
 Bavira Jacob
 Blanket Daniel
 Blanket David
 Blanket Paiwan
 Blankey Wasam
 Bowia Joseph
 Bowia Paul
 Bowia Simona
 Bowie Fred
 Bowie Jack
 Charlie Samilap
 Donald Percy
 Eklon Enock
 Eklon Tarusu
 Gaigai Noah
 Gaigai Lamico
 Gawa Willie
 Getawan Baniam
 Hankin Billy
 Harry Bauz

Hosea Sam
 Jacoba James
 Jakonia Jimmy
 Jakonia Peter
 Jakonia Tom
 Joe George
 Joe Ioane
 Joshua Mast
 Kapiu Gagai
 Ketchell Marsat
 Ketchel Nauma
 Ketchel Samat
 Laza Aidan
 Laza Charlie
 Laza Darua
 Lui Lawrence
 Lui Ronald
 Lui Tala
 Maast Bamia
 Madu Tom
 Maik William
 Mairu Igito
 Mania Eklon
 Mara Dick
 Mara Frank
 Mara George
 Mast Josea
 Mast Mark
 Mast Nagaiu
 Matasia James
 Mene Buwa
 Mene Mahat
 Morseu Napaire
 Morseu George
 Namoa Mengiu
 Napatalia Elikus
 Napatali Wilai
 Napatali Izaac
 Natanielu Bowia
 Neliman Galla
 Neliman Guru
 Neliman Satrick
 Nelson
 Nona Manu
 Nona Solomon
 Nona Stephen
 Nona Tapoa
 Nona Phillip
 Nona Tolowa
 Nona Walter
 Panuel Jack
 Panuel Neilman
 Pausa Elia
 Pausa Waima
 Repoam Kapiu
 Ronsen Charlie
 Ronsen Maira
 Sagigi Charlie
 Sagigi Dan Jacob
 Sagigi Masa

Mabuiag

Ahmatt Crossfield
 Ambar Sagai
 AMbar James
 Argie Moigub
 Asai Frank
 Bagai Ellaso
 Bagirl Adiadi
 Banasa Baibari
 Bani Epiraim

Bani Manase
 Bani Ngailu
 Bani Young
 Conley George
 Conley Wonie
 Daniel Jack
 David Anua
 Eseli Peter
 Frank Nakau
 Gabai Frank
 Gaulai Gib
 Gizu Aiaba
 Gizu Elisara
 Hankin Allison
 Hankin Charlie
 Hankin George
 Hankin Jack
 Johnny Rim
 Josea Mast
 Kame Paipai
 Kris Arona
 Lee Bob
 Lee Balgub
 Levi Aaron
 Luffman John
 Luffman Jimmy
 Luffman Misiman
 Luffman Tuta
 Magala Paul
 Maira Jimmy
 Manuel Uruma
 M Wanakai
 Mareko Alfred
 Mareko Samuel
 Min Harry
 Min William
 M MacFarlane
 Misi Maia
 Misi Supia
 Misi Willie
 Mooka David
 Mooka Ioane
 Mooka Joseph
 Mooka Tabitai
 Magala Billiam
 Nabua Mareko
 Nomak William
 Nomak Jack
 Ngukis Misi
 Paipai Kamc
 Paiwian Amosa
 Paiwian Lameko
 Paiwian Amosa
 Pheneasa Tom
 Pheneasa Guru
 Phineasa Jackie
 Pineasa Young
 Repu Daniel
 Sakawai Repu
 Sakaio Kris
 Sam Willima
 Samuel atthew
 Satrick Masic
 Tekelu Mene
 Uruma Manuel
 Waiat Ganaia
 Warria Aporia
 Whap Duluwa
 Whap Maitiu
 Whap Numa

Whap Passie
 Whap Tom
 Willie Missi

Erup**Darnley Island**

Anson Rocky
 Anson Cyril
 Baker Noel
 Benjamin Amoy
 Cook Robert
 Cook Millar
 Cook Genai
 China Timothy
 Doolah ELia Snr
 Gela Solomon
 Gela Mapoo
 Gutchen Kapua
 Indagi Jimmy
 Kiwat Harry
 Leonard Benjamin
 Lui Smith
 Lui Andrew
 Mait George
 Mamai Colon
 Nain Kalimo
 Nain Richard
 Oui Isiah
 Oui Billow
 Pau Daniel
 Pau Ettie
 Pau Etckai
 Pilot Deba
 Pilot Bogga
 Pitt Donald
 Reuben Hary
 Sebasio David
 Sailor Jack
 Sailor Wellington
 Sailor Gaigu
 Sailor George
 Sailor Daniel
 Sailor Cook
 Sailor Packine
 Sam Frank
 Solomon Jack
 Solomon Talimo
 Stephen Henley
 Stephen Jimmy
 Stephen Seriak
 Stephen Arthur
 Swweny George Jnr
 Thaiday Selly
 Thaiday Apic
 Wacando Ben
 Wacando Leslie

Narupai**Horn Island, Innisfail, Townsville**

Eseli Dubi
 Laza Uela
 Maza Mataika
 Noah Abou
 The names of the Nominal Roll are taken from the book 'Horn Island, In their steps, 1939-1945', written by Mrs Vanessa Seekee, with permission of the author.

Mr Laurence Ernest Horn lives in Bamaga: "My dad was Ernest Horn. He was maintenance engineer for all American shipping that passed through Queensland. That's where those medals come from. They are all American ones. Mine are a mixture." Mr Horn has a special shirt, one side has his father's medals, the others are Mr Horn's medals.

"The best feed I ever had was in Milne Bay (New Guinea). It was 4th July. She was a monster feed."

Mr Horn will be 90 years old in a few weeks.

"I never got any recognition until the 90s. I tell you a story about my father, you wouldn't believe it. He was with Commanding Engineer Captain Armor (Navy). Dad was a cobbler of his. He wanted dad to take over ships in Queensland and take them over, to south, Melbourne. To do that he had to join the Navy. So he put in his application, because he was retired. The pay-clerk said, 'Melbourne, they run the Navy,' and they wrote back to him, saying 'You're too bloody old, 5 years too old.' So he said, 'Stuff them,' and he joined the Americans and became the maintenance engineer. Every American ship that passed through Queensland came under him, one way or another. I saw myself, Moreton Bay, something like 90 liberty ships, and a mixture of others. I saw that in Milne Bay too. A Liberty ship is 10,000tonner, Swedish or Norwegian hull, an old steam engine (English), but all made in America."

"I think it was 1944, I was on a ship called the LT226, a heavy deep-sea tug boat. We're taking all kinds of barges up to Milne Bay, and we're coming back empty. They wanted us to pick up a small steel tug to bring down, that was incapacitated, and so we did. But when we got out here in the Coral Sea a cyclone came and the towline broke. So here we are struggling with this in the middle of a cyclone, trying to get a line on. We had a black cat onboard that was eating up all the flying fish that came onboard, the fresh ones, and Earl Po, he was the First Mate. The skipper by the way was Norwegian-American. Earl had black hair all over his body and a bald head. He was trying to get the line on this other boat and kept missing all the time. Then he saw the cat, grabbed it, and threw it over the side, and the waves stopped. The wind stopped immediately. What do you call that for superstition? It stopped. Everything settled down."

"I have a friend in Coen. His name is Robert James... just Bob Mackay, he lives in Coen. He looks after the Wills for us. I told him he's got to wear them and march with them (referring to the shirt with medals and the Anzac Day March). He said he'd be proud to do so. I'm not in any shape to march."

The total number of Australians who served in the armed forces during WWII was 993,000, consisting of 66,100 women and 926,900 men. During the twentieth century over 1.5million Australians have served in 8 major wars or conflicts. In excess of 100,000 people died in action, with more than 200,000 wounded, and over 30,000 taken as prisoners of war.

(Source: ABS, 24 Apr 2008, ANZAC facts and figures from the ABS)

The number of civilian casualties in war far exceeds the number of military casualties. World War I (the war to end all wars) and World War II took place before the conflicts/wars in Korea, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Cyprus, Israel, Laos, Ireland, Pakistan, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Angola, Timor, Rhodesia, Algiers, Ethiopia, Zaire, Biafra, Congo, Nicaragua, Czechoslovakia, India, Afghanistan, Iran, El Salvador, Libya, Sinai, Falklands, Palestine, Malaya, Suez, Kenya, Borneo, Aden, Radfan, Oman, Dhofar, Gulf, Kosovo, Sierra Leone, Solomon Is, Bosnia, Somalia, Kuwait, Iraq, and too many others. The questions in 'Where have all the flowers gone?' (Pete Seeger, written in 1955), are still 'Blowing in the wind' (Bob Dylan, 1962).

The New York Times (Feb 28, 1916) published an interesting article by P.A. Vaile with the title 'Money spent for Peace; Would the same amount used for modern war do as much good?' Henry Ford gives his opinion:

<http://query.nytimes.com/mem/archive-free/pdf?res=F70710FB345C13738DDDA10A94DA405B868DF1D3>

Throughout the world are war cemeteries dedicated to the people (and some for animals) that served their country. Australian Prime Minister, Ms Julia Gillard, announced early March a funding increase for war memorials to \$8million per year. Australia is currently at war. Our fallen are returning home. Each deserves our respect for their ultimate sacrifice in the name of Australia. Australia is surrounded by an ocean that has peace in its very name. The right to life is engrained in the United Nations, and so is the right to wage war, as is the right of peoples to peace. The inventor of Dynamite left his massive fortune for the promotion of peace, following his death in 1896. It is known as the Nobel Peace Prize. Dynamite was initially used for mining. It became one of the earliest weapons of mass destruction. The first Nobel Peace Prize was awarded in 1901, the same year Australia became an independent nation.



People in the NPA refer to the 'Northern Peninsula Area Light Infantry Battalion,' while people in the Torres Strait refer to the 'Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion.' Both are the same battalion, Australia's largest Indigenous battalion during World War II, which was disbanded in 1946. The number of Indigenous people enlisted in the war was large when considering the total Indigenous population.

