

In this Issue: Minister, AFL CY, Pipeline, Pirates, Rangers, Subdivisions, Church Services, Water Treatment and more...

Minister Jenny Macklin visits NPA



Minister Jenny Macklin announced in a Media Release from Bamaga (6 Oct) support for CDEP of \$47 million for Indigenous communities across the country: 'As part of the \$47 million, the Australian Government is delivering \$618,000 to the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council for CDEP activities, including Bamaga Farm. In the Northern Peninsula Area, about 180 people are currently training or doing work experience on a number of CDEP projects, including at Bamaga Farm.'

"Already local job seekers are learning and training at Bamaga Farm. The farm is just getting started and when it is fully operational it will provide fresh fruit and veggies for the local communities of the North Peninsula Area as well as training opportunities in agriculture and farm management," said Minister Macklin.

The Government recently provided \$300k to help establish a building training hub in the NPA. Over the next 8 years 270 houses are scheduled for completion with opportunities for local Indigenous people to work as trade assistants completing training in general construction, work safety and carpentry, giving them the skills for a career in the building industry.

By giving job seekers marketable skills required for jobs in their region, these projects help people get ready to take up employment when it becomes available.
...more inside.

New Mapoon: First sod of soil turned



Mr Meun Lifu turned the first sod of soil for the All Abilities Playground, Mandingnou Apudthama Apang, at New Mapoon, signalling the beginning of earthworks which commenced within minutes of the ceremony on 19th Oct. Queensland Department of Communities provided a total of \$4.6mill in Sept 07 to 16 local councils to develop all abilities play spaces. Design work for the New Mapoon ground started in April 2008 (first reported in issue 3, NPA News, Aug 09). Image from left: Mr Reys, Mr Lifu and Mr Bond. More in next issue.



Fun at Bamaga Pool ...more on page 11.



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	NPARC Bamaga	4090 4100	4069 3264	Bamaga	Daniel Sebasio, Dep CEO	4090 4104
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	NPARC New Mapoon	4048 6600	4069 3107	Bamaga	Cr Reg Williams, Dep Mayor	4090 4110
	NPARC Umagico	4048 6900	4069 3115	Seisia	Cr Jeffrey Aniba, 0407 753 528	
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	Opening hours: Mon – Thu, 9am to 5pm, Fridays to 3pm.			Umagico	Cr Peter Lui	40486700
	NPARC Newsletter (NPA News)	4048 6802		Injinoo	Cr Gina Nona	4048 6804
Workshops:	NPARC Workshop, Bamaga	4069 3962	<div>  </div>	NPARC Housing:	Same as respective council offices.	
	NPARC Engineering, Umagico	4069 3419		Various:	Police, Bamaga	4069 3156
	NPARC Workshop, Injinoo	4069 3903			Post Office, RTC, Bamaga	4069 3126
	Carpenters' Shed, Injinoo	4069 3367			NPA Airport	4069 3383
	Carpenters' Shed, Seisia	4069 3254			Ranger Base, Injinoo	4069 3875
	NPARC Store, Bamaga	4069 3746			Swimming Pool, Bamaga	4069 3659
					Jardine River Ferry (8 to 5pm)	4069 1369
FM Radio	Radio Station FM91.9	4096 3356				
Gov Dep	AQIS 40693142, ATO 132550, Dep Prim Ind		4069 1185	NPA Refuse Tip (Mon-Fri, 8am to 4pm) 4069 3252, a/h 4069 3593		

Libraries: Injinoo Library	4069 3761		Hospitals / Health		
RTC, Umagico	4083 0333		Bamaga Hospital	4069 3166	Sagaukaz St, Bamaga
Family Services:			Dentist, at Bamaga Hosp.	4069 3166	Sagaukaz St, Bamaga
NPA Family Resource Centre Bamaga	4069 3555	Lot 10, Adidi St, Bamaga	T.I. Hospital	4069 0200	163 Douglas St, T.I.
NPA Women’s Shelter	4069 3020	Lui St, Bamaga	Health Centres:	Mon – Fri 8am to 5pm	
Safe House	4069 3223	Bamaga	Bamaga Health Centre	4069 3200	Adidi St, Bamaga
Bamagau Kazil	4069 3475	Bamaga	New Map. Health Centre	4069 3454	
New Mapoon Childcare	4069 3074	New Mapoon	Umagico Health Centre	4069 3306	
Umagico Childcare Centre	4083 0111	Pascoe St, Umagico	Injinoo Health Centre	4069 3465	
Umagico Outside School Hours Care	4083 0440	8 Young St, Umagico	Seisia Health Centre	4069 3271	
NPA Healing Centre – Injinoo	4069 3811	54 Peter St, Injinoo	Bamaga HACC	4069 3305	
Injinoo Childcare Centre	4069 3510	Mc Donnell St, Injinoo	Dep. of Child Safety (T.I.)	4090 3665	Thursday Island
Injinoo Outside School Hours Care	4069 3109	Mc Donnell St, Injinoo	T.I. Pharmacy	4069 1548	Thursday Island

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

Seisia		Umagico		New Mapoon		Injinoo	
Seisia Enterprises	4069 3243	WP H & Safety	4069 3991	CY Ice &Tackle	4069 3695	Youth Centre	4069 3961
Wharf	4069 3158	Alau Lodge/Camp	0428779100	Loyalty Beach	4069 3372	Centrelink	4083 0158
Meat Works	4083 0201	RTC	4083 0333	Nai Beguta	4069 3408	Readymix	4069 3258
Top End Motors	4069 3182			Arts Centre	4083 0271	Injinoo /ITEC	4090 4950
Seisia/RTC	4069 3884	Seisia Hire Cars	4069 3368	Torres News	1300 867 737	Inj. Justices Grp	4083 0360
NPA/Electrics	4045 5518	Carpentaria Seafaris	4069 3254	Nat. Ind. Times	1 300 786 611	Ranger Base	4069 3875
Cape York Adventure	4069 3302	Cust Sport Fishing	4069 3301	Koori Mail	02 66 222 666		
Seisia Camp Ground	4069 3243	Seisia Styles (Hair)	0428660694	Many Cape York website links on: CapeYorkinfo.org			

Bamaga		Menshed	0417200172	Accommodation		Air / Sea / Road	
Garage / RACQ	4069 3803	Punsand Bay	4069 1722	Resort Bamaga	4096 3050	Seaswift	4069 3933
Sports & Recreation	4069 3675	Cape York Traders	4083 0446	Seisia Camp Grnd	4069 3243	Skytrans	4040 6700
Bamaga Enterprises	4069 3533	CY Car Detailing	4069 3558	Alau Lodge/Camp	0428779100	Skytrans	1300 759 872
Bamaga Tavern	4069 3260	Cape York Spares	4069 3803	Bully's Fishing Camp	4069 3695	WestWing Avn	4069 1380
Bamaga Bakehaus	4069 3106	Dreamtime	4069 3222	Loyalty Beach	4069 3372	Peddells Ferry	4069 1551
Centrelink, Bamaga	4069 3628	CAPE PCYC, NPA	4069 3388	Punsand Bay	4069 1722	Aust Helicopter	4069 1256
NPA Electrics	4069 3011	Resources Centre	4069 3555	Carpentaria Seafaris	4091 3254	CY Helicopters	4069 2233
B&B Electrical	4069 3435	Activity Centre	4069 3980			Taxi, Bamaga	4069 3333
Bam Health & Beauty	4083 0224					Bus to/from Cairns	4069 3368
Tour Operators		Custom Sports Fishing	4069 3301	Jardine Adventures	4069 3460		
Cape York Adventures	4069 3302	Carpentaria Seafaris	4091 3254	Peddells	4069 1551		
CY Peninsula Fishing	4069 3919	Tropical Boat Advent.	4069 1395	CY Helicopters	4069 2233	Croc Tent	4069 3210

All Emergencies, Ambulance, Fire Brigade: 000				
Hospital, Bamaga	4069 3166	(Emergencies)	Policelink	131 444 Ergon 4069 3164
SES	132 500		Crime Stoppers	1800 333 000 Sunwater 4069 3409
Ambulance	4069 3344		Environmental Health	4069 3992 8-5, Fri 8-3
AQIS, Bamaga	4069 3142		Australian Customs Services	1800 061 800
Mobile phones	112	with no coverage	Coastguard	4069 3030 Airport 4069 3383
			Volunteer Marine Rescue	0428 692 004 in Emergency: 000 or 4069 1520

Ministerial visit

Minister Jenny Macklin (Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA), Federal Government) arrived on a charter flight at NPA Airport (6th Oct), greeted by NPARC Mayor, Mr Joseph Elu, and NPARC CEO, Mr Stuart Duncan. The Minister's delegation included Mr Kevin Keffe, State Manager, Queensland Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA), Mr Tony Martens, (Acting) ICC (Indigenous Coordination Centre), Cairns, Manager Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) and others.



At the NPARC chamber, Bamaga, Minister Macklin was briefed on the many projects currently in progress in the NPA. Ms Macklin made several announcements at the Bamaga meeting, all of which will have a positive impact in the NPA. At Bamaga Farm, Minister Macklin saw firsthand the early stage of a project that can benefit every resident in the NPA.

Women's Shelter, Bamaga:

Ms Macklin is visiting the Bamaga Women's Shelter, where women with their children can find refuge in a safe environment. The premise has security doors, camera monitoring, and various security measures to make unwanted access very difficult.

She was speaking with many of the staff, but also taking time out to listen to their concerns and issues. She inspected the facilities and one of the units in the shelter. The shelter has six staff.



Take it on the chin?



What do you mean?
Which chin?
What's a chin?



At Bamaga Junior Campus:



Ms Macklin sitting amongst children watching them read from a white-board, flip-cards and projection screen.



Mr Ken McLean leads the way at Bamaga Primary Campus.



Their little arms stretch high,
'Pick me, I know the answer.'

A group of 5-year-olds (Prep) visibly impressed Minister Macklin and everyone else there to witness. The whole group were sounding out syllables, joining them to sound out the words.

