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Community Cabinet meets at Waiben (Tamwoy, T.I.). ...more on page 3 to 6.

## Effective immediately: Level 4 water restrictions!

13th Oct: Two of SunWater's 3 pumps at the Jardine have failed. As a result water supply to the treatment plant is reduced. All residents are now **urged** to **conserve water**, as we are using 1 million litres / day more than can be produced. Water restrictions Level 4 are now in place (**no sprinklers, no hosing** and other restrictions). Stay tuned with FM91.9 and see local notice boards on latest developments.



Torres Strait Island Art Show in Queensland's capital.....more inside.



## 'Positively ageless'

...celebrating NPA HACC Senior Week 2011




Mr Jacob McDonnell taking part in NPA HACC Senior Week 2011. ...more on page 16 to 18.

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	NPARC Seisia	4048 6700	4069 3180	Bamaga	Mayor Joseph Elu	4090 4107
	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	
	NPARC Injinoo	4048 6800	4069 3253	New Mapoon	Cr Michael Bond	4048 6606
	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		NPARC Housing:	Same as respective council offices.	
	NPARC Engineering, Umagico	4069 3419	or 4069 3012	Various:	Police, Bamaga	4069 3156
	NPARC Workshop, Injinoo	4069 3903	<b>Please Note:</b>  <b>All NPARC offices in the NPA have new phone numbers as shown here!</b>		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
FM Radio	Radio Station FM91.9	4096 3356		Jardine River Ferry (8 to 5pm)	4069 1369	
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		

<b>Libraries:</b>	Injinoo Library	4069 3761		<b>Hospitals / Health</b>		
	RTC, Umagico	4083 0333		Bamaga Hospital	4069 3166	Sagaukaz St, Bamaga
<b>Family Services:</b>				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		<b>Health Centres:</b>	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
Tour Operators		Custom Sports Fishing	4069 3301	Jardine Adventures	4069 3460	Bus to/from Cairns	4069 3368
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

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



## Community Cabinet Meeting

'No issue is too big or too small in the casual, no-ties, coats-off atmosphere of Community Cabinet where the focus is on finding solutions to problems and finding better ways for us to deliver State Government services,' expresses the Premier of Queensland, Ms Anna Bligh, in her Premier's Message.



Ms Bligh pledged \$50k to the TSRA, "to support professional development for a number of artists who are doing such great work. We want to see more of the art of the Torres Strait out there, in the world, for people to understand, to appreciate..." and she added "to buy it and to contribute to the economy here."

A total of 18 Ministers and Directors General of various government departments attended the meeting. "You not only have the political leader, but you also have the leader of the government department listening to your interests and have opportunity to take ideas further," says Ms Bligh.

The forum commenced with questions and answers from the audience. Outside Tagai Campus Mr Noel Bond and a group of people conducted a demonstration. "I have a peaceful demonstration. We make our voice known for greater autonomy, regional autonomy for Torres Strait. We don't want to call it Torres Strait \* anymore; we want to call it Zenadh Kes. We want to identify ourselves. This is not a Spanish place. We got to keep our identity. This place belongs to the Kaurareg people. We respect them, the people from the outer islands. We respect the Kaurareg nations here. We have to because this is our culture. With all the state government coming in, policies and that,... we'd like the government to listen to us and respect us a bit more."

Some of the sentiments of the demonstrators were also echoed from individuals in the audience. "I meant what I said earlier," says Ms Bligh, "but I personally and I think everybody in our government believes that this is a very special part of Australia."

"I'll be honest and say a very big part of me would be very sad to think that the Torres Strait was no longer part of Queensland, if that was the action that was to be taken. But my sadness is not an issue; my sadness is not something that helps societies. We need to look at whether the people of the Torres Strait can live sustainably in a very remote place without the support of the State Government. If you were a self determining territory, like the Northern Territory for example, then that would need a high level of economy, but that would mean that you would no longer be eligible for support from the State Government. But you may be eligible for support from the Federal Government, so it's a very complicated thing. The Queensland Government would never walk away from the Torres Strait. But if the Torres Strait determines that ultimately they believe that they should have a completely different sort of government, through a referendum, then we would never stand in the way either."