The 'gunfire breakfast' (coffee with rum) and the two-up game are very much a part of the Anzac culture.

The first Friday in June is celebrated as National Donut Day, having its roots in WWI, when Chicago Salvation Army 'Lassies' made donuts (doughnuts) for soldiers at the frontline.

Recent News shows Japan's Foreign Minister, Mr Seiji Maehara, apologising to visiting Australian veterans for the mistreatment of POW during WWII.

In Bamaga, the planned **Dawn Service** will consist of Opening Prayers, a Hymn, and an Anzac Dedication. The Last Post will be played while the flag is raised to half mast. The Ode to the Fallen is followed by a Minute Silence. Reveille, and flag raising to full mast are followed by the Australian National Anthem. After the prayers, benediction and dismissal, a Gunshot Breakfast is planned at Resort Bamaga at 6:30am.

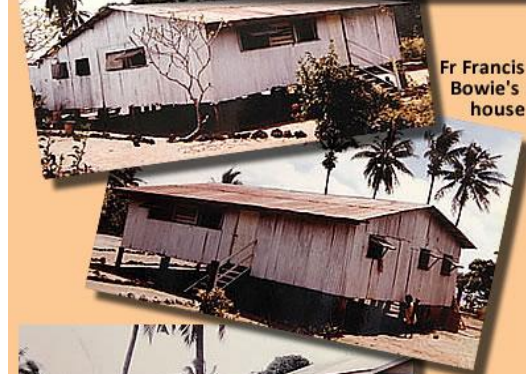
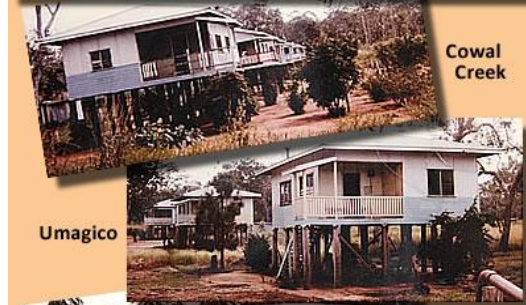
At 8:30am the parade forms at the first intersection past Mosby Creek, in preparation for the **Main Service**. The parade commences at 9am. Opening prayers, Welcome to Country, opening address, hymn, and Anzac Dedication, are followed by the Last Post, during which the flag is raised to half mast. After a Minute Silence the flag is raised to full mast during Reveille. Prayers follow the National Anthem. There will be some speeches, ending with the Lord's Prayer, Benediction and the Dismissal.

Sweden, Switzerland, Finland, Ireland, Costa Rica and Austria are neutral countries. The longest 'war' on record lasted 335 years. The 'war' was between Netherlands and the Isles of Scilly (south of UK). If there ever is such a thing as a good war, this one stands out as the best, with not a single shot fired and few if any casualties. It was a 'forgotten' war, which came to an end in 1986 with the declaration of peace. The 40 minute war between the UK and Zanzibar (1896) is the shortest on record.

Rare find at NPA Dump



Delegates from five community councils meet in Bamaga for their Northern Peninsula Area Council meeting. NPA Chairman, Adikuam Adidi, is third from the right in the front row, and D.A.I.A. Manager Max Patton is third from the right in the back row. Below both men before a council meeting.



Lower image shows Bamaga's first Police station, at Lui St, Resort Bamaga is now in its place, Date: 21-9-72. The young lady would be now over 40 years old. Councillor Mr Reg William found the images. Any library, Learning Centre and NPARC will welcome such images. At the refuse tip they will be lost forever.



The description with this image reads: Six months earlier, these boys hardly knew what a hammer and nail looked like. Under the expert guidance of TAFE instructor Bill Hourigan (lower right), Edward Dau, Bagai Seriat (both on the plank) and Joseph Asai fix ceiling battens in the major upgrading of the Cowal Creek canteen. Local labour is employed on a big program of building works in the Northern Peninsula Area.



The description here is: The canteen at Cowal Creek, where local workers are showing great skills as builders.

Both images appear to come from 'The North Queensland Register', January 21, 1983. The canteen has since become the Injinoo Youths Centre (without the grog).



Image 1983, the major new housing program in the NPA.

Crude oil price set for 100 years

The cost of crude oil was once near US\$10 per barrel (42 US gallons). The cost per barrel fluctuates daily, subject to global influences. It reached over US\$147 just a few years ago and could reach US\$1200 in the not too distant future. "Only a fool could hope that prices will ever go down, but there is hope to keep costs steady," says Ms April Jester, Marketing Manager for Matryoshka Barrel Company on the launch of their new product.

Thanks to a brainwave by Russian inventor, Mr Vladimir Matryoshka, the cost per barrel of crude oil is likely to remain steady for the next 100 years. Mr Matryoshka runs and operates Matryoshka Dolls Manufacturing Works, producing the Russian nesting dolls, where one fits inside another, and another, and so on. These are usually hand-painted and very popular with locals and tourists alike. "The dolls are split in half to enable the next smaller one to hide inside," explains Mr Matryoshka. "What if we did the same with barrels?" he asks. "We wouldn't need to split the barrels, no need to hide any of them inside another," says the beaming inventor.

Matryoshka Barrel Company now offers 1032 barrels in various sizes, each one smaller than the other. The largest can hold 42 US gallons, the smallest can hold just a few drops, but can be used as a thimble after use (to protect the tip of a finger when sewing). "They're working on a miniature can opener to make this possible," says Ms Jester, "It'll be out in April. Not only will the cost of crude per barrel remain the same, but transport costs will dramatically reduce, as thousands of barrels can fit in a suitcase," she adds, "we'll call it 'cute crude'."

The company has plans to expand into other areas, exploiting the full potential of the invention. "The miniaturized cigarette packet of the future will just contain a filter," elaborates Mr Matryoshka, "but the price will be as in 2011."

(please see footnote, last page)

Are we missing out?

This publication receives many requests to publish information of upcoming competitions, available scholarships, training offers etc, all of which could be opportunities for many people. Unfortunately, the deadlines on these are often so short that the date has passed by the time the paper goes into print.

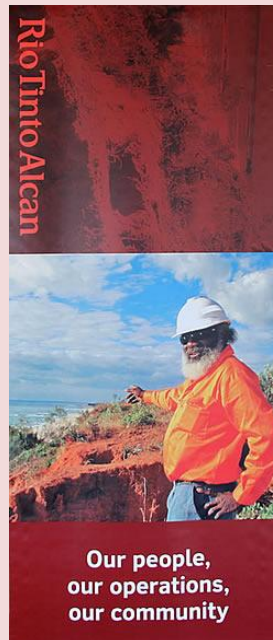
Rio Tinto Alcan recruitment drive

Rio Tinto Alcan recruitment drive (22 Feb 2010) in the NPA had a good turn-out of many interested applicants.

The recruitment process consists of an application, checking applicant's valid driver's license, and a drug and alcohol test.

If this stage is passed the next step is a visit to the assessment centre in Weipa, where applicants undergo a medical examination, the references will be checked and, if all goes well, an offer of employment is made. Traineeships are about to start in June/July. Mine operator jobs are available.

Other Mine operators are also looking for staff.



Music competition

Showcase your talents in the 2011 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Music competition. The competition is organised by the National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre (NCPIC). Entries must be in form of a song that explores the harmful impact cannabis has on Indigenous communities. Songs can be in English or in language. Closing date: 30th Aug, 2011.

Prize money is \$5000 for the winner, plus a chance to professionally record their song at a two-day workshop. Runner up prize is \$1000.

Forms and further info on: <http://www.ncpic.org.au>



Seisia calm

Tins for cyclone and flood victims

Children coming out to donate to the cyclone and flood victim's appeal organized by CAPE PCYC, QFRS Rural Fire Brigade, and Menshed NPA.



Crates of tins ready for the long roundtrip south. Transport donated by Seaswift.

Donut company goes broke

The tremendous success of donut maker 'Donut, go nuts' was also its downfall. The company could no longer afford ongoing expansions to store the holes of their products. The receivers are now trying to unload 23.8 million doughnut holes. So far they managed to sell 7324 via on-line auctions.

(see footnote, last page)
NPARC Chief Executive Officer
Mr Stuart Duncan

Grease, gel and spray, especially formulated for thieves

There was a time, and still is, when thieves targeted shops. Could it be that the tide is turning, or so at least the hopes the latest weapons in crime fighting conjure up. Shops can now target thieves with a choice of grease, gel or spray.

Developed in the UK the various products mark the thief with a unique DNA code and Ultra Violet tracer. The police will be able to scan for traces on the suspect's clothing or skin, and link the suspect to a particular crime scene. The substance is harmless and will remain on the fibres or the skin for weeks (say the manufacturers).

The grease can be applied to outdoor items, such as stock in the yard, bicycles, outdoor furniture etc. The thief who handles these items can be identified by the traces these products leave on the skin and fibres.

A gel is available for indoor materials, door-handles, the safe, and valuables.

The spray can be linked to intruder alarms or be used as a stand-alone system. When triggered a fine mist is sprayed over the intruder, which includes the DNA code and UV tracer. It is invisible to the naked eye, cannot be transferred, and is almost impossible to remove for several weeks. The spray units are most likely placed at access points to the premises. A panic button can also trigger the system.

The system is already utilised for a number of years in some Botanical Gardens, to protect their plants from thieves.

The manufacturer also offers products to secure the home.

What the world needs now are automatic scanners with handcuff dispensers, a self-arrest system, and thief pick-up points.



What's happening?



Library site at Bamaga Primary (last month, above) and early March (below) with skeleton walls fitted...



... the airport terminal gets a new gutter...



... housing sites are being prepared...



... and the area where Dreamtime once stood is remodelled...

...while the car with soggy seats still waits for the window smasher to come and fix it (image right).

Off to Doomadgee

Mrs Sam Cook of NPA Hospital will start at the Aboriginal community of Doomadgee in April. "She said she could do more," says husband Steve. "It is a one shot isolated community, totally Aboriginal. She hopes she can make a difference. That's what she wants to do. I don't think there will be many restaurants that I can work in, in Doomadgee. I think everybody in the NPA at one stage has eaten my food. We'll lose a number of friends. We've been here... it will be 4 years



... maintaining the power systems...