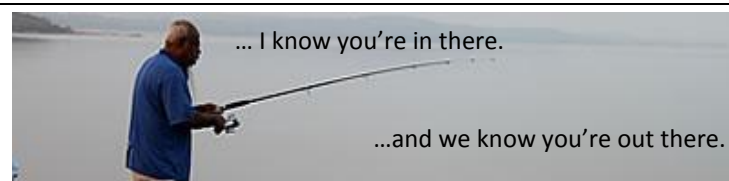
Prep teacher asks, "Why is 'Sunday' spelled with a capital 'S'?" "Because it's a proper noun," said one of the 5-year-olds. A boy reading from a Fitzroy book convinced the Minister in a one-on-one session that he can read.



One realises in awe a child's tremendous capacity to absorb knowledge and the unlimited potential that brings to each individual and ultimately their communities.



One cannot stress enough the importance of education to give each child a fair chance in life.



... I know you're in there.

...and we know you're out there.



At Menshed, New Mapoon:

The street had never seen as many cars in its life, the three National flags overhead on bamboo poles, the Menshed compound transformed to look inviting, with carpet, shade shelters and seats arranged, with many guests awaiting the arrival of Minister Jenny Macklin and her delegation.



Minister Macklin was greeted by Mr Alec Petridis (CEO, Menshed Australia) and Mr Sagaukaz (image above, NPA Menshed coordinator) and met many local identities and people from the community.



"I am one of the senior elders," says Mr Richard Tamwoy who prior to Mr Jessy Sagaukaz was the first NPA Menshed coordinator. Mr Tamwoy met Mr Peter Sergeant (former CEO, Menshed Australia) which led eventually to the formation of Menshed NPA. "Today is a historic day and we will remember this historic occasion," says Mr Tamwoy, welcoming all guests to country.

'The wreck and ruin of many men, now turned full circle'

is how Mr Reys expressed his sentiments on opening day, knowing all too well what came to pass at the site location. The length of many speeches was shortened, not all of what was said is shown here.

Mr Jessy Sagaukaz (NPA Menshed coordinator), "It's been a unique process to bring the men groups from each of the five communities to work together. This shed has brought together the Federal and State Governments to work together to deliver the building and the service, and the Local Government with delivery and support services. This building has been funded by the Federal Government, in particular Department of Families, Housing and Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) as representative here, The Honourable Jenny Macklin. I would like to acknowledge a further \$5000 has been awarded to NPA Menshed by FaHCSIA for tools and materials. At this point in time I would like to invite The Honourable Jenny Macklin to come forward and say a few words. Thank you."

Minister Macklin, "Thank you for having us here today. If I can just say 'Thank you', first of all to Richard and the other Traditional Owners welcoming us warmly what is, we totally agree, very, very beautiful country. Thank you very much for having us in such a warm and friendly community. We do all today join together in acknowledging the Elders who are with us today and the Elders passed, and of course understanding just what it is that we do in this very, very special location."

"It's great to be here too with my parliamentary colleague, Jason O'Brien (MP for Cook), thanks Jason so much,... Somehow we've made it to be in the same place at the same time, and I do want to thank Joseph Elu, 'Thank, the Mayor, thank you very, very much for your hospitality and for making sure we are able to understand all the great things that are happening here in the NPA area. So thank you very, very much.' This is a really special occasion, not really I would say because all levels of government are working together, because it is a time for us to celebrate the fantastic way in which the strong community has come together and worked to create this great place."

"Now... I know that it is going to be a men's shed and the men are going to do all sorts of things together that men do, that women apparently are not supposed to know about, but I have been told that a lot of women have been really, really helpful at making sure this all happens. Make sure you remember that as you enjoy this fantastic facility. It is a wonderful place for everybody to come, and of course spent times together, learn skills together and of course make sure that we can all be stronger."

Minister Macklin explained that around \$50k was made available to make sure that the building was build. "We have just announced in the last day or so extra money through the Volunteer Grant. That does mean that you got that extra \$5000."

"Just because we're all here together, I want to take this opportunity to make another announcement that's going to be great for this local area, and that's the extra money we're announcing today, \$618000, for the NPA area to make sure that some of your CDEP activities can continue, including the Bamaga Farm. We just went down, had a good look around. I can see where the farm is going to take place and I gather that there is going to be also some veggies grown out the back here (near the Menshed), and finally, a lot of people in this area really understanding how good it is that people can come together, grow local vegetables, and of course make them available for the community."

"This money for the CDEP I know will be put to very good use, to make sure that local people get the chance to learn the skills that they need to get the jobs that are available in the local area. We've been pleased to add this extra \$618k to the money that was also recently announced to help build the building training hub that of course will also be very important for the local area. 170 houses are scheduled for completion in this area over the next eight years. Like you, we want to make sure that local people get the best opportunity possible to get as many of those jobs to build those houses."



With Mr Alec Petridis (above), with Pastor Day (below, left) and Mr Jessy Sagaukaz.



From left: Mr Petridis, Ms Estelle Gebadi and Minister Macklin.



Ms Macklin, "I have also just been informed that another organisation in this area was also successful in getting an extra \$5000 as part of the Volunteer Grant, and that is the local SES and Fire Service. I'm sure you're all big supporters of the local SES and Fire Service. Congratulations to everybody who's been involved, especially Peter Kelly. I'm sure you're all very proud of as your Volunteer of the Year from Far North Queensland. Put your hands together for them."

"I very much want to see local people get the chance to get the jobs that are going to be available as we see those homes built. Some of the skills I'm sure will start in this Menshed."

Minister Macklin encouraged the take on of apprenticeships, to take on the trades, giving youngsters particularly the real chance they need to make a difference to their lives.

"Thank you to everybody to give us the chance to come along today to make these announcements, and most importantly to celebrate the opening of this fantastic new venture, that so many of you have put so much into. Congratulations."

Mr Jessy Sagaukaz thanked the many involved in the Menshed project.

Mr Jason O'Brien, amongst other words, expressed, "What I've seen about men and what I know about men is that when men choose to come together and stand together, and work together, then there is nothing on this earth that is stronger than that group of men."

"What we do here today, and what we open here today in the NPA is a chance for men to come together and to work together. What we open here today is an important new institution for these communities for men to make a difference to their lives, to the lives of their families and this great community. Because when men are strong families are strong, and communities are strong, and that is what we built here today. I urge you, as men of this community, to use this fantastic new resource, to use it as a place where you can come find sanctuary, to find fellow men that'll be here to help you along the rough road, the rough parts sometimes life deals us."

Mr Neville Reys gave credit to the many that played an important part in getting Menshed to where it is now. He spoke of this location going the full circle, from ruining the lives of men to becoming a place of healing and support for men (a reference to the fact that at the site the canteen in New Mapoon sold alcohol, the abuse of which had a devastating impact on the lives of many men and their families, in the past. This was the case in other communities as well) Mr Stephen Peter also addressed the many guest, as did Mr Tamwoy.

NPARC Mayor, Mr Joseph Elu, said that there are men that need your help, to pull them out of dark places, to pull them out of strive in their community, help to get them over the line.

"I know we have problems with alcohol, I know we've got problems with drugs, but let us not look at the problem areas, that's what I tell the Minister. Because when you keep looking back at problems surrounding you cannot look ahead to find a way forward. So I say to you now, this Council, for the next 8 to 9 months, or however long we've got left, is going to be looking forward. We have now seen the light, I said to Jason (O'Brien) a few weeks ago. We have now seen how broke we are. We know where we are financially. We know what we need to get ahead."

"We need women's organisation to help a woman, we need children's organisations when they need protection for the most vulnerable kids, but we also need work, education, industry. I said to the Minister this, half an hour or an hour ago, 'There will always be a commercial solution to social ills. There will never be a social solution to economic problems.' Thank you."



Unveiling the plaque. From left: Mayor Elu, Mr O'Brien, Ms Macklin, Mr Tamwoy giving a helping hand, Mr Sagaukaz, Mr Peter and Mr Petridis.



Moments later 3 ribbons were cut, Mr Tamwoy quickly borrowing Mr O'Brien's scissors for the occasion. Minister Jenny Macklin declared Menshed open.



At Nai-Beguta Agama, New Mapoon:



At the Day Care Centre, New Mapoon:



Visiting staff and charges at New Mapoon's Day Care Centre. The pikinis are 2 years old.

At Injinoo Subdivision: Below, from left: Mr Duncan, Ms Macklin and Mr Williams.



The Injinoo subdivision at Snake Gully is the first of several NPA subdivisions. There are now large areas of cleared land which just a few weeks ago had dense scrub. The pegs are in place and with a little imagination one can already visualize the path the road will take.

Minister Macklin left these words with NPA News before flying out: "Thank you very much for your hospitality today. We've had a wonderful day. The highlight was really the opening of the Menshed."

"I could tell so many people had put so much of themselves into the whole development of the idea, and we're so thrilled to have this historical occasion marked so well. Each of the NPA towns looks fantastic. I congratulate everybody for their hard work. It's great."



Ready to fly out from NPA Airport.



Meeting Traditional Owners and Elders, Mr Meun Lifu (above), and Mr George Williams (below), near Injinoo sports oval.



At Seisia Beach:



Mayor Elu explaining the lay-out of the islands. Red Island is in the background.

At Seisia Supermarket: A chance to speak with locals.



Media Releases by Mr O'Brien, MP for Cook.

Kindergarten fee relief is now available for eligible families. The State Government is offering incentives to teachers to move to regional areas to teach kindergarten and also is offering an extra 100 **scholarships** to early childhood education staff to upgrade their qualifications, allowing them to teach kindergarten.

The Qld State Government has opened a \$100,000 funding pool aimed at increasing Queenslanders' awareness of, and involvement in, **environmental protection**. "This year's projects will encourage people to become involved in World Environment Day on 5 June 2012 and support the theme, *Building Resilient Landscapes*," says Minister Ms Rachel Nolan. Individual groups are eligible for up to \$5,000 while collaborative projects between two or more groups can receive up to \$10,000. Interested groups have until 18 November to submit an application.

Information on the grants and how to apply are available under the 'Be involved' section on the Department of Environment and Resource Management's website at www.derm.qld.gov.au or by phoning 13 QGOV (7468).

Mr O'Brien MP encouraged communities to get involved in **Mental Health Week**. "We have injected a record \$1 billion in mental health services across the State this year – the highest in Queensland's history."

