

In this Issue: Runway, road works, rangers, Mabo, gardening, Trade Centre, training, and more...

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Image taken 14 June 2011 from a Skytrans flight.

NPA Airport has now the longest runway in FNQ, following the recent upgrade works (end of May / early June). The 30m wide runway has an official length of 1833m.

"Only Cairns and Sherger Airforce Base have longer runways," says Mr Jim Foody, Director of NPARC's Engineering Dep.

"We have always been longer than Horn Island. Now we edge out Lockhart, Cooktown and Normanton. This in conjunction with previous Level 1 testing of pavement works (geotechnical data) will allow us to jump our PCN rating a few levels, allowing larger aircraft to operate at the airport."

The existing area for light aircraft parking is enlarged, and an additional area is added near the Jacky Jacky memorial. Anchor points allow the securing of light aircraft.

NPARC has invested \$1.66M upgrading NPA Airport since 2008:

- 2008: Improving the running pavement and drainage around the runway, \$600K.
- 2009-10: Security fencing around the runway and some drainage works, \$220K.
- 2010-11: Additional drainage works and bitumen re-sealing the runway, runway length extended from 1595m to 1833m, raising runway rating from 7.4 to 30 PCN, an additional 8000m² bitumen seal apron parking, \$840K.

The increased PCN and additional runway length allows the airport to accept aircraft up to 76 ton ((with concession) – for example a B737-700). A new CTAF radio frequency (**26.6 Mhz**) is now established, as distinct from Horn Island's 26.7 Mhz. The new airport code data will be: **(13/31) PCN 30/F/A/1200(174)/T**.

...more inside.



Paint for the line markings (above). Image below: The Jacky Jacky memorial is to the right (out of view). Both areas will include anchor spots to secure light aircraft.



This (above) is the new area for small aircraft parking before sealing. Below is the existing area, now larger.



Let's all learn landing in one spot at once. The new PCN should be up to it.

1833m x 30m,
but where
do I land?



Decisions,
decisions. I only need
a square inch for
touch-down and have
over 85 million
to choose from.

NPARC has set a meeting for end on June to formulate a 3 to 5 year plan for the future development of NPA airport. The meeting will be chaired by Mr Keith Tonkin (NPARC airport consultant). All interested parties are invited to attend.

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Road works: Seisia to Bamaga / Airport re-seal



Docked at the wharf (in the background) is Trinity Bay on her regular supply visit. Aboard the Colossus aggregate is loaded onto trucks.



The tar arrives in large tankers.



Colossus carried approx 1200 tonnes of aggregate for the NPA airport and Seisia to Bamaga road re-seal works. Another 200 tonnes of gravel is yet to arrive in the NPA from Horn Island.



The road surface from Seisia to Bamaga and NPA airport runway arrives on Seaswift's Colossus. The vessel is over 15m wide, nearly 53m long, with a 41m x 12.5m wide main deck.



The airport is re-sealed in strips (runs), about 2 trucks wide by 600m long. 6042 litres of bitumen is used on one run (5.3m wide). It takes 17.6m³ of 7mm aggregate, or 26.4 tonnes to cover a 600m long run.

The width of the runway is 30m and requires several runs. Near the Jacky Jacky end the runway was slightly narrower, but has now been rectified. The length of the runway is now 240m longer than before the works.

The truck (image right) has computer controlled gates. As the speed is set the amount of gravel able to fall onto the bitumen ensures a precise rate of flow. Different sections in the box can be shut off or opened to cover any gaps in the seal.

Visual inspection and manual touch-up if needed ensures a consistent re-seal.

NPA Airport runway re-seal



The connections for the new lights are in place (here at the Bamaga end, across the runway in dual colour red/green). The housing for the lights contains a transformer.



Hot tar is sprayed onto the surface.



The aggregate is spread on top of the tar (the tip-truck is reversing).



Rollers press the aggregate into the hot tar.



NPARC contracted Pioneer North Queensland for the re-seal works.

NPARC Chief Executive Officer
Mr Stuart Duncan



Runways are given a Pavement Classification Number (PCN), a standard that indicates the strength of the runway, including the taxiway and apron. It dictates the maximum weight of aircraft able to land on its runway. ACN is the Aircraft Classification Number expressing the effect an aircraft has on a runway.

Prior to the upgrade works NPA airport had a 7 PCN. This is likely to increase to 10 or 11, following testing. Horn Island's runway is shorter than NPA's, but its PCN is about 21. By comparison runway 1 and 2 at Tullamarine, Melbourne, has a PCN of 79, on each. (To aviators who might be reading this: The acronym 'NPA' in the context of this paper refers to Northern Peninsula Area, and not NPA as in 'Non-Precision Approach').



A row of red/green lights across mark the end of the runway (here at Jacky Jacky end).



Runway 13 runs from the Bamaga end to the Jacky Jacky Creek, while runway 31 runs from the Jacky Jacky end in direction Bamaga before line markings (image is from the Jacky Jacky end).



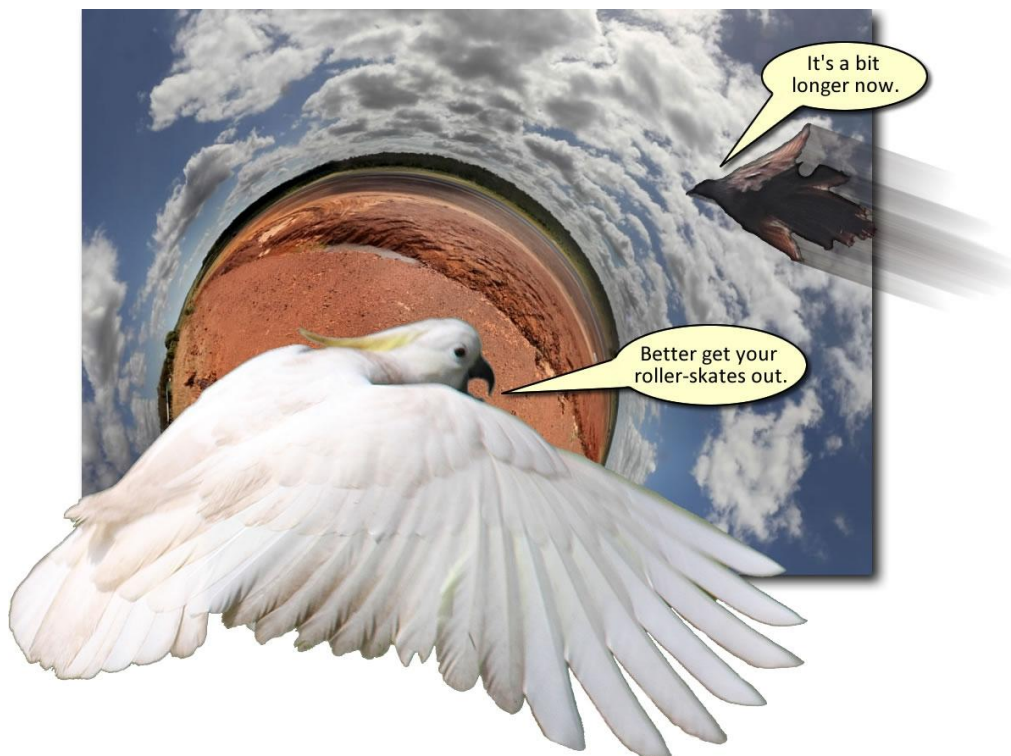
Refilling the spray-truck with hot bitumen from the larger supply tankers.



Two gas-powered jets spew flames through pipes in the tanker / truck, heating the bitumen to 170 deg C.



A hydraulic pump agitates the molten liquid inside the tanker, ensuring equal consistency.



Seisia to Bamaga re-seal

Fixing smaller sections in Seisia prior to the re-seal works.



New re-seal, towards New Mapoon and Bamaga, awaiting line markings.



It is very rare to ever find a traffic jam in the NPA. This one in Bamaga lasted a few minutes caused by road works near Mosby Creek / airport junction road.

**Year 12 student becomes finalist in Queensland Training Awards**

Eugene Bond made it to the finals of the Queensland Training Awards 2011 in Cairns. Earlier in the year Eugene sent in a written nomination for the School Based Trainee of the Year Award and was automatically nominated for the Indigenous Trainee of the Year. He was shortlisted and participated in a phone interview to be considered for the finals on 23rd of May. Eugene was contacted on 15th June, 2011, to say that he was successful in reaching the Far North Queensland Finals to be held in Cairns on Saturday 30th of July.

Eugene is completing a school-based apprenticeship in Carpentry with NPARC. He began his apprenticeship in March, 2010. He will participate in block training in Cairns from 11 July to the 18 August this year.

Eugene, who is in Year 12, is the College Captain and has also been successful in obtaining a Defence Technical Scholarship valued at \$3000 for his final year at school. Congratulations!!!

