



In this Issue: Opportunities, Hawksbill, Hunting, DV, Anzac, Housing, Census, Family, and much more...

NPARC Current Works, Planning and Issues



"A new addition to this newsletter is the 'Council corner,' which informs of what is happening in the communities," says NPARC Mayor, Mr Joseph Elu.

MIP 5 Funding: The Director of Engineering Services attended a project submission meeting with the MIP programme managers (April) resulting in an allocation to NPARC of some \$5M for planning, upgrading and expansion of existing infrastructure. Work on these projects is expected to start in July 2011.

New Landfill & Waste Management Strategy for the NPA. Mr Jim Foody (Dir of Eng Services) attended by teleconference the first stakeholder meeting on waste management strategies in the Torres and NPA regions. It was agreed that the NPA waste management solution would be relatively straight forward and as such Mr Foody has forwarded all existing data from the department's own feasibility research to the programme manager to expedite the matter.

The **New Mapoon All Abilities Playground** is ready to start as soon as NPARC gets final budget confirmation, as there had been delays experienced with the project. NPARC will then meet with the New Mapoon Steering Committee.

NDRRA* Funding: NPARC has received \$431K, and \$2.4M for works performed on the 07 to 09 NDRRA programme. The works are completed and a significant portion of the monies will be passed to general council funds. NPARC also received \$221K which is an advance payment on the 10/11 NDRRA programme. This money will be allocated to specific works in the near future. The Director of Engineering Services is also working with other stakeholders to prepare a combined 09/10 and 10/11 funding submission to the NDRRA.

*) NDRRA = Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements

CBRC Housing Project and TWG*: A Housing TWG meeting resolved several outstanding issues regarding housing site location in some communities as well as house style and design. A number of options were discussed regarding CDEP and training programmes to be incorporated in the housing construction phase of the programme. The preferred model was deemed to be the allocation of one house out of the programme to be constructed using local tradesmen and CDEP with incorporated training schemes, with the option of local labour being used to construct all ancillary housing items, such as footpaths, driveways and fencing. The draft survey plans of all communities showing the road alignment anomalies and corrective actions required were also reviewed.

*) TWG = Tenancy Working Group.

Current Projects see last page.



Kasa Por Yarn II

Kasa Por Yarn returns for a second series following the success of the popular 4MW radio play last year, which was launched in the NPA by Bamaga Family Resource Centre. The 12 episode radio drama, broadcast in local language, was initiated by Torres and NPA Youth and Relationships Network groups (YARN) and Queensland Health, covered in issue 13, NPA News.

Kasa Por Yarn's creative consultant, Sylvia Tabua, said more than 80 Torres Strait and NPA people were involved in the first series, with local talent creating stories and characters, editing scripts and acting in the show. "We want as many creative people to come along to the workshops and help shape the second series," said Ms Tabua.

Creative workshops are held on Badu Island (12 May, Community Centre), T.I. (13 May, Bowls Club, both at 9:30am), and Bamaga (mid to late May). In the NPA the project is being led by Mr Aaron Tamwoy (tel: 4069 3555) from the Family Resource Centre at Bamaga.

Budding writers, actors, hip hop artists, songwriters, storytellers, teens, uncles, aunties and parents are all welcome to come along, explains Mr Jason O'Brien, MP for Cook in a Media Release (29 Apr).

The creative workshops will be facilitated by Mr Patrick Mau (mob: 0488 130197, Maupower), Ms Tabua (0427 680882) and the series writer and director, Mr Simon Luckhurst.

Kasa Por Yarn deals with family relationships and the challenges of growing up.

More information on Kasa Por Yarn, visit www.kasaporyarn.com to download episodes, songs and ringtones, see videos and much more.



Warning: This issue contains names and images of deceased people on pages 2 – 6 and 19 - 21. If this is upsetting avoid these pages.

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World War I veterans from Far North Queensland

<p>Cape York Nicholld William Cyril Charles Stevens</p> <p>Coen Harry Baker William Richter Brennand Joseph Edwards Martin Fay Arthur Nott Henry Worth Smith (plus 240 more names)</p> <p>Breeza James St.Lawrence Tacey</p> <p>Laura Maitland Thomas Brady Thomas Carr Harold John Donald Myrtle Douglas Leslie James Keipert Harry Nolan</p> <p>Palmville John Carter Colin Alexander Dougherty</p> <p>Bloomfield Victor William Hoerlein</p> <p>Greenhills Lewis Foster</p> <p>Lakefield Station Frank Balsen</p>	<p>Maytown Ferdinand Emil Ahlers Charles Frederick Berry William Thorn Carr Cyril Patrick Connolly John Victor Connolly Albert Edward Cooke Robert Edward Dargen Aubrey Tom Elcoate Thomas Henry Graham George Thomas Huddy Marian Adelaide MacLean Alexander James McKenzie Herbert Palmer Morton Charles Neil Nicolson William Robert Parsons Colin Dearnley Patrick Francis John Sheran George Stobs Taylor</p> <p>Thursday Island Alfred Alexander Anderson W. Anderson Alexander Thursday Bain T. Bousefield Percival Ambrose Boyd John Albert Bryant E. Casey J. Cadzow D. Callaghan Victor Paul Claes J. Clay</p>	<p>Thursday Island (cont) Eric Albert Cohen Elias Joseph Conanan Ricardo Conanan Eric Corran J. Corser A. Costello George Joseph Dan John Ian Dunwoodie Thomas Dunwoodie Geno John Elarde N.O. Farquhar Harry Fay Wilbraham Lee Fowler H. Fryberg MattSOUND1hew Garr * R. O Garvey J. Gooker Charles Newbold Graham W.J Graham John Henry Graham George Arthur Graham Charles Newbold Graham Patrick Grant Robert Henry Harvey Frederick James Hey Fauvel Sydney Hodel Daniel Hodges C. Holland A. Hogarth M. Howard Gordon John Ives</p>	<p>Thursday Island (cont) Bertie Bootle Jardine J. Jenkins Edward Ashton Kirby Arthur Boyce Lauder Sidney James Lauder Roland Wilfred Little G. Luff Alexander John McLeod Murchinson MacKenzie J.A McGregor R.N McGuffy Alexander John MacLeod Francis Little McMaha E. McNulty W. Middleton Alexander Brown Mills Ernest Mogg Ernest Moore W. Morley J. Muir J.K Murphy M.New W. Newgate A. Newcombe T. Niblo H.J Nicholas J. Nicholls W. Norgate J. O'Donoghue W. O'Donoghue H.C Osborne</p>	<p>Thursday Island (cont) Proctor Fiskin Parke Archie Torres Pearson George Wyven Raff Sydney Peter Rasmussen Henry Richard Sadlier Cyril Douglas Savage John Sing Charles Malcolm Smith Arthur Montague Smyth * Claude William Smyth Cyril Bishop Smyth William Eric Snowden Jerome Sofin George James Sosar Felix Spain O. Stevens H. Sutling E. Swan Norman George Swinton John George Symons T.G Turnbull Alfred Vivian Treloar W.A Turnbull William Valentine J.A Walker G.P Whiteley Alexander Whyte W. Wills A. Woods Charles Frederick Woodhead</p>
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*) see photo

The list of World War One veterans is courtesy Mrs Vanessa Seekee, who also supplied the WWII list in the previous issue NPA News.

Anzacs on the Wall – Torres Strait

by Vanessa Seekee

On the 25 April 2009, the community of Torres Strait will commemorate and remember those who have served in the defence forces in Australia, in various ceremonies throughout the region. Remembering these men and women and their sacrifice is the core of the Anzac spirit. We remember and honour these people in varied ways, the most visual is the names that are engraved onto memorials throughout the area. It is through Memorials such as walls, plaques, plinths, pillars etc that their memory will be maintained, for in generations to come, when they have passed from living memory, it will be these memorials that will carry on Torres Strait's military legacy and sacrifice.

Geno John **Elarde**
James Hilton **Cadzow**
Bertie Bootle **Jardine**
Thomas and John Ian **Dunwoodie**
Norman Compion **Farquhar**
Matthew, William and Glamor **Garr** M.M
Daniel **Hodges**
Ernest Kidson **Thorpe** D.C.M & M.M
Charles, John and George **Graham** M.M
Sidney and Arthur **Lauder**

There are 1,236 names of men who served in World War Two, World War One and those who were killed in World War Two on tablets that adorn various memorials throughout Torres Strait. Mer has the honour board for the Mer Island men who joined the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion, while the Horn Island WW2 Memorial lists the names of those who were killed in the area during WW2. The Torres Strait Light Infantry battalion is listed on the wall in Anzac Park Thursday Island, while Bamaga has a WW2 memorial, listing the names of North Peninsula Area men who served. The Honour Board for World War One in the Torres Shire Council foyer lists the names of those from Torres Strait who served in WW1 and a list of those men who served in the area during WW1, but were born elsewhere.

Cyril Douglas **Savage** M.M & M.I.D
John **Sing**
Thomas Patrick **Tasker**
Archie Torres **Pearson** M.I.D
Alexander Brown **Mills**
George Joseph **Dan**
Edward Eugene **McNulty**
Richard Oliver **Garvey**
Arthur, Cyril and Claude **Smyth**
Eric **Corran**

During World War One the National Archives lists 58 men who were born in Torres Strait who served, while the Honour Board in the Council chambers lists another 62 under the heading 'Citizens of Thursday Island', a total of 120 from the area who volunteered.

Some names are families of the area today. The following men have awards listed beside their names :

M.M – Military Medal,
M.I.D - Mentioned in Dispatches,
D.C.M – Distinguished Conduct Medal.

These names are only a handful of those who are listed, however, among them are men who were decorated for courage in the field, those who served on Gallipoli and those who did not make it back to Torres Strait, but who lie in cemeteries across France, Turkey and Belgium. Here are some of their stories.

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Capt. Cyril Douglas Savage, 25yrs, joined the Army on 13 April 1916 and returned to Australia on 5 July 1919, having served with distinction in the 30th Battalion. He rose through the ranks from Private to become a Captain, being awarded the Military Cross and a Mention in Dispatches. The Military Cross is awarded in recognition of "an act or acts of exemplary gallantry during active operations against the enemy on land to all members, of any rank." His Military Cross was earned for his conduct during August 1918, when on three separate occasions he led his men, displaying exceptional bravery under heavy shell fire, rescuing three men from a burning tank, while moving and inspiring his men forward to assist in the capture of Foucaourt, and in the battle of Amiens. His careful handling of his men led to low casualties, while his conduct was of the highest order. Mention in Dispatches is awarded to an officer or soldier when they perform a noteworthy action. Capt. Douglas earned his award when on the night of 28 July 1918 he displayed great keenness and devotion of duty, including the direction of stretcher bearers.