People with a disability, their families and carers can now find information on government supports and services at www.qld.gov.au/disability.

"\$3.5 million is being made available to help locals of all abilities and backgrounds access sport and recreation," said Mr Jason O'Brien, referring to the State Government's \$3.5 million 'Sport and Recreation Active Inclusion' programme.

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Post Office / BEL fence repair**New Mapoon in big clean-up****Media Releases**

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"Under this programme, organisations can apply for funding under two categories – Healthy Eating and Physical Activity, and Community and Club Support Projects."

"Under the Healthy Eating and Physical Activity category, not-for-profit community organisations, sport and recreation clubs, schools and councils can apply for funding of up to \$40,000 for healthy eating projects."

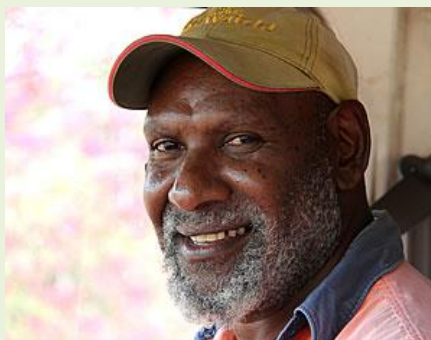
For further information refer to:

www.communities.qld.gov.au/sportrec

\$2mill Building Rural Communities Fund: Grants increased to \$15k including up to \$5k for capital works. Applications close 23rd November. Call 132 523 or apply: www.regions.qld.gov.au.

All the info shown here is based on Media Releases from Mr Jason O'Brien, MP for Cook.

New fencing work in New Mapoon, Bond Street, has NPARC crews clean up the old, while from the other end new fences line the properties.

**Recently advertised NPARC positions:**

NPARC recently advertised the following positions through local flyers, emails, FM91.9 and NPARC's website: Garbage Collector for Umagico Works Depot; Work-place Health and Safety Officer, full training provided; Skilled Labourer, Sewerage, for 3 months temporary; Creditors Officer for Bamaga Divisional Office; Senior Debtors Officer, Bamaga Divisional Office; Purchasing & Stores Manager, Bamaga Store; Purchasing Officer, Bamaga Store; Farm Coordinator, Bamaga Farm, Airport Manager and Boilermaker (although the latter was later withdrawn).

NPARC also advertised internally Q-Built school-based apprenticeships / traineeships to commence in Feb, 2012: Carpentry and plumbing (Cairns, Brisbane and other Qld cities), apprenticeships in carpentry, painting and plumbing (Cairns, other places also), Construction Worker Traineeship in Bamaga (Indigenous), and a range of full-time apprenticeships across Queensland. Example: Carpentry, Plumbing, Fitting, Electrical Mechanical, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanics, Stonemasonry, Horticulture (Parks and Gardens RTF30703) in Brisbane area. How to apply: Applications can only be accessed and submitted online at <http://www.qbuild.qld.gov.au>

Correction:

When writing the newsletter notes are often used to bring attention to items that need checking. These notes are always written in red colour. In Issue 29, page 22, one such note was not removed before going into print. Mr Chris Foord is General Manager of Bamaga Enterprises, correctly stated, but later in the article the words 'CEO CHECK' were left behind. NPA News apologises for this error.

Horse in trouble

Thanks to a group of children who called in at NPARC's Injinoo office saying, "There is a horse in trouble," asking for help. The men from Environmental Health were quickly on the scene, the children helped in locating the horse. It was in the middle of having a miscarriage whilst walking through the neighbourhood. The men from Environmental Health called in the vet who just arrived in the NPA on the day.

Water: Jardine River pumps

The article on the water treatment facility (in this issue) was written two weeks before the NPA experienced a pump failure at Jardine River that required lifting the Level 2 restrictions, which had been in place, to a Level 4 immediately.

Sequence of events:

2:06pm, 13 Oct, 2011, Mr Jim Foody (Dir of Eng Services) releases 'URGENT – URGENT - URGENT' email alert, informing that SunWater had requested a turn-off of all non-essential water taps. There is a problem with the Jardine River pumps. We are currently using more water than SunWater can supply. ...continued page 9

Pipeline to Umagico

Mr Peter Barnes, supervisor of SunWater's Water Treatment facility, Bamaga, "This project we're undertaking here is to get water to the Umagico sports field. It's a donation to the community. We have PPI who have donated all the poly-pipe. SunWater is donating labour and machinery, the council (NPARC) is also going to help with labour and machinery, PIMS (Pumping, Irrigation and Machinery Supplies), they are donating a pump and fittings, SeaSwift donated their freight for the poly-pipe and everything to come up here. So, yeah, it's a good project and all donations. Hopefully the Umagico sports field has a good water supply from now on to the rest of the future."



The poly-pipe is 3" diameter. Mr Barnes explained that the size of the pipe and pump would be sufficient to pump water all the way to Injinoo.

**Ranger Base gets retaining wall**

The formwork for the footings of a retaining wall is under construction at the Ranger Base, Injinoo.

**Umagico Feasting Shed**

A platform for a water tank and six garden beds to grow spices are now completed near Umagico's Feasting Shed, at the back of the hall on the sports ground.



Earmarked to carry water to Umagico. The drive-way to the hospital was cut to get the pipe in and repaired.

**Fence for dam**

The posts are in place for a fence around the irrigation dam for Injinoo sports field. The mesh was fitted a few days later.

**New signs in the NPA**

The Department of Main Roads supplied the signs, and there are many more in the NPA. NPARC provided the posts, fittings and labour to put them into place.



Above: Older sign near the DC-3 site.



A utility unrolls the pipe from the loader (above). Reaching Umagico (left).

New Mapoon sports field



The Andrew Archie Memorial Football & Sports Ground has new shade covers, already reported in previous issue 31, NPA News. Contrary to what some may believe they are NOT trampolines. Climbing on top of the sails is highly dangerous. They are not designed for this.



The field is clearly marked with plenty of soft spots. It remains to be seen if players appreciate these soft-scrum-patches. Councillor Mr Michael Bond is certainly not impressed with horses on the field.

Above right is the view from the commentary box which had new windows fitted two weeks earlier. The images show the 'new' windows. Mr Neville Reys: "I will say this: I recommended that we install the immediate perimeter fencing around the original Rugby league field for the very reason to keep the horses off the field and also to keep the many dogs out as well. The fence was also a protection for the spectators especially the young children so they would not get injured from the players being bundled out with force on the touch-line. As far as the glass is concerned, double thickness Perspex is the best thing for this type of anti social behaviour."



Perhaps the stones didn't see the glass as they entered the commentary box through the windows. One just has to find the 'undo' button, so they can fix themselves.



The area in front of the field is also used as a showground and for family activities.

Water: Jardine River pumps

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3:05pm, 13 Oct, 2011, Mr Foody informs that two of the 3 Jardine pumps have failed. AUSTEK and B&B Electrical independently tested both pumps and both concluded a complete failure. Current capacity is pumping of 3.7 million litres a day, but consumption is 4.7 million litres / day. Water level restriction increased from Level 2 to Level 4, effective immediately.

"We must reduce the usage and I am requesting that all council staff assist where possible."

It looks like new pumps are required. The emergency pump is about to be installed at Skull Creek (planned for Monday). Water level at the 15ML raw water lagoon was 53.68% this morning, it is now (at 3pm) at 53.25% and dropping. The request for assistance and the information provided was supplied by Mr Andrew Healey, Senior Water Treatment Plant Operator, SunWater, Bamaga, NPA.

On the same day residents received notices informing that the use of sprinklers and hand-held hoses was 4 to 6 pm, Mon, Wed and Friday, the distribution of which was put in place before the failure of the Jardine pumps. Level 4 now applies until it is revoked (no hoses, no sprinklers).

In Queensland Level 4 water restriction means: A ban on all sprinklers and hoses. Watering from a bucket and topping up a pool are allowed 3 days a week, between 4 to 8am and 4 to 8 pm only. Pool filling requires approval. Hosing of hard surfaces is prohibited at all times. Car / window washing from a bucket only.

There are a total of 7 levels, or stages, of water restrictions that can be enforced in Australia. Gold Coast had Level 6 at one stage during 2007, Kingaroy, Brisbane and Toowoomba reached Level 7. Level 7 means: No external water use without permit.

Many councils prevent taps and showers in parks and gardens from functioning in times of severe restrictions.

NPARC's new website

NPARC's new website now contains copies of the Council's strategic planning documents, asset management plans, minutes of every council meeting, annual budget, past annual reports, every newsletter, policies and the delegation registers.

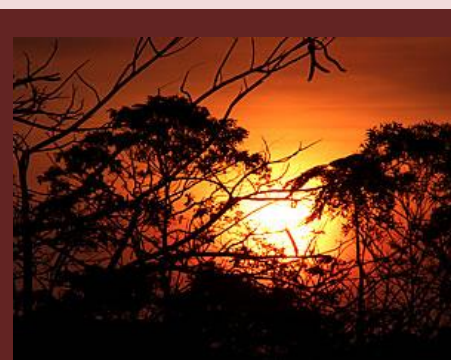
Clear the cache of your browser if you still see the old website. There is also a simple form to get on the newsletter distribution list.

<http://nparc.qld.gov.au>

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both link to the same site.



Sunset over Bamaga.

Golden Slipper

'WOW', so much so that young Leia left her old shoes in the shoe shop.



This well-known Australian invention works, no matter what, true to its name.

What's there to do?

It is Sunday morning, 6:30am. Three young men (all under 20, but not under-age) walk with several bottles of spirit that no trader can sell in the NPA. 'Have you got any smokes?' one asks, whilst waving a \$10 note, willing to pay top-dollar for a few. All were a bit under the weather. When asked, 'Why do you drink?' one said, 'What else is there to do in this f___ etc, etc place?' and all expressed in colourful language which is not suitable for print the world through their eyes and described the NPA as it appeared to them under the influence and the boredom they experience.

'What does it take?'

'We want a bike track.'

'There is a mud-rally track.'

'We want jumps, yeah.'