... a fence goes up around the new generator at the radio station...



... a new fence at the Fishing Club...



'Straits' casting

As mentioned in earlier edition NPA News, casting for the ABC drama series, 'The Straits' is taking place in Bamaga. Ms Sonia Townson knows more.

Our first customer



How many businesses can remember their first customer? Without the first customer they would not have a business. Ms Veronica Baira is the first for Nainanga Island Catering, which opened their business on 10th March, 2011, at one end of NPARC's Basketball Court, Injinoo. "We're open 8am to 4:30pm," says Mrs Naianga Mabo, who is helped by granddaughter Ms April Cook (right).



The first ever meal was hot chicken curry. "And it was hot," says Ms Baira.



in November. I was 3½ years on Murray Island (Mer), working for the local council, running the guesthouse, cooking out there. Sam has actually come from Tasmania, where she was a nurse down there, at a remote hospital at the West Coast. She moved to Murray Island to take up a position there for a couple of months, as the one and only nurse on the island, and that's how we met. 'The Cook met the Chef,' as they say. We formed a relationship and Sam was offered a position in the NPA. The island lost their nurse and their chef at the same time."

"We loved every minute of living here. She wants to be in the DON's role and this is where it's going to take us. It is extremely remote, compared to here. I won't be able to walk our dogs anymore down the beach every day. She firmly believes, and I go with my wife ... and that's another thing too in the time we were here in the NPA, we managed to tie the knot over on Thursday Island, island style. But it is time to move, and the move Sam wants to make is to improve things at Doomadgee. I was the Head Chef at Bamaga Resort, worked for NPA, also worked for BEL, was the chef last season for Seisia Resort, and I currently work for Skytrans. I blended in locally as I can. I worked at Bamaga Hospital too, as maintenance, as a chef, as a courier, so locals have seen me in many roles. We have a Fare-Well that everybody in the community is welcome to come to, at the 7th April at Seisia Fishing Club."

Clean-up Day in the NPA

The day was scheduled for Sunday 6th, March, but in Seisia they didn't want to wait that long. Saturday morning, 8am sharp, and the early risers enrolled at Seisia Fishing Club, equipped with empty bags to clean-up the area. Most clean-up on Clean-up Australia Day was inside the communities, but council had earlier cleaned up areas in the back of Seisia.

A Clean-up Day does not only improve the look of a community, but more importantly, is a positive step for the better health of everyone. Bamaga was a bee-hive of activity with large numbers of volunteers filling bags with whatever debris they could find. The collection here was 96 bags.

In New Mapoon a massive turn-out, especially of the very young had the feel of real community involvement. Council trucks quickly removing the collected bags. Most of the rubbish collected was plastic bottles, drink cans, wrappers, shopping bags, all too often carelessly discarded. "Over 130 bags of rubbish were collected in Bamaga and New Mapoon," says Mr Curnow.

Special thanks to the many coordinators and volunteers who took part in Clean-up Australia Day. It is often the organisers with their special gift of motivating the people in their community into action, be that by walking and exercising for one's health, encouraging us to make healthier lifestyle choices, or inspiring others for a clean-up day. Lucky those communities that have such people. Motivators, teachers, instructors share with us knowledge that is useful in our lives and for our benefit. Too often we stop doing what they taught us, when they are busy with their own commitments, or happen to relocate. Every motivator, teacher, and instructor gives us something for our lives that we can utilize at anytime.

Seisia



New Mapoon



Bamaga



The participants of this clean-up have helped to reduce the health risks in the NPA. Over 130 bags worth of rubbish is no longer in the streets. Thank you.



Getting the gloves fitted.



What a beautiful sight.





The day finished with a decent downpour, followed by a BBQ and swim at the Bamaga Pool.



The clean-up at Injinoo started after the heavy downpour. Six council workers helped clear tyres and tin sheets all over the NPA, as well as disposing of all the collected bags. Volunteer Fire Service provided two volunteers for each community.

There is no reason why we can't have a clean-up day every day, by simply adopting: "In the bin."

There are many opportunities to extend the clean-up to the areas surrounding the communities (see also page 21).

Japanese Encephalitis Virus

What is Japanese Encephalitis Virus (JE)?

JE is a serious brain sickness. It is caused by a tiny germ, called a virus that is spread by some types of mosquitoes. JE is a big problem in Asia, but since 1995 the virus has come into the Torres Strait every wet season.

JE is serious because about a quarter of those who get sick with it will die.

What are the signs and symptoms of JE?

Most people infected with the JE virus do not get sick. A small number of people get very sick and might get signs like: High fever, headaches, fits and coma.

Of the small number of people who get very sick, about one in three will die, and one in three will have problems like fits or body weakness, like a stroke.

How is JE spread?

- The JE virus can only be spread by a mozzie bite.
- Pigs are also very important in the spread of JE. This is because the JE virus grows very quickly inside a pig without making the pig sick. When the mozzie bites the infected pig, it gets the JE virus and can pass it to people.
- People do not spread it to each other.

How does the JE virus get to the Torres Strait?

We now know that the JE virus is in the Western Province of P.N.G. Mozzies blow down from winds from PNG to the Torres Strait early in the wet season could be carrying the JE virus. These wind-blown mozzies could then pass the JE virus onto pigs, such as those kept in the communities, and then local mozzies could pass the virus on from the pigs to other people and animals.

JE mosquito sites in communities:

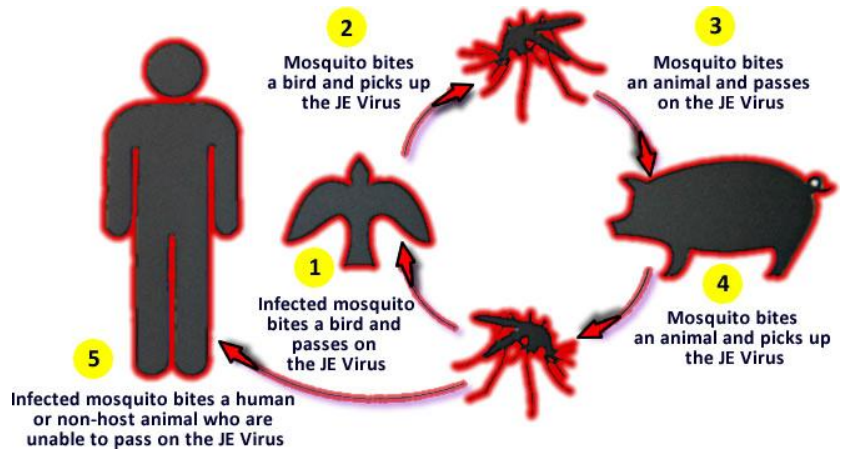
- Around the edges of swampy areas;
- in overgrown drains
- Marshy overgrown grass on properties
- Horses are important in JE transmission because their kuma (faeces) and hoof prints are potential breeding sites for mozzies.

How do you treat JE? There is no medicine to cure JE.

What else can people in the Torres Strait do about JE?

Environment

- ✓ Pigs should not be kept in communities as either pets or for meat when they grow big. They should be kept at least 5-7km away from the community.
- ✓ Your council should be informed of any blocked and overgrown drains.



Transmission cycle of Japanese Encephalitis Virus

Personal Protection

- ✓ People should try to stop mozzies biting them, especially in the evening, and particularly in the wet-season.
- ✓ People wear loose, light-coloured clothes with long sleeves and wear long trousers, especially after sunset. The mozzies that have JE bite at sunset until sunrise.
- ✓ Use mosquito coils and insect repellent.
- ✓ Mosquito nets should be used when people sleep outside - they are really good to protect little kids.

About the vaccination (needle)

There is a needle, called a vaccine that can protect people from JE.

In the past in the Torres Strait, the vaccine was available to people who lived and worked on the outer islands. This is because the virus keeps coming back to the islands each year. Three needles were given over a month to give full protection. With this vaccine, a booster needle was needed every three years. However, that vaccine is no longer available in Australia, as it is no longer being made.

A new vaccine is expected to come to Australia by end of 2011, which means only one needle. This can be given to kids from one year old. When this vaccine becomes available in the Torres Strait, your Primary Health Centre will notify the community.

Even though the risk of JE is much less now that communities have moved pigs away from people's homes, and major drainage works have been done to reduce mozzie breeding sites, it is still really important from people to take mozzie-bite prevention seriously.

For further information, contact the District Public Health Nurse on 4069 0430.

Queensland Health fact sheet, Feb 2011, Information for the general public.

Deadly Ears: 'Blow youpla nos, nor you thalinga!'

Nor wait gor there por health centre bor you and check ei thalinga! If you nor wande you piknini por gud sore thalinga, mek sure youpla: Blow ei nos, Kai-kai, Wasei han.

What is ear disease? Sore Thalinga starts as a nose or throat infection, like a cold or flu so blow ei nos is a deadly way to STOP sor thalinga getting BAD. If piknini has bad thalinga it can stop them from: Listening, talking, playing, learning and reading. See flyer on notice boards, also on page 15.

From the Queensland Health publication, 'The health status of Indigenous Queenslanders,' page 62: (quote)

There is a particularly strong inter-relationship between health outcomes and education levels – children with high levels of education are more likely to have better socio-economic opportunities and have higher health literacy levels positioning them for better health outcomes. Healthier children have a higher capacity for educational attainment. For example, chronic ear disease, (the prevalence of which in some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities has been recorded at over 70 per cent), has a profound impact on the development and social skills of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. An inability to hear in school can lead to truancy and subsequent low education levels, which is associated with a downward spiral of unemployment, low self-esteem, incarceration, substance use, domestic violence and even suicide. (unquote)

National Immunisation Program Schedule for Queensland

If you have just given birth to a child, it is important to see a Health Professional at a Medical Health Centre or the Hospital.

Teke youpla
piknini to health
clinic when:

At birth
2 months
4 months
6 months
12 months
18 months
24 months
4 years
Year 8
Year 10

Protect umpla
piknini from
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Give your child the best chance in life by bringing it to a Health Centre or Hospital for immunisation when it is a certain age (see left column).