George Joseph Dan, 20yrs, is an example of determination to join the defence forces. He first tried on 1 November 1915, when underage and having just recovered from Tuberculosis. He was admitted to the army, however, after seven days in camp, his parents requested he be discharged as he was under age and recently recovered from both a hernia and T.B. Once 21yrs, he again volunteered on 17 October 1916, was accepted and sent to France with the 7th Light Horse Regiment. He was severely wounded on 12 October 1918, suffering wounds to the face and head, before being immediately repatriated back to Australia. He was discharged in April 1919.

There were many occasions where brothers and cousins joined and served together. Here are some of the Torres Strait families who sent their boys off to WW1.

Matthew, Glamor, William, Paulincho Garr. Carlos and Mary Ann Garr had four boys who went to WW1, Matthew (26yrs), Glamor, (21yrs), William (22yrs), and Paulincho. William joined on 27 August, while Glamor joined on 22 November 1915. Glamor served with the 26th Infantry Battalion, William with the 4th Pioneer Battalion. William was killed near the village of Longueval, France, on 30 November 1916 during the Battle of the Somme. He was buried in the Longueval Rd Cemetery. Glamor was wounded in the chest, on 5 August 1916. Surviving this injury he went on to receive the Military Medal for action on 30 July 1918 during the attack south of Villers Bretonneux. He displayed great coolness and exceptional bravery under very heavy artillery fire, successfully carrying message books in the face of certain death. By his action, support was received and the position saved. He returned to Australia on 15 May 1919. Matthew joined on 18 May 1916, and served with the 47th Battalion. He suffered from Pyrexia, Mumps, Tonsillitis, and then was wounded in the back during his time in France, before being killed in action in Belgium. His body was never recovered and his name is inscribed on the Menin Gate, Ypres Memorial, in Belgium.

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Sgt. Archie Torres Pearson, 21yrs, volunteered on 18 October 1914 and saw service on the Gallipoli Peninsula before being transferred to France. He too joined as a private and rose to the rank of sergeant, serving predominately with the 2nd Infantry Battalion. He was severely wounded on the 24 July 1916, when shot in the back, neck and shoulder, contracted Trench Fever in August 1917, and then Influenza in May 1918. When a corporal he was awarded the Mention in Dispatches for capturing an enemy position at Pozieres under enormous enemy fire. He returned home on 10 May, 1919.

Ernest Kidson Thorpe, 20yrs, joined on 2 June 1915 and served with the 4th Light Field Ambulance in France and Belgium. He rose to the rank of Lance Sergeant within the army being awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal (D.C.M) and Military Medal (M.M). Whilst on attachment to the 11th Light Horse Regiment on 25 September 1918, he was in charge of the Australian Medical Corps detail during the assault on Semakh. During this assault he showed great gallantry and devotion to duty in dressing wounded under severe enemy fire. He repeatedly collected wounded soldiers and dragged them to a building where they were safe from enemy fire, where he dressed their wounds, before returning for more wounded. He returned to Thursday Island and spent the rest of his years here, and is buried in the Thursday Island Cemetery.

Arthur, Cyril and Claude Smyth. Arthur Montague Smyth, 25yrs, served with the 54th Battalion, and was killed by a shell at Pozieres on 19 July 1916. According to letters from his mother Elizabeth, he was wearing her ring around his neck, this was never recovered. His cousin Cyril (20yrs) served with the 15th Battalion at Gallipoli and was reported Missing in Action on 9 May 1915. His death was not confirmed for 12mths, as his body was never found. His name is now on the Lone Pine Memorial, Gallipoli. Their cousin Claude, 20yrs, served with the 14th Field Ambulance and survived the war, being repatriated home after suffering a severe gas attack in France.

Norman Compion Farquhar, 24yrs, who completed the books for his father, Thomas Farquhar and his pearling fleet at Thursday Island, joined the army on the 11 October 1915 with the 9th Field Ambulance. After serving with his unit as a stretcher bearer, one of the most dangerous roles in the army, he was killed near the village of Popperinge in Belgium, after being taken by his mates to the 44 Casualty Clearing Station there. He had suffered multiple gunshot wounds to the legs and chest. His parents, Thomas and Sarah, were notified of his death and his burial at the Nine Elms Cemetery near Poperinge.

Daniel Charles Hodges, 21yrs, joined the army on 17 February 1916 and departed Australia on the SS *Hawkes Bay* on 20 April for France to join the 47th Battalion. After a few short months of active duty in France, Daniel was severely wounded in both arms and his left leg. Such were the injuries to his leg that it had to be amputated in France before his repatriation back to Australia. He was discharged on 9 May 1917 and returned home to the Far North. A prosthesis was fitted, however it is remembered that he always wore pants, and carried his wartime service with dignity, never speaking of France, so much so that many in the community did not know of his sacrifice. He died on 20 September 1952, and is today commemorated by the Australian War Graves Commission in the Thursday Island Cemetery.

Some men, such as **Edward Eugene McNulty**, had served in the Boer War, before putting his age lower to join the army for WW1. After suffering Malaria and Nephritis, he was repatriated home from France. Others, such as **Charles Graham**, would serve in WW1 and WW2, after losing his two brothers, George and John, in WW1. Others, such as **James Hilton Cadzow** and **Archie Torres Pearson** joined as privates and became officers due to their bravery and personal character. Many served in Gallipoli, such as **James Cadzow, Archie Pearson, Thomas Tasker, Cyril Smyth and Sidney Launder**. Many suffered illnesses such as mumps and pneumonia, malaria and dysentery, while others were wounded more than once. **Sidney Launder**, 18yrs, was wounded twice and then killed in action, all in 1917, leaving his brother Arthur, 20yrs, to return home after multiple illnesses and wounds.



Matthew Garr

Those listed here are only a handful of men born in Torres Strait, who volunteered for service in World War One. Many have their name on the Honour Board in the Thursday Island council chambers, others listed in the National Archives. They were men who had mothers and fathers, sisters, brothers and sweethearts who waited for their return. Some came home wounded, others suffered wounds that could not be seen and others did not return at all. Those that returned marched the same route down Douglas Street we do every Anzac Day.

If anyone would like free assistance to locate World War One family records, contact Vanessa Seekee at intheirsteps@bigpond.com, or see the website: www.torresstraitheritage.com

In most incidences records can be immediately obtained.



Arthur Montague Smyth



Special thanks to Mrs Vanessa Seekee from Horn Island for her help and knowledge, and all the names of veterans, the above article and photographs.



Bamaga

The Anzac Day Dawn Service was held at 5:30am at Anzac Park, Bamaga, followed by the 'gunfire breakfast' at Resort Bamaga. The Anzac Day Service was held at Anzac Park, Bamaga.



"Today we come together, not to glorify war, but to think what war can bring," says NPARC Mayor, Mr Joseph Elu. "Wars have been fought ever since men walked upright on this earth. Wars have been fought for different reasons, between countries, between people, even with the same tribes. The reasons have been many."

"We can only imagine how people who go to war feel. Some of us here have done it, but most of us can only try to imagine what it is like waking up in the morning, knowing you got to go out n patrol and you might never come back. We see it happen all the time now, in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, where Australian men and women are currently serving."



'Gunfire breakfast' at Resort Bamaga.



NPARC Chief Executive Officer
Mr Stuart Duncan

Opportunities in the NPA: "Heaps, heaps"

Mrs Patsy Lennox is proprietor of Loyalty Beach Campground and Fishing Lodge. This interview was recorded on International Women's Day (8 Mar, 2011,) where Mrs Lennox was invited to speak, sharing her experiences as a leading NPA business woman.

"I've been here since 1995. We got a lease off Seisia in those days. Joseph Elu (NPARC's Mayor) knew we'd sold the business in Weipa, and he knew we had money, in those days there was no sort of money. He wanted someone who had money to start putting into structures at the campground, the power, all that sort of stuff. He knew we had money so we could do that. We put the first air-conditioners in, the first power, the first coin operated phones. We started the campground, we put hire boats in, trucks on the road to go to the Tip, all the advertising we've done. We put added accommodation in. We brought up another two 44ft containers and turned them into budget accommodation. We were running about 22 staff in those days. We had to supply all the accommodation for them as well.

"When he saw that we put our money into it, he applied then for funding, and he improved from then on, and he got it, because more people were coming up to the Cape. The service station had to be improved. He build the Seisia supermarket by the infrastructure that we're putting in, that was coming, that happened. And it worked from there, the meat-works and everything."

"Seisia was a campground when I came up in 1986, but my business got started when we got our first lease, in 1995, and we had it for 4 years. When our lease ran out, Joseph wanted to take it on himself and his people worked the whole campground. We went to New Mapoon, they gave us where I am today (meaning Loyalty Beach campground), and we started that in 2000."

Loyalty Beach did not exist as a functioning campground prior to that. "New Mapoon tried to. They had a cement block there with nothing in it, for a toilet block, and they had a fence. That was it. They had no money, no backing, no one who could help them."

Injinoo too had similar basic infrastructure, cement block, water supply (along the beach). "It's a shame really, it's because it's probably... they got the funding originally for all the water, the power, they had a manager in there, and I don't really know why it fell down. I don't know why someone can't come behind, and help these people start their own campground, because we need it."

Mrs Lennox's suggestion for young Year 12 school leavers: "Get training. Get confidence, do training, do business classes. Come and get a job in some department you're interested in, tourism, or something like that. First get your training, what you have to do for the outside world. The outside world comes in, they want to see a well run establishment, friendly people, what they want is... they want to have things. Basically a Year 12 could say, 'I can do that, while I'm training in tourism'."

Are there opportunities for cottage industries? "Heaps, heaps, definitely. I give 'em a place out there. Have it done before the tourist season starts."

**) At the time of interview news of the proposed Injinoo Art, Culture and Historical Centre was not known. Injinoo is the most southern of the NPA communities. All traffic from the south comes through Injinoo first. A service station is the first business travellers get to see. A sharp 180 degree turn directs traffic away from Injinoo, towards the other communities.*

When asked if she ever looked back, Mrs Lennox responds with a resolute, "No, no. We progressed from there." Would she recommend this for other Indigenous women as well? "Yes, yes. What they need to have is basically... they got to have people behind them to help them. They got to have people that really want to go ahead and do this, that turn up and go all the way. I just said to Sandra this morning, 'You can do it, but you got to have that person behind you.' You got to know that your staff is going to turn up on time. You got to know that the toilets are going to be washed today. You got to know that they're going to be polite, and they are going to be there for you, they're going to open things and be there, and he got it, because more people came up to the Cape."