The Queensland Training Awards which celebrates 50 years of training in 2011 lists all the finalists on:

<http://www.qta.qld.gov.au/winners/regional/far-north-qld.htm>, showing the entry as:

Eugene Bond

Training provider: Tropical North Queensland TAFE

Qualification: Certificate III in Carpentry

School based: Northern Peninsula Area State College

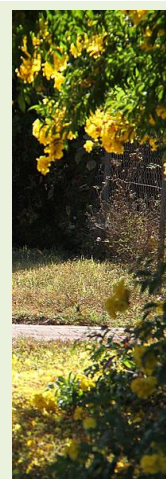
Employer: Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council

Employer of the Year goes to: Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort (Cairns), Rio Tinto Alcan (Weipa), and SeaSwift (Portsmith).

Thanks to Ms Leanne Young, Assistant Head of Campus, Northern Peninsula Area State College.



Mr Matthew Pascoe



The road from Jardine River towards Injinoo.

Mabo Day

Mabo Day was celebrated on June 3rd. It celebrates the Australian High Court decision of June 3rd, 1992, when it delivered its 6:1 verdict in favour of Mabo, in the case Mabo vs State of Queensland. It overturned the 205-year-old legal doctrine of *terra nullius* (a land belonging to no-one).

The case was brought before the High Court ten years earlier (1982) by plaintiffs Mabo, Sam Passi, Father Dave Passi, James Rice and Celuia Mapo Salee.

The late Mr Koiki Mabo passed away in Jan 1992 in Brisbane before the High Court delivered its verdict. Mabo Day is a Bank Holiday in the Torres Strait.

In the NPA a float parade, traditional dancing, sausage sizzle and traditional games were planned, as well as men's and women's Rugby League challenges.



...this time of year



Rangers on West Coast

The Apudthama/NPARC Land and Sea Rangers have returned from their trip down the West Coast.

Ranger coordinator, Mr Warren Strevens, "I sent the fellows (the rangers) down to the Cotterell (River), seeing that campers were there."

"They've seen this crocodile, took a photo, and seen a group of miners were camped in the Cotterell mouth. They (the rangers) told us this when they came back. Whilst we were on camp out there, doing the ghost nets, we sent three of the rangers to the Cotterell River (18 May), we also had some concerns over homemade rubbish dumped down there.

On their way there they spotted a 2m crocodile (approx), its tail cut off, a bullet hole in its head."

"They proceeded up to the Cotterell River mouth and noticed a large group of mine workers there, a couple of throw-backs, the big freezers, the usual set-up that we seem to see early in the year down there. Fellows from not too far away that have been coming here for a long time with the appearance of filling up freezers, to take fish and crabs back."

"The fellows (rangers) came back to the camp and we decided for the next day for the blokes that had blood-ties to that country, including Richard (Woosup), T.O.s and Land Trust, to have a bit of a yarn to the miners, just to find out a bit more about them."



"They (the miners) mentioned that they'd been there a number of times over the last 10 years. They wouldn't confess to have anything to do with the crocodile (rangers' image, left). As we've noticed with most tourists that we approached down there, they get a bit of a concern when they see us. They don't know whether they should have paid something or... It's a bit hard to judge from their behaviour if there was any involvement with the dead crocodile, we're not sure. We've come across this (dead crocs) on a number of occasions now."

"The daily catch limit is not much. There is no way that you can take out a freezer full of fillets, no way. Even down at the camp ground, the fishermen that go out each day, in the freezer you can only hold on you at any one time the daily catch limit."

There is a size limit and a daily catch limit on fish, depending on the species. The size and daily catch limit in Queensland may be different than that in other states, depending on the species.



Mr Richard Woosup is a Traditional Owner and one of the three rangers who went to Cotterell River to investigate. "We went there to check them again (the mine workers). We

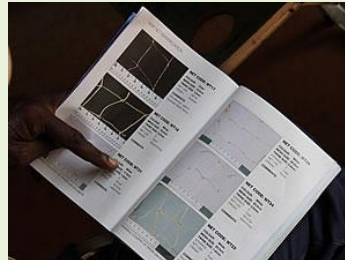
saw them, they had cans in their hands. We found two blokes there, about middle age, in their 30s. They told us they do a lot of drinking and sleeping and not much fishing. They walked towards us. They didn't want us to walk over to them, their camp. I think to keep us away from their campsite. They had a lot of things hanging there, floating buoys. Their tent was just like a circus tent, a round tent with a post in the middle."

The crocodile is totem to many Aboriginal tribes and Torres Strait Islander clans. In Issue 21, NPA News, we covered the story of a dead croc without tail at Vrilya Point, baited with the carcass of a wild pig. 'This sort of thing cannot be tolerated' was the headline.

Please read also 'Our totems' (next page).

Rangers net nets:

The number of ghost nets collected between the Jardine River and Vrilya Point (West Coast) is now 470. At the Ranger Base, Injinoo, Apudthama/NPARC Land and Sea Rangers, Mr Richard Woosup and Walter Moses are working through the task of identifying the nets.



The data is recorded.

By counting the strands, checking colours, measuring the twine and mesh size, the rangers can determine the usage and country of origin of the nets, using a guide.

"When we left them, the two blokes, there was a little croc on its side on the beach, with no tail, lying dead. Two back legs, a body, two front legs and a head, about a metre long. The croc would have been 2m long (with the tail)."

"To me a croc is a totem. When I see a dead one I feel shame. It is someone else's totem, it is not mine. I feel sad. I feel it is not supposed to be happening. When I see the little one lying on its side I feel sad and think of the people who got that as the totem."

"For the future, for people like them, they are not allowed to come to that area anymore. We don't like them. We don't want them to come anymore, because they are doing the wrong thing towards us. To see a crocodile lying on its side on the beach without tail, it's sad. It's a totem for people in the 3 or 4 clans, it's so sad. For the future, we don't expect these people to come back there anymore."

Mr Warren Strevens: "We can't say it was them who've done it. All we can say that the crocodile was there, floating dead without its tail at the same time they were camping there. If a prosecutor was saying to me, 'Did you see them shoot the crocodile? Did you see them cut off its tail? Did you see them eat the meat from the crocodile? Did they admit to shooting that crocodile?' No. All that we've seen is a crocodile without its tail near a camp of mine workers on holiday. That's what we've seen."

Freshwater and saltwater crocodiles are protected species in Queensland. Whales, porpoises, dugongs, turtles and dolphins are also protected under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*. The *Recreational fishing rules and regulations for Queensland: A brief guide* contains the bag and size limits in Queensland's tidal waters. They are available from local bait & tackle shops or get your copy by calling: 132523. Link to the bag and size limits in tidal waters: http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au/28_3042.htm
The rules and regulations: www.deedi.qld.gov.au

Our totems

Mrs Sandra Sebasio explains about totems, which may give a better understanding of the significance and cultural importance Indigenous Australians place on certain animals or places.

Mrs Sebasio is part of the Angkamuthi tribe. The following relates to her people.

"There is a Dreaming Totem that is part of the clan. It is a story of their totem. That is for the whole clan group. The family totem is for the family. The Angkamuthi has the Freshwater Turtle as its totem."

"The Aboriginal way is, the naval, we call it 'Ugarra', that is the belly button. When the baby is born, the ladies would sit outside with the humpies (huts), while the mother is in there having labour pains. They sit there and chant in their language tongue. As soon as the baby comes out and that language is said, that's your name. That is your Ugarra name. That is the name that the clan gave you. But today we are all born in the hospital. Some families still practice this today. When the child grows up now in communities, the elders watch how the child is, like his personality. We may say 'He is like that small kangaroo' or 'Your nose is short like the bandicoot' while they are growing up. Usually elders call young one by their new name and we do a ceremony of initiation."



Mr Teho Ropeyarn explains, "The goanna and stingray and also the croc are Yadhaykenu totems (based on info he received from Ama Mary and Elder Mr Meun Lifu). Turtle with frog sitting on the back is Gudang totem / story totem. They form one totem and Gudang traditional story. The goanna is their totem also (Mr Lifu has more knowledge on this). The dingo is Atambaya totem, the manta ray is a Wuthathi totem. The freshwater long neck turtle is the Angkamuthi totem."

Ama Mary Eseli is Angkamuthi, Yadhaykenu and Atambaya. "A totem is showing me where I belong. My father's clan is different again. I respect the three (totems) and honour it, because my ancestors come from there. My dad has two, a crocodile and a stingray with the spike. Before the old people they don't (eat their totems), because it's their totem, they can't. But they eat it now. It's a different generation from the ancestors before. The ancestors worshipped it. Generations change, and young people come and some of them don't follow and they start (to) eat that. The tribal totem is the crocodile; the family totem is the stingray with the spike. What I heard before, the ancestors they worshipped it, they don't eat the totem. In some other places they do. I don't know why they eat it."

There are many more tribes and clans living in the NPA, each with their own totems.

Apart from the fact that many animals are protected by law, visitors to the area need to be aware that killing, such as the croc without tail, is highly offensive to many locals, be they Indigenous or otherwise.