Immunisation is important for children. Immunisation helps to protect the child from serious childhood diseases, but also others in the community by increasing the level of immunity and minimizing the spread of disease. Immunisation can protect against Diphtheria, Hepatitis A and B, Measles, Meningococcal C disease, Mumps, Whooping cough, Polio, Rubella, Tetanus, Chickenpox and many other diseases. Vaccines trigger the immune system to make antibodies to fight against certain diseases. They use the body's natural response to disease so if a vaccinated person comes in contact with the disease, their immune system will respond by stopping it to develop or greatly reducing its severity.

International Condom Day was on 14th February. The event was advertised starting with these words: Come along and join us in celebrating ...



Specialists coming to NPA, T.I. and outer Islands Apr/May

Bamaga Hospital and Community PHCC

1 Apr	Colp/Womens Health Clinic, T.I. H. 11am
5 - 6 Apr	Paeds, Gen Phys, Bamaga, OPD
7 Apr	Paeds, Gen Phys, T.I. H. OPD
8 Apr	Paeds, Gen Phys, T.I. H. OPD, am
11 Apr	Deadly Ears, NPA OPD, pm
12 Apr	Deadly Ears, NPA OPD, all day, Endocrine, Bamaga
13 Apr	Deadly Ears, NPA, theatre, Chest, Dr Simpson, Bam H.
14 Apr	Deadly Ears, NPA, theatre, Chest, Dr Simpson, Saibai
15 Apr	Chest, Dr Simpson, Boigu
18 - 21 Apr	Ortho, Dr Paul Muscio
20 - 21 Apr	Psychiatrist, T.I. H.
27 Apr	Chest, Saibai Nurses Clinic
4 May	Paeds, Gen Phys, Bamaga, OPD
5 May	Paeds, Gen Phys, T.I. H. OPD
6 May	Paeds, Gen Phys, T.I. H. OPD, am
10 May	FROGS - T.I. H.
11 May	FROGS - T.I. H.
	Chest - Saibai Nurses Clinic
12-13 May	FROGS - T.I. H.
16 May	Pacemaker Clinic T.I. H. (only on 16 May)
16-19 May	Eye Clinic OPD/Theatre - Dr Garry Brian 8:30-11:30
	Eyedentity 8:30-11:30
17 May	Psychiatrist T.I. H.
20 May	Eye Clinic OPD All day - Dr Garry Brian 8:30-14:00
	Eyedentity 8:30-14:00
24-25 May	Renal Outer Island
25 May	Chest - Saibai Nurses Clinic
26 May	Renal T.I. H.
27 May	Renal Bamaga
31 May	Endocrine - T.I. (where?), Gen Phys - Bamaga - OPD

Phone Numbers




Bamaga Hospital, 4090 4227

Dentist

8am - 5pm, Bamaga Hospital

Weekly planner for Diabetes Educator Clinics, 2011

Need Dietitian, Diabetic Specialist, Eyedentity? Call Mrs Shirley Hill, Ph 4069 3200.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Admin and referrals	Admin and referrals	9am - noon Bamaga PHCC Clinic (with Doctor)	9am - noon New Mapoon Clinic (with Doctor)	9am - noon Seisia Clinic (with Doctor)
Lunch break 12pm - 1pm	Lunch break 12pm - 1pm	Lunch break 12pm - 1pm	Lunch break 1pm - 2pm	Lunch break 1pm - 2pm
Hospital Visit - Staff and Inpatients - Review and Education Admin and referrals	Hospital Visit - Staff and Inpatients - Review and Education		Hospital Visit - Staff and Inpatients - Review and Education	Hospital Visit - Staff and Inpatients Admin and referrals
 2pm - 4.30pm Injinoo Clinic	2pm - 4.30pm Injinoo Clinic	2pm - 4.30pm Umagico Clinic	2pm - 5pm Bamaga Hospital	

Alcohol, Tobacco & other Drugs Services Clinics

At your local Primary Healthcare Centre. Drop in, general discussion, detox & ATODS Clinic. A Queensland Health initiative.

Injinoo	New Mapoon	Umagico	Bamaga	Seisia
Tuesdays 1:30-4pm	Tuesdays 1:30-4pm	Wednesdays 1:30-4pm	Thursdays 1:30-4pm	Thursdays 1:30-4pm
8 and 22 Mar 5 and 19 Apr 3, 17 and 31 May 14 and 28 Jun	1, 15 and 29 Mar 12 and 26 Apr 10 and 24 May 7 and 21 Jun	2, 16 and 30 Mar 13 and 27 Apr 11 and 25 May 8 and 22 Jun	3, 17 and 31 Mar 14 and 28 Apr 12 and 26 May 9 and 23 Jun	10 and 24 Mar 7 and 21 Apr 5 and 19 May 2, 16 and 30 Jun

World Health Day

World Health Day is on the **7th April** each year, marking the founding of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in 1948.

WHO is an agency of the United Nations (UN). The first World Health Day was in 1950. Each year the World Health Day has a different theme to bring global awareness to important health issues. In 2011 the theme is: **Antibiotic resistance: No action today, no cure tomorrow.**

Drug resistance occurs due to changes in microorganisms, such as bacteria, fungi, parasites and viruses, becoming resistant to medication used to cure the infections they caused. Microorganisms resistant to medication are often referred to as 'superbugs'. This year WHO will introduce a six-point policy package for all countries to combat antimicrobial resistance. More information:

<http://www.who.int/world-health-day/2011/en/index.html>

Census

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) will be conducting the 2011 Census from July to August in the NPA. Mrs Hazel Wymara is District Manager for the ABS for the NPA/TSI region.

There are opportunities for many local people to help with the census and get paid for it.

ABS is looking for:

- Area Supervisor,
- Community Coordinators and
- Collector Interviewers.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics is looking for many local people to help with this year's Census. Area Supervisors, Community Coordinators and Collector Interviewers are needed. The ABS will provide training for these positions and pay on a per hour basis.

The **Area Supervisor** will be in charge of planning, recruiting and training of field staff, and maintaining community contact with all communities assigned to them. The Area Supervisor will receive training before commencing their position and will be in charge of recruiting a Community Coordinator in each community as well as Collector Interviewers.

Skills needed: Strong skills in administration and implementing processes according to written manuals. Strong knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal community protocols and a good level of cultural awareness. Strong management skills (a background in training and communication would be beneficial). Good interpersonal communication and problem solving skills.

Area Supervisors will be recruited on a casual contract basis. Some periods during the contract will be very busy, while others will be less so, but it is likely that during the collection period most Area Supervisors will be working full time. Payment of around \$33 per hour will include the hours associated with training, travel and debrief. Incidental and motor vehicle allowance is also payable. Contract duration is: 2nd May to 7th October, 2011

Confidentiality: The information collected by the ABS is and will remain confidential. No information that can identify any particular individual or household will be released. Government departments, direct marketing companies or other organizations do not have access to personal information from the Census. Once the Census forms are processed all records of names and addresses are destroyed, unless you specifically elect to be part of the Census Time Capsule. The Census and Statistic Act (1905) legally binds all ABS staff, including temporary employees working during the Census, to never release personal information to any individual or organization outside the ABS, and guarantees confidentiality of all who take part in the Census.

A Census can reveal important information: An ABS Press release (15 Sept 2010) informs that over the past 10 years the number of threatened animals increased by 37%, that Australia's total net greenhouse gas emissions were 16% higher than in 1998. Statistical data from the last Census is available on the ABS site: www.abs.gov.au, including from the NPA.

In Australia a Census is held every 5 years by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). It will be officially launched in July 2011. The aim of the Census is to accurately measure the number of people in Australia, their key characteristics, and the dwellings in which they live. The data is used by communities, private institutions and all levels of government for planning services and facilities.

A **Community Coordinator** should be someone with strong ties to the community. They will usually be an Indigenous person who is respected and trusted, and who knows their community well so they can assist with the planning and the count. One problem the ABS often encounters is that prospective Community Coordinators have other commitments, either other jobs or cultural responsibilities, that mean they cannot commit to another job full time. Community Coordinators will need to help with the planning of the count, training of field staff, assigning and checking the work of the Collector Interviewers, and assisting with the count itself. The Community Coordinator will be in charge of ensuring the community, including field staff, understands why the ABS is conducting the Census and why it is important for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to be involved.

Skills needed: Knowledge and understanding of community protocols, clan groups and cultural links in their community. Strong people skills. Good understanding of English and the ability to translate standard processes into appropriate tasks for their community. Some administration skills, such as checking of forms, assigning workloads to Collector Interviewers and checking progress.

Duration of Employment: Variable times through period mid July to end August 2011, but may start earlier where required.

Collector Interviewers will be local Indigenous people who will conduct the count itself in every household. They will be trained to understand the form as well as the meaning and relevance of the questions. Due to their local knowledge they will be in a unique position to know who to talk to in each household and how many people usually live in each household.

Collector Interviewers are responsible for the following:

- making sure they interview every household in their assigned workload;
- making sure the forms are back to the Community Coordinator and Area Supervisor to be stored securely;
- where needed, helping with the completion of the Indigenous Record Book.

Skills needed:

- good skills in both reading and writing English;
- translation of questions into the language appropriate to the community they are collecting from.

Recruitment is 9th April to 5th May, 2011.

Duration of Employment: Will vary, depending on the community, from 1 to 3 weeks work.

Payment: About \$18 per hour plus reimbursement of expenses including approved travel.

For all positions register on-line:

<http://www.abs.gov.au/census>

or Phone: 1800 150 858

NPA News will provide more information in next issue. Householders can ask their Census Collector for a reply-paid 'mailback' envelope to post their completed form back to ABS. eCensus is another means to fill in the form on-line.

Fruit & Veg now in Museum

Cholesterystan is a forgotten place where 99.9% of the population has severe chronic illness. The only artist/health fanatic in town, Mr Heal Thy, has opened an exhibition in the city's museum.