"It means training across the board. The tourist doesn't know what goes on here. They are not interested if staff had a bad break that day. They want the cleanliness, they want the service."

Did Mrs Lennox have prior business knowledge? "Not originally I didn't. I was a worker; I worked in take-away food bars for a long time."



"My husband was working in MIM (mines). We started a furniture store in 1990 for Comalco, and that was our first furniture store. We went ahead with that, and started that from scratch and build it up."

"We sold our share out when we got the Seisia lease, and we got here and build up Seisia (meaning the campground)."

"We had Seisia for 4 years, but we had all the white staff that we brought in, we had local staff, we had trainees, and Joseph's seen this."

"The crux of the thing was, you had to have good staff to make your business."



What sort of things would be in demand? "Basically you would have to do a lot of artwork, weaving, craftwork, and information. The tourists that come here want to know about the history about the Cape, the people of the Cape. Where you turn into Injinoo, get a tourist information booth and arts centre* happening on that corner. Put all the Injinoo artefacts in it, get all the local people to do artwork, put a big information booth there, about the history of the Injinoo people."

"I have taken over from what my husband* has put in. We got it up and running and I could go on from there, because he started it. I carried on from there, growing as we have been."

*) *The late Mr Daniel James Lennox was husband to Mrs Lennox. He passed away March 2005. The then New Mapoon Aboriginal Council and the New Mapoon community placed a memorial rock in his honour at the campsite. He was locally known as 'Old Dan.'* "Old Dan used to be Santa Claus at New Mapoon for 3 years," explains Mrs Lennox. He started this in Seisia and the kids who then were 25 years old would still remember this."



"We opened the tackle shop in New Mapoon as well (now New Mapoon Ice & Tackle). Then we opened the New Mapoon store, the Take-away and all that. We had the 3 of them going all at once. We opened them all, and as they got established we sold the Tackle shop to our ex staff in Seisia, and we sold the New Mapoon store as well, but we build them up in the first place." (By selling, Mrs Lennox refers to selling the lease relating to the business).

"I would like to take on kids doing their work experience, the restaurant side of it, the housemaid side of it, up at the counter to sell tickets for Peddells on the computer and that. Talk about their art while they're there, who they are, where their family comes from. Tourists want to talk to them, they don't realize that."

Mrs Lennox remembers her time in Seisia, when a local woman* was weaving hats at the campground, conversing with tourists, another** selling books and talking, "It was great. She was sitting outside the booking office. She had a chair, and she was selling books. She could talk about Lockerbie. She had 10 or 20 tourists around, they loved it. They do love them. These older people that come up in these big buses, tour groups, they love the painting, the weaving, even if they are playing a drum."

*) Aunty Mary from Seisia, (Images from Issue 2, NPA News, page 3).

*) *Ms Ann M. Hall (nee Holland) wrote 'The Holland Family: Lockerbie, Cape York.'*

"We give the boys a section, now for a couple of years. We tell them, 'Come out, build your dance floor now, get your shade-cloth around, get everything up and running the day before you want to do your dancing. Get your lights, then get your flyers out that night, the girls on the computer can do that, Island Dance Night at Loyalty Beach, such 'n' such, at \$5 a head.' A flyer at Seisia supermarket, Umagico, Bamaga supermarket, they make a fortune. I know Gordon (Solomon, Injinoo Dance Group) did a couple last year. In one night they picked up \$600. That's money for their dance trips. I'm all in for that. I'll take the kids on; I said it to the High School kids. Me and my daughter, we would love to do that."



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NPARC Cairns

NPARC Cairns office is located at Florence St / corner McLeod St.

Ms Peri Sunai is at reception, Mrs Heather Van Dort, HR Manager, Ms Jayne Barrett, Accountant, and Mrs Annette King as Director of Finance. Mr Anthony Wright is Consultant, and Mr Greame Pearson works as Accountant.

Mr Russell Symons, Director of Community Services, and Mr Alex Barker, are also stationed here, when not in the NPA.



Pictures of the NPA decorate the walls.

Miss Rakana Smith, Assistant Grants Officer (centre above), and Mr Ian Woodward, Grants Officer (centre image), started working for NPARC in January.



Members of the Mushroom family.



Super moon



The 'super moon' on 19 March 2011, said to be brighter and bigger, due to its closer than usual proximity to earth. The last 'super moon' was in March 83.

Road to Cape York



Two road crews are currently (mid to late March) re-sheeting the road surface towards Cape York. The

sections between Bamaga and Punsand Bay turn-off, and further towards the Tip are affected. Wet season officially ends 31st March.

At \$666.66 per kg there have been many attempts to grow cigarettes straight from the ground. All have failed, despite sufficient rain.



Abundance



All this, and much more, is grown on one plot in Seisia, so much, that Mr John Unwin gives it away to friends and neighbours. Seisia has a lot of sand and is possibly the most difficult of all communities to grow anything. It takes effort, it takes work, but once it takes off nature provides the best, the freshest, and the healthiest food in abundance.



Harmony Day



Australia celebrates its rich cultural diversity with 'Harmony Day' (21 Mar) with the message that 'Everyone Belongs.' It recognizes the traditional owners of this land and that all Australians are a welcome part of this country, no matter from where they came, or what their backgrounds.



It coincides with 'International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination' (UN), which came into being in 1966, following the killing of 69 people by police in a peaceful demonstration in South Africa six years earlier. March 21th is also 'World Poetry Day' (UNESCO).



A Healthy Life: The what, why, how, and where



Being sick is usually not on anyone's wish-list. Becoming aware of what makes us sick can help avoid a future dominated by chronic disease.



'A Healthy Life' is an excellent and informative publication that explains what healthy eating is, how to choose, what to avoid, and how to understand the fine print (Nutrition Information) on the packets.



The booklet shows ways to decrease fat, sugar and salt in our foods, but also informs of the benefits of being active. It includes many recipes with pictures and how to prepare a nutritional healthy meal.

Food manufacturers use other names for fat, sugar and salt, and labels on products often seem healthier than they really are. Becoming aware and making informed decisions is what it is all about. 'A Healthy Life' (also known as the 'IBIS Healthy Lifestyle Guide') is freely available from IBIS, which is consistently promoting healthy eating habits. It is a 'must have' reference in any kitchen and includes smart shopping tips. There are also many other sources of good information that are beneficial to our health.

All supermarkets in the NPA sell healthy foods, as well as foods that can put our lives at risk. Changing our buying habits may change our future for the better.



DV: Domestic Violence Prevention

The month of May is dedicated to bring awareness to domestic and family violence. A number of days are set aside for specific issues during May: Children’s Services Get It Together Conference (4-7 May, Gold Coast), Child Protection in Australia and New Zealand, Issues And Challenges for Judicial Administration (5-7 May, Brisbane), World Kids Colouring Day (6 May, by Save the Children), International Day of Families (15 May, UN), National Walk Safely to School Day (20 May, relates to Road Safety, Environment, Health and Public Transport), and the National Indigenous Domestic Violence Conference, 17-19 May, at the Gold Coast.

‘Confronting Family Poverty’ is this year’s United Nation’s theme.

The Department of Communities (Queensland Government) has provided one-off grants to community organizations, totalling \$65,000. Its slogan: ‘Act as one against domestic and family violence.’

“There is no single nationally or internationally agreed definition as to what constitutes ‘family violence’, ‘domestic violence’ or any similar, related term,” explains the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

The Australian Medical Association (1998, p.1) defines: "Domestic violence is an abuse of power. It is the domination, coercion, intimidation and victimisation of one person by another by physical, sexual or emotional means within intimate relationships." There are also other definitions. The behavioural elements (based on definitions by the Australian Public Health Association (1990)) are (in summary): Physical, sexual, psychological, verbal, economic, social abuse, property damage, and harassment or stalking.

Domestic / family violence occurs throughout the world, across all walks of life. The victims are people of all ages and sexes.

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The chooks are getting ready for Easter, laying the freshest eggs in Bamaga (below: chook in disguise).



‘First I get a hole in my sole, and then I lost my foot. Where did it go?’

Skirmish in Bamaga

Kids Living Safer Lives Project officers, Mr Richard McLean and Mr Steve Hook, delivered Gymnastic Skills workshops and Water Gym Sports activities in the NPA. More than 70 children attended the pool events. The first Leadership Skirmish Program was also launched. This is a rewards based programme. For more info call: Mr Richard McLean on mob: 0409 236 348, or tel: 4054 5199 during office hours.



NPARC’s Parks and Garden crew keeping the grass under control, while Roads and Maintenance crew seals a short section of road at Injinoo.



Mrs Kay Babia



Monday on a Tuesday

Due to Anzac Day being on a Monday, Easter Monday is held on a Tuesday in 2011.

DV: Domestic violence covers such things as hitting, kicking, abuse, brutality, cruelty, aggression, assault, force and many other names.

What is the answer?

Miss Pauline Wapau: "It's best to talk to family and friends."

Miss Sandra Elu: "Workshops, by bringing people from outside, or within the community itself, like Resource Centre to come and have a workshop to educate both sexes. Talk on both sides, how she deals with it, and let the husband sit there and listen to what she says. Someone can then ask both of them a question, 'How do you think you can deal with it?' You two can work it out. It's for their own betterment."

"The children will have the fear of not talking to anyone. They will have to seek the attention of their parents. Maybe it will affect their lives, the children's lives, what the parents are doing. See if they can take notice of what I did just now."

"Maybe some kids have suicidal mentality, just to draw attention to parents, to stop them bashing each other up. They don't want to grow up the kids in that lifestyle, and then they will have their own relationships, and maybe they can do that way too. It will just go on and on. It will be wise to have some educated person, someone special that comes up. In the end it will affect all family, especially the kids."

Miss Linda Wapau, "I suppose it's what the issue is. What is the conflict that is causing the disruption in the family? Two certain people, like a mother and a father, then of course it affects the children as well. It depends on the issue. Is it got to do with money? Is it got to do with food, or the cost of things? Maybe it's just actually between the parents. One is not doing enough in the house, chores, helping, and one is depending on the other. Is the work shared around? Are they playing a good role-model for the kids in the first place?"

"So it all starts in the home between two people, and it has to be stopped there before it actually goes outside, otherwise there are other conflicts coming in, from a brother or a sister outside. People taking part and they don't know the true issue. It's up to the two people to work it out between themselves, to talk."