Sunday, 29 Aug, Tagai State College, Secondary Campus. The Queensland Cabinet meets with the community and community leaders at Tamwoy, Waiben (T.I.). Prior to opening the meeting Minister Paul Lucas explained that there had been a delay in the arrival of Premier Ms Anna Bligh, as she had just received sad news. Ms Anna Bligh arrived shortly after and shared the sad news with all present. The remains of missing teenager Daniel Morcombe had been found, confirmed by DNA testing. Daniel had been missing since 2003 (he was 13yrs old then). The Country Cabinet and all guests stood in silence for a minute.



Father Tom Stephens conducted the prayers. All the community sang a hymn. Two young Tagai students sang the National Anthem, which all joined in singing. Queensland Premier Ms Anna Bligh introduced the Tagai Secondary Campus Dance Team.

"We are a government that cares deeply about the Torres Strait and that's why we're here today," says Ms Bligh in her opening address and informed of the large Torres Strait exhibitions currently in Brisbane spanning Queensland Libraries and Art Exhibitions, "...which is the biggest ever display and exhibition in Brisbane about the history, the culture and the art of the Torres Strait. It is absolutely sensational. It is attracting thousands of people and I get lots and lots of positive comments about it. One of the reasons of course that we have that exhibition there is this year marks the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 'Coming of the Light' (the arrival of Christianity)."



"The only way to truly appreciate the concerns, views and dreams of all Queenslanders is to hear them first hand," says Ms Anna Bligh.



Minister Rachel Nolan  
(Finance, Natural Resources and The Arts)

Tagai students performing  
at Tamwoy.



Mr Noel Bond (above right)



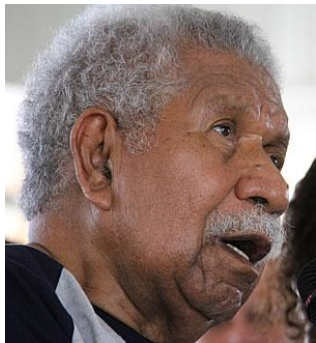
\*) Torres Strait was named in 1769 by Alexander Dalrymple (a Scottish geographer), following the discovery of documents that proved Luis Váez de Torres found a passage south of New Guinea.



Premier Ms Anna Bligh and Deputy Premier Mr Paul Lucas had earlier announced a \$5million funding package\* for Torres Strait Regional Council, to provide job security for the council's employees and to help the council towards a sustainable future.

\*) The \$5mill funding package: More than \$3mill earmarked to support 45 engineering jobs and \$2mill to support 25 administrative jobs in council. The funds will allow the council an average of 3 engineering officers who will work on each of the 15 outer islands to make sure water and sewerage infrastructure is maintained and up to scratch, explains a Ministerial Media Statement.

Referring to the \$5mill funding and the sewerage works on the outer islands, Premier Bligh explained, "This is something that would need the support from somewhere, and I don't think that any of us should think that would be an easy task. That is something we would have to get right. I'm not going to leave people here without essential services. We have to get that right."



On a lighter note: There used to be a time when school children received a day's holiday when a Minister visited, but 18 visiting Ministers did not translate to 18 extra holidays.

Ms Bligh congratulated Mr George Mye (left) on his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.



## Community Cabinet Meeting



Sunday was set aside for public forum, informal deputations and formal scheduled deputations with the Premier and Ministers. Tagai class rooms were used for the occasions. The Country Cabinet opening is on Monday when the new government building on Thursday Island will be officially opened.



From left: NPARC CEO, Mr Stuart Duncan, NPARC Mayor, Mr Joseph Elu, and Councillor for Seisia, Mr Jeffrey Aniba had opportunity to sit with Ms Bligh, and Member for Cook, Mr Jason O'Brien, right after the question and answer time. At a separate meeting they met with Minister Tim Mulherin (Agriculture, Food and Regional Economics) and Mr Bruce Turner, Associate Director-General, to speak about the Farm at Bamaga.



From left: Minister Stephen Robertson (Energy and Water Utilities), Minister Vicky Darling (Environment) and NPARC Mayor Joseph Elu.