"A totem is a part of the family and the clan group (the people), it is part of you. We don't kill that animal. If others don't know they may kill this animal, but if they are educated and know about this sort of thing, they may think before doing that, out of respect."

There are specific animals for a totem, in our case it is the Freshwater Turtle, we call it 'Uwinthyn'. We eat the long necked turtle, but we never eat the short necked turtle."

"Everyone is recognised by the tribal totem, it is theirs. My Family Totem is the Bower Bird."

"My father has also shared with us how he was connected to the stingray. When he was born he was soaked in the water where the stingray sits, you see the holes on the beach. My dad was washed in it after he was born, at Utingu (Simpson Bay). That made him part of that stingray that he carries. I was born in Cairns (in hospital). There are no puddles, just mud on the beach at the Esplanade, but I still identify with my family and clan totems. My biological father is from Coen, and with him I am part of his family and the clan totems."

The community benefits

"My vision and dream is to get the community benefitting from planting their own fruit and vegetables," says Mr Harrison Atu whilst spreading organic soil at Bamaga Senior Campus.

"Coming and working together with the school is going to engage the kids and support and encourage them how to plant fruit and vegetables, learning hands-on. That's my aim."



Making good use of pipes found on the Refuse Tip, cut in half with drilled drainage holes, now serve as planters. Supporting the tomatoes is one of the next projects. One can learn much from a man who has a love and passion for his work. Mr Atu is more than willing to pass on his wealth of knowledge so that everyone has a chance for a healthier life.



"People really should start their plots at home. People have to see to believe. Today it's a different generation of people. We are people of little faith. We have to see to make believe. We have to make it work, that's why I want the community engaged, together. Then they can take the knowledge back to their own backyard. That comes together with educating their kids as well." Read also 'Backyard Gardening Programme' (next page).



It's culture, horticulture!

NPARC positions advertised

Recently advertised NPARC positions: Engineering Administration Assistant for Umagico (internal position).

Something Better Project

The 'Something Better Project' is coming to an end. It started in four communities (Hopevale, Wujal Wujal, Coen and Kowanyama) in 2007.

Mrs Susan Williams, Project Co-ordinator of the 'Something Better Project' explains: "We were given some more money and we went to another four communities, which was Lockhardt, Mapoon, Napranum, and NPA. This financial year we were given less money, because we weren't very successful in the beginning, so we thought we come back and concentrate on the NPA with the 5 communities. That's where we are today."

The 'Something Better Project' brought 'Drum Up Big' (African drumming), the Suicide Prevention Workshops, the Hip Hop Dancers, CYCUS Circus (over Easter), Birds of a feather (Arts and craft programme), and Raymond (contemporary Indigenous dancer) to the NPA. The May concert at Yusia-Ginau Memorial Field, Bamaga, has the theme 'Things are gonna change.'

"It is about getting the communities thinking about suicide, and what they can do to support the community and being aware. And because the community carers, the LCCs (Life Community Carers), it's a pilot, a first of its kind. I know that Dulcie (Bird) has started carers in Yarraba. The theme of the concert is to promote the LCCs, so they can be identified in the communities (see contacts on last page)." Kura Stephens, the Bamaga Berlibal Dance Group, a band from Cairns, Kuzin Bradhaz, Timothy Gibuma, Troy & Trevelyn and Raymond D Blanco performed at the Bamaga grounds in a drug and alcohol free concert (21 May). Event sponsors: DOHA (Department of Health and Aging), CAPE PCYC, IBU (Indigenous Business Unit), and NPARC.

Backyard Garden Programme 2011

The Backyard Garden Programme 2011 kicked off at Bamaga Nursery with the first of 3 information sessions covering 'Preparing for a Garden' (20 May). 'Getting started' is the theme for the next session (27 May), while the 3 June session is all about 'Maintaining the Garden.'

Mrs Margie Ware (Programme Manager-Health Education, NPA Family & Community Services) explains: "The Backyard Garden Programme is one of the Chronic Illness Reduction Team programmes. It is part of the Healthy Lifestyle programmes. It is to encourage people to eat healthier, eat their own grown vegies, and also to be more physically active by being active in their gardens. It is also to encourage more social interactions, to chat and share stories about what has worked for them."

Back in 2008 a lot of gardening equipment (compost bins, tools, wheelbarrows, seeds etc) was given out to people in the communities, to encourage gardening.



"In this day and age, you want to encourage people, the communities and kids, to try to grow their own produce," said Mr Harrison Atu at Agriculture Open Day as far back as Sep 2009 (NPA News, Issue 5, at Senior Campus, Bamaga.

"Some gardens did well, but many didn't. We got feedback from the participants. A lot of it was about the soil was really grummy, it wouldn't grow anything, that they had been given things and didn't know what to do with them, how to grow, missing that information."

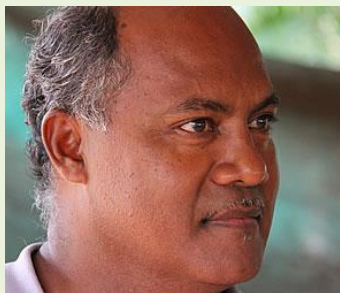
Information is available:

- ✓ Easy Guide to composting
 - ✓ Companion Planting Guide
 - ✓ Go for 2&5
 - ✓ Why grow your own?
 - ✓ Swap it, don't stop it
 - ✓ Guide to healthy eating
- ...and more, all bundled up in your take-home 'My Veggie Garden Information.' More details: tel 4069 3555, ... and bring a friend.



Ms Natasha Brunne

"(Following the 3 sessions) ... the hope is to get people together monthly, to see how we're all doing, share stories, use the guest speakers, and set up a seed bank," says Mrs Ware. "We also want to supply one on one support for people. Sometimes they need some help to keep going. Part of it too is we're offering one on one meal planning, so if people want to look at what they're eating in a day and how they can make it a little bit healthier. We work with them around that. Part of that programme is getting physically active. Our Community Educator, Natasha (Brunner) is running that programme. She's been with us since Nov 2010. She's the face for the programme."



Whatever happened to...

A series of images showed green ants...



..building a nest, previous issue, NPA News.

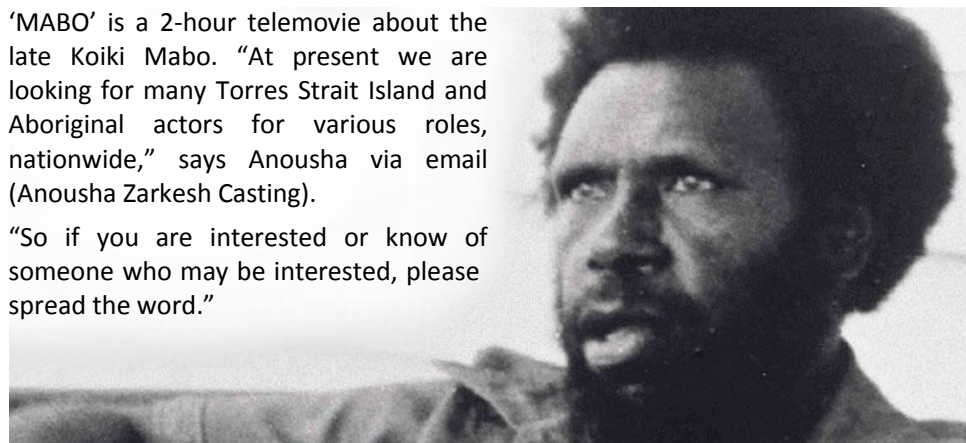


One night a horse cleaned up the top of the fence, including the fully populated nest.

Actors wanted for 'MABO'

'MABO' is a 2-hour telemovie about the late Koiki Mabo. "At present we are looking for many Torres Strait Island and Aboriginal actors for various roles, nationwide," says Anousha via email (Anousha Zarkesh Casting).

"So if you are interested or know of someone who may be interested, please spread the word."



There are many roles for males (late 20's to 50's), many roles for children (11-18-year olds), and roles for females. Pre- filming starts 22 Aug – 16 Sep, 2011. Shooting begins 19 Sept – 28 Oct, 2011. The film will be shot in North Queensland. The film is planned for broadcast on ABC1 for 3rd June 2012, the 20th anniversary of the High Court decision.

Anousha Zarkesh will be in FNQ late June / early July, holding auditions in Brisbane, Cairns, Townsville, Thursday Is and Mer. 'MABO' was written by Sue Smith; Producers: Darren Dale and Miranda Dear; Director: Rachel Perkins; Casting: Anousha Zarkesh Casting (Ph: 02) 9964 9625, Mob: 0413 689 495, email: azarkesh@iprimus.com.au, website: www.zarkesh.com.au).

Image courtesy Anousha Zarkesh.

Rangers bringing bags of weeds



Apudthama/NPARC Land and Sea Ranger, Mr Christof Lifu (right), and AQIS Community Liaison officer, Mr Eric Cottis (left) visited Bamaga Senior Campus, bringing bags of dried weeds. The samples can help students identify weeds grown in the local area which are a pest to the environment. Mr Cottis explained what an exotic weed is and what exotic plants can do to a river system, if left unchecked.