Leases for housing

NPARC Mayor, Mr Joseph Elu, "In Australia, more people own their homes, then rent from private sector first, then (from the) government. Here (in the NPA), 100% government rental, which is social housing programme, which is the lowest rung of accommodation provision in Australia."

"We want to move away from that. The first thing is for people to buy houses off the government, so that they own them or, if people have the money, to build their own houses. So we must, in the process of this land development, allow leases to go to private people in these communities."

"Today it is all 'Deed of Grant in Trust' (DOGIT), so we must talk to DERM that the council should have the ability to develop subdivisions, like anywhere else in Australia, and the plot for houses defined, surveyed, pegs, water, power, telephone, sewerage, all that, and you, anybody, me, somebody can go and say, 'I want to build my own house, I want a block of land.' So the council can say, 'These blocks are available for lease.' Then I go and lease the land, if I got the money, put a house up."

"The provision is now for 99 years for Indigenous people. Non-indigenous can take it up to 30 years without ministerial approval. Council can allow 30 years, or 40 years with ministerial approval. It's always on lease, like Canberra. You can sell the house with the lease. It's a choice."

"Freedom really is that you have multiple choices. We have choice to live in a government house, we have choice to build your own house, you have a choice to rent off somebody else, not the government. We haven't got those options. So we have no freedom in the choice for housing in these communities, and if I got plenty of money, I can build 3 houses, and rent 2, and live in one. That's my choice."

"The lease legislation is already in place. We have 99 year leases available now. The council just has to make a policy here, in the NPA. That is an act of parliament that says Indigenous DOGIT can lease land for 99 years for residential purposes to Indigenous people, that is there."

"Here we need to subdivide land, like Bamaga has got a big subdivision here now, that just needs to be done. Injinoo got a 45 or 46 block subdivision coming up. Seisia got drawings but hasn't been OK'd. New Mapoon got Quarry Heights. So the council at a meeting can say, 'OK, 3 or 4 of those blocks are available to residents of New Mapoon to take out 99 year leases.'"

"The implication is that the lease rolls over. If you got a house on it and somebody is still living there, then the lease rolls over (to the time of 99 years total). But if there is no house, the land is bare, it will revert back to DOGIT. Businesses are only 30 years, with council approval only, but 40, 50 years, it could go to anything with ministerial approval, but the council of course recommends to the minister. So business, business people, corporations can take out leases, commercial, industrial, and all those other services."

Dogs trapped

The animal management team is currently trapping dogs in the communities. If your dog is found to be unregistered, it will cost \$100 to get the dog released from the pound, as well as \$45 registration costs. Dogs need to be kept in a closed-in area. If you have more than 2 dogs, you need a letter from council seeking approval. Late dog registration costs an additional \$10. To retrieve a dog from a pound is \$100.

By early April nine dogs had been impounded. These messages are also aired on NPA radio. Dog registration costs are: De-sexed dogs \$20, hunting dogs \$50, all other dogs \$45 each.

Notice from council to horse owners is, that horses need to be placed in a fenced off area at all times, to reduce risk to traffic and for health reasons. More information: tel 4069 3992. The vet is in the NPA mid April. These messages come from Environmental Health Manager, Mr George Mara, NPA Regional Council.



The subject 'NPA animal control measures' was first covered in NPA News, Issue 6, Sept/Oct 2009, on page 5.



Miss Mabelene Gebadi, Mrs Tara Zaicz (State Library, Cairns), and Mrs Sandra Sebasio (from left to right). Mrs Zaicz is here to help with managing the Indigenous Knowledge Centres Injinoo, New Mapoon, and Seisia.



DV: “If they can’t talk, if they need to bring someone else in, someone they can fully trust. Have that conversation without it being carried into the community. Have trust and honesty to one another.”

Mr Tomas Reuben, “Our children need to be educated about domestic violence. That should be the focus. Families now have their lives, for making the changes, to educate our kids, and change the lifestyle.” (If both parents are violent)... then there should be men’s group, women’s group. The man look at what woman presents and what they have to give. Woman sit down, man stand up, this is why we’ve been provoked, and look at what’s been provoked, what is the nature, the cause. Men stand up, present their view. The woman can look, ‘Why?’ Men’s viewing woman’s provoking. If woman stand up do their presentation, man can look, ‘Oh, why are they reacting that way? Because we are not giving enough attention. Why not happen on that day? Every law that we grew up with, it was down the beach, camping. Everything away from community, no house, no nothing. (Who?) Community Health, Queensland Health, supporting, HACCs, or older people, with education and history in the past, and one or two elder spokespersons that can govern locals, “Shut up. You talk too much. Sit down.’ Make it clear that they are facilitating community members. The Family Resources, we need them onboard, they provide good service. Community Services, they should be asking, it’s all about community. They have a role to play in educating future generations, and council support in some way.”

Mrs Sandra Sebasio, “The woman need to report it, if you’re going through violence. The more you leave it, it will make you more sick. You have to report it, or go and seek help. If you don’t, you walk around really bad, afraid, and all that anger, in there. The hurting, and physically too, how your body feels.”

“Be a strong person and report this sort of thing, because you can’t live like that for all your life. Being a victim is no good for you, healthy, physically, mentally. It’s going to ruin the relationship, the family, and the extended family too. Some men do accept it (that many women now have roles as leaders), that woman is outspoken person. Some men do have this understanding. Children, they can’t talk. They will be afraid. Nothing will be said. They won’t say anything. It will all be in there (indicating the heart, the body), and how will it stop? It will come out. They are frightened too to say something. They might get flogged by their parents too. They just hold everything in there. When you say, ‘how do they talk?’ They can’t. They won’t say it. They will think, ‘If I do, what’s going to happen?’ Like an older child, like 12, 13 or 10, and 11, 9, those ones.”

Dugong and turtle hunting vision

Mr Chris Roberts, Marine Biologist, works for Balkanu, Cape York Development, with DERM funding and NAILSMA (North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Allianz). He explains about the dugong and turtle hunting vision in the NPA:

“We conducted interviews with 41 hunters. We asked them a series of questions, relating to their vision for the future, what dugong and turtle hunting meant to them. We talked a bit about the cost of food, the pressures of going hunting for families who didn’t have a lot of money, especially after stand-downs, and so forth. What we found out is that all of the hunters, regardless of where they came from, have the same vision. So that’s a really good start.”

“Essentially they want turtle and dugong for the future, and they want young people to be able to hunt in the traditional way. The other thing that they all agreed on, or 95% of them agreed, traditional owners had the right to control what happened in the sea country, so that was a great outcome. That came from all sides of the fence. The 3rd one was that they believed that it was a good idea to have some form of a permit for hunting, so that everyone knew who was authorized to hunt in the area. To that end, we at the instruction from the Apudthama Land Trust, we have printed so far over 80 identity cards, they look a bit like a driver’s license.”

“On top of that, Apudthama Land Trust is setting up a ‘Saltwater Advisory Council,’ and that Saltwater Advisory Council is: two traditional owners from each mainland clan, a hunter from each community, so 5 hunters, so they can bring to the table the practicalities of hunting, the issues they have, fuel costs and so forth. They’re bringing the on-the-ground-stuff to the Saltwater Council, traditional owners representing country of course.”

“The Apudthama Land Trust will also be inviting five elders, one from each community. The Saltwater Advisory Council has come up with some rules, how people should behave, what the protocols are, and will also have room to invite a scientist, and traditional owners from elsewhere, to come and sit, at hopefully quarterly meetings, so the scientist can bring the latest information about number increases or decreases, and other pressures on dugong and turtles. Ghostnets* and commercial netting is a big problem, and water quality is very important for sea turtles. The idea is for all the hunters to understand that hunting is only just one part of the equation, but we need that to be somewhat organized, and there are various things you can do to take the pressures off dugong hunting.”

“It seems from the information we’ve got that the population of dugong at the moment is able to sustain the number that is being taken. Turtle is another story, because the main turtle being eaten here is the green turtle, and the biggest green turtle rookery in the world in on Raine Island. The problem is Raine Island has failed as a rookery for the past 12 or 14 years, so we’re not getting these new turtles into the works.”

**) Ghostnets are fishing nets drifting with the currents. They come from boats of many countries. In the process they kill a lot of wildlife which the Apudthama / NPARC Rangers know all too well. Image courtesy of Rangers.*



DV: "They will be afraid to say so too. They say, 'If I do report, what's going to happen to my mum and dad?' Most of them will just shut up. It's no good. We don't know how you identify it. You can't, unless it comes out."

Mr Wayne Christian, Health Worker at Bamaga Clinic (Qld Health), "I think that domestic violence needs to have a holistic approach, focusing on the women, men, and the children. Domestic violence usually happens in the communities. Women go to the shelters; men stay behind in the house. Sometimes the children go with the mother, or stay with the father. Only one person is getting healed. The father needs counselling, or he needs help. The children need help. It has to be a family union that needs to happen. There are not many domestic violence services for men, of the specifics. What services are here for men? It's not much at all. There are a lot of services for women, and there is quite a lot of support for women. I obviously cannot speak on behalf of the women. I've never been through it. I myself have lived in it as a child, but I have never advocated violence against women, again, it needs to go back to that holistic approach. There are a lot of things that need to be set in place, family healing. It is domestic violence, but it also ties in with family violence, because everybody gets affected, immediate family and the extended family."

Miss Colina Reuben, "There are too many chances. I see a lot of men go, 'Hey,' in and out of that court, women too, in and out. Go to court, come back, get another chance. Go to court, come back. Aren't they supposed to be within a 100m of each other and that sort of stuff? The people are still with each other. The cops should follow this up. Break them up, hey. I think it goes how they grew up (referring to the cause of violence). I think it's the way they grew up to deal with things, whether it's financial, or whatever."

Mr Elia Woosup, "It depends, from alcohol, women problem too, it can be from stress, low income, family problems. The person is under stress, or maybe misunderstood, different subjects, or from alcohol." As to the solutions to DV: "Activities, Mensheds, sports, also to visit older ones, that's where respect and manners come in. It's the lack of respect and manners."

Milman Islet's Hawksbill Turtles

Milman Islet is 140km north of Cape Grenville, Cape York, and is part of the Great Barrier Reef. Mr Brett Leis and team spent a month in the remote location, studying the hawksbill turtles in a project to assist the Sea Turtle Foundation, and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services. Apudthama / NPARC Rangers assisted with data collection for a week. A turtle with satellite transmitter on its back can be tracked on-line.

<http://capeyorkseaturtles.blogspot.com/>



From left: Mr Brett Leis, Ms Kelsey Verrillo, Ms Anna Pintor and Mr Ben Jones.