We talked of the work they do during the week and all are already contributing to the NPA and will do so well into the future. They had a celebration of sorts the night before and understand that the bottle can kill, 'But we are not drinking every weekend.'

It would be good to hear from young people their ideas to overcome boredom. What is there to do, what is needed? Please email NPA News.



Leia

Is this your cat?

This cat was seen on 30th Sept crossing the road into the bush, near NPA Refuse tip. An email with picture was sent to all NPARC staff asking if anyone might know the owner.

Mr Michael Freeman reports of a cat hanging around Snake Gully, while Mrs Lien Vo suggests that it could be Ms Delma Magala's cat. Ms Magala's cat is named 'Lady'.

Mr Marc Harbrow (AFL CY): "Find out what is that makes you happy and pursue it until you get it, and this might mean stepping out of your comfort zone to do so. Sometimes we need to ask ourselves questions, where am I going and what am I doing?"

First wedding at Camp Ground in 1989

In issue 29, NPA News, page 19, we reported on Mrs Hannah Jordison and Mr Glen Cannard's wedding, '... believed to be the first wedding at Seisia Camp Ground'.

Mrs Lila Horrocks informs she was first to be married at the Camp Ground, back in 1989. Mrs Lila and Mr Keith Horrocks exchanged their vows at the location where the kitchen is now.

Bamaga Farm

This is the farm building which came up from Townsville, now in place at Bamaga Farm, waiting for a farm coordinator to move in. NPARC has advertised for the position.

Ms Ryesa Sebasio informs: "The owner left town without it. It's been hanging around my house as well. They lived across from my house, they moved out back in April. It's a stray now."

Mr Warren Strevens informs: "We have learnt this year from our horse patrol that there is a big problem with feral cats on country."

Mr Thomas Serubi, "This sighting makes it as the third domesticated cat turn feral in the Cowal Creek-Alau vicinity that I personally have seen and know of. There is a ginger female cat and a black tom cat out there, which I have sighted at nights and heard their calls around the Snake Gully, toward the football field, and the 'inland side' toward Biffing Road. There is prove of domestic cats turning feral from bird feathers I have seen on the grounds, even at the Ranger Base Injinoo. Please report any sightings not only of cats but any other suspicious things, on land or at sea, to relevant government agencies or the Rangers at Injinoo," says Mr Serubi.

Mr Michael Bond informs, "There is also another ginger cat hanging around behind my house at New Mapoon as well."

Free NPA Workshop on Sports Psychology

Sport psychology has been known in one form or another for almost as long as people have played professional sports and it's not just for professional athletes. The psychology of sports is interesting not only to professional athletes, but to anyone with an interest in the mind, especially if they are into the psychology of peak performance. Competitive thinking starts long before any competition.

The workshop was held at New Mapoon Community Hall, 4th Oct, sponsored by Sport and Recreation Services, Department of Communities. See also: www.sportrec.qld.gov.au

How to develop a winning attitude.

- Defining what "win" means to you.
- Building self-esteem and confidence, no matter what level of performance or competition.
- Setting and achieving goals.
- Using the power of your mind to your best advantage.
- How to manage when things don't go according to plan.

Policelink: 131 444

131 444 is the new phone number for **Policelink**. Mr O'Brien, MP for Cook, "The Policelink service was specifically introduced to receive and manage calls about incidents which are not threatening or immediately occurring, but do need to be brought to the attention of police. It's estimated that Policelink will handle more than two million calls per year and free up 260,000 police hours, or the equivalent of more than 130 full time officers."

"Policelink does not replace Triple Zero (000). If there is an emergency you should still call the police on this number."

October is Crime Prevention Month and Mr O'Brien encouraged local residents to make the most of the Queensland Government's new Policelink phone service.

131 444 has now been added to the phone contact's page in NPA News (page 2).

Content based on Media Release by Mr O'Brien.



Ronda



Mr Richard McLean, "We've got coming up in the September school holidays Doyle's Family Fun Show coming in for the second week. In the first week we've got Deakin University students coming in introducing themselves to the community and one of the staff members, Tara Munford, is going to do her placement at the school, teaching there. We've got Laura and Steph as well, and we also got Pink Dumson from Top Knot. He's been looking around at some rock sites to do some abseiling and rock climbing. This will help the kids with their leadership, team-building and trust stuff. Hopefully the kids can learn to trust a little bit more with each other, and also to respect each other a little bit more and keep each other safe, because it's 'Kids Living Safer Lives'."

"Yesterday we had Injinoo. We had Umagico this morning," says Mr McLean at the Bamaga Pool, "and we're going to have Laser Skirmish at the Mud Rally track, that's the leadership stuff. It's got to do with teamwork and strategising. They got to have a strategy; they got to have a plan. They execute that plan and try to see if it was successful, if they do, or if they don't assessing that situation. Working as a team."

"Tomorrow we got some work in Bamaga with the fitness testing and do abseiling out of a tree. At lunchtime we have the pool activities again, with the water-gym, which is a lot of leadership stuff, and also in the afternoon we've got the laser tag again."



Image above and right at Umagico.



"The university students are doing some fitness testing, agility, speed and explosive power, like how high they can jump, how fast they can run, how well they can sidestep. What we want to do with that information is to try and keep that in the communities, so that they understand that the kids are good at certain things, rather than just letting them run around and be kids, they can actually have a bit of information that can help them along the way. Somebody may come and ask, 'Have you got anybody that can run fast?', and we can say, 'Oh yeah, these kids can.' We narrow it down straight away. Or 'Do you have any kids that are flexible?' They might want to do gymnastics. We can cater for the activities we bring up to the NPA, for the kids that are here."



At Bamaga pool getting safely across the floating gym, with helping hands each side



Above: At Bamaga pool.

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Miss Tara Munford, "I'm working with the 'Kids Living Safer Lives' programme. It's my first time in the NPA and my second time in Cape York. I enjoyed it so much my first time around that I'm coming up here to do my teaching for the first 3 weeks in Term 4 and hopefully get some work up here for next year when I've finished uni."



Ms Laura Barnewall, "I'm here for the 'Kids Living Safer Lives' programme. I'm from Deakin University in Melbourne. We're going around to the different communities. At the moment we've been in the NPA, helping out, playing games and fun activities. The kids are really enthusiastic; just want to be part of it. It's been really great."



Mr Stephen Christofokakis, "I'm also from Deakin, teaching a bit of PE and a bit of teamwork, relationship building skills with the children, and they have been fantastic so far. This is my first time up here."



Mr Dumson is owner/operator of 'Top Knot Climbing'. "I'm a Cairns based climbing business, recreational climbing. We're here to hopefully give these kids an opportunity to go rock-climbing or abseiling for the future, not only in the NPA, but also looking at Lockhart River area."



Wherever the cars with the familiar logo appear there is sure to be some action, especially for the young. There are many more events taking place which are not covered by NPA News, as AFL Cape York packs a lot of activities in each of their visits. There are better fun activities than throwing stones through windows, or kicking the road-markers out of place, and Mr McLean and his dedicated team show this every time they are here. Thank you.



Cairns based group 'Sunbirds' provide family entertainment at Bamaga's Tennis / Basketball court, brought up by AFL Cape York.

Peninsula Pirate's Regatta



The calm before the race.



'Spirit of the NPA' (above).



Cape Cougar being prepared.



Time to replenish the ocean. There is plenty of opportunity to stock up on ballast-water along the way.



Every Pirate's Regatta needs pirates and this one sports a mean high-tech, long-range canon, powered by compressed air (right image). Aboard also a hand-held bazooka.



How would the boat handle in a 50-knot breeze? Perhaps good to know before the start.



This is how Ms Donna Saunders' kite went without a breeze. 'Blow!'



The short-range weapon of choice: paint-bags for land-lovers, here being delivered.



3pm and NPARC Mayor, Mr Joseph Elu, is blasting the starting horn. The picture looks louder than it really was, but it could be clearly heard within a few feet of the Mayor. Mayor Elu called out across the calm to all participants to try to stay within Australian waters, "If you get to PNG, call Arthur."

A total of 12 vessels entered the race from Umagico Camp Ground to Seisia: Malu Kuiyup (Water Dragon), (Edmond Aniba); Githabu (Big Scale Sea Mullet), Vincent Babia; Spirit of the NPA (Barry McCartney, NPA College); Cape Cougars (Cheryl & Bully Sanders); One Down (Cassie Mark, Rebecca Williams); Crack a Tinny (Gordon Cunneen); S.S. Shh Behind You (Julian Harrold, Matt Dawson, Eddie Newman); Burum Yey Baidam (Pig Eye Shark), (Greg Bethune); Pussy Cat (Justin & Jason); Hell Raiser (Rob Carmody); and Alau Express (Sam & Jayden Carmody).



'New Formula', it looks mean but very soothing to the ears, a bit like when a balloon exhales its last bit of breath. Damage to the eardrum was kept to the absolute minimum, at least with this can.

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The crocs and sharks may have been on excursion to Crab Island on the day.

NPARC Chief Executive Officer
Mr Stuart Duncan



The positions at the start (above).



All 4 images are taken within the first minute of the race with 'Pig Eye Shark' clearly crystallising from the pack.

Despite light winds and calm waters at Umagico, the fleet stretched quickly. 'Borum Eye Baidam' (shark in sail, left images) claiming its place right from the start, within the first 60 seconds.



It is unclear if 'Crack a Tinny' cracked a tinny (above with dark sail) or changed tactics during the race. It gave all the others a bit of a head-start whilst converting to 'submarine' mode, here in the process of modifying its mast to keel (image below, taken from Umagico). The water may not be deep enough at this spot to benefit from a possible advantage of this conversion. On second thoughts: are they thinking or sinking? HELP! SOS!



Malu Yuyup above.



Coming in at Seisia, one way or another.



The winds at Seisia had picked up a little although not as fast as the windmill seems to indicate.



A unique way to furl the sail.



Mr Greg Bethune's craft (abv, centre), the 'Borum Eye Baidam' (Pig Eye Shark), came in as first at 29.5 minutes. It was the red-hot favoured before the race even started and also won last year's race. Second place, at 31min and 20 sec, went to Bully & Sheryl's craft, the 'Cape Cougar'. 'Alau Express' took out third place (32.5min).