Help reduce health risks

Mr George Mara (NPARC Environmental Health) is asking that dugong guts, turtle shells and related waste belong in the carcass area of the Refuse Tip, not in the bush environment.

"This is what southerners or the government need to know, that our communities were left with most women folk and children, and all our men had gone to war, defend our country. There was machinegun fire off the aeroplanes flying past, terrorising the communities. Especially Yam Island I think it was, cutting coconut trees off with a machine gun from the aeroplanes... some of the outer islands. This is where the Japanese were targeting Horn Island, because of the airbase where the Americans were based, where the Kittyhawks were based. The back-up airport was Higgins field, Jacky Jacky airport at Bamaga. That was used as a back-up to the one at Horn Island to defend Australia and support New Guinea in the war."

Bomb creates good fishing hole

"A lot of people don't know about the history of World War II, up in the Torres Strait and Horn Island," says Mr John Adidi. "A lot of our communities were in fact all battle grounds."

Physical Activity Programme

NPA Family & Community Services conducts Free Fitness Classes between Mondays and Thursdays.

Ms Madeline Anderson is the Yoga instructor, Ms Carol Williams is circuit training course instructor, and Mr Nathan Campbell conducts the Salsa dancing classes.

Kristi Paul is the Project Officer (tel 4069 3555).

"This is where a bomb, supposed to be dropped at Horn Island, but Horn Island was camouflaged with a cloud, because all our women folk in the community was praying, and the Japanese apparently missed the target, and that bomb fell outside, near the coast at Horn Island."

Injinoo: Mondays, Yoga at the Healing Centre.

Bamaga: Gym Circuit, at the Bamaga Gym.

New Mapoon: Salsa Dancing, at NPARC Office Hall.

Umagico: Gym Circuit, Umagico Hall.

"It never landed on the shore. There is a big hole out there, and crayfish divers go out there, frequently. There is a lot of fish. As a matter of fact, the bomb created a good fishing hole."

Sponsorship: How does it work?

Mr Keith Elaisa is the Community Development Manager for Skytrans, which provides sponsorship to many. He explains how the sponsorship process works and what people need to know:

For sponsorship you need to meet the Skytrans Charter criteria:

- The sponsorship that you are asking for must benefit a community that Skytrans flies to;
- The sponsorship request must benefit the community, a community organization, or be part of a structured event (not individuals);
- The sponsorship request must not be of a commercial benefit to anyone.

If you're considering submitting an application think about these things:

- What your organisation does;
- What is the event or reason for your request;
- What type of sponsorship you are seeking and how Skytrans will be promoted.

Applications can be lodged online at www.skytrans.com.au under the Community Development tab. Alternatively, if you cannot access a computer, please contact Mr Keith Elaisa at Skytrans, (07) 4040 6700, to arrange for the form to be sent to you.

This article courtesy Mr Keith Elaisa.

Sponsorship requests that do not fit the criteria will be assessed individually and at the discretion of the Community Development Manager. Some examples of successful sponsorship applications are:

- Request from Aurukun Council to assist with transporting wreaths for their ANZAC Day ceremony (*Skytrans provided free of charge freight*);
- Request from NPA PCYC to assist with transporting a qualified referee for the local rugby league fixtures (*Skytrans provided a free of charge return flight*);
- Request from Injinoo Dance Group to assist with transporting members of their group to perform at a James Cook University function (*Skytrans provided a group discount*);
- Request from Apunipima Health Council to transport fresh fruit to Coen (*Skytrans provided free of charge freight*).

Change: The next step is OURS

...is the theme for this year's NAIDOC Week (3-10 July). The 2011 National NAIDOC Poster Competition closed 1 April to find the best Indigenous artwork to express the theme. Nominations for the Torres Strait NAIDOC Awards close end of May, which aim to recognise the outstanding contributions that Indigenous Australian's make to improve the lives of Indigenous people in their communities and beyond, or to promote Indigenous issues in the wider community, or to the excellence they have shown in their chosen field.

There are awards in different categories:

- Community Tributes Award
- Community Event Award
- Emerging Artist Award
- Elder of the Year Award
- Sports Person of the Year Award
- Youth of the Year Award
- Trainee of the Year Award
- Ambassador of the Year Award
- Person of the Year Award

More info: www.naidoc.org.au

Rangers' Wanted List

The Apudthama / NPARC Land and Sea Rangers are interested in any information, photos and GPS coordinates of confirmed sightings of the following:

- Northern Quoll*
- Cassowary*
- Cycas semota
- Brown tree creeper
- Flatback and Hawksbill turtles
- Freshwater sawfish
- Bizant river shark*
- Estuary stingray
- Dwarf sawfish
- Flying fox colonies and species
- Brush-tailed & ring-tailed possums

* These species are believed to have been here (in the NPA) but haven't been sighted for many years. If you have information, please contact the Ranger Base, Injinoo, tel. 4069 3875.

Coen Mu...Bidagarra-La

...it means 'From Coen to the Barron River' and is Mr Bernard Singleton Jnr's first solo exhibition at UMI Arts Shop & Exhibition Gallery (335 Sheridan St, Nth Cairns, mid to end July). The exhibition features traditional and contemporary paintings and artefacts. Mr Singleton Jnr was born in Cairns, but raised in Coen. His mother is a Djabuguy woman, born in Mona Mona mission, and his father is an Umpila (East Coast, Cape York) / Yirrkandji man from Yarrabah mission.

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New DV Counsellor for NPA

Miss Jess La Fontaine is a Domestic Violence Counsellor and Healing Centre Coordinator employed by the NPA Family & Community Services, based at the Healing Centre, Injinoo.

"I'm here to provide information support and referrals to anybody experiencing domestic violence in the community. It is predominantly for the victims, but we are open to working with people that are perpetrating domestic violence as well. We are planning to run some community awareness workshops throughout the communities over the coming months. On June 25th, as a part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we are going to do a march through all the different communities, hopefully culminating at the oval, a family fun day. It won't be just (about) domestic violence, but healthy living. There will be environmental issues with the ghost nets, and we'll have live entertainment there. I'm focusing on getting that up and running." Contacts: NPA Family Resource Centre, tel. 4069 3555, Injinoo Healing Centre, tel. 4069 3811.

Help for people who commit violence or have a tendency to commit violence is available at NPA Family & Community Services (Bamaga), ATODs (at Bamaga Hospital), and Mensheds can help with referrals.





Coen Mu...Bidagarra-La

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As a young boy growing up in Coen, Bernard would always go fishing, hunting, visit cave paintings and sacred sites, or returning artefacts and bones to their country with his parents and enjoyed watching his Granddad make Wagay (sword) at Oakforest. Whilst in Coen, Bernard learnt the ways of the bush; listening to stories, learning about the traditions, bush foods and artefacts making. Bernard would also sit with his Mother's people (Djabuguy) and watch them make rainforest-swords, shields, boomerangs, throwing sticks, spears, baskets and much more.

"These memories and experiences are the reason for what comes out of my head and into my work. I now carry on the traditional practices of my people by making artefacts, painting traditional stories and animals on canvas using acrylic and ochre. From the old traditional creation stories and the simple sunset paintings to the many artefacts I make, I try to keep to detail as much as I can. I love being able to source materials and ideas from the bush. I appreciate nature and hopefully that comes through in my artwork. My artwork captures the knowledge I gained over the years and it complements the appreciation I have for my culture, the nature and the ways of my forefathers," says Bernard.

Bernard's exhibition is the culmination of his participation in the UMI Arts Exhibition Ready Programme. Exhibition Ready provides artists at all stages of their careers with training in the 'nuts and bolts' of preparing and presenting artwork for exhibition and sale. UMI Arts is the peak Indigenous Arts and cultural organization for Far North Queensland. It is a not-for-profit company with an all-Indigenous Board of Directors, and it is owned by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts community of Far North Queensland.

(above: based on Media Release by Teho Ropeyarn, May)

NPA artist, Mr Teho Ropeyarn, is the Indigenous Development Officer (Visual Arts & Crafts) for UMI Arts Ltd, managing the Exhibition Ready Programme, which takes artists through all stages of preparing an exhibition. Mr Ropeyarn is currently working with Mr Singleton, preparing for the first solo exhibition 'Coen Mu...Bidagarra-La.' For further information please contact UMI Arts on 07 4041 6152, or visit www.umiarts.com.au

Laura Aboriginal Dance Festival

The 19th Laura Aboriginal Dance Festival is on and the Injinoo Dance Group is currently there.

First Aid & CPR

The Community Education Unit of the Queensland Ambulance is conducting First Aid and CPR courses in the NPA.

CPR = Cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

New Mapoon:

Community Hall: 21st and 22nd June, 9am to 5pm.

Injinoo:

Community Hall: 23rd and 24th June, 9am to 5pm.