One of the many deadly ghostnets washed up in the background, while a female digs in to lay her eggs.



The project is funded by Sydney Aquarium Conservation Fund (the transmitter), Project Aware, Sea Turtle Foundation, QPWS, and Seaswift.

All images courtesy Mr Brett Leis.



This one is tagged as K79208.



DV: Mr Steven Sagigi and Mr Thomas Wagness agreed with Mr Woosup's comments, adding, "It's a good thing we have football. It brings everybody together. It also helps us to understand one another, to help us to be responsible to family."

The voice of a female victim of domestic violence, a mother of several children, "I got bashed up every time he drinks. It's like I just want to take my kids and run away, and never come back, because my boyfriend is like that. (As to the cause) Probably alcohol, too much. You talk anything wrong and it just triggers him off. If you swear, bad attitude, and your boyfriend just goes straight in and bash you. Maybe some jealousy as well, when they drink around with their mates, and you're around, some girls they're probably, you know... I reckon it's the alcohol, I think. I had a black eye. I got a mark on my head, swollen lip, nose, but nothing major, like damage."

"Today I still have the fear. Today, when I look at it, I don't want it anymore; I just want to be single, with my children. I am single now, and I love to be single. My sister helped me, she wanted me to go to the cops. (She didn't go to police. Why not?) Because I was still in love. I didn't want to send him away. I think I'm gonna find it hard to do everything by myself. We lived for a couple of years (together). (DV occurred several times during this period) He kept coming back, telling me he loved me, he won't do it again, and I believed that. He just kept on going."

"A couple of years ago I lost him (the boyfriend died). From then on I didn't want any relationship anymore. I still have that fear in me. The fear now is perhaps worse than at the time. I see some boys around here they look very violent now, today. I go out and have drinks with my girls, and I see them how they drink, and what really happens, in the morning hours, they start violence. Some boys bashing, like hitting their girlfriends, like in front of my eye. I tell 'em, 'Go away. Don't do that.' But they're still going back home together. It's a couple of boys bashing their girlfriends around here. Really bad too, hitting them and kicking too. When you look it makes me flash back of things I've been through."

"Maybe the men need to get counselling. Menshed should encourage them to get together and talk about what they do, how come they're doing things this way. It helps speaking to other women, it helps them. Some go and press charges. Stand up and be strong. Just call the cops, the police. The cops will warn them, 'You do it a second time...' Today, domestic violence, they can't do that here anymore, the boys, they go straight to jail. Women today need to stand up, be strong, and go to the police, because it won't end, until you do something about it. They don't press charges. That's why it's still happening. If the women do something, something will happen. They put a stop to it."

NPA Liquor Accord

The NPA Liquor Accord has been established as a joint initiative between Qld State Police, licensees, Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation, local government, other relevant agencies and community based organisations, and is a partnership between key stakeholders sharing the common goal of achieving safe and well-managed environments at, and surrounding, licensed venues, and in the community generally. Harm minimisation from alcohol abuse and the responsible service and use of alcohol underpin this Accord.

The Accord has been developed to work collaboratively with existing stakeholders to adopt a range of positive, effective and community based strategies, aimed at promoting responsible drinking practices, reducing crime, managing, monitoring and advising on alcohol related matters and putting in place measures to address violent, anti-social and pollutive behaviours associated with alcohol abuse in the communities of the NPA (including Punsand Bay).

To this end, if any community members have a complaint about alcohol related anti social behaviour, such as loud all night/weekend parties; they can lodge a complaint with the Accord which will take it up with the Police and Council on their behalf. Letter should be addressed to: The Secretary, Lesley McCartney, NPA Liquor Accord, PO Box 84, Bamaga, 4876, Qld, tel: 4069 3555.

Carriage Limits under the NPA Alcohol Management Plan.

So that community members are clear as to the carriage limits in the NPA, the following applies: The maximum amount of alcohol a person can have in their possession in the NPA is: 2 litres of wine (not fortified like port or sherry) and 11.25 litres (1 x 30 can carton) of any strength beer or...

2 litres of wine (not fortified) and 9 litres (1 x 24 can carton) of pre mixed spirits of up to 5.5% alcohol/volume.

That is, either a combination to the maximum of WINE and BEER OR WINE and PREMIXED spirits. It is not permitted to have in your possession on foot, in your vehicle, boat, bus, taxi or any form of transport, any amount of beer with any amount pre mixed spirits (UDLs). This amount is per person on foot, or per vehicle, boat or aircraft regardless of the number of people in it.

It is an offence to drink in a public place. However, the Loyalty Beach Camping Ground, New Mapoon and the Seisia Camping Ground are designated wet areas. Registered guests of these camping grounds are permitted to drink alcohol.

There are some licensed premises in the NPA where alcohol is sold for consumption on the premises. No more than the carriage limit can be sold for take away per person or vehicle no matter how many people are in the vehicle.

Dry places: People living in the NPA may apply to have their home declared a 'dry place'.

Penalties: Maximum penalties for possessing illegal alcohol in the NPA are:

First offence \$37,500; second offence \$52,500 and/or 6 months imprisonment, third offence \$75,000 and/or 18 months imprisonment. Vehicles found carrying alcohol in the restricted area may be confiscated. It is also an offence to attempt to bring illegal alcohol into the restricted area. The maximum penalty is \$37,500. The on-the-spot fine for drinking in a public place is \$100, or \$300 if under the age of 18. The maximum penalty for possessing alcohol in a dry place is \$1900. These penalties apply to all people living in, travelling through, visiting or working in the restricted area.

This article courtesy of Mr Chris Foord, Chairperson of the Accord.

DV: "I've seen some men they go to jail, and they come back. Some learn some lessons, some don't. They just continue doing it. From my viewpoint, I would like to say to all ladies, 'Stand up and be strong, Don't let men put you down'."

'We the problem, we the solution,' says well known sports legend, Mr Charlie King, who is ABC sports commentator and host of 'Grandstand.' Mr King has been working with young men in the Northern Territory, spreading the message of anti-domestic violence through the 'No More' programme. The message is aimed at all men, whatever their skin colour, to stop violence towards women, child abuse, and family violence before it happens. A programme was aired some months ago on ABC's Message Stick.

Men are also victims of domestic violence. The true picture of the scope of violence is perhaps difficult to fathom, as many remain unreported.

Rebecca Soki, 13, turning 14 soon, "Drinking every weekend, and fighting problems. Stop interfering with each other's lives."

Mrs Bethel Hobson, "It's everyone's business. If you hear or see someone is getting bashed up, don't just look away. Ring the police, get involved, otherwise... It needs to be stopped."

"Individuals, couples and families come to our service for counselling, support and mediation," explains Mrs Lesley McCartney, Programme Manager for client's support services at NPA Family and Community Services, "Domestic and Family Violence is a problem in not only NPA but in all parts of Australia. Referrals come from individuals, family members and other agencies and organisations."

"A healthy relationship is free from abuse, violence and controlling behaviours where individuals are respectful to each other, feel safe to share opinions and care for each other."

"Domestic and Family violence is not just about physical abuse – belting up, punching holes in walls. Domestic Violence includes emotional abuse– guilt trips and mood swings; verbal abuse – name calling, put downs, threats to harm/kill; financial abuse – making you pay for everything; social abuse – being isolated; spiritual abuse – ridiculing your beliefs and faith and sexual abuse – being forced/coerced to do perform sexual acts you don't want to. An abusive relationship is one where you might feel frightened and at times you are walking on eggshells."

Bamaga in transformation



The old Dreamtime building during demolition (above, image by Ms Leandra Newman). Below: Site clean-up and new construction reshaping Bamaga.



Mrs Cecilia Ropeyarn is the widow of the late Mr Dan Ropeyarn, whose name lives on in the Ropeyarn Cup. Anyone wishing to help the family can contact Mrs Gina Nona (Cr for Injinoo) on 4069 3555.

Fire at Injinoo

Fire at Injinoo caused extensive damage to the house of Mrs Cecilia Ropeyarn (early April). No one was injured in the blaze.



The ceiling was well alight by the time Rural Fire Services arrived and brought the fire under control.



The living / dining room and kitchen.

Getting into the Gamba



Cape York Weeds and Feral and Apudthama / NPARC Rangers recently sprayed the gamba grass. "Late September or early October we'll do it again, while the grass is young," says Mr Warren Strevens. "A whole heap of us, between the rangers and them (Cape York Weeds and Feral) we should be able to knock it on the head."



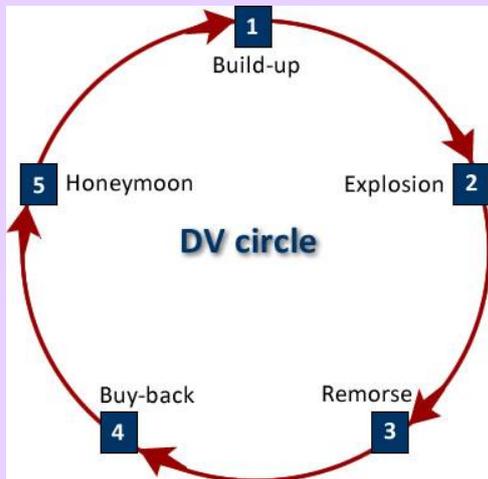
"Cape York Weeds and Feral also train the fellows, and helped us out with gear too. On the back of our tray-back is one of their spray rigs. They left that here with us. We're trying some other things with them as well. There is a DGPS. A normal GPS is accurate between say 15-20m, something like that. A DGPS sets up like a receiver and transmitter, so you can pinpoint everything down to your own base, your own fixed point. You are accurate to within an inch. The biggest problem that's been with the turtle nest monitoring is that they lay over the top of each other, right beside each other; you can't distinguish one nest from another. We're going to try this now (the DGPS) to record the nests."

DV: "If you feel you're in such a relationship, talk to someone you trust about it and have a safe place to go to when you feel unsafe or in an emergency. Don't feel ashamed and keep it a secret behind closed doors."



"You have the right to live in safety and there are people who can help. You can talk with us at Family Resource Centre."

There is a cycle to the violence which might help you to read the signs of abuse:



Mrs McCartney explained the 'DV circle.'

1. Build-up is a period when anxiety builds and there is an 'edgy' atmosphere, as if walking on eggshells.
2. Explosion, the release of energy unleashed on the victim. This may have the form of physical, verbal, emotional, social, sexual, spiritual or financial abuse. It can be very destructive, but also more subtle, nevertheless abusive and controlling.
3. Remorse is the time of 'regretting' ones actions. 'I'm sorry, but... if you wouldn't have done this, then that wouldn't have happened.' One tries to shift the blame onto the victim without accepting responsibility for one's own actions.
4. Buy-back, promises made, gifts or special events are planned to relieve the tension in the relationship.
5. Honeymoon, a period when all seems well.