Visitors to the NPA are advised to NOT swim in coastal waters. The danger from sharks and crocs is real.



Image above, left: Umagico, right: at Seisia Jetty. A few days after the race, Mr Alex Barker saw a croc cruising along the beach at Seisia.

Rangers in training



Right: Croc not too happy, belly up during a death roll.

Left: Thumbs up, all under control.



The Apudthama / NPARC Land and Sea Rangers are currently undergoing Certificate II in Crocodile Management and Crocodile Handling. Mr Alex Barker informs that a film crew is currently on Crab Island doing 7 weeks of filming crocodiles and turtles and the relationship on Crab Island for the BBC and National Geographic's.

All images are courtesy of the rangers, taken along East Coast / Crab Island.



Images from the East Coast, south of Jardine River (courtesy of the rangers). The pig's belly is filled with large numbers of flat-back turtle eggs it gorged on earlier, with devastating impact on the turtle populations. The rangers guess the weight of this one at approximately 120kg.



Mr Warren Strevens, Coordinator for the Apudthama / NPARC Land and Sea Rangers, "In the 2nd week of October the rangers are being trained in the latest up-to-date technology to do with fencing. We're going to fence the plane-wreck sites. The War Memorial is going to be present; they are going to give us plaques. The Land Magazine is going to be here and will do a feature story on it, reps from Waratah supply the goods, which we paid for."



RAAF Beaufort bomber and DC-3 near NPA airport, and there are more WWII plane wrecks in the area.

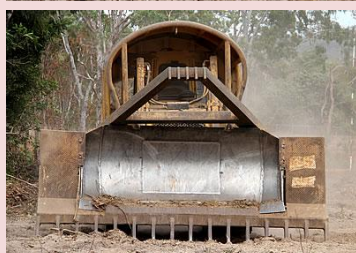


"The Rangers' first boat is now operational, a Polycraft, 6m, with 150hp Evinrude on it (above). The second boat is going to be build by Cairns Custom Craft. It's going to be specialised for the capture work we're going to go into," says Mr Strevens. "We're hoping to get funding to start tracking the dugong herds on the East Coast here, near the Jacky Jacky. The funding for the first boat came from Wildrivers, while the funding for the second vessel comes from WOC (Working on Country). We've got to get the Coxswains done, Michael Bond lined up a Coxswains course."



There are large numbers of sites with fuel drums from the war years.

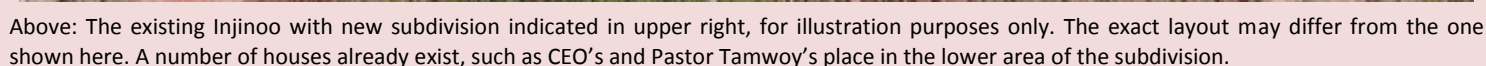




All other Images taken on 22nd Sep, 2011. Image below comes from RPS (map is superimposed).



Dense scrub
needs
clearing
before
anything else
can get
started.



Bamaga Subdivision

The Bamaga subdivision does not require as much clearing work as is currently underway at Injinoo. Image left shows Bamaga overall.



The subdivision will grow in the open area near Bamaga Pool. A sizable block of land near the pool / Sebasio Hall remains reserved for future community use. All images for illustration purposes only.



Both projects, the Injinoo and Bamaga subdivisions, are substantial and can do much to alleviate the chronic housing shortage in the NPA. They also give rise to hope for a reduction in Acute Rheumatic Fever, Rheumatic Heart Diseases and other illnesses attributed to overcrowding and dense living conditions. In addition they give many locals the opportunities to be actively involved in the growth of the NPA by utilizing their newly gained qualifications in the field of construction and others. Ultimately projects as this can lift the living standards and quality of life of all.



Injinoo subdivision in progress. Snake Gully scrub turns into a clearing following a few days work by heavy machinery. The sports oval is to the left (out of view) a little further along the road.

Grand final

The Dreamtime Ropeyarn Razers were to face Top-end United in the Ladies Rugby League competition final (Friday night match in Bamaga), but it didn't happen. "Ropeyarn Razers won by forfeit, because Top-end United didn't show up," says Mr Nathan Campbell." In the men's grand final, the eagles soared, "Score was Alau Eagles 42, Injinoo Crocs 16."

Beware of snakes

Many snakes will be looking for new territory due to earthworks in the subdivision. It is also springtime. This Taipan was photographed in Umagico (courtesy Mr Ian Doust).



...and another snake near Bamaga.

Questions raised on NPA Rugby League knock-out

Mr Tolowa Nona is the coach for the Bamaga Roo's Football Club. Mr Nona has asked that the following letter is shown to the communities as he has been approached by a number of residents asking questions. The letter is addressed to the President of NPA Football League, who is aware of Mr Nona's intention.

Re: NPA Rugby League Knock-out and other issues in regards to Football.

I would like to bring to your attention and to the NPA Rugby League Football Committee on the knock-out games that were played currently. Many local Roo's football fans and myself, the former Coach of Bamaga Roo's are raising questions and are queering on why was Roo's Football Team not given the opportunity to play in the NPA Rugby League Knockout games against the other teams last Friday.

Questions raised were:

1. Why wasn't Roo's being given the opportunity to play in the knock-outs?
2. Who were the final decision makers on the overall selection on which team plays which?
3. Was there a meeting of some kind with the committee or coaches in regards to the knock-outs?
4. Wasn't team 1 meant to play with team 2 and team 3 meant to play with team 4?

Since being the former coach of Bamaga Roo's I felt that my team had played their games even though once or a couple of occasions we had only 10 boys on the field. There were times when there were forfeits and that we would win the game against the other team/s.

And will there be a fair selection of the best NPA boys to play in Cairns if there was to be a carnival held there? As a coach for many years, I would like to know and have explained to me how the former team was selected to play in Cairns prior to the NPA Grand final. To me it shows unequal selection opportunity for players from the NPA Grand finals to be selected and also is exclusive to other NPA club players. In any case, any representative team from NPA going any place should be discussed through appropriate selection panel consisting of all club officials and appointed head-coach.

Personally I feel that the League has no form of communication-flow with the NPA former clubs and aren't well organized.

As a former coach of Bamaga Roo's, I would like to meet with yourself and the elect committee members of the NPA Rugby League Football Club to discuss and to explain the questions raised.

Yours in Sports

(The letter is signed by Mr Tolowa Nona, Coach-Roo's Football Team)

The President of NPA Football League was asked to respond and explained that the letter needed to be addressed by other committee members of the NPRL. 'NPRL will hold a meeting to address all issues and team officials will be called in to discuss the season and also the support given towards NPRL.' NPA News understands that the President of NPA Rugby League has advised QRL of this letter. NPA News extends a courtesy of reply in kind to the NPA Rugby League and is waiting an official statement or response from its President.

Your bubble is empty.

It's not.
It's filled with it.

C'mon guys, flap a bit harder. Your down-draft is my updraft, and it's not very uplifting at the moment.

Mum, I'm worried about tomorrow.

I always let it worry about itself, dear, if it wants to.

RHD / ARF

In January, 2010 (Issue 10, NPA News, page 7) we had a full page article on Rheumatic Heart Disease. In Issue 26, page 5 (May 2011), we reported on 45 new cases of RHD in 2010 (including 3 children less than 5 years of age), of 310 known cases of ARF/RHD currently on the register, of 75 known cases in the NPA, and that 45% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people received heart valve surgery due to RHD whilst under the age of 25 years. Ms Simone Gough informs that there are now 85 cases in the NPA (Sep 2011, an increase of 10 from what is on the printed material).

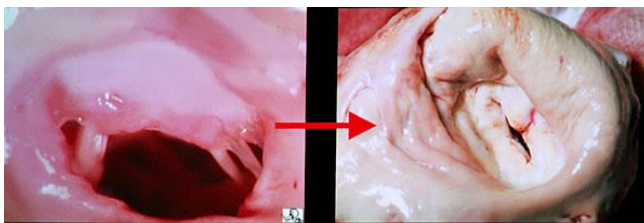
RHD = Rheumatic Heart Disease
ARF = Acute Rheumatic Fever.

In Issue 10 (Jan/Feb 2010) we informed of a vaccine development against the Group A Streptococcus (GAS) bacteria, underway by Qld Institute of Medical Research (QIMR), led by Professor Michael Good and Dr Michael Batzloff. QIMR had been working for over 10 years on the vaccine (at the time). Professor Good informed NPA News, "We are now preparing a 'clinical grade' batch of vaccine for final tests prior to testing in human volunteers late in 2010."

"Such a vaccine, if added to the roster of early childhood immunisations in Australia, could not only prevent rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease, but also end severe throat infections in children," says Dr Batzloff (in the same article, early 2010). Professor Good and Dr Batzloff have since moved on to Griffith University, Gold Coast.

NPA News made enquiries with Prof Good to find out what happened to the research since. Professor Good informs NPA News (30th Sept, 2011) with the following news:

"The clinical grade vaccine has now been produced for the trial. It is awaiting final ethics approval." ...cont. next page



Above, a heart valve. Understanding what the illness can do to the heart may help in taking all the signs that can indicate the onset of Rheumatic Fever seriously. **There is a chance to avoid the illness, but every parent needs to know what to look for and act by seeking the help of medical professionals in time.**



These children attended the information session. They may well be too young to understand what was said and shown. They don't need to get a six-inch scar on their chest as a result of a heart-valve operation. They and every other child in the NPA need your help to spot the signs that can lead to Rheumatic Fever and eventually Rheumatic Heart Disease. Would you know what they are and what to do?

What is Rheumatic Fever?

It can cause hot & cold 'fever' and may feel like you are getting the flu! The germs cause sore throats and skin sores. Sometimes after causing sore throat and fever the germ can affect the whole body, especially the big joints (like the knees) and the heart.

Look out for any sign of sickness that cause...

... pain or swelling in the big joints, mainly knees and ankles, wrists, elbows and hips. Sometimes people are too sick to walk, especially children.

Twitching and jerking movements. Sometimes Rheumatic Fever affects the brain which makes parts of the body 'twitch and jerk' (thumb, hands, arms and head in severe cases).

Who can get it?