'Community Cabinet meetings also provide an open forum where members of the public could ask questions without notice. By working with Queenslanders at all levels and in all parts of the state, we can create a strong and vibrant Queensland that brings prosperity and quality of life to all.' (from the Premier's Message)



## Community Cabinet Meeting

The Mayor for Torres Shire, Mr Napau Petro Stephen, and Minister Pitt earlier had a healthy cook-off session at the IBIS Supermarket, Thursday Island, where Minister Curtis Pitt went out of his way looking for the tap to ensure all his vegetable ingredients were properly washed. Mr Pitt is Minister for Disability Services, Mental Health and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.

Ms Jasmina Haukka (IBIS Nutritionist) who had been many times in the NPA demonstrating her cooking skills explained the benefits of using particular ingredients.

Both contestants proved that there are healthy and tasty alternatives to the all too often customary greasy sausage sizzle. Bowls of vitamin packed fruits provided the refreshments at the Tagai meeting.

Image right: It's down to business in one of the classrooms at Tagai Campus. Minister Tim Mulherin (Agriculture, Food and Regional Economies, right, centre), and Mr Bruce Turner (Associate Director-General, right) listening to the deputation relating to the NPA farm.



NPARC Mayor, Mr Elu, said it could become a viable operation, planting watermelon, pumpkin and other vegetables. The DPI (Department of Primary Industry) did soil tests earlier with good results. Mr Elu informed the Minister that many students at Bamaga Senior Campus are taught horticulture subjects in school. The building from Townsville has arrived at the farm, in the back of Bamaga.

The Deputations Programme allowed for informal deputations with no appointment and formal scheduled deputations, as the one with Minister Mulherin. There was a time limit for all deputations due to the many community leaders seeking to be heard.

## New fishing rules from September

Minister Craig Wallace (Main Roads, Fisheries and Marine Infrastructure) reminded recreational fishers about the new rules for catching snapper in Queensland. Bag limit is reduced from 5 to 4 fish per person, with one fish over 70cm in length. The bag limit or 'possession' limit includes any previously caught fish, including those in the freezer or at the camp site. The minimum snapper size remains at 35cm.

Another review of fisheries management, including an updated snapper assessment, will be completed in 2014. For more information on the new snapper rules: [www.fisheries.qld.gov.au](http://www.fisheries.qld.gov.au) or call 13 25 23.

Latest fisheries information is also available via Twitter: [www.twitter.com/fisheriesQLD](http://www.twitter.com/fisheriesQLD) or on facebook at: [www.facebook.com/FisheriesQueensland](http://www.facebook.com/FisheriesQueensland) (info based on Media Release through Mr Jason O'Brien, MP)



Mr Michael Bon from Mer at the Community Cabinet meeting.

## Fire danger period

The Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) declare a Fire Danger Period resulting in new rules on the lighting of fires.

Minister Neil Roberts (Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services) said, 'except for a fire for cooking or warmth, Queenslanders would not be allowed to light a fire regardless of size without a permit from midnight this Sunday, 4 Sep, to midnight on Sunday, 1 Jan, 2012, adding, 'there were some types of fires which could be lit without a permit during a declared fire danger period unless they are prohibited by local council or law.'

QFRS Commissioner Lee Johnson said, 'Regardless of the type of fireplace it was the responsibility of the person lighting the fire to ensure all precautions were taken.'

To make it easier for property owners who regularly require permits Local Fire Wardens have been given the flexibility to issue seasonal fire permits based upon local conditions. Queenslanders are reminded this is not a "Fire Ban" and QFRS will continue to review the implementation of the Fire Danger Period as the season progresses.

Further information on the Fire Danger Period, local fire bans and how to obtain a permit can be found at:

[www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au](http://www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au)

(info based on Media Release through Mr Jason O'Brien, MP)

## New IBIS Supermarket opens

Bamaga's new IBIS opens 30<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2011, 12pm.  
Mr I. Copeland, CEO of IBIS.



The opening ceremony includes a traditional blessing, addresses by dignitaries, community specials and giveaways.



From left: Minister Jan Jarratt (Tourism, Manufacturing and Small Business), NPARC Mayor, Mr Joseph Elu, and Mr Steve Wettenhall (State Member for Barron River) at Pajinka, Cape York (image supplied).