Healthy Hearts Programme

Heart disease is a big issue for many individuals, both young and old within our communities. During Heart week, 1st -7th May, 2011, Health Workers from across the N.P.A. will be united to raise awareness of the disease, and to get key health promoting messages to everyone. This will include making healthy lifestyle choices to keep your heart healthy.

Within each community a programme will be delivered including: An education session on: Health facts, diabetes, Rheumatic Heart disease, alcohol and tobacco, and preventative lifestyle choices. This will be followed by a physical activity session encouraging attendees to join in, and a healthy cooking demonstration. Displays and lots of information will be available. Key messages will also be promoted across the community including to: Child Care Centres, Schools, Youth groups, HACC and others.

Community	Day	Venue	Time
Injinoo	Tuesday 3rd	Healing Centre	13:30
New Mapoon	Wednesday 4th	Park	10:30
Umagico	Thursday 5th	PHC centre	10:30-12:30
Seisia	Thursday 5th	Supermarket	13:30
Bamaga	Friday 6th	Post office area	10:30-12:30

Any enquiries regarding the week, please contact Sue Aldred (Senior Educator Chronic Illness Reduction. NPA Family and Community Services. Ph: 40693555).

By Mrs Margie Ware.

Main Roads dot Art?



It looks like paint and the road between Bamaga and Seisia had many large dots decorating its surface. They are tiny glass beads, as found in the hourglass.

A measure of the beads is placed on the road, then spread into a circle, as far as it goes. The resulting 'dot' is measured to help in calculating how much bitumen the road needs. The rougher the road, the more bitumen is needed per square metre.

NPARC's road crew busy

A team of NPARC's road-crew was busy cleaning the edges of the Bamaga to Seisia stretch.



Mr Freddy Williams and Mr Tetseo Makachi are adding reflective markers to the outer limits of the road.

DV: "If women are unsafe or feel they need to have some time out in a relationship, please contact and use the services of Women's Shelter directly on **4069 3020** or Police on **000**," says Mrs McCartney.

"Yarramundi Puppets will be coming into community on 16th – 18th May to visit schools, day care centres, out of school hours care centres in all communities, to talk about Healthy Relationships. There is also an event on 28th May at Bamaga Oval, a collaboration between NPARC and local agencies - 'Healthy Families = Healthy Communities.' Lots of activities are planned to promote healthy lifestyles – healthy relationships, healthy eating, physical exercise, sport and recreation activities. The event will commence with Parade of vehicles through all communities leaving Injinoo at noon. The event will conclude with BBQ and showing of a family movie on large screen. All activities are free and all families are welcome to come along!"

There are no shelters for men. The majority of victims of DV are women and children. Men are the majority of victims of violence from strangers (non DV). All too often the cycle of violence carries into the next generation.

Please seek professional help.

Available help:

Relationships discussions & advice:
<http://www.australia.gov.au/theline>
tel: 1800 200 526

Women's Domestic Violence Crisis Service, tel: 1800 015 188

Centre against Sexual Assault:
tel: 1800 806 2929

Kids Help Line:
<http://www.kidshelpline.com.au>
tel: 1800 55 1800

Wire, info, advice & referrals for women: <http://wire.org.au>

Victims Counselling and Support Services, Relationships Australia,
Toll Free: 1300 139 703

DPP Victim Support Unit
tel: (07) 3239 6042

Crime Stoppers, tel: 1800 333 000

Police, emergencies, ambulance,
tel: 000



Plenty of rain



Plenty of water (top: Mosby Creek bridge, below: near Bamaga Oval).



A day or two later, the same bridge (below).



Injinoo public meeting



NPARC Councillor, Mrs Gina Nona (Injinoo) called for a public meeting at Injinoo Youth Centre (22 Mar, 2011), where many speakers informed the community of what goes on, and what is planned for the community.



Mr Jim Foody spoke of housing, subdivisions, sports oval and money, "It's a frustrating slow moving animal, the money that's been sitting there for years," explains Mr Foody. A new subdivision is on the way. Two surveys are completed. Another meeting is planned to get the result of the survey. Mr Alex Barker advised that there is money to finish the Injinoo sports oval (water and some turfing). CDEP workers have repaired the grandstand. School attendance was low. The message to parents was to send their children to school, as it is really important.



From left: Mr Jim Foody (Dir of NARC Engineering Services), Mr John King (Operations Co-ordinator), and Mr Colin Moore (both Dep of Transport and Main Roads, Queensland Government).

"We are looking at ways where we can help the council with submissions, and putting their claims together, as well as using workforce from up here to further south. Our unit is predominantly to provide training and employment for Indigenous workers, and we'd like to think we've achieved that with what we've done over the last few years."

NPA Arts Centre

Ms Liz Hunter and Mr Joel Sam conducted free Lino Design and Screen Print workshops at the NPA Arts Centre at New Mapoon during April.



Mrs Gina Nona, "Ama Mary spoke of the church. The Justice Group formed an Elders



Committee, which was talked about for a number of years. Some of the younger people have trouble with reading. They can't fill the ticks in when they go for driver's license and writing. The Elders Committee is helping in that way for local young people to get their license. They are getting more information about the noise on parties. We must have more respect for our own community. People worship on Sundays, more of the older people too. They don't want to come into a noisy community. The church is here and the noise is there. If they want to go on (to make the noise), just go away, have it somewhere else, not near the church. Or they can go to another venue, go to another house."

"Relsie Ahboo (Family and Community, NPAWS) is the coordinator for the Safe House. We talked about what is a Safe House. People in the NPA don't understand what Safe House is all about. Some of the people are thinking we're Child Safety," explains Mrs Nona, "but we're not. We work for Child Safety, caring for the kids. (Safe House and Women's Shelter are located at Bamaga. They are next to one another.)"

"A different coordinator looks after Women's Shelter. In the other side (meaning Child Safety building) we are taking children that are under Child Safety. They are moving from their parents to foster care. If they are waiting they can go and stay there for a couple of weeks. They are waiting for Child Safety to place them in foster care."

"We had Robert Bagie. He spoke of the new Enterprise we formed last year, Apudthama Enterprise Corporation. It was good. We're incorporated and are ready to do divestment now. Phillip Bowie, Aaron Gibuma and Tolowa (Tex) Nona spoke for ATODS, the Drug and Alcohol Centre in Bamaga, if anybody needs help they should go there."

Mr King and Mr Moore also attended the public meeting. Mr Colin Moore, Manager (Remote Communities), Department of Transport and Main Roads, "We came to talk with the NPA Regional Council, trying to work out a partnership with the NDRRA works (Natural Disaster Relief Recovery Arrangements), following the flood damage from Yasi and Tasha (cyclones hit Jan and Feb, 2011). Hopefully that we can work together, Transport and Main Roads, and NPARC. The subsequent rains (from the cyclones) have affected large areas."

Council careers

Career and Job opportunities in NPA Regional Council are on its website, under 'About Council,' <http://nparc.qld.gov.au>. The information shown there is the same as emailed throughout council's internal network, or as shown on NPARC's notice boards, as issued by Ms Luisa West, Manager, Recruitment, Training and Establishment. In addition it includes a summary of the job description, the selection criteria, explains the duties expected relating to the position, and may list other requirements (qualifications needed, physical requirements, key performance measures).

Recently advertised were/are:

- ✓ Administration Support Officer, Injinoo;
- ✓ Bus Driver, Injinoo and Umagico;
- ✓ Art Support Officer, New Mapoon;
- ✓ Bus Driver, for schools and communities;
- ✓ Senior Ranger
- ✓ Admin Support Officer, Umagico
- ✓ CDEP Supervisor
- ✓ Service Station Attendant, Injinoo

Each listing will be removed after the closing day for the position has passed. New listings will appear, as they become available.

Australian Customs



Custom Officers from the Australian Custom Service visited the NPA in April. From left: Ms Amanda Lister, Mr George Nona (Border Enforcement), and Ms Marisa Mascarenhas. The team is based on Thursday Island and is asking NPA residents to report things that are suspicious and out of the ordinary. If we see nets in trees, for instance, which could be used to trap local birds, Australian Customs would be interested to know where they are, as local birds are very rare elsewhere. A 24 hour phone line gets you in touch with Australian Customs Services: **1800 06 1800**.

You can remain anonymous. Poachers, illegal arrivals, illegal fishermen to our shores are some of the things of interest to the customs officers.



Living on the edge by sticking your neck out.

National Immunisation Programme 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 prom kese sik.

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**

Dentist

8am – 5pm, Bamaga Hospital



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

Bamaga Hospital and Community PHCC

3-6 May	Eyedentity: Mabuia 3 – 5 May, Badu SS, 6 May
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
9-12 May	Eyedentity: Badu 9 – 11 May, Coconut Is Clinic 12 May
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
23-25 May	Eyedentity Optometrist: St Paul's Clinic, SS on 25 May
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., Gen Phys – Bamaga - OPD
1 Jun	Gen Phys, Bamaga - OPD
2 Jun	Gen Phys, T.I. H. all day & Paeds (Jason Agostino & Echoteck only)
3 Jun	Gen Phys, T.I. H. OPD: am & Paeds (Jason Agostino & Echoteck only)
7 Jun	ENT T.I. H. OPD/Theatre all day
8 Jun	ENT T.I. H. OPD/Theatre all day, Chest – Saibai (Dr Vincent)
9 Jun	ENT T.I. H. OPD/Theatre all day, Chest – Boigu (Dr Vincent)
7-17 Jun	Ortho, Perry Turner, (actual days to be confirmed)
21-24 Jun	General Surgery, T.I. H., Chest – Saibai Nurses Clinic on 22 Jun.
27-30 Jun	Dermatologist, Bam:27, Saibai:28, Badu:29, T.I. 30 Jun
31 Jun	Eyedentity Optometrist Saibai Clininc

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.

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
3, 17 and 31 May 14 and 28 Jun	10 and 24 May 7 and 21 Jun	11 and 25 May 8 and 22 Jun	12 and 26 May 9 and 23 Jun	5 and 19 May 2, 16 and 30 Jun



... and then I did.



Census



Australia's largest ever peace time job drive has begun and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) need the help of Northern Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. From the heartland of Central Australia to the remote islands of the north, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are needed to help tell the story of local communities through the Census.