Mr Heal Thy, "The artworks are made of sausages, chips, hamburgers, and other ingredients, shaped to appear as fruits and vegetables. The stores in Cholesterystan no longer stock real fruits and vegetables, as the demand died off some years ago." The museum is packed with salivating visitors, each eager to fork out \$10 admission. "I need the money," says Mr Thy, "to survive. From the proceeds I'll import an apple."

(please see footnote, last page)

March for education of children

"The students of the NPA have asked us to join them in a show of support, to tell the parents in the NPA who are failing in their duties as responsible parents to ensure all children go to school," says Mr Pete Kelly. "We have been asked to support their cause and march with them around the streets of Seisia." The march took place on 18 Feb, followed by a BBQ and a chat with parents. Following the march, Mr Kelly, "Esso to all of you from me. Your presence has much greater results than you realise with the raising of community interest and spirit. I thank you all and ask you try to attend again this Friday to support the kids of New Mapoon. This is an extremely important issue for the education of the kids of the NPA and their request for our support needs your input."

Due to 'Sorry Business' the Bamaga march was postponed. Marches in Umagico and Bamaga are planned.

Foster & Kinship Carer week

Early March was Foster & Kinship Carer Week. Anyone interested in becoming a carer is asked to contact Ms Jean Sunai, at NPAFACS Family Resource Centre, Bamaga, tel: 4069 3555.

Seisia Meatworks



The remains of the first cattle slaughtered at Seisia Meatworks in February. They will be used to supply fresh, locally grown produce to NPA supermarkets.

The cattle located at the Seisia site are regularly inspected by AQIS (Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service) for any signs of tropical diseases that may enter the country from the north.



Above: Tails and tongues.



New staff at NPARC

New to NPARC is Mr Michael Freeman, Director of Corporate Services. Mr Freeman, originally from England, lived in New Zealand (Stratford, Taranaki Province) for 40 years.

Community & Local Government Services

Mr Bernie McCarthy offers his services to Torres Strait, NPA & FNQ regions. Contact phone: 0407 790 640 or website: www.bamcmilgs.com.au

Police for a refill



Police use this vessel to see that all is well in local waters. They check operator's boat licenses, inspect safety gear, and if driver is under the influence, but also offer help if needed.

"I have a wife who is a nurse, twin daughters who have just started university, and two sons at school. I worked for the past seven years as Chief Executive of the Stratford District Council, a small NZ Council. Prior to that I spent 20 years working in the Information Technology industry. Away from work I like to watch all sports, especially rugby union and cricket. My main sport is chess (and happy to teach and coach any young people interested in such a game). I am keen to learn to fish."

Mr Freeman was Captain of the New Zealand Chess team for a number of years. "On the ranking list I'm now ranked Number 3 in Australia. I follow sports, cricket, rugby union, but watch any other sports." When asked about AFL, "No, not that. I've seen it on TV, but don't understand it. I follow the Warriors."

(Opportunity for AFL players to share their passion.) Mr Freeman works at the NPARC Bamaga office and will soon be joined by his family.

Lost memory found

A man who had lost his memory two years ago found it in the back of his sock's drawer. "I remember now, I couldn't sleep one night and put it in the drawer, and then I forgot all about it."

(see footnote, last page)

'Just Dance'

Group Fitness Class
Dance mix of R&B, Pop, Tribal, Funk, House and much more. The lights will be low and the music high.
Every Friday @ 5:30pm
@ Gymnasium, Bamaga.

Bring a towel & water.

Funding

NPA Options Project receives \$38,026 funding, being \$12,616 for construction of building, and \$25,410 for fixtures and fittings from Federal and State Government, explains Mr Jason O'Brien, MP, in a media release (4th Feb, 2011).

Blow youpla nos, nor you thalinga!



Ms Sarah Boyne and Ms Jill Scholes are part of the Health Promotion Team for Deadly Ears. Their role is not clinical work but trying to get the message out to prevent ear infections in the first place. Blow your nose, not your ears. Parents are asked to have children blow their nose twice a day, to relieve the pressure on their ears. Eat healthy, plenty of fruit and veges, and make sure you wash your hands before you eat, and after going to the toilet. Don't wait, go to your health centre and get your ears checked.

NPARC Chief Executive Officer
Mr Stuart Duncan

School Leaders Badge Presentation

Mr Rob Templeton welcomed the students, parents and guests to the Bamaga Primary-P7 Campus presentation day (4th March, 2011). Mr Richard Tamwoy conducted the Welcome to Country, and Reverend Blanco gave the Blessing. Following the National Anthem the Class Awards presentation took place.

Many students earned these awards with their conduct, behaviour and the hard work they put in.



Awards for Safety, for Respect, for being ready and organized, for working hard all week, for being an example to younger

students, for making the right choices, and many more brought recognition for the student's efforts. Organizing desks and chairs in a straight line, walking around the school in a safe manner, showing respect and beautiful manners, look, listen and learn, taking pride in the school by picking up rubbish, each a deserving award. Students were awarded for outstanding behaviour, for respecting others, for listening and following instructions, for following classroom rules even when the teacher is not watching, and many others. Teachers handed out Learner Awards, for fantastic journal writing, neat bookwork, outstanding handwriting and always doing one's best. A girl in prep received her award for already being able to write her name. Putting in 100% effort every day, for super effort all week and being organized, for high standard work, in math, for getting 18.5 out of 20, and the rising reader, all received awards for their commitment to learning.



Prior to the School Leaders Badge Presentation Mr Ken MacLean (School Principal) spoke about leadership, "There are lots of leaders in our community. You got Traditional Owners, you got Elders, and then you've got other leaders as well, people who have been elected, like the Mayor, each of the Councillors for the communities. These people have a really important job, and the job is to support the community to move forward. That's a pretty tricky job actually. In the good old days it was a lot simpler. There used to be bosses. They used to think of all the things to do, they used to tell people what to do."

Mr MacLean explained that times have changed since. "It doesn't work like that anymore. The job of leadership is much more complex. Now you see our leaders spend a lot of time talking to people, have lots of meetings. They get everybody's ideas. They combine them together and that becomes what the leadership direction is, spent all that time just making sure that the direction the community is led is actually the best way to go. Leaders aren't born. They just don't have that skill base, they have to learn them. One of the great things about our leaders (meaning the new school leaders) this year, they're going to have the opportunity to actually practice a lot of these skills and learn them. They'll be doing that by working with you. So to each of our leaders, congratulations. Fantastic that you are being selected for the job, and I certainly look forward to working with you."



Each of the House Captains received their badge. House Captains for Bowie House are Cherose Sailor and Eric Williams. Gelam House Captains are Wez Agie and Crystal Aniba. Baidem House has Seneva Newman and Tukorehe (TK) Ransfield as House Captains. The School Captains are Mesela Newman and George Sailor.



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Cherose Sailor
Bowie HC

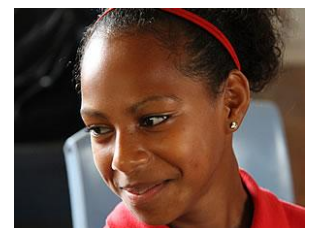
Seneva Newman
Baidem HC



George Sailor, School Captain



Mesela Newman, School Captain



Minister sacked

Minister for Silence, Mr Silenzio, was sacked on Thursday for speaking out. It left the house speechless. (see footnote, last page)

Help!

Millions of people are in desperate need of help: Aust. floods, Yasi, Christchurch, Japan, and many others.

You can make a difference:

<http://www.qld.gov.au/floods/donate.html>

<http://www.redcross.org.nz/donate>

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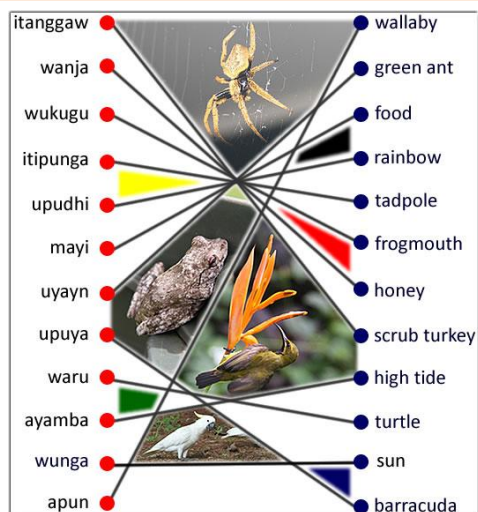
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<http://www.worldvision.com.au>

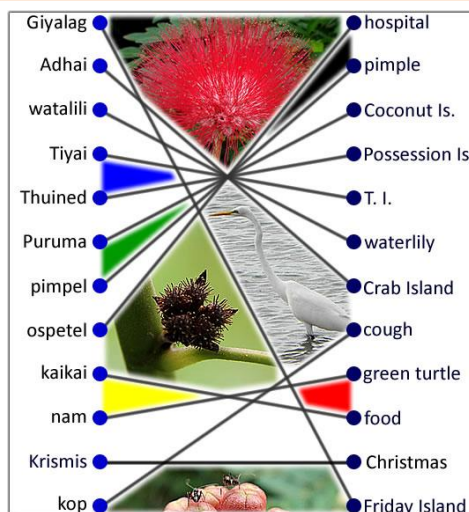
Memorable Quote: "It reminds us how fragile life can be." (President Obama, 11 Mar, 2011, on the March earthquake / tsunami in Sendai, Japan).