Often school-age children and teenagers, but also adults, anyone from 3 to 40 years of age.

The most important thing about Rheumatic Fever sickness is: It can affect your heart for the rest of your life!

Can I get Rheumatic Fever more than once?

Yes! The germ lives in the environment. It can come back again and again if you don't take care of yourself!

What can I do to stop Rheumatic Fever?

See your doctor, health worker, nurse, or any Health Clinic.

If pregnant and you think you might have Rheumatic Fever see your doctor straight away.

Take your medicine, have your needles.

Brush your teeth 2 times a day.

Wash hands properly after the toilet, after playing with animals, after changing nappies and before eating.

The medical advice shown above is from ARF flyer V1 June 2010.

Inform yourself, seek advice and help from your local Health Clinic. There is no need to accept this illness, it can be avoided.

RHD / ARF ...continued

"If all goes well, we should administer the first dose in January or February. If this Phase 1 trial goes well and the vaccine is shown to be safe, we would then discuss options with at risk communities, such as where you work (meaning NPA), to do a Phase II trial for efficacy*. It may be beneficial to have those discussions earlier rather than later. We would look for clinical endpoints or prevention of skin and throat infections as these are preludes to RHD."

*) efficacy = to see if drug has the desired effect. (Professor Good has extended an invitation for me to visit the lab and have further discussions. This will take place early Nov, 2011.)

The article referred to earlier also informed of the Federal Government's announcement to spend \$2.5mill on trying to coordinate efforts to eradicate RHD by forming a new organisation, Darwin based 'RHD Australia'.

27th Sept, 2011, 6-8pm, was set aside for an info session at NPA Family and Community Services, Bamaga, to coincide with World Heart Day (29th Sep). The event had the support of Queensland Health.

Ms Simone Gough (RHD Australia) had an excellent presentation on the subject and introduced guest speaker, Dr Benjamin Reeves (Paediatric Cardiologist), who will come 4 times per year to the NPA.

Whilst the information session was well attended, it did not reach most of the ones whose life is at risk from RHD / ARF, despite extensive flyers on notice boards, local radio announcements, email invites and a sizable advert in the Torres News.

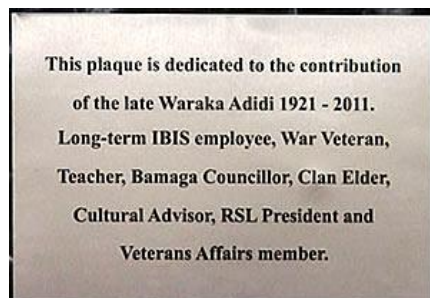
The NPA is a high risk area for RHD / ARF and the effects on its Indigenous population are well-known. Both can be avoided, resulting in increased quality of life and a longer life. The medical profession can answer your questions; explain what to look out for and what to do in case you suspect the onset of Rheumatic Fever. They provide help and medication should you be affected.

Contacts: Mrs Margie Ware, Programme Manager Health Education, NPA Family Resource Centre, Bamaga, tel: 4069 3555, or any Health Clinic in any community.

Bamaga IBIS official opening

The IBIS Supermarket was officially opened on 30th Sept, 2011. Revered Mary Eseli led the opening prayer.

The store contains a plaque dedicated to the late Mr Waraka Adidi, who passed away February, 2011, at 90 years of age.



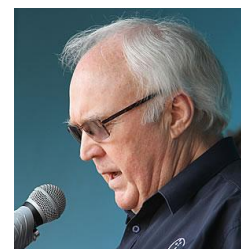
Mr John Adidi, "I am most deeply honoured and privileged to be offered this opportunity to address and speak as his son and family member of our late father, Mr Waraka Adidi, for his distinguished 30 years service as an IBIS Store Manager, Supervisor, Trainer and Mentor at the Main Store, later Supermarket Thursday Island, then known as IIB (Islanders' Industries Board). Prior to WW II he was a teacher on the outer Torres Strait Islands. On completion he commenced his long career and employment with IBIS in 1946." Mr Adidi also expressed, "It is fitting that IBIS has honoured him, in saluting his tireless efforts and contributions 35 years after his retirement. He committed 30 consecutive years of his life to IBIS and the community as a whole within the Retailing Industry."

"The Adidi family and relatives are most humbled, thankful and grateful towards IBIS and the government for our late father's past employment and recognition of his services. You have truly left us speechless." Mr Adidi continued to thank the many present and those involved in the construction and opening of IBIS Bamaga. "We can only give praise and thanks to our Almighty God for His blessings."

The supermarket had been operating for some weeks prior to the official opening. The first customer through the door on opening day selected one of the many 'Health Tick' items available.



Ama Mary blessing the inside of the supermarket.

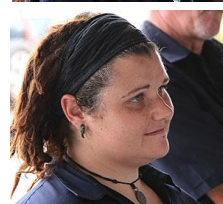


Mr Peter Rice, Chairman IBIS, before cutting the ribbon.



From left: Mr Peter Rice, IBIS Chairman, Mr John Adidi and Mr Ian Copeland, IBIS CEO.

Minister Curtis Pitt (Disability Services, Mental Health and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) was to conduct the official opening of Bamaga's IBIS store and afterwards turn the first sod of soil for the New Mapoon All Abilities Playground, 'Mandingnou Mupang Apang'. Due to the Minister falling ill, all his appointments were cancelled a few hours before they were to commence.



IBIS provided free gifts for children, a sausage sizzle and several boxes of vitamin packed oranges. Business operates on supply and demand principles.

There were no queues for the oranges; despite this they were a reluctant second choice when compared to the sausages (both were free). Staff had to try hard to find any takers for the oranges and had to return most to the store. Oranges with fried onions?

Bamaga Health and Beauty



Mrs Lynn Short is a pharmacist from Thursday Island, who on 30th September opened the doors of her new store, 'Bamaga Health and Beauty and Bamaga News', right next door to the new IBIS at Bamaga.

"My original aim was to try to get a pharmacy over here, with a dispensary. That wasn't possible. We didn't have the numbers (population) to warrant a full pharmacy."

The reaction so far? "Oh, lovely to see something new in town, expand the services. I hope between IBIS, Dreamtime and myself we can complement one another to cover most of the community needs."



Ms Ellen Bira

"So we have our four fulltime staff, you have me here most of the time. Karen Burke from the pharmacy is over some of the time assisting us, and apart from that we had a couple of casuals here working too."

Bamaga Health and Beauty provides training. "Over at the pharmacy (on T.I.) most of our staff is currently involved in training schemes, mainly through the Pharmacy Guild of Australia."

"I'm quite capable and willing to train my staff. I've done this for a very long time, and I still enjoy it, I might say. Even though I'm a pharmacist I really enjoy the front shop of pharmacy, the pharmacy advice and all the lovely things too."

"We don't have a dispensary here, that's why it's called 'Health and Beauty', but I do have the licence to sell some pharmacy medicines. We'll be able to help people with fungal rashes, child's Penadol, diarrhoea medicines. The next level medicines I have a licence to keep, not in the prescription medicines, but we will be able to provide a better service here."

"I moved over to Bamaga. I'll certainly be here for the next few months and then I probably run back on forth between the two shops. While I'm here I can give pharmacist advice too. The council (NPARC) requested that one of the new stores provide a newsagency service to the community, so it's me. We'll have newspapers and magazines We'll have Torres News and Cairns Post and Islander of course. We'll have Courier Mail each day, we'll have Weekend Australians and Couriers, we'll have the Koori Mail and an assortment of magazines. We will also have the Scratchys soon. We won't be having Gold Lotto."



"I brought one (senior) staff member over from the pharmacy with me, Ellen Bira, who has been working for me for many years. I also employed locally Kelly Williams, she is from Bamaga. She is my other senior, and then I employed fulltime two juniors, Anna Sagaukaz (and Mrs Short leans forward to whisper, as Anna is within hearing range: She's a darling. She's a breath of fresh air, that girl. She's bright, she's energetic, she's reliable, I'm pretty impressed)."

"The other junior I employed fulltime is Stephanie Bond. Stephanie came over to the pharmacy for a few weeks work-experience before we opened the door, which was very useful as well."



Mrs Kelly Williams



Ms Anastasia Sagaukaz



Ms Stephanie Bond

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Renewal of LIPA

Community meetings were held in all NPA communities (10th – 14th Oct) on the renewal of LIPA (Local Indigenous Partnership Agreement), the first of which was signed in October, 2009. The meetings gave communities an opportunity to have an input of what the priorities should be for the new LIPA for 2012 and beyond.

Mr Colin Neville (Government Champion support) brought along a model of the proposed NPA Cultural Centre and 3D graphic visualisations of how the centre would appear at the Injinoo Look-out location (it can be viewed at NPARC's Injinoo office). Mr Ian Doust and Ms Sera Rohan (both from RPS Group, engaged by State Government and NPARC) also attended. RPS is preparing the Planning Scheme for the NPA.



From left: Ms Enid Namok, Mr Colin Neville and Mrs Gina Nona, Councillor for Injinoo.



Above: Injinoo Look-out and ocean would be located behind the buildings, below: when viewed from the Look-out side.



NPARC Chief Executive Officer
Mr Stuart Duncan

'The voice of one crying in the wilderness'

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"The theme of this rally is: 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness'," explains Pastor Day, "and the rally is dedicated to the memory of our late Bishop Messa. He is from New Mapoon but Torres Strait Islander as well. He lived down in Townsville all his life."

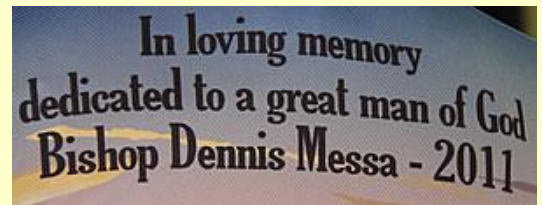
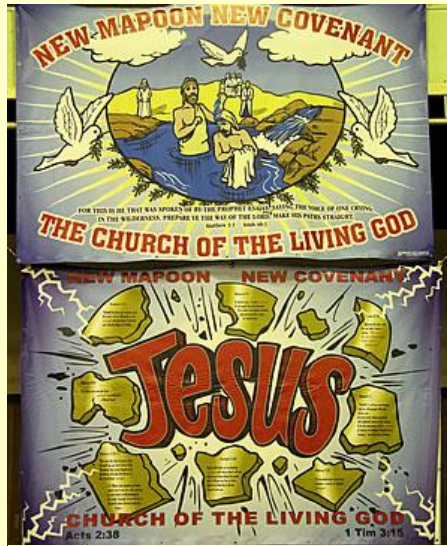
"It is the church of the living God, it's a Pentecostal movement."