The 2011 Census of Population and Housing aims to accurately measure the number of people living in Australia, their key characteristics and the places where they live. Local District Manager for Cape York, Mr Tony Johnson, says the ABS is committed to employing local people to help conduct the Census.

"We are seeking collectors, interviewers and community coordinators in many remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait communities to help give their communities a voice," Mr Johnson says.

"The Census is very important to help tell the story of your community. If you are a good talker, know the local area and have skills and ideas to help us, we are keen to hear from you," he says.

More information is available online at www.abs.gov.au/census or call 1800 150 858. Mr Johnson can be contacted on 0459 812 987. (This info is based on release by Mr Jason McIntosh, ABS).

The 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.

Training-for-employment

UMI Arts is working with The Learning Workshop on a capacity building project to identify training needs for future Indigenous employment in the creative industries in Cairns and Far North Queensland. The Learning Workshop is a Cairns based private Registered Training Company that specialises in delivering capacity building projects for Indigenous workplaces and communities. Using an approach that combines research, course design, resource development and training, The Learning Workshop will build on UMI Arts' existing skills-development programmes to produce a training needs analysis and a training plan.

"This project is a wonderful opportunity for UMI Arts to progress its training-for-employment strategy for the region," says Executive Officer of UMI Arts, Janet Parfenovics. "It will ensure that Indigenous people have the skills to manage organisations such as the Hub as well as qualifications that will lead to other employment opportunities both locally and nationally.

"An important component of this current project with The Learning Workshop is to develop a comprehensive procedures manual for UMI Arts, as well as to build existing UMI Arts programmes into initiatives that carry recognised accreditation status.

"With continued support from DEEWR, we hope that successful UMI Arts skills-development initiatives, such as the popular Exhibition Ready Programme, will soon become accredited courses delivered by UMI Arts. This will continue and improve on professional support for Indigenous artists," Ms Parfenovics says. The project is funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

(based on Media Release, 28.03.11, by Mr Guy Hancock, Communications and Development Manager)

Look what the tide brought in

Ghostnets are one thing, now it's termites hitching a ride in driftwood. Ranger Coordinator, Mr Warren Strevens, explains, "They found a lot of termites in driftwood. Some of them are exotics. The AQIS termite expert, Mr Tony Postle, wants to come up again. He was all excited. Normally on a trip he fills something like 10 vials, but on the first day he had 14. He found a lot. The weather knocked us around in the end. We had to come back one day early. It was really rough down there. We started from Skardon, and worked our way up north. We pulled out at No.2 (north of Vrilya) and then came home. The rangers would have surveyed something like 60km of beach front."

The rangers will be away from the base a lot, doing the AQIS survey and ghostnets. "If anything, there are just as many nets as last year. We showed them around on the east coast, and they have given us money to clean up over there. We'll start doing that around October / November this year (with funding from Ghostnets Australia).

They gave us (funding for) six weeks on the east coast, and I'm trying to get 6 weeks for the west coast. They said 'yes' for doing the work, but haven't said 'yes' for doing the time. A big joint effort is planned with Weeds and Feral for doing the pond apples *, it's another bad one. Hopefully this year we are going to do a big burn on the south side of the Jardine, down to the top of the Delhunty, an aerial burn."



"What has happened in the past is that wildfires have swept across, uncontrolled. We are trying to do an early burn and specific too. It's all vine forest down there. We're trying to protect them. You drop like ping pong balls, when they hit the ground they ignite. We'll do it early, and do a patchwork of burns. When a wildfire comes it will be a barrier against."

Apudthama / NPARC Rangers Mr Richard Woosup, Mr Walter Moses, and Mr Christopher Lifu went to a Ranger presentation in Cairns (April). Mr Warren Strevens (Coordinator), Mr Meun Lifu (Senior Ranger) and Mr Lawrence Pablo went down to the West Coast for an AQIS survey. They moved from Skardon River to McDonnell River.

A ranger conference is planned for June this year.

Mr Postle from AQIS informs that is has certainly been interesting with several of the found termite species as un-described, and a number of known Australian species found in the collected driftwood.

*) The Pond Apple is a weed of national significance, declared a C2 under the Lands Protection Act 2002. It is a tree that can reach 12 – 15m in height. Its fruits are 5-15cm in diameter, green and are shaped like a mango. (Info source: Weed Pocket Guide).



At the request of the family we published 'The last of the Atambaya,' the funeral of the late Mrs Miriam Crowe (Mama/Aka Nagie), believed to be the last full blood Aborigine of her tribal clan, the Atambaya Utaga Clan, also known as McDonnell people (Issue 12, Mar/Apr, 2010). The funeral took place at Injinoo, 12th Mar, 2010, her remains now resting at Atambaya.

"She married her soul partner, Mr Matthew Crowe, of Cherbourg," states the article, which was also carried by Torres News at the time. In January, 2011, an email from Mr Mark Roy, News Editor at Torres News, referred a reader enquiry relating to this sentence in the article. The reader found it just recently on the on-line version, via Internet.



"...I see that she was married to a man by the name of Matthew Crowe (as child, right) from Cherbourg. This man is my grandmother's brother only brother. Her name was Janet Donas (nee Crowe). I wanted to know if you have any of their descendents so I can get in contact with them, as they are my family," wrote Mr Troy Georgetown (left) who lives in Logan City, south of Brisbane.



It didn't take long to find family, as the son of the late Mrs Miriam Crowe and Mr Matthew Crowe, Mr Peter Crowe (image, below right), lives 100m down the road from the NPARC Injinoo office. In the ensuing days emails exchanged photos and family history. The January flood took the life of Mr Peter Crowe's first cousin's girl, writes Mr Georgetown from Cherbourg, attending her funeral there.

Mr Troy Georgetown spend 3 years piecing together the family history, which is supported by his facebook site, featuring many images of relatives, past and present. He put together a document, 'Our Family History', with information and photos from Queensland State History Unit, Queensland State Library, document interviews from June Bond, information from Granny Annie's / Nana Janet's Bible, family members, and Brett Green, a Gympie researcher. The following extract acknowledges the contribution of all mentioned.



Mr Georgetown's 'Our Family History' is of significance, not just to the families who are directly named, but also to all Queenslanders, as it will give many a comprehension, appreciation and understanding of the state and country that has become home to so many.



Our ancestors originally came from the nation that we all call and know as 'Kabi-Kabi.' Their ancient language was called Kgaw'bpidhal'i, or Kabi-Kabi for short. They belonged to a country that is now known as The Great South-East Queensland. Their country was essentially of a rain forest environment with open areas cleared by firing the scrub.

Our ancestors lived, walked and hunted in and around the regional highlands, lowlands, the seashores, the jungle lands, and on the banks of the Mary River (the Mary River was called and known as Mooraboocoola, or Numabulla to our people).

Within the Kabi-Kabi country we belong to the Nal'bo, Undambi, Dulingbara and Dallambara family group.



Noosa Blacks in late 1880s.

Back row: Believed to be Willy Crowe, Tommy King Of Noosa, King Brown of Tewantin, Willie Dun (with breastplate) and unknown. Front row: Lucy Brown, Susie Brown (King Brown's wife), unknown and Emma Dun

We belong to the Saltwater Clans. Our ancestors lived, walked and hunted in and around the hinterlands and the coastal shores of the Cooloola area, down to Mt Coolum. The coastal people were called Bi'dhala, which means 'Fast Speaking,' and their characteristics were more of a gentle and fun-loving people. They were arts-men of fishing, clay pottery, canoe constructions, and making drums and nets.

- Our family are the traditional owners of the Noosa district. Their clan was called Dhim'bari, and their families lived in the boundary called Undambi.
- Our family are the traditional owners of the Lake Cootharaba district, just north of Noosa. Their clan name was called Dhi'langi, and their families lived in the boundary called Dulingbara.

The Undambi and Dulingbara people were collectively referred to as Bungarnuba, meaning 'Saltwater people' by neighbouring clans.





Willie & Emma Dun at Gympie in 1900

Emma was known as: Emma Queen Of Noosa & Emma Queen of Cootharaba Hill Gympie. Willie's breastplate is inscribed - "Willie King of Cootharaba Sawmills, Womponoerah. It was said that this photo cost "4 bob & 4 cloths props." The Native Willie refusing to pose until money & cloth were handed over. (Image courtesy Jasmine Coveney)

We belong to the Mountains Clan. Our ancestors lived, walked and hunted in and around the upper Mary River, the Blackall Ranges down to the Glass House Mountains. The in-land blacks were called Wup'pa, or Myalls, meaning 'Slow Speaking,' and the characteristics of the inland people displayed more territorial protectionism, warlike attitudes, and were deep into their spiritual customs.

We are also traditional owners of the Kenilworth district, and our clan was called Kga'pdala. They were described 'as a small tribe which possessed a tract in the heart of the Bunya country,' written by John Matthew. Kenilworth was known as Hinka Booma to the Aboriginal people.



One of the main events that Dallambara people would hold is the well-known Bunya Nut Festival. It was held in the Baroon Pocket. They would have it every 3 years for about 2-3 months, or maybe longer, and they would send out message sticks out to the Northern, Southern and Western tribes of them, like the Joondobarrie people of Bribie Island, the Turrbul and Jagera people of the Brisbane city, the Dungidau people of Woodford, and Kilcoy area, the Bat'ja people of Maryborough and Fraser Island, and the Wakka-Wakka people, and many more to attend this fest. There would be over 2 to 300 people to celebrate that feast, and during this event they would be a lot of trading, singing, dancing, games to be played, and initiations. They would trade for food, weapons, baskets, and drums, and also they would make friendship with other tribes, arrange marriages as well as other arrangements.

The territory of Dallambara and Nal'bo was full of pine and bunya trees, and also ferns evoke pictures of the magnificent rain forest that covered the Blackall ranges.

Our Family History: Our family history has taken us back to the late 1840's, 160 years of history, and today we are now the proud descendents of: Willie/Billie Crowe, who was born in 1848 on the western side of Lake Cootharaba and Emma, born in 1852 in Noosa.

Willie and Emma were married according to their tribal law, which was deeply planted into their traditional ways of lifestyle, as many Aboriginal people were at that time, but when the European settlers came, the settlers tried to make them forget about their traditional ways and wanted them to start a new lifestyle, by taking them away from their home land and made to work for their food. It would have been hard for them, as they were used to hunting and gathering food for themselves.

Willie and Emma worked on many different stations from the coast and hinterland, from Cooloola Coast down to Coolum on the Sunshine Coast, over around the Gympie area and as far as Kenilworth Station in the upper Mary River catchment.