Connect the dots

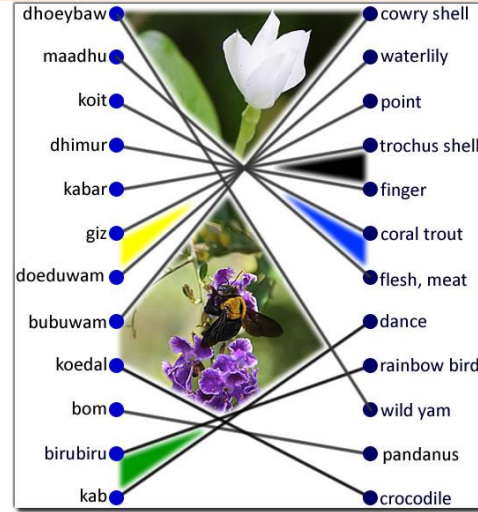
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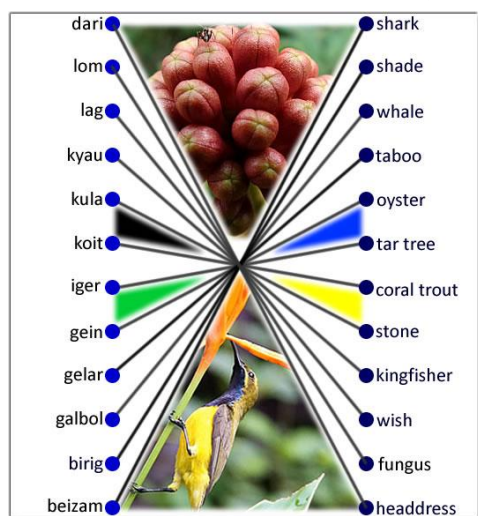
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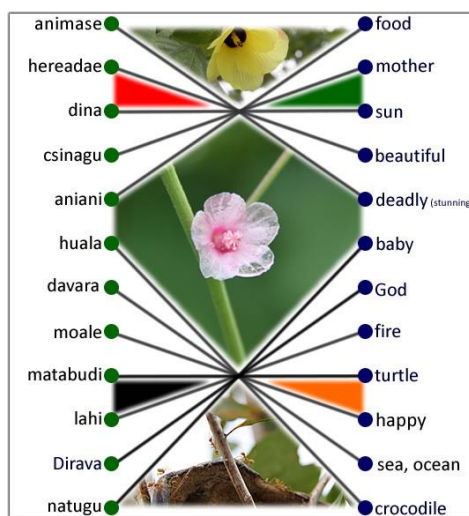
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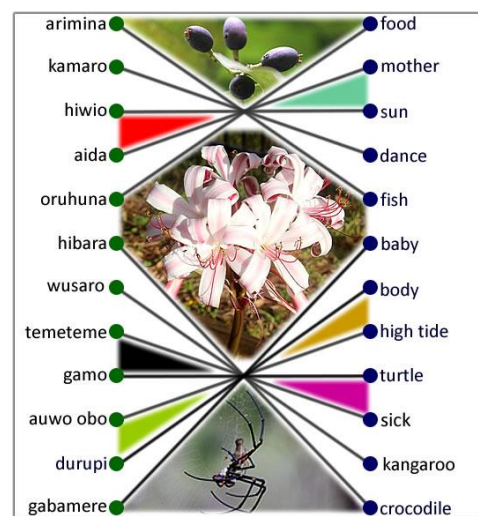
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Language: **Meriam Mir (MM)**



Language: **Motu (Papua)**



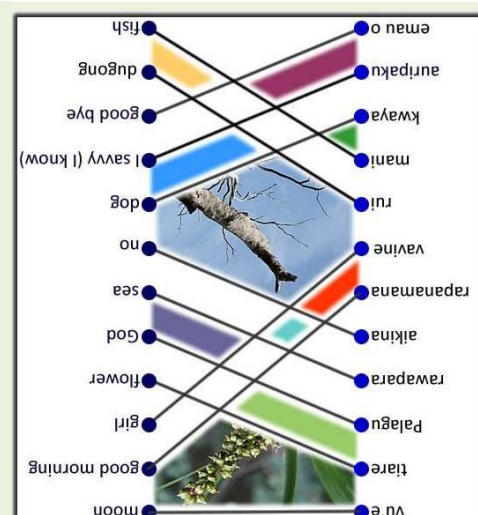
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Language: **Kiriwina** (Trobriand Is. (east of P.N.G.))



Language: **Vula** (60 miles east of P.N.G., east Papua, language often wrongly referred to as 'Hula').



Language: **Vula** (answer is turned 180 degrees)



Out of the blue

International Women's Day



8th March, 2011, and women throughout the world are celebrating the 100th International Women's Day (IWD).

The Injinoo Women's Shelter was venue for the event, celebrating the day with a range of activities, but also reflecting on issues that affected local women in the past and the hopes and aspirations of young women and their future. NPA Family and Community Services organized the event which was well attended from across all communities. Bus services were provided. "It's a nice opportunity for women to get together, be positive and have a positive outlook," says Ms Gabriele Peters.



Ghostnets are utilized as base material for weaving and decorating, although the women rather call them 'nets'. Ms Sue Ryan is expected in the NPA to do some more workshops with these nets.



Fan painting was a popular activity by many of the women from different cultural backgrounds, which is always reflected in the resulting work. The symbolism of colours, shapes and motifs is used to express in some way what needs coming out. The sharing of craftwork enjoyed by women of all ages. There was also opportunity to listen to the experiences of many of the women.



Ms Venice Skeen from the women's shelter spoke to many women in her role as elected MC for the day, with microphone in hand, conducting short interviews to share with all.



"My role is to introduce the program, and for our guest speakers to give a bit of input. The guest speakers are local people from the area." One of the first speakers was Mrs Cecilia Ropeyarn, "Young girls should have an education, look out for their children, and go out more.... do something in the community together."



She later added, "It is good to see all women from the five communities turn up today, we never had this before."

Mrs Patsy Lennox explained that her role model was her mother.

"We need to be strong and healthy," said Ms Beverly Jacobs,

Senior Educator, Sexual Health, (NPA Family Resource Centre), "to go for check-ups. The main area I want to talk about is how to look after our sexual health and things, especially for younger women here today. You must look after your body so we can have healthy families, because I know all the elder women here today, for youme culture opportunity, or knowledge to share (with) young people about women's health. We'll be able to talk to our young women about how to look after themselves when they're growing up. It's time that you start the thing early, with your children, with your grandchildren, if you look after your grandchildren, to talk about how to look after themselves, their bodies."



Ms Jacobs, "It is good to see different age group of women that are here today, and be able to share with other non-indigenous, with other cultures that are here today. It is good to see that."

"The advice to young women leaving school now is, "Education, and culture. You become a stronger woman if you know your culture and have education," says Ms Jacobs, "you learn the skills and take on the role as leadership. Not only in your community, but in your family as well. You'll be able to organize and manage your family and that is the main thing for women today, and to educate our young women, and also culturally to educate them the role of women too, at home, in the community, and the family. Us women, we come here today from different cultural backgrounds, different family backgrounds, different family beliefs, all of us coming here today, we'll be sharing that, amongst us all. Celebration, and be able to educate our young people to come up as good role models, and as a woman in the community, and in the family."



Painting floats was also very popular.

Pedestrian Tax

"We've encouraged people to walk for years," said a spokesperson, "but there was no interest. We believe a tax on pedesting will give it a new purpose, and move us forward. It will be a roaring success."

(see footnote, last page)

Seen at Umagico Supermarket: A small piknini, too young to understand that lollies cost money, takes a packet of sweets and wanders out of the store. Moments later his older sister brings him back into the store to return the packet where it came from. The little boy must have been real keen to get those lollies, as he took them twice more, when sis wasn't watching. Again and again, his older sister holding him by the hand makes him return the goods where they were. Leadership in action before the age on ten.



women mentioned, doing things for Jesus. When you look out into the world today, women are, I think, blessed in all different positions, standing for their own rights, and speaking out in different government places. When you look at this workshop here today, doing things together, and using symbol, such as the ghostnet. I was telling Patsy all the things that it represents. I did the weaving with the bamboo and I said, 'Did you know that this bamboo used to be a cutting knife for our people, because no knives before. They sharpened the bamboo to cut meat or whatever, it was their knife.'



"When you pick things from the beach, it represents things that people used before." When asked if women's issues are now balanced in the NPA, Ama Mary explained, "I think it is balanced, as you can see in different offices, there is a woman in charge of things. What I think, because woman been kept for a long time, and it is time now that they stand out, because in the Anglican, and I'm just giving an example from our church, they said that no woman can be a priest or bishop in the diocese, but when we made the first conference in Sydney of movement of woman ordination I was the one

Indigenous from Torres and the NPA, because I was a deacon at the time. Bishop Penny from New Zealand, she was a guest speaker. She spoke highly of how women can move up, to become... in ministry, like men, do the studies. There were only two Indigenous women, an Aboriginal from Dubbo, and myself was on the conference, and you can see all the women standing up saying, 'Good to see our sisters here, from the Aboriginal, from the Torres Strait in that movement,' and today it's women in places of ministry and bishop, and that is something for the outside, in government places when you look at, it's woman out there, as in woman is blessed. We were not allowed to say anything (in the past), only the man make decisions. But when we see now, woman has come a long way, to step out and say something for the first time. Now around the world it's changed a lot. 100 years, it's very good."



The net which will in time becomes a mosaic with the input from many women.



Many women have reached positions which were once the exclusive domain of men, but for millions of women the struggle is ongoing, their plight as sad as ever, as they lay their lives on the line in trying to defend their children from constant rape, abuse, violence, hunger and poverty.

There is still much to be done, not just about the equality of women and men.

The very existence of those that have a different combination of chromosomes (other than XX or XY) is still denied in 2011, as the upcoming Census will not have a box for them to tick.

They do not have the resources of half the population on earth to ever organise, as their numbers are few, spread as individuals throughout the world.

Golden Opportunity needs some silver

Jeremiah Sebasio is attending Abergowrie College, a boys' college outside of Ingham, Townsville. Jeremiah is in his final year, and has been selected, together with six other students, to attend the 'World Youth Day' in Madrid, Spain. All were selected for achieving high marks in their subject. Jeremiah achieved high marks in his subject, IT (Information Technology).

The event is part of International World Youth Week, and attracts large number of youths from almost all countries. The students will be away for at least 8 days, touring Madrid, and will also have the opportunity to meet 'The Pope'. Mother Teresa of Calcutta is the Patron Saint of World Youth Day.

Ms Joyce Soki is Jeremiah's mother, "I have written to various Organisations in the NPA, to seek financial contribution or donation to assist me and my family to give Jeremiah this opportunity of his life... So yeah, I am a single mother, with grown up children helping me also, they are all working in the community, and have put together money to get prizes, and are selling raffle tickets with prizes such as a 42" Plasma TV, Microwave Oven, and a Laundry Basket with household cleaning essentials... If anyone can be of any assistance to help us here, please contact myself or my children for further information...."