"This rally is an invitation. Anyone that is out there, thinks to want to make a change, know more about the church and the gospel of Jesus Christ, the New Testament plan of salvation. We read Chapter 38, baptise in Jesus' name, and you know families are out there, the back-sliders, the druggies, the alcoholics or whoever. People that are gone, saved and unsaved, I guess it's a big invitation to get back into church, to find more to be yourself, more answers, and yeah, knowing who God is, and just finding yourself, who you are in God, I suppose."

"I feel that many people don't know what they are looking for, out there in the world, and in the church arena as well. But I feel strongly that maybe you're looking for an answer, Jesus Christ is the only answer. I feel that He can make a change. Many have a testimony to tell somebody out there."



From left: Bishop Blanco (is Bishop in the Tablelands), Pastor Day and Brother Jack Wailu. The single finger stands for 'one God'.



The rally runs from 28th Sep to 2nd Oct, from Sebasio Hall, Bamaga.



Reverend Stephen Peters, "We have here the churches from Townsville, Cairns and the local churches also. We have the church from Hammond Island and also Murray Island. This is what we call a rally where we bring our churches together and we share on what we have achieved throughout the year. At the end of this rally we nominate a place to go to the next rally. There will be a baptism after the service here." The wedding rings of a newly married couple were blessed during the service.



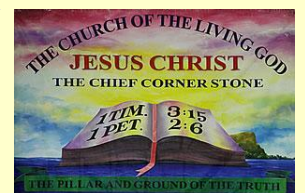
Let me try it first.



Hmm, nice.



Let's share it.



Above: Banners from the churches in Cairns and Townsville. This article at the invitation of Mrs Clara Day with permission to take images from Pastor Day.

St Michael and All Saints Church Day

A baby was baptised during the mass.



Following the Holy Communion all moved outside of the church to witness the blessing of a car. It is tradition to smash a coconut on its bull-bar, explains Mr Gordon Solomon (What if the car doesn't have one?) Ama Mary blessed the car, naming it 'Baby Blue'.



The blessing concluded to official ceremonies.

The church bell tolls to call its people. Injinoo's Saint Michael and All Saints church was packed for the 29th Sept. Church Day celebration. The Injinoo church service had many hymns filling the area with the beautiful voices of its people. The hymns are in language (Ikya) and only a few of the Injinoo people would know the words and their meaning, but all know the sounds of those words and young and young at heart can sing as one. As Cowal Creek was formed by the coming together of many tribes long ago, so too the language of Ikya, a blend of the many tribal languages, evolved through its people. The language was discouraged by the early teachers who arrived in the area and was forbidden in school. Although most may not know the meaning, the spirit contained within is still very much alive. Today's children will carry those treasures and pass them on in time to come.



Injinoo women dancing next to the church.



Outside of the church kup murri was prepared for the community. A cake was cut to celebrate the birthday of a 2-year old toddler.

This article at the invitation of Councillor, Mrs Gina Nona, with permission to take photographs during the service from Ama Mary.



National Immunisation Program Schedule for Qld.

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

Teke youpla piknini to health clinic when:

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

Protect umpla piknini from kese sik.

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 Nov/Dec

Bamaga Hospital and Community PHCC

9 Nov	Chest Clinic, Nurses Clinic, Saibai, PHC
15 – 16 Nov	Renal Clinic, Dr Tim Furlong, Outer Is, (to be confirmed)
17 – 18 Nov	Renal Clinic, Dr Tim Furlong, T.I. H., 17 Nov, Bamaga H., 18 Nov
16 – 18 Nov	General Surgeon, T.I. OPD on 16 Nov, OT on 17-18 Nov
22 – 23 Nov	General Physician, Dr Jason Agostino & Echotech, Bamaga Hospital OPD
24 – 25 Nov	General Physician, Dr Jason Agostino & Echotech, T.I. H. OPD 24 th Nov all day, on 25 th Nov, AM only
22 – 24 Nov	ENT Clinic, Dr Howson & Team – CBH, T.I. H. OPD & OT
23 Nov	Chest Clinic, Nurses Clinic, Saibai, PHC
28 – 30 Nov	Eyes, Dr Gary Brian & Eyedentity, T.I. H., OPD & OT
1 – 2 Dec	Eyes, Dr Gary Brian & Eyedentity, T.I. H., OPD & OT
1 – 2 Dec	Dermatology Clinic, Dr Rob Miller, T.I. H. 1 Dec, Yorke PHC 2 Dec
5 Dec	Orthopaedic, Dr William Bryceson, T.I. H. OPD 5 th , OT 6-8 th
7 - 8 Dec	Chest Clinic, Thoracic Team, CBH, Saibai PHC 7 th & Boigu PHC 8 th
21 Dec	Chest Clinic, Nurses Clinic, Saibai PHC 21 st



Seisia sunrise

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 Clinic

(1:30 to 4 pm)

At our local Primary Healthcare Centres. Drop in, general discussion, withdrawal care & ATODS Clinic. A Queensland Health initiative. Yarn blo umi stay where umi (confidential) ATODS Office: **4090 4270** Mental Health: **4069 3166** Bamaga Hospital: **4069 3166**

Injinoo	New Mapoon	Umagico	Bamaga	Seisia
1, 15 and 29 Nov 13 Dec	8 and 22 Nov 6 Dec	9 and 23 Nov 7 Dec	10 and 24 Nov 8 Dec	3 and 17 Nov 1 and 15 Dec



Now we don't know how to get down, I am, you are, they'll fix it all again.



How am I going to get through it all? My jaw aches already.

Below: Panorama, from Seisia Camp Ground.



10 years NPA water treatment



The NPA is in the enviable position of sitting atop of underground streams which bring water all the way from Papua New Guinea, providing a virtually unlimited supply that feed the Jacky Jacky and Jardine rivers. Despite all this, the NPA has water restrictions in place.

The water treatment plant is on the eve of its 10-year anniversary. The official opening of the 'Northern Peninsula Area Water Treatment Plant & Operations Centre' was on 29th Nov, 2001, its plaque unveiled by the (then) Honourable Judy Spence, MP (Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy), in the presence of representatives from all NPA communities.

FACILITY MANAGEMENT BY SUNWATER

Right: Soda Ash is used to raise the pH level of the water (if needed).

Below: There are a number of lagoons at the Bamaga plant. The largest one at top of image is the plastic lined 15ML Raw Water Lagoon as in image right column, top.

The facility at Bamaga is managed by SunWater.

Here is how it works: Pump station and surge tanks are located near the Jardine River. The Jardine Pipeline carries the water 15km to the Raw Water Lagoon at Bamaga (15million litres (ML) capacity). The CMF pumps at the plant feed the CMF Units (peak capacity: 6ML/Day).



Raw Water Lagoon, 15ML



Pumps at the facility.



The treated water is pumped to the large white tank at the Bamaga plant site. High lift pumps supply from here the Bamaga storage tank, which supply all other community tanks, which in turn supply the houses or wherever water is needed.



Part of the 15km section from the Jardine River to Bamaga (here near the Hospital side of Bamaga). The pipeline is underground.



The plant has two filtration units, the two banks of vertical tubes.

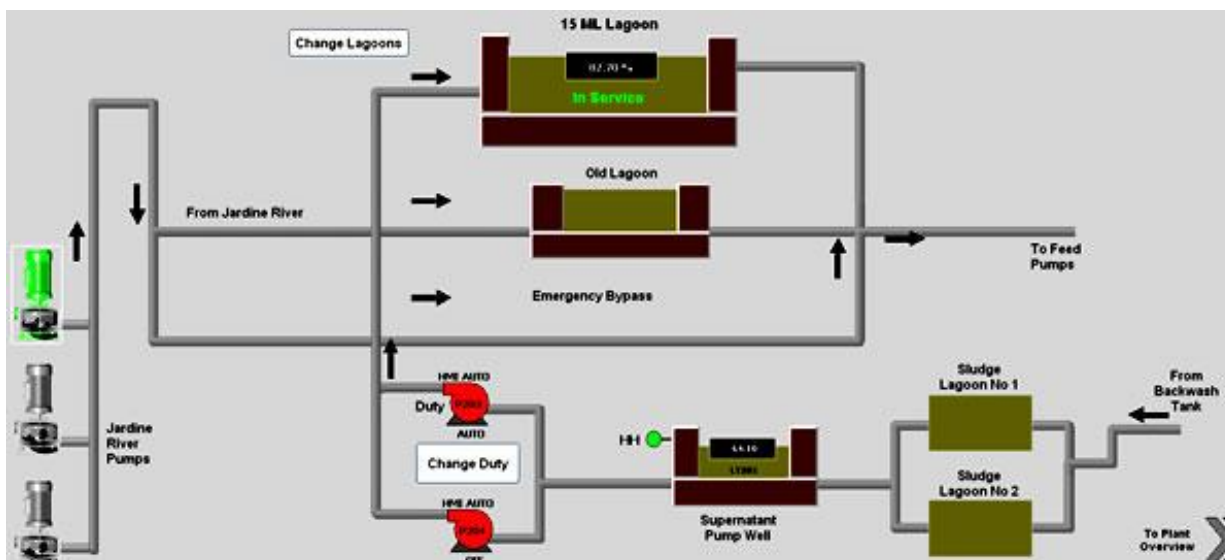


The NPA has water restrictions because of the limited capacity of these CMF filtration systems. Bamaga has two such systems, called 'trains'.

CMF = Continuous Micro Filtration.

In each of the vertical tubes are filters. Water is forced at high pressure through the very fine hollow fibres removing harmful elements and impurities from the water, such as cryptosporidium and giardia organisms (both can cause illness in the body). There are 144 filters in total.