The cost is free.

Contact: Queensland Ambulance Service – Community Education Unit, phone: 4039 8770, fax: 07-4039 8775, email: CommEd.FarNorthern@dcqs.qld.gov.au

Before crossing the road...



...look left, look right, and look again.



Near Injinoo Service Station



...but snakes have no ears.

Croc attacks horse



A crocodile attacked a horse at Cowal Creek, just a short stroll upriver (31st May).



The injury at the side (above), and in front (below).



Hospital Accommodation

At the other side of the HACC Centre, Bamaga, Sagaukaz St, the ground work is underway for duplex building to provide accommodation for hospital staff.



Drainage work at the site (below), preparing for concrete (right).

**Bamaga: Car park extension**

NPA Family & Community Services are extending their car park, opposite Anzac Park, Sagaukaz St in Bamaga.

**Umagico: Feasting shed**

Umagico's feasting shed now has the concrete floor in place (abv).



Image below: Seisia is near 6 o'clock, Umagico is at 12 o'clock, behind the largest tree.

**Power outages**

All communities experienced a loss of electricity caused by power outages at various times recently. The outage affected communities were informed beforehand. This enabled Ergon Energy to carry out scheduled maintenance work. Image shows a new power pole being prepared.

**NPA – Cairns - NPA Bus Service**

4 Jul depart NPA 8:30am,

5 Jul return to NPA, depart Cairns midnight, arrive NPA 6 Jul.

Cairns Show Dates 20, 21 and 22 Jul

20 Jul depart NPA 8:30am,

22 Jul return to NPA, depart Cairns midnight, arrive NPA 23 Jul.

1 Aug depart NPA 8:30am,

2 Aug return to NPA, depart Cairns midnight, arrive NPA 3 Aug.

12 Sep depart NPA 8:30am,

13 Sep return to NPA, depart Cairns midnight, arrive NPA 14 Sep.

8 Oct depart NPA 8:30am,

9 Oct return to NPA, depart Cairns midnight, arrive NPA 10 Oct.

5 Nov depart NPA 8:30am,

6 Nov return to NPA, depart Cairns midnight, arrive NPA 7 Nov.

3 Dec depart NPA 8:30am,

4 Dec return to NPA, depart Cairns midnight, arrive NPA 5 Dec.

17 Dec depart NPA 8:30am,

18 Dec return to NPA, depart Cairns midnight, arrive NPA 19 Dec.

For bookings and info contact Seisia Hire Car, on **07 4069 3368**

Cost: Bus trip Bamaga – Cairns: Pensioners \$99 (must show current card), child 2-14yrs \$99, student (must show card) \$99. Adults \$198.

The Trade Training Centre was funded by the Federal Government Building Education Revolution. The building has been completed and the College has now occupied the building. The Trade Centre will offer training in automotive, engineering and construction. The Northern Peninsula Area Ngurpai Ikama Ikya Council (NPA Education Council) held community consultations and made a number of recommendations. A wireless network is about to be installed and some \$50k of furniture, tools, benches, desks and computers are on order.

"We think that building will be ready to operate for the beginning of Semester 2, early July," explains Mr Ken MacLean. "What we would dearly love is to be able to achieve is some funding to be able to build a Hospitality and Tourism Training Centre next to the Trade Centre. This would make a 3rd facility in the TAFE precinct which will allow the full range of vocational training to happen in the NPA. This precinct would be not only be catering for the students of the college, but also for the adults in the community. We're trying to improve the quality of training that is occurring locally for all community. We'll have a clear relationship then between employment opportunities and the facilities to be able to train people, and to be able to get the jobs."

The Trade Training Centre is equipped with car lift, welders and welding booth, centre lathe with digital read-out, work benches, overhead compressed air supply and much more. All of the equipment is new.



Mr Ken MacLean, College Principal for Northern Peninsula Area State College, addressing invited guests at the new Trade Training Centre at Bamaga Senior Campus (27th May).



Councillor for Seisia and Chair of the Northern Peninsula Area Ngurpai Ikama Ikya Council (NPA Education Council), Mr Jeffrey Aniba (above).



Eye wash and decontamination station.



LOTE (Language other than English):

"One of the recommendations from the community consultations with Ngurpai Ikama Ikya Council (NPA Education Council) was for us to look at teaching an Indigenous language, an Aboriginal language or Torres Strait Island language, or both, one of each," says Mr MacLean.

"We're very keen to do that. We had originally hoped that we might be able to start that at the beginning of next semester. We're probably not ready to be able to do that. We will begin that for the beginning of next year."



School attendance:**...the more you come, the more you'll learn**

"We compared the attendance in Term 1 this year to Term 1 last year, and the attendance this year is not as good," explains Mr Ken MacLean. "We are down about 5% in comparison. The campus which has probably got the worst attendance in comparison how they were going last year was actually Injinoo. The attendance there has dropped more than the 5%. It's probably down 10%. Kids on average are only going to school 3.5 days per week at Injinoo, which is not good."

"The other thing that I'm really noticing now is that with the explicit instructions that we are doing, the kids really learning heaps. They come in at 9am and they learn full on all day, right through to 3pm. What we are starting to see are very significant trends that the students that are not coming to school, they are really starting to fall behind. The Student Learning Outcome Data clearly shows the more you come, the more you'll learn, and every day that you miss is really significant, and they're really going backwards."

"In classes now where teachers have got kids that are coming to school all the time, and other kids that are only coming a little bit, those kids are really, really falling behind. Not just a little bit, but massively, whereas the kids that are coming every day, their learning is just accelerating. It is just extraordinary how well they are achieving. Their reading levels are just improving incredibly."

"Many of those kids now are reading above the standard they are supposed to for their age. Things like their spelling, we've got a couple of kids in Year 1 in Bamaga, they already learned over two hundred spelling words. They are just going really, really well, and it's just continuing. They are the kids that come every day. I just can't say it any clearer: If they don't come, we can't teach them."

"Attendance at the Senior Campus is always the worst. We're also finding that in some of the earlier years, the pre-prep, the prep, there seem to be problems, particularly at Injinoo. We've noticed that's probably another area where we haven't got really good attendance. That's a real worry for us in those early years, because we're working really hard now to make sure that every single kid that graduates from Year 3, are really, really good. Their English and maths, that they learn to do their English and maths really well. It just means that they can't be unsuccessful in the rest of their schooling."

"The students that we got in the system that struggle at upper primary and secondary, normally it's because they got a bit of a deficiency in their English and their maths. What we really want to do is to make sure that that never happens anymore, that every single student enrolls at the college, that when they finish Year 3, not only are they good at English and maths, but they are very good at it."

"We can do that now with the way we got our teaching set up. You go into the classrooms now and you really see students really learning well. They do, they really do like it. You can see they are having a great time. We give students the Fitzroy Reader Books, they take them home and they read to their parents and grandparents, and they really like doing that. We also got what we call an Accelerator Reader Programme at Bamaga Junior Campus, and we're just setting it up at Injinoo, and that's helping kids to read for enjoyment."

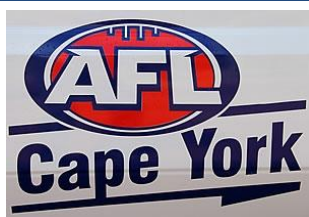
95% attendance category

Skytrans works with all the schools at the Cape supporting improved attendance. "What they do is make an agreement with each of the schools that service those communities. Schools negotiate a particular attendance level for each semester," says Mr MacLean.

"Skytrans comes and visits and gives them little sample bags, some sort of reward, show them around the plane. Our figure is 95%. I have just put together a list of kids that had 95% attendance in Semester 1, and we got quite a few kids that are in that category."

"We got a small number of kids that attended every day, 100%. Yeah, that's fantastic. It's nice to be able to go to Skytrans and say, 'Hey, we got this number of kids.' And it's interesting, every year we seem to have more kids that are going into the 95% attendance category."

With tongue in cheek Mr MacLean remarks, "Skytrans will be buying lots of sample bags this year."



Kids Living Safer Lives Projects officer, Mr Richard McLean: "AFL Cape York will have Mark Harbrow as the Regional Development Officer come to the NPA for an 8-10 week stint, and he'll be setting up AFL games, and also a small mini comp for the NPA region, prior to the visit of the Commissioner for the AFL in June/July."

Contact: Richard McLean, 0409 236 348 or 4054 5199 during business hours.

The Kids Living Safer Lives Leadership Skirmish Programme took place at Sebasio Hall, Bamaga (beginning of June) following its introductions to the NPA some weeks earlier. The game encourages children to work in teams, to plan and make decisions, practising in play skills for life. It also helps to get away from the one-eyed monster (the TV set). Laser Skirmish is for the 18-25-year-olds who are no longer at school. Mr McLean explains how it works: The Kids Living Safer Lives Leadership Programme is a REWARD based programme and the youth of NPA can only attend if they are nominated and then selected.