Ms Joyce Soki is CDEP Mentor, Community Development, working out of Seisia, tel. **4069 3500**. Ms Soki is well known in the NPA. Any help from the communities, businesses, or other organizations would be most welcome in giving Jeremiah the chance to experience such a rare opportunity.

National Day of Action against Bullying

March 18th, 2011, is the first National Day

against bullying and violence. It will be held each 3rd Friday in March. See also issue 22 on bullying, page 7.

Swimathon 2011

Bamaga Pool certainly gets a good work-out this year, and not just the pool.

The 'NPA Inter Organisational Swimathon 2011' had a number of teams battle it out over 1½ hours of relay swimming. Some of the laps were not as straight forward. Team members had to find hidden plastic fruits before they could take the plunge. The wearing or carrying of floating implements added some interest to other laps.

The team completing the most laps were declared winners, which Emergency Services took out with 148 laps. Fire & Rescue covered 138, while NPA Family and Community Services clocked up 131 laps. Parts of the conditions were: All swimmers must be responsible for seeking/collecting sponsorship/donations for the event; Enter in the spirit of fun and good sportsmanship; Must be physically able to enter.

Ms Margie Ware, Program Manager of Health Education, was instrumental in putting it together.

"There was an over whelming response by local businesses to support the event and raise funds for such a needy cause. This included the food for the BBQ, lucky door prizes and great prizes for the raffle with tickets continuing to be on

sale until end of March. Sponsors included: Seisia Enterprise, Bamaga Enterprise, B&B Electricals, IBIS Bamaga, Peddells, Cape York Traders, Ice & Tackle, and Dreamtime. Mr Jess Sagaukaz (Menshed) hand carved the winner's trophy, which will be a perpetual trophy for future events. It was carved in a turtle shape. A big thank you to all! Hopefully the event will kick start further physical activity challenges across the NPA, and other teams will be motivated to join in. Thanks to everyone who helped out to make the event a success."

It was good to see volunteers handing out fresh fruits to recharge contestants' batteries. The event was organised to raise funds for the flood relief as well as having some fun along the way, perhaps with an underlying message of 'health and exercise'. Maybe the traditional BBQ itself could do with a challenge, as many of the chronic diseases affecting our communities are not caused by fruits and vegetables.



Watermelon and orange recharge.



Plastic fruits to search for.



After 1½ hours of marathon swimming none look worse for wear (above).

Mr Jeremy Sitoman (below) recently arrived from Bundaberg with wife Heidi, and children Tura and Ella. Both parents are Registered Nurses. Wife Heidi is also a Fitness Instructor conducting exercise dance classes.

"It's fantastic, it's a great place," says Mr Sitoman between heats, "It's a beautiful place."

He joined the Rural Fire Service and SES.



Mr Jeremy Sitoman



Tura (4 years)



Ella (8 years)

No Boundaries

"The 'No Boundary's Program' is a partnership program between AFL Cape York, NPARC and the Gold Coast Suns Football Club," explains Mr Marc Harbrow, AFL Cape York's Regional Development Officer.

The program encourages students to go to school, and participate in sporting programs, not necessarily AFL, but to be active. "The importance of health, having a healthy diet, and the importance of going to school, but also be rewarded through the 'No Boundary's Program. That reward might mean going down to the Gold Coast, visiting the Gold Coast Footy Club."

AFL Cape York in conjunction with the AFL Kickstart program has been coordinating AFL and associated programs in the NPA for the last 12 years. The 'No Boundary's Program' aims to encourage young people to reach their full potential, by engaging in school and sporting activities. The Gold Coast Suns Football Club is very much involved in the program, providing flying squad (players, coaches, and other staff as required) to deliver football activities to young and older members of the communities.

Engaging with the community is part of the program, such as talking with elders, parents, the principal, teachers to explain the objectives, and also highlight things parents can do to support. The program contains much more detail than this article can provide. Funding for this program comes from Families Housing Community Services.

CDEP staff now qualified to work at heights

Twenty-five CDEP staff received their qualifications for working at heights. They completed two units, 'Working safely at heights', and 'Operate a boom-type elevating platform.'



The men received their certificates on 17 March at Umagico NPARC compound.

The heart of Injinoo:

Injinoo Art, Culture and Historical Centre



If all goes well the centre will have three A-frame buildings, which are interlinked via a corridor. One will house a café, a kitchenette and administration, the middle one will be a gallery, while the remaining one will be a Multipurpose Room (Library, Seminar, Meeting, Training), with toilet facilities on one end. All buildings are identical in size and outer appearance. Two outdoor exhibition spaces are located between the three buildings. On each side of the centre outdoor gathering / performance spaces are planned. Location of the centre will be the original site of Injinoo itself, the Cowal Creek of the 1920s, before a cyclone devastated the community. Modern Injinoo is now located a little further inland.

In brief...

Earlier reports that a discarded washing machine had given birth to washing powder are false. Chemical analysis of the powder revealed that it was caused by corrosion of the aluminium actuator.

A barn manufacturer is making a roaring trade ever since horses in one village picked up the habit of smoking indoors. So far eight hay barns burned to the ground.

A man was sentenced for animal cruelty for feeding his horse the leftovers from his burger stand. He was sentenced to eat burgers for a year. The judge regrets the decision after seeing the man a year later.

There has never been a crocodile with dentures.



(see footnote, last page)

Clean-up day





You look a bit blue.

'cause you're looking at me sideways.

Kuzin Bradhaz hit the airwaves



March, 2011, and local boys 'Kuzin Bradhaz' release their debut album 'Madigasca' receiving good airplay from FM91.9. The CD title refers to a bird flying over a reef, looking for food. "Keith was standing with one of his friends, and a big bird came down for some food. One of the other fellows went, 'Hey, Madigasca!' It's just a play on what his friend said," explains Mr Campbell.

The group had several live appearances in the NPA.

The CD contains the tracks: The Police, Skytrans Airways, Lookin' Down On Us, Madigasca, Bala Jantho, Land Down Under, Torres Strait Lovin, Drink Wit Me, Got Me Going, and Dhoeyim Brothas.

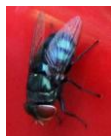
The trio consists of (from left) Mr Nathan Campbell (vocals), Mr Aaron Gibuma (vocals), and Mr Keith Pabai (keyboard & vocals). A hectic schedule lies ahead, Weipa, Bundaberg, Gladstone, Rockhampton, Cairns, then back to NPA. Cairns once more, then Townsville, then NPA, and eventually the Gold Coast.

The group can be contacted on: **0467 2345 75**.

No-fly zone in NPA?

A no-fly zone in the NPA could have benefits, but is not without problems. A reduction in flies and mosquitoes would definitely be a good thing, but a reduction in bees could interfere with pollination. The local birds, airlines, private charter operators, and the hospital helicopter would need an exemption.

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AQIS on the lookout



"We come as a team of plant health scientists, once every year to the NPA," explains Mr Richard Davis (right), who is a Plant Pathologist with the Northern Australian Quarantine Strategy, which is part of AQIS. "We look for insect pests, weeds, or diseases that might have come in to the communities, either from Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, or from the Torres Strait Islands. We are checking for the movement of these things towards the Australian mainland."

The team is knocking on people's doors, asking to take a look at their plants, bananas, citrus, cassava etc. "These are the main things we're looking at. The idea is if we can find these things when they first appear in the community, then that's the best time for the community to be able to do something about it, and stop them from spreading further south to the main production areas."

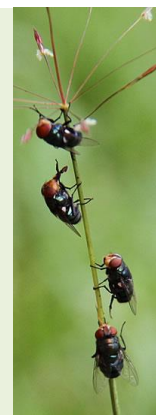
Miss Barbara Waterhouse (left) is a Botanist, "My role is looking for new weeds that might come in through the northern route. The rangers collect specimens and get them identified for weeds, and some of the weeds that the rangers up here get sent to me to the laboratory in Cairns for identification."



Mr Anthony Rice (centre) is an Entomologist, "I look for new insects." To the question 'what if something new is found in the NPA' Mr Rice explained, "It depends what it is. We work to target lists. Target list is a list of insect pests for entomology that I'm looking for. To get on the target list they have to be quite serious pests overseas."

"If people are concerned because a plant in their garden is looking sick, or there is something unusual they have seen, their first point of contact is the AQIS office in Bamaga," explains Miss Waterhouse, "certainly if they think it's a new pest or disease, or symptoms, if banana fruit when cut open and they are all brown or red inside, or they are oozing, first thing they should do is call the quarantine office in Bamaga, and speak to either Jackson, Jimmy, or Eric. They will then probably contact us and guide the local residents through what to do, and some of them will come to visit."

Mr Davis, "So far I have only seen what we expect to see, all the normal things that are present in everybody's backyard in this area. When we come we still collect samples of things, a snapshot of the plant health status. It doesn't mean that we found something that shouldn't be there. We are getting an assessment of what's here all the time. I guess we're only half-way through our time this week. So far we only found the things we expect to see, which is good."



These are local flies, attracted to any waste wherever they can find it. Flies will vomit on their food in order to liquidise it. Flies can carry large numbers of germs, all capable of causing diseases in humans. The more animal waste and rubbish they find, the more they will multiply. A clean community is likely to have fewer flies.



Wow

Banana Sausages?

Banana growers suffered much in the Qld floods. One enterprising farmer is trying to fight back by repackaging their products to increase market appeal. "We need to give customers what they want," said a spokesperson. "We will re-process bananas so they appear like sausages. This is a first for Queensland."



Traditional bananas come in a hygienically sealed, biodegradable wrapper, and are packed with vitamins. "They will still be available to the connoisseur. The new banana sausages will contain a massive 5% banana, with the rest being various additives."

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Ican stands for Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network. Miss Olive Bann and Mr David Yorkston, (both Financial Council Support Officers), visited NPA at the invitation of NPARC (mid March). Ican is about empowering Indigenous consumers, providing consumer education, advocacy and financial counselling.