"The dirt is left behind on the outside of the fibre and clear water travels up through microscopic holes inside the actual lumen-strand," explains Mr Barnes. The filters are periodically cleaned.



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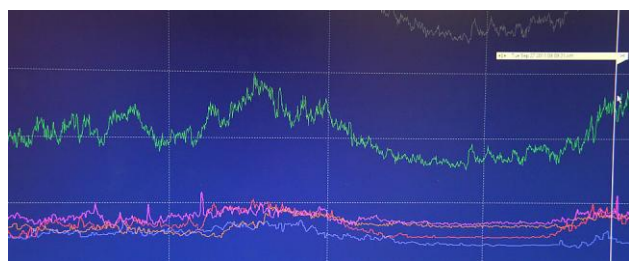
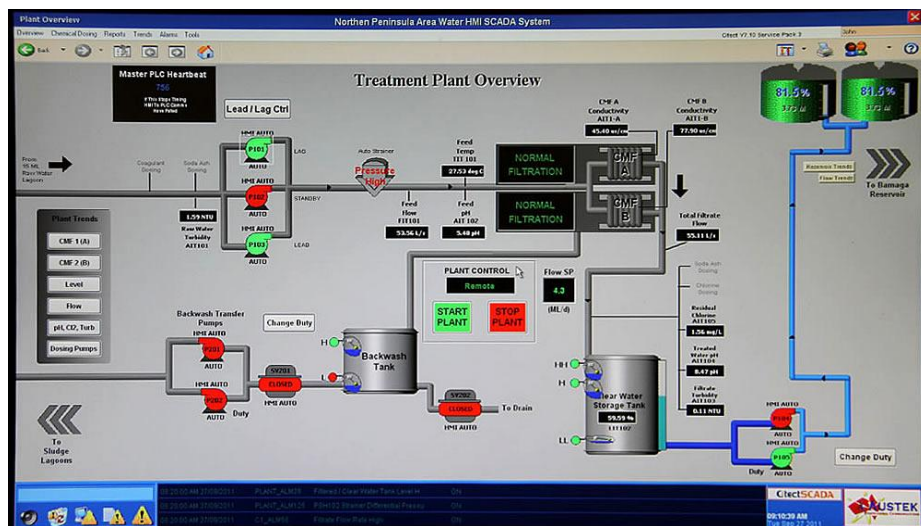
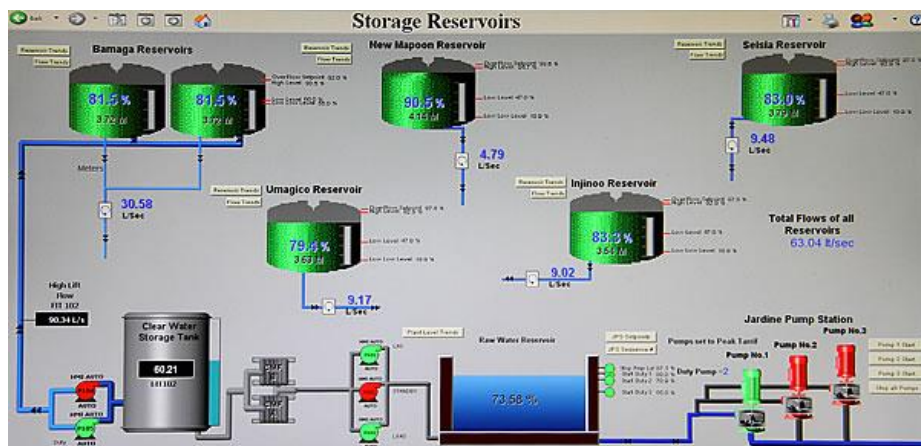


Image left shows a history of water usage on each of the tanks. The uppermost grey is the total usage, green is Bamaga, and the lower graphs show the usage history of the tanks from the other communities.

In general there is a peak in the morning (for morning showers, etc), a levelling out during working hours and a rise in demand early evening when people return home.



Flows L/sec	9.02
Flow in KL Today	199
Flows in KL Yesterday	548
Flow This Week	1303
Flows Last Week	3742
Flows in KL This Month	14830
Flows in KL Last Month	16592
Flows in ML This Year	77.833
Flows in ML Last Year	0.058
Alarm High Flow Rate	40.00

Left: A detailed view from one of the community reservoirs, indicating that it currently draws 9.02 litres / second.

The water used to irrigate the Umagico sports field (once the supply-line is in place, covered elsewhere in this issue) will be untreated water. It does not impact on the available drink water.

Water coming from any tap or water hose in the NPA is treated water. If left running it will reduce the overall available water.

There are four surge tanks on the Jardine Pipeline. "It takes the hammer out of the line when the Jardine pumps start or stop. Since they have been installed we only ever had two pipe leaks in the Jardine Pipeline, so they are doing their job very well."

Flowing water contains energy. If the flow is suddenly stopped the energy is causing a spike in pressure, known as 'water hammer', which can damage pipes and equipment.

Based on the read-out of the flat-screen display: "We are making 4.3million litres a day," says Mr Peter Barnes, supervisor of SunWater's facility, Bamaga. "We are making 54litres / second and the communities are using 64litres / second at the moment."

"We are not keeping up at the moment, so that is sprinklers for you."

The amount used in excess of what is produced is lowering the tank levels. This will be replenished when supply exceeds demand, such as overnight. The normal capacity of the plant is 5.5million litres per day (it can do up to 6ML).

The computerised system can trigger 16 critical alarms. What is a critical alarm? "A high flow rate, a main break, or low residual chlorine, so we are not putting enough chlorine in the water. A Jardine River pump fault is a critical alarm. Any of those alarms come through to us 24 hours a day, so basically we're always on the job."

A text message is sent to the operators to alert them of critical alarms. "I had one at 4am on Sunday morning. That was a low residual chlorine alarm. I came up here and had a broken fitting on the chlorine line and had to repair that."

The image left shows the whole system in one view. At the bottom right one of the 3 pumps is working (green), supplying the water from the Jardine River. The Raw Water Reservoir is at 73.58% (the blue body of water). Two of the 3 pumps supply the filtration systems. The Clear Water Storage Tank (silver, bottom left in upper image) is at 60.21% (This is the large white reservoir at the Bamaga plant). The top-half shows the levels in each of the reservoirs (green), including current flows from each in litres per second (the numbers in blue).

The two Bamaga reservoirs gravity feed all the community reservoirs. A serious leak / broken mains etc could in theory deplete the whole system of water. If pre-set values are exceeded they will trigger alarms (high flow rate, water levels, pump failures etc).

Each of the community reservoirs will trigger a 'low level' alarm when they are still half full (at 47%). As the two Bamaga reservoirs feed all the others, their 'low level' alarms are triggered when they reach 60% or less.

If the pumps at Jardine River fail (perhaps of no power supply), the trailer mounted emergency pump will be used to supply water from Skull Creek. It is tested each month, on constant standby, at the ready when needed. Its capacity is 2 million litres per day.



This is the old Water Treatment Facility, last in use in 1998 or 99. The existing plant was built in 2000.

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10 years NPA water treatment

Starting and slowing the flow gradually would reduce water hammer, but it is not always possible to do that. Surge tanks are used to dissipate the energy which otherwise would try to damage the system wherever possible.



Above: The pH balance and chlorine levels are monitored here.

SunWater is funded by the Department of Local Government and Planning to run the facility.

There is no point in waiting for the penny to drop; they are no longer in circulation.

No-one is stopping you from earning \$1million a week.

No, I couldn't afford a million, it costs too much in tax.

What if we invest in an ATM and pay it off using withdrawals? It would pay for itself.



We can't look back. We have to move forward. The world is not going to stop for anyone.

But isn't it on a constant Round-about?

RTU SITE DATA	Master RTU	Bamaga Res	Mapoon Res	Selsia Res	Unaigico Res	Injinoo Res	Jardine Pumps
Site Charging Solar / 240AC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Battery Voltage	13.6	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.6
Battery Low Volts	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
RTU Card Error	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cubicle Temperature	40	27	28	28	27	29	45
Radio Comms Link to #RTU	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Total Packet Fails to Site	0	0	2	2	3	3	6

This is the RTU (Remote Terminal Unit) data of the various installations. It is to do with remotely measuring and transferring the results via telemetry. It is used to turn equipment on or off, but also to alert when anything goes wrong. It communicates via radio and can generate a text message to the operator with information of a problem. The equipment used in NPA's water treatment system is spread many kilometres apart, but each can be controlled via telemetry from wherever the operator might be.

Water coming from most taps or water hoses in the NPA is treated water. If left running it will reduce the overall available water. There are of course other taps located in remote locations which have untreated rainwater supply, such as at Somerset.

SunWater's sprinkler restriction informs that NPA is using 800 litres per person each day, which is twice the National average. There could be hoses left running unattended for weeks. Everyone in the community can help to reduce the waste of treated water and report leaking taps to NPARC or SunWater.

Late News: Water restrictions are now eased from Level 4 to Level 3.



Even if you call a spade a spade, it's not going to make any difference; it's not going to listen. It can't hear you.

Moon gazers



Looking through Mr Duncan's telescope from Injinoo look-out left quite an impression on Ms Esme Newman's daughters, Mesele and Tymanieh (12 and 6 years).

"They were just amazed," says Ms Newman. "They thought it was very clear."



"The picture is exactly what they'd seen in the movies and from the books at school. They were quite shocked at first, it was so close they could just about reach out and grab the moon. We saw the light, we saw the moon. We saw Saturn, which was amazing, actually very stunning. We did get a very good look that night. We did see the rings around Saturn."

Images courtesy Mr Stuart Duncan.

'Many come and many go'

...words one of the locals said some years ago. Those that come are teachers, doctors, nurses, scientists, police personnel, managers, researchers, volunteers, people from all walks of life. The cycle of 'come and go' continues with the next new arrivals.

This is to let all readers know that my time to go is getting closer. I plan to leave a few days before Christmas, 2011, to return to the Gold Coast.

NPARC has been informed of this and Mr Stuart Duncan (NPARC CEO) indicated that NPA News is going to continue, Heinz Ross.

There are two sides to a coin.
...and then there is the edge.