At School:

- You must be in years 10-12;
- You **MUST** be attending school on a regular basis;
- While at school you must abide by the school rules and policies;
- You must be making an effort to do well at school in all areas.

In the Community:

- You must be on your best behaviour within your community;
- Staying away from Drugs and Alcohol;
- Helping others and looking after your community (looking after elders, small children, or picking up rubbish etc....);
- Being a good role model to others.

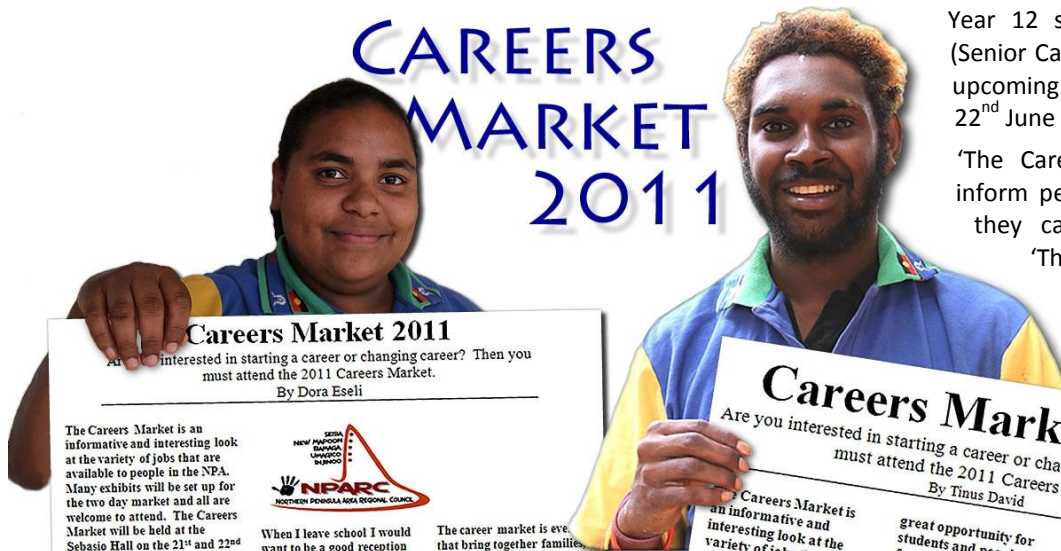
At Home:

- Listen to your parents;
- Help around the house (washing up, cleaning your room or mowing the lawns etc....);
- Respecting you parents;
- Helping your parents and little brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

(Remember Kids Your Parents get the last say on whether you come on the programme or not).



CAREERS MARKET 2011



Year 12 students Dora Eseli and Tinus David (Senior Campus, Bamaga) with their work on the upcoming Careers Market 2011, held at 21st and 22nd June at Sebasio Hall, Bamaga.

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Where and when?
21st and 22nd July
Sebasio Hall, Bamaga

Careers Market 2011

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By Dora Eseli

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Many people and organisations from out of town will be travelling to Bamaga on these two days. They will set up exhibits and will offer advice about jobs and the careers. They will also have hands on program



When I'm going to career markets I'm looking forward to see all the trades that I am interesting in like Army Cadets, Skills 360 and the indigenous driving licence and the employment and the Apprenticeship and Trainee service at the community



When I leave school I would want to be a good reception in the Rio Tinto and good driving skills if I get one of these jobs I would work hard and get my points in school

Students and community member are all encourage attending

Exhibits include:

- Army Cadets
- Australian Customs Service
- National Rugby League
- Rio Tinto
- Indigenous Driving Licence Unit
- Police department
- RATAP
- TAFE
- Skills 360

The career market is even that bring together families, disseminates information, initiates goals, promotes achievements, and provides students and local resident with professional career advice. As a result of our remote location, this is the only opportunity for the majority of our students to access assistant from career advisors from employment organisation, tertiary institutions and university. In addition, mature age student and other member of our five advantage of the opportunity to learn about what career option may be available from them. For these reasons, the Career Market has been widely supported in the past



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The 2011 Careers Market is going to be a

great opportunity for students and people from the community to have a look at different careers. There will be lots of different exhibits from companies such as Rio Tinto, Army Cadets, THE Bamaga Family Resources centre and many more,

I am looking forward to investigating the different trades that will be on offer. Hopefully there will be trades such as plumbing, carpentry, electrical and boiler making.

The Career Markets into a second day for exhibitors who would like to run workshops for potential employees. The themes for these workshops may be varied and tailored to what specific skills and



qualities employers are looking for in potential employees. The theme for this year will also be information for those looking at the logistics of business.

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Volunteer of the Year

Mr Pete Kelly has been awarded the 2010 Assistant Commissioner's Volunteer of the Year award for the Far Northern Region. He is one of 12 volunteers selected from the Rural Fire Service (RFS) as part of the broader Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS). The National Emergency Management Summit 2011 was held at Canberra (end of May).

A letter from Mr Steve Rothwell (AFRSM, Assistant Commissioner Rural Operations) acknowledges Mr Kelly's contributions and that of all fellow volunteers in providing an essential service to the local communities.

The Volunteer of the Year award specifically recognises:

- ✓ Actively promoting the Rural Fire Service in a positive fashion.
- ✓ Displaying a high level of commitment to achieving positive outcomes in all areas of responsibility.
- ✓ Often demonstrating a willingness to improve the RFS.
- ✓ Making a notable contribution to achieving the strategic goals of the RFS within their brigade, particularly in the areas of service delivery e.g. Emergency Response Operations and Training.
- ✓ Demonstrating commitment to personal development.
- ✓ Representing the RFS in accordance with the relevant codes of conduct.

"The award is not about me," says Mr Kelly. "The award is about what's happened in the community, and what has happened in the community is: We combined the SES and Rural Fire Brigade. We have 40 active members, and 40% of those are Indigenous members. They are male and female, young and old, and it's a big burst for the community."

"We're involved in doing fire education through the Queensland education system to the preps through to Grade 1, 2 and 3. We also do a road crash rescue course for all the high school students, so that they understand the difficulties with cars, driving too fast or under the influence."

Training for Rural Fire Service and SES is every second Saturday (25 June, 9 July, 23 July etc) at 8:30am at NPARC Umagico depot (where the fire truck is).



New at NPARC Umagico



Welcome to Miss Josephine Sebasio, who is the new Administration Officer for NPARC Umagico Divisional Office. She will be the first point of contact on reception and will assist in administration tasks with the team at Umagico.

Everybody is welcome. BP Bamaga has the application forms if you wish to join.

Contact: mob 0447 361 174, Pete Kelly, First Officer (Fire Captain, Fire Warden, and SES Deputy Controller).

HACC celebrates achievements

Ms Delora Asau Larry, Ms Beverly Atu and Mr Damien Mugai Elu received their Certificate III in Aged Care from Tropical North Queensland Institute of TAFE. Mrs Naianga Nona (Community Service Manager) congratulated all and handed over the certificates in a ceremony held at the HACC Building, Bamaga (7th June, 2011).

Mrs/Ms Moira Aniba, Carol Jacob, Gayle Tabuai, Kitty Namok, Nastasjia Larry, and Mr George Williams received their Statement of Attainment at the same ceremony. A Statement of Attainment is issued by a Registered Training Organisation when an individual has completed one or more units of competency from nationally recognised qualification(s)/course(s).

In the case of the HACCs participants this could be:

- ✓ Work effectively with older people;
- ✓ work effectively in the community sector;
- ✓ provide support to meet personal needs;
- ✓ participate in the implementation of individual plans;
- ✓ support individual health and emotional well being;
- ✓ recognise stages of lifespan development;
- ✓ follow safety procedures for direct care work;
- ✓ recognise healthy body systems in a health care context, and others.

The group paid their respect to the Traditional Owners and Ms Kitty Namok conducted the prayer, thanking Mrs Naianga Nona, Mr Russell Symons, and the Department of Communities for their efforts and support.

"Thank you all, whether you got Certificate III or whether you got half-way through, thank you. Thank you for sharing with me so much of you," expressed Ms Sue Winchester, "and I really appreciate it, and I am very proud of all of your achievements. I look forward to the next lot of training, and moving forward from there, which starts TOMORROW!"

**Australia's Biggest Morning Tea**

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea was supported with several morning teas conducted across the NPA communities. All community members were invited to partake to raise funds to support Cancer Councils research, prevention and support. Many of us will be affected by cancer in our lifetime with the statistics revealing that 1 in 2 Australians will be diagnosed with cancer before the age of 85. This has an impact on the individual's quality of life, on families and the community.

NPA Family and Community Services held Australia's Biggest Morning Tea at the Resource Centre in Bamaga (27th May). The event was well supported with an estimated 100 attendees who enjoyed a variety of home/bakery baked goodies, listened and watched music on a large screen and were able to gain information on Cancer focused on prevention and making healthy lifestyle choices. It was also an opportunity to relax and have a chat with mates and visitors.