Miss Olive Bann is based on Thursday Island and will visit the NPA once a month.

Upcoming Days

National Day against Bullying and Violence, 3rd Friday in March; April Fool's Day, 1 Apr; World Health Day, 7 April; Earth Day, 22 Apr; World Book and Copyright Day, 23 Apr; Anzac Day, 25 Apr; Heart Week: 2 - 8 May, also Motor Neuron Disease Week at the same time; World Press Freedom Day, 3 May, also World Asthma Day, and Labor Day; National Mothering Week, 3 - 9 May; Red Cross Day, 8 May; World Lupus Day, 10 May; International Nurses Day, 11 May, also Day of the Midwife; International Day of Families, 15 May; Schizophrenia Awareness Week, 16 - 20 May; International Day against Homophobia, 17 May; Hepatitis Awareness Week, 17 - 20 May; National Health and Fitness week, 24 - 30 May, also Kidney Health Week; World MS Day, 25 May; Sorry Day, May 26; White Wreath Day (Suicide Victim Remembrance), 29 May, World No Tobacco Day, 31 May; International Childrens' Day, 1 Jun; Mabo Day, 3 Jun; Queensland Week, 2011, 4 - 13 Jun; World Environment Day, 5 Jun; Queensland Day, 6 June; Bowel Cancer Awareness Day, 6 - 13 Jun; Red Apple Day, 9 Jun. World Refugee Day, 20 Jun.



Anyone needing financial counselling can contact Ican, tel. 1300 369 878, at local call cost within Australia, or tel: 07-4031 1073, fax: 4031 5883. website: <http://ican.org.au>



"We found it on the road," said one of the boys in Bamaga, "I wrapped it in my shirt to keep it warm, but it didn't work."

Industry lobby speaks out

Lobbyists from the Fruit and Vegie grower group tried to persuade authorities to add a levy to the cost of junk food, to help reduce the cost of natural foods, arguing that a user-pays system should cover the horrendous health and social costs associated with the consumption of junk foods.

Lobbyist for the junk-food industry counter argued that any increase in their retail costs would cause social unrest, as the queues on their outlets are already excessively long.

Mr Halfpenny, "Have you ever seen a queue at a green grocer? Nature grows it for them, what's so special about that?"

"All they need do is wash their apples, pears and what have you, and bring it to the market. We need to process our goods, add all sorts of ingredients, support large infrastructure and specialised machinery. It all costs money. That's why our junk is in high demand. Where would the health and care industry be without us?"

The authorities are considering the pros and cons. The cons seem to be in the majority.

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Did you know that... the rear of a spacecraft becomes illuminated by its headlights as soon as it flies faster than the speed of light.

...an apple addict can overcome the addiction by occasionally eating a pear, plum or orange. Cucumbers and lemons are also good.

...holding up a mobile phone brings it closer to a satellite, but not if it's on the other side of the world; reception improves near a phone tower.

...a telecommunications company announced that it no longer needed receptionists for its phone reception. It started a class action suit from thousands of phone users, demanding the same payment that receptionists received... for using their own phones, including back-pay.

...in Nurdistan every facet of life is regulated by computers with artificial intelligence. There is possibly a glitch in the system as the computer started to laugh uncontrollably when one resident ordered a pizza, demanding it be delivered 'now'.

...a girl won an essay competition on fast foods, proving that the fastest foods are fruits.

...politicians in a country which did not wish to be named for fear of ridicule went on strike, demanding a pay reduction.

...a full glass of liquid overflowed on its own, due to the close proximity of the moon, on 19 March.

...rain at night falls faster than in the day, as it doesn't have to penetrate through particles of light (photons), but a ball will bounce higher in the day, due to the gravitational pull of the sun.

...nightfall never happens at night, nor does it happen in the day, but always in between. It is unclear what makes it trip.

...a man started work in a mine site. When asked 'why' he explained, 'I watch TV and see all the horrible things that go on in the world. When I saw a mother crying for her son I remembered my own. I work so I can pay her back all the pension cheques I borrowed from her.'

...banana vitamins are blue, apple vitamins are purple, and orange vitamins are pale yellow. If eaten in the right order the colour of the tongue will turn red. Eating any veges afterwards will fix the problem, according to a preschool kid (perhaps worth trying out).

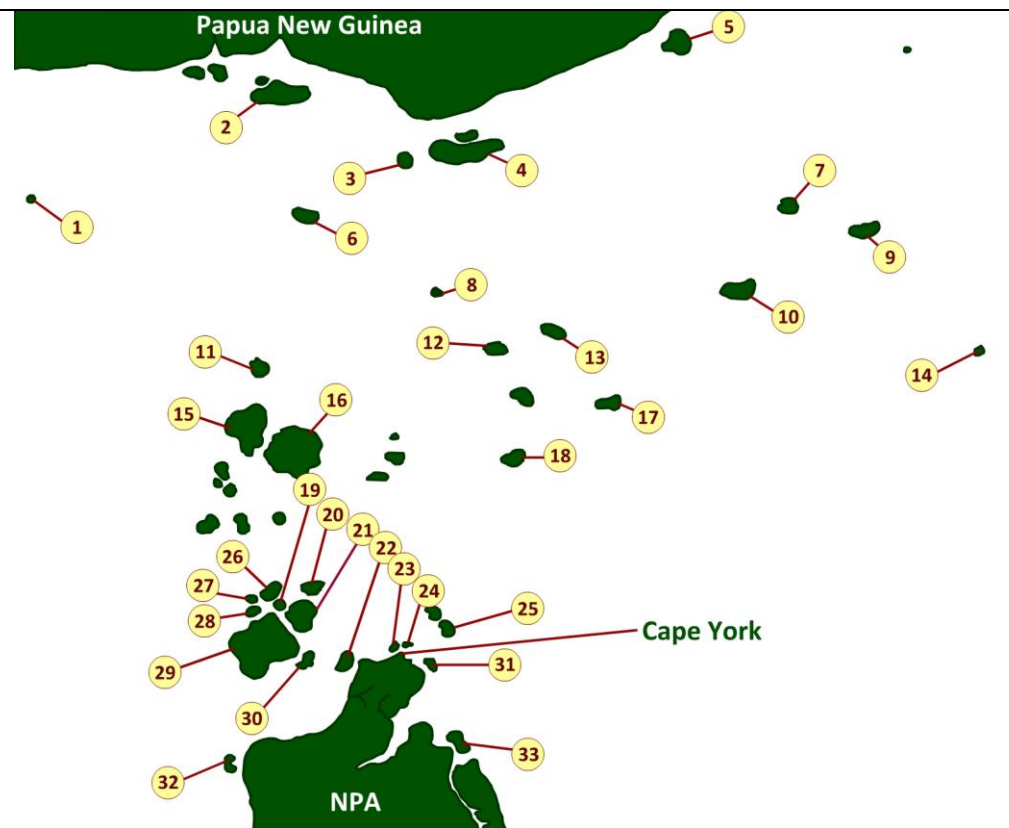
...an expectant mother in tune with her body is able to translate the tapping signals of her unborn foetus. "It wanted me to stop smoking, drinking and taking drugs, and I did," said the mother, who has since given birth to a strong and healthy child.

...most islands of Australia are never included in the simplified graphic representation of the country, such as logos.

...a city kid suggested to the savvy power team the dimming of stars in the outback would bring astronomical savings in electricity.

...29th of February 2013 is cancelled.

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This map is not accurate and it only shows some of the islands in the Torres Strait. Which of these islands are not parts of Australia? Which island name has the meaning of 'Island of Turtles'? Approximately how many islands/islets are in the Torres Strait? Answers in next issue.

Which is what?

Dauan	Mer
Maururra	Eborac
Waiben	Bedanug
Warraber	Narupai
Gabba Is	Buru Is
Daru	Saibai
Keriri Is	Poruma
Warul Kawa	Masig
Ugar	Zagai Is
Erub	Moa Is
Yama Is	Palilag
Zuna	Gealug
Moent Is	Muralug
Mabuiag	Pabajau
Badu Is	Mori Is
Entrance Is	Albany Is
Turnagain Is	Cornwallis Is
Wednesday Is	Deliverance Is
Thursday Is	Boigu Is
Friday Is	Mt Adolphus Is
Coconut Is	Possession Is
Murray Is	Crab Is
Sue Is	Horn Is
Goods Is	Prince of Wales
Mulgrave Is	Turtle Head Is
Hammond Is	Banks Is
Yorke Is	York Is
Stephens Is	Gerbar Is

Rural studies

At Bamaga Primary School it is about Certificate I in Rural Studies, at least for all those who are willing to learn from Mr Phil Byer (TAFE) and Mr Harrison Atu (Agricultural Assistant), both with a wealth of experience in all matters green and earthy.

Ground preparation, growing plants, harvesting, weeding, pruning, all part of the activities. Mangoes, citrus, bananas, watermelons, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, pumpkin, cassava, okra, corn, egg plant, bok-choy, lettuce, capsicum, and beetroot are in various stages of growth.



This patch (above) is within the school grounds. Pipes (below), salvaged from the refuse tip, cut in half, will be used to grow seeds and herbs.



Mango Avenue, removing off-cuts (right).



'This one is a girl flower, and that one a boy flower,' (bananas) explains Mr Byer.



New Mapoon Arts Centre

Anticipation is in the air at New Mapoon. Artists prepare for the long awaited All Abilities Playground designing mosaics and acquiring technical skills.



Above a design by Ms Gabriele Peters. Below a work by Ms Nikki Wojtula. The blue snowflake represents Canada (possibly the only ever snowflake in the NPA); the sun around it represents Australia.



Tiny are the seeds of life
and in abundance
everywhere
yet fragile each
and precious all
to never take for granted



Sketching, planning, preparing, to express New Mapoon in broken tiles to future generations.



New Mapoon Arts Centre is in a process of transformation, labelling the works in the exhibition area.



Footnote: This is April 1st edition and perhaps some articles need a grain of salt. All articles with the remark 'see footnote, last page' are not to be taken all that seriously.