Like a lot of Aboriginal men and women they were sent out to work on property. Willie worked as a timber cutter and stockman, while Emma worked as a household maid and looked after children.



Willie and Emma Dun

From left: King Brown, Susie Brown (his wife), Willie and Emma Dun, and three unknown people with Charles Dun.

Willie and Emma worked for Charles and Zorayda Dun for many years. Charles had some land on Cooloothin Creek off Lake Cootharaba back in 1870's and his property took up 317 acres.

When Willie was working on the Dun Property he was one of the first Aboriginal people to help cut down the cypress pine tree from around the Dun property and send them down the Cooloothin Creek, down to Noosa, and down to as far as Brisbane, along with many other men, like Tommy 'King of Noosa' and King Brown. The trees helped to make the houses and other buildings around the upcoming towns.



Willie and Emma, like a lot of the Aboriginal people of that time, took the station owner's name, they were known as Willie and Emma Dun. The Dun family looked after them and cared for them for many years.

Many Aboriginal people were given a 'breastplate' naming them King and Queen of certain places, like stations, towns, and also of tribes.

Willie and Emma were given these breastplates sometime between 1880 and 1900, naming them: Willie 'King of Cootharaba Sawmills, Womponoerah,' and named Emma 'Queen of Cootharaba Hill of Gympie.' It was also said that Emma was known as 'Queen of Noosa,' or just 'Queen Emma.'



Willie and Emma had 3 boys. They are: Jim Crowe, who was born in the 1870's on Kenilworth station, Willy Crowe, who was also born in 1870's on Kenilworth station, and Fred Dun/Crowe, who was born in the 1880's on Cootharaba Hill, Gympie.

Willy (Jnr) was like his father working on many different stations as a stockman. He worked at Mitchell, Miles, Kenilworth Station, Mona Station, Barambah Station (later changed to Cherbourg), and at Bunda Bunda, and around Kilkivan area.

The story about Willy (Barambah Paddy) working on the Barambah Station.

Willy and Annie were married in the late 1910's. They had 8 children and adopted two girls.

Matthew Crowe came from a big family 15 children, Willy had 2 other children, and Annie had four other children.

Willy and Annie's children: Janet, Dannie, Helen, Peter, Matthew, Miriam, Zillah, Noelene Crowe, and Jean and Isaacs Margaret.

Willy's other children are: Richard and Maggie Cobbo.

Annie's other children are: Emma, Arthur, Peter and Lawrence Stanley.

That's our family history, but it's not the end, and we are still going on stronger than ever.

Traditional Aboriginal Place names: Hinka Booma is now known as Kenilworth; Nguthuru is Noosa, meaning 'Shadow, or Shady Place;' Coong-winwar is Cootharaba; Mooraboocoola (or Numabulla) is now known as the Mary River.

Willy on Barambah station: Willy (jnr) was known as Barambah Paddy when working on the Barambah station. He was one of the 1st Aboriginal men to work on that station back in the 1900's. It was said that by custom, any 'Barambah' station-hand who yarded a mob of Brumbies was allowed the pick of the catch, the remainder becoming station property. As all stock men, white and black alike, enjoyed this privilege Billy Barlow and Barambah Paddy, were always well mounted on their steeds and as well owned a string of others.



Mrs Anita Weazel.



Mrs Janet Maher (nee Donas).

Images left were taken on a recent visit to Brisbane. Mr Troy Georgetown was in Cherbourg at the time.

"Peter Crowe's father (Matthew Crowe), and my mother, Janet Donas (nee Crowe), are brother and sister. Peter is my cousin, and Anita is my niece, my sister's daughter," explains Mrs Janet Maher.

"Uncle Peter's Grandfather, Willie Crowe, was taken to Cherbourg back in the early 1900's, like a lot of families that are here to this day were taken away from their homeland," adds Mr Goergetown.

The family in South East Queensland is yet to be reunited with Mr Peter Crowe from Injinoo, who also has a 19 year old daughter, Ms Emma David. Special thanks to Mr Crowe, Mr Georgetown, the families, and the many who played a part in getting this story published.

There are more historical and recent images on Mr Georgetown's facebook site, and anyone with more information about the family can visit: <http://www.facebook.com/troy.georgetown>. Most images and content courtesy Mr Georgetown.



Cert II on the job training



Seisia has a new shade cover and newly painted toilet, thanks to the participants currently undergoing Certificate II in Construction. Mr Cassie and Robert Bond took part in the project, which provides on the job training and much needed infrastructure for the communities.



In Umagico the boxing work for a 10x10m feasting shed awaits concrete, and the A-frames are being assembled.



The shed will be enclosed with perforated tin and shade cloth. The entry will have PVC curtains to keep the flies out, as the food will be prepared inside.

A fenced off garden at the side will be used to grow tea- and lemon grass and other herbs used in traditional cooking.



New Mapoon oval will get a new dressing room in block construction with attached roller doors, added to the side of the commentary box. As reported earlier, the size of the field will increase to AFL specifications.



Toilet block at Injinoo, near the look-out, before renovations. Injinoo will also have more infrastructure work on its sports oval, such as work on the grandstand and the toilets.



Sand supplies

Mid April saw a meeting take place at Resort Bamaga between representatives of nearby shires, attended by the Mayors and CEOs of the three shires, NPARC, Torres and Cook. One of the items on the agenda was sand supplies.

Mr Jim Foody, Director of Engineering Services explains: "We are having a meeting with traditional owners for sand supplies. One of the men here has done a lot of work mining sand out of the ground with an EPA* compliant method and everything that goes along with it."

"Before it was done uncontrolled, and it ended up with a bit of a mess. We don't want that to happen again. We want to see that it is done properly, and compliant with current regulations. So we're meeting tomorrow to put forward a proposed method of mining, and then we're letting the traditional owners say where we can get the mine, the sand from."

*) EPA = Environmental Protection Agency



Roadrunner out of puff



The middle of the road is perhaps not the ideal place to have a rest, but a few minutes warming up, and off it went, good as new, thanks to the Vet from Katherine Vet Care.



Heading north

Migrating through are the Rainbow Bee Eater and the Dollar Bird, identified by Mr Roger Bartlett. Both hunt large insects on the wing. Many of the Rainbow Bee Eaters crash into cars with fatal results (Note the extended tail feathers). The Dollar Bird sports two coin shaped spots on its wings, visible when flying.



Dollar Bird



Rainbow Bee Eater

Late night shopping: The Thursday before Easter Alau Supermarket was open until 9pm. It may become a regular feature for pay-week Thursdays if it is well received.

Bamagau Kazil: Celebrating 20 years

On 3rd August, 2011, is the 20th anniversary of Bamagau Kazil TSI Corporation (Kazil means children). Preparations are underway to celebrate the day with performances, BBQ and displays at the Community Hall, Bamaga.

Mrs Harriett Phineasa has been a Director with Bamagau Kazil TSI Corporation since it started 20 years ago. She is now employed as the Services' Manager, "We're going to have a big celebration for the organisation, and invite everyone. We are providing for the community the Day-care Centre, Out-side School Hours Care, and the Youths Programme."

The Day-care caters for babies to pre-prep, the Activity Centre from pre-prep to 12-year olds, while the Youths Centre caters for the 12 to 17-year olds. Location of the centres is behind Bamaga Community Centre, near the pool.



Above: All images are from the Youths Centre, which is looking for more 12 to 17 year olds from Bamaga. Below: Day Care & Outside School Hours.



Building his first Harley, with working 'pull string flywheel racer' engine.

If you are interested to enrol your child / children, please contact Mrs Harriett Phineasa, Service Manager, tel: 4069 3475 or mob: 0427 868 095.

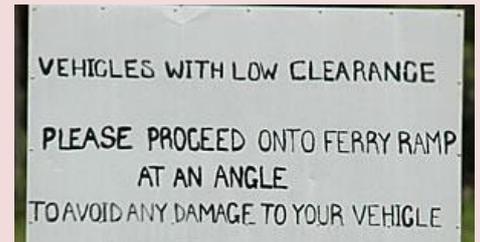
Bring own ferry to get to the ferry



This section is not all that deep; the ferry is at the next turn in the distance (above).



Jardine River spills over (mid April) running a fast current. This is the 'high ground' on Injinoo side (north). The river is behind the ferry (below).



Perhaps not at the moment.



The bush near the Jardine appears a little damp. Wet season officially ended 31st March. Mr Peter Craven, NPARC Enterprise Manager suggests checking the URL below. As a guide: if river is over 5m the ferry becomes inoperable.



Answers from last edition: Daru is not part of Australia. Warul Kawa has the meaning of 'Island of Turtles.' There are at least 274 islands / islets in the Torres Straits.

NPARC: Current Projects

Construction of office for the Umagico Budget Lodge / Campground: Work has resumed following an earlier delay with the project due to the lack of resources.

Construction of house pads for CBRC project: Despite the extended rain season a number of building pads are completed to ensure a quick start to housing construction, weather permitting.

Construction of sewer extension along Poi Poi St, Bamaga: Construction work of the sewer extension to service the proposed CBRC houses in Poi Poi St will start in June, 2011. The works will be undertaken by NPARC's Department of Engineering Services using council staff and local contractors.

Injinoo subdivision: Construction plans are being drawn up with a view to start the project in July 2011 using NPARC resources.

Injinoo sewerage pump station upgrade: This project was to be included in the MIP programme however the ICC has allocated \$143,000 to undertake these works. Planning and scoping of the works are currently carried out with a view to have the project commence in May 2011 using local resources.

Injinoo Sports Field: The Director of Economic Development has given a commitment of \$250,000 to complete the long awaited turfing and irrigation works.

Injinoo Land Trust Building: The building has been transported to its new location and is awaiting service connections (likely by end of May).

Bamaga subdivision: The Bamaga Subdivision is about to commence in July 2011 using NPARC resources. Construction planning will start shortly. The project receives MIP 5 funding.

New HACC* building: \$1.5 Million has been allocated for the construction of a new HACC facility. Some delays occurred due to operational design issues, however these are now resolved and the project is moving toward the tender process.

HACC = Home and Community Care

Resealing of the NPA airport runway: The works are scheduled to begin mid/late May, 2011, with minimal disruption to passenger air services.

Seisia to Bamaga bitumen reseal and associated TIDS* work: The expanded reseal work scope has realised cost savings. As a result funds are available to reconstruct the Loyalty Beach Rd turn off and correct drainage issues at the location. Work is currently underway repairing road shoulders with the bitumen reseal due to start end of May, 2011.

*) TIDS = Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme.