The Chronic Illness Reduction Team wish to sincerely thank all the staff who baked for the occasion and all the visitors who made the event such a success. The target of \$442 from 2010 was surpassed with this year's total being \$560.

Article and photos by Margie Ware,
Programme Manager, Health Education Unit.

**Injinoo: New fences**

A number of properties had new fences erected, shown here at Woosup Rd, Injinoo.

Umagico: Jobfind BBQ Lunch

The Jobfind Centre invites everyone for a free BBQ lunch at Umagico Park, June 21, noon to 2pm. Different representatives from each community will be there to discuss great employment opportunities.

Bamaga: Hospital accommodation

The plastic pipes are in place, the site is prepared for concrete works.

Seisia: Sunset Markets...

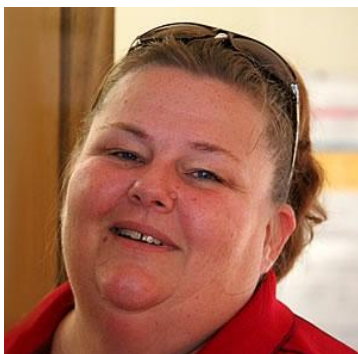
...every Saturday from 4pm, at Seisia Fishing Club.

Cert III in Business

DOHA (Department of Health and Ageing) is funding the traineeship of ten people in the Torres Strait / NPA area (Cert III in Business). There are five trainees in the NPA and five trainees in the Torres Strait

BCA National is delivering the training. "BCA National will come up in August for a week and will go in September to T.I. and then they all go down to Cairns in October for a week, so they have 3 blocks of a week. Save them flying all the way to Canberra every time. We decided to make it so that they have a block in each of their own districts, and then everybody goes to Cairns in October. Patty Nona (Area Coordinator) actually had a lot to do with the securing of the funding. Originally the funding was knocked back, and Patty flew down herself to actually sit with them to try to get the funding through that way. She had a very big part in securing the funding for us."

"It's the first time that Queensland Health has actually gone through DOHA to get admin training like that, the first for this district. We know that these people are going to be very successful, and then they'll carry on for future ones as well. The first day that they started work we all went over to Thursday Island and met with the other 5 over there and had like a little orientation, and then they went on and had their big district orientation."



Mrs Kylie Sagaukaz (Senior Admin/Revenue Officer at Bamaga Hospital), "We actually got funding for 10 trainees through the district. It is a 3-year programme and we secured funding for the first 12 months and are in the process to secure funding for the second 12 months. They (the 5 trainees) are doing Cert III in Business now and they will do Cert IV in Business next year."



From left: Mr David Wailu, Miss Natasha Larry, Mrs Regina Tamwoy, Mrs Norah Aniba, Miss Sajida Nona, and Mrs Kylie Sagaukaz.

"As a mandatory training they do orientation and culture awareness (early June). They will be working throughout the 5 community Health Centres as well as the hospital. They'll be going and doing lots of things at all of the projects. Some of it might not seem like it is admin work, but it's all about them understanding how everything in this NPA district fits together to run a health service. They might go out with men's and women's health for a couple of days, they might go out with a mental health lady or something, just so they understand how everything fits together, to get the big picture. But they'll also be working with the admin within the 5 communities as well as the hospital. We'll rotate them all around. One of the reasons I wanted to get a male (trainee) for was to show, that especially up and coming students from school, that it's not just a female orientated world, that men can do it. I put David straight on reception and he has taken it to a fish like water, he just loves it.

Mrs Kylie Sagaukaz and Mrs Maria Tapam went down to a Supervisors Training Course in Sydney (early May), "... to get a good understanding of what was expected of us as supervisors, and what was expected of them as trainees as well. That was really informative. It's a lot of work in it."

Part of the work of the supervisors is to fill in and submit performance indicators of each trainee before they can pass each subject. For most of the participants it's the first time they are in a traineeship.

Into Business Workshop A

A free workshop for Indigenous Australians interested in going into business was held at Resort Bamaga (19 Jul), organised by IBA (Indigenous Business Australia, Australian Government).

Workshop A: Your business idea, goals and expectations.

Future one-day workshops will be:

Workshop B:

Marketing and managing your business.

Workshop C:

Financial planning and management.

For workshop dates and further information: Trevor Brook, IBA Cairns Office, tel: 07 4048 8483, or email:

tevor.brook@iba.gov.au

Applications close 17th June 2011...

...that's fine if you know about it a couple of days before, but when the email arrives on the 17th June, 2011, and you read about it in the July Issue, it's pretty pointless.

What is this all about? A 7-page document spells out all the details and requirements for an opportunity for one Aboriginal and one Torres Strait Islander person to work and study at the Natural History Museum, London. The Natural History Museum London is sponsoring the 6 months Fellowship. It includes funding for accommodation, airfares, and a daily rate of living allowance whilst in London.

No need to go on, the deadline is well and truly passed.

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	GAME 44M	MULGA	VS	SUBURBS	KBO 3:00PM
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LADIES	GAME 45M	ALAU EAGLES	VS	NEW MAPOON	YUSIA OVAL 7:30PM
29.7.11					
30.7.11	GAME 32L	ROPEYARN RAZORS	VS	SUNDOWN SIRENS	KBO 12:00PM
	GAME 46M	ROOSTERS	VS	MULGA	KBO 1:00PM
	GAME 47M	SUBURBS	VS	BAMAGA ROOS	KBO 3:00PM
	BYE - INJINOO CROCS				
5.8.11	GAME 33L	SUNSET CRUISERS	VS	ROPEYARN RAZORS	YUSIA OVAL 6:30PM
	GAME 48M	NEW MAPOON	VS	INJINOO CROCS	YUSIA OVAL 7:30PM
6.8.11	GAME 34L	TOPEND UNITED	VS	SUNDOWN SIRENS	KBO 12:00PM
	GAME 49M	ALAU EAGLES	VS	MULGA	KBO 1:00PM
	GAME 50M	ROOSTERS	VS	SUBURBS	KBO 3:00PM
	BYE - BAMAGA ROOS				
12.8.11	GAME 35L	ROPEYARN RAZORS	VS	TOPEND UNITED	YUSIA OVAL 12:00PM
	GAME 36L	SUNSET CRUISERS	VS	SUNDOWN SIRENS	YUSIA OVAL 1:00PM
	GAME 51M	ROOSTERS	VS	BAMAGA ROOS	YUSIA OVAL 3:00PM
13.8.11	GAME 52M	SUBURBS	VS	NEW MAPOON	YUSIA OVAL 6:30PM
	GAME 53M	MULGA	VS	INJINOO CROCS	YUSIA OVAL 7:30PM
	BYE- ALAU EAGLES				

KBO = Ken Brown Oval (Thursday Island), Yusia Oval = Yusia-Ginau Memorial Field (Bamaga). This table courtesy Ms Sonia Townson.

National Immunisation Program Schedule for Qld.

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 kese sik.

Dentist

Late News:

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.

Bamaga Hospital, **4090 4227**

8am – 5pm, Bamaga Hospital

Men's Health 'Pitstop', 8-9am Umagico workshop depot, 29th June.



Specialists coming to NPA, T.I. and outer Islands Jul/Aug/Sep

Bamaga Hospital and Community PHCC

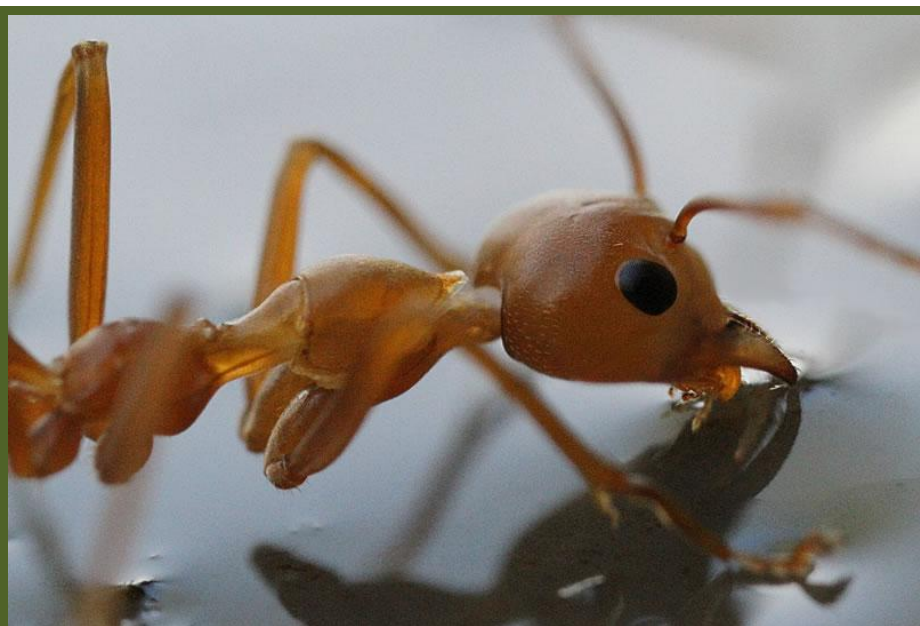
6 Jul	Chest, Saibai Nurses Clinic
12 Jul	Pre-Scopes Clinic Appts
13 Jul	Scopes – OPD and Theatre
14 Jul	Scopes – Theatre
15 Jul	Liver – OPD: am
18 Jul	Endocrine, T.I.
19 Jul	Endocrine, Bamaga
20 Jul	Chest, Saibai Nurses Clinic
28 Jul	Gen Phys & Paeds (Jason Agostino & Echotech only) T.I. – OPD: All day
29 Jul	Gen Phys & Paeds (Jason Agostino & Echotech only) T.I. – OPD: am
1-5 Aug	Eye Clinic, OPD/Theatre, Dr Garry.Brian, 8:30-11:30, 5 th Aug all day, Eyedentity 8:30-11:30
3 Aug	Chest, T.I. H. Dr Simpson
4 Aug	Chest, Saibai, Dr Simpson
5 Aug	Chest, Boigu, Dr Simpson
9 Aug	Endocrine, T.I. (check location with hospital)
9-12 Aug	FROGS, T.I. H.
15-19 Aug	Ortho, Sam McKewin, Renal Outer Islands, 18 Aug T.I. H., 19 Aug Bamaga
23-26 Aug	General Surgery, T.I. H.
31 Aug – 2 Sep	Paeds, OPD, Gen Phys: 31 Aug Bamaga, 1 Sep T.I. H. all day, 2 Sep T.I. H. am
8 – 9 Sep	Dermatologist, Murray, OPD, T.I. H.

Weekly planner for Diabetes Educator Clinics, 2011

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

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2pm–5pm Injinoo Clinic	9am –noon Bamaga Clinic	10am – noon New Mapoon Clinic 2pm –5pm Umagico Clinic	9am – noon Seisia Clinic

Services provided: Diabetes prevention / management, Diabetes check up, Medication information, Insulin management, Foot Care / checks, Diabetes in Pregnancy, Diabetes Specialist Appointments, and Eye appointments. Make appointments with Health Centre Staff, or just pop in.




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NPARC Mailing address: NPARC, P.O. Box 6878, Cairns, Qld, 4870
NPARC Head Office: NPARC, P.O. Box 200, Bamaga, Qld, 4876
NPARC Head Office address: NPARC, Adidi St., Bamaga, Qld, 4876

Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council
ABN: 27 853 926 592
Entity Type: Local Government Entity

Offices:	Website: nparc.qld.gov.au	Phone	Fax	Location	NPARC CEO & Councillors	Phone
	NPARC Cairns	4050 1800	4050 1899	Bamaga	Stuart Duncan	4069 3211
	NPARC Bamaga	4069 3211	4069 3264	Bamaga	Daniel Sebasio, Dep CEO	4069 3211
	NPARC Seisia	4069 3133	4069 3180	Bamaga	Mayor Joseph Elu	4069 3211
	NPARC New Mapoon	4069 3277	4069 3107	Bamaga	Cr Reg Williams, Dep Mayor	4069 3211
	NPARC Umagico	4069 3266	4069 3115	Seisia	Cr Jeffrey Aniba, 0407 753 528	4069 3133
	NPARC Injinoo	4069 3252	4069 3253	New Mapoon	Cr Michael Bond	4069 3277
	Opening hours: Mon – Thu, 9am to 5pm, Fridays to 3pm.			Umagico	Cr Peter Lui	4069 3266
	NPARC Newsletter (NPA News)	4069 4605		Injinoo	Cr Gina Nona	4069 3252
Various:	Police, Bamaga	4069 3156		Swimming Pool, Bamaga		4069 3659
	Post Office, RTC, Bamaga	4069 3126		Jardine River Ferry (8am to 5pm)		4069 1369
	NPA Airport	4069 3383		NPA Refuse Tip (Mon-Fri, 8am to 4pm)		4069 3252
	Ranger Base, Injinoo	4069 3875			A/H	4069 3593
	NPARC Workshop, Bamaga	4069 3962		NPARC Housing:		
	NPARC Workshop, Umagico	4069 3419		Bamaga	4069 3211	
		or 4069 3012		Seisia	4069 3133	
	NPARC Workshop, Injinoo	4069 3903		Umagico	4069 3266	
	Carpenters' Shed, Injinoo	4069 3367		New Mapoon	4069 3277	
	Carpenters' Shed, Seisia	4069 3254		Injinoo	4069 3252	

Libraries: Injinoo Library	4069 3761	Hospitals / Health	Bamaga Hospital	4069 3166	Sagaukaz St, Bamaga
RTC, Umagico	4083 0333		Dentist, at Bamaga Hosp.	4069 3166	Sagaukaz St, Bamaga
Family Services:			T.I. Hospital	4069 0200	163 Douglas St, T.I.
NPA Family Resource Centre Bamaga	4069 3555		Health Centres:	Mon – Fri 8am to 5pm	
NPA Women’s Shelter	4069 3020		Bamaga Health Centre	4069 3200	Adidi St, Bamaga
Safe House	4069 3223		New Map. Health Centre	4069 3454	
Bamagau Kazil	4069 3475		Umagico Health Centre	4069 3306	
New Mapoon Childcare	4069 3074		Injinoo Health Centre	4069 3465	
Umagico Childcare Centre	4083 0111		Seisia Health Centre	4069 3271	
Umagico Outside School Hours Care	4083 0440		Bamaga HACC	4069 3305	
NPA Healing Centre – Injinoo	4069 3811	Dep. of Child Safety (T.I.)	4090 3665	Thursday Island	
Injinoo Childcare Centre	4069 3510	T.I. Pharmacy	4069 1548	Thursday Island	
Injinoo Outside School Hours Care	4069 3109				

Schools / Campuses / TAFE		Service Stations:		Supermarkets / Stores	
Bamaga, P 6-12	4090 4333	Bamaga	4069 3275	Bamaga, IBIS Supermarket	4069 3186
Bamaga, P 1-5	4090 4444	Injinoo	4083 0011	Seisia Supermarket	4069 3218
Injinoo Primary	4090 4888	Seisia	4069 3897	Alau Supermarket	4069 3273
TAFE, Bamaga	4069 3214	RACQ, Bamaga	4069 3803	New Mapoon, General Store	4069 3013

Seisia		Umagico		New Mapoon		Injinoo	
Seisia Enterprises	4069 3243	WP H & Safety	4069 3991	C-York Ice&Tackle	4069 3695	Youth Centre	4069 3961
Wharf	4069 3158	Alau Lodge/Camp	0417088431	Loyalty Beach	4069 3372	Centrelink	4083 0158
Meat Works	4083 0201	RTC	4083 0333	Nai Beguta	4069 3408	Readymix	4069 3258
Top End Motors	4069 3182			Arts Centre	4083 0271	Injinoo /ITEC	4090 4950
Seisia/RTC	4069 3884					Inj. Justices Grp	4083 0360
NPA/Electrics	4045 5518					Ranger Base	4069 3875
Cape York Adventure	4069 3302	Seisia Hire Car	4069 3368			Torres News	1300 867 737
Seisia Camp Ground	4069 3243	Carp. Seafaris	4069 3254			Nat. Ind. Times	1 300 786 611
Seisia Styles (Hair)	0428660694	Cust Sport Fishing	4069 3301			Koori Mail	02 66 222 666

Bamaga		Punsand Bay	4069 1722		Seaswift	4069 3933
Garage	4069 3903	Cape York Traders	4083 0446		Skytrans	4040 6700
Sports & Recreation	4069 3675	CY Car Detailing	4069 3558		Skytrans	1300 759 872
Resort Bamaga	4069 3050	Cape York Spares	4069 3803		WestWing Avn	4069 1380
Bamaga Tavern	4069 3260	Dreamtime	4069 3222		Peddells Ferry	4069 1551
Bamaga Bakehaus	4069 3106	CAPE PCYC, NPA	4069 3388		Aust Helicopter	4069 1256
Centrelink, Bamaga	4069 3628	Resources Centre	4069 3555		CY Helicopters	4069 2233
Radio Station FM91.9	4096 3356	Activity Centre	4069 3980		Taxi, Bamaga	4069 3333

All Emergencies, Ambulance, Fire Brigade: 000 Hospital, Bamaga 4069 3166 (Emergencies) SES 132 500 Ambulance 4069 3344 AQIS, Bamaga 4069 3142 Mobile phones 112 with no coverage	Australian Customs Services	1800 06 1800	Ergon	4069 3164
	Crime Stoppers	1800 333 000	Sunwater	4069 3409
	Environmental Health	4069 3992	8-5, Fri 8-3	
	Australian Customs Services	1800 06 1800		
	Coastguard	4069 3030	Airport	4069 3383
	Volunteer Marine Rescue	0428 692 004	in Emergency 000 or 4069 1520	