## Committed to making Queenslanders Australia's healthiest people...

Minister Geoff Wilson (Health) said the Bligh Government was committed to making Queenslanders Australia's healthiest people and reducing chronic diseases such as heart disease by 2020. "The Government is providing \$1.2 million over two years for the Heart Foundation to continue...

its good work through education, care and awareness in our communities," Mr Wilson said. "These initiatives help support the Queensland Government's promotion of healthy eating, physical activity and self-management of chronic disease. The key to improving the health of Queenslanders lies with all of us."

(source: Media Release by Mr Jason O'Brien, MP, 6 Sep, 2011)



**NPARC proposes new Local Laws for 2012**

The Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council is about to introduce new **Local Laws** in 2012. The laws are open for community consultation to the 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2011. Any feedback should be directed to NPARC. The laws deal with **Animal Management** and **Community and Environment Management**.

They address many issues that have been brought to council's attention.

Shown here is: **Schedule 1 Prohibition on keeping animals** (Subordinate Local Law No. 2, on page 7, in Section 5)

**Animal Management:**

The proposed laws dealing with animal management are grouped in the

**'Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011'**

Copies are available from all NPARC offices and also from the website:

<http://www.nparc.qld.gov.au/web/guest/local-laws>

This law deals with: The keeping of animals, control of animals, seizure, impounding or destruction of animals, appeals against destruction orders. It also covers de-sexing of animals, minimum standards for keeping animals, prohibition of animals in public places, off-leash areas for dogs, requirements for proper enclosures, as well as criteria for declared dangerous animals and the conditions for sale of animals.

Animal	Circumstances in which keeping of animal or animals is prohibited
Dog	More than 6 dogs over the age of 3 months on any one allotment
Cat	More than 6 cats over the age of 3 months on any one allotment
Horse, donkey, cow or bull	A density of animals that is greater than one animal per 4000 m <sup>2</sup>
Sheep, goat, alpaca llama or pig	A density of animals that is greater than one animal per 1000 m <sup>2</sup>
Poultry	A density of animals that is greater than 20 animals per 4000 m <sup>2</sup>
Deer	A density of animals that is greater than one animal per 1000 m <sup>2</sup>
Duck or goose	Unregulated
Ostrich or emu	Unregulated
Bees	One or more animals in the local government area.
Cockatoo, galah or other birds of similar size	Unregulated
Budgerigar, canary or other birds of a similar size	Unregulated
Racing pigeons	Unregulated
Fish	Unregulated

This shows **Schedule 2 Requirement for approval to keep animals** (Subordinate Local Law No. 2, on page 8, in Section 6)

Species or breed of animal	Circumstances in which keeping of animal or animals requires approval
Dog	More than 2 dogs over the age of 3 months on a single allotment.
Cat	More than 2 cats over the age of 3 months on a single allotment.
Horse, donkey, cow, bull, sheep, goat, alpaca, llama, deer, pig, poultry, duck, goose, ostrich or emu	One or more animals on a single allotment.
Bees	Prohibited
Cockatoo, galah or other birds of similar size	Unregulated
Budgerigar, canary or other birds of a similar size	Unregulated
Racing pigeons	Unregulated
Fish	Unregulated

The original document has footnotes, explaining various words and their meaning in relation to the content.

Shown here is: **Schedule 3 Requirement to de-sex animal** (Subordinate Local Law No. 2, on page 9, in Section 7)

Species or breed of animal	Age at which animal must be de-sexed	Exemptions to the requirement for de-sexing
Dogs	Before age of 3 months	An animal owned by a member of a recognised breeders association for the purposes of breeding or showing, upon application to the local government.
Cats	Before age of 3 months	An animal owned by a member of a recognised breeders association for the purposes of breeding or showing, upon application to the local government.
Stallion Horses	Before age of 12 months	An animal owned by a member of a recognised breeders association for the purposes of breeding or showing, upon application to the local government.

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**Animal Management:** (...continued)

The **Minimum standards for keeping particular animals** are spelled out in **Schedule 5**, (Subordinate Local Law No. 2, on page 11, in Section(s) 8. Shown below is from Section 8(2) relating to horses, cattle, cats and dogs. There are also minimum standards for other animals which are not shown here).

Species or breed of animal	Minimum standards for keeping animals
<b>Horses, Cattle and other animals of a similar size</b>	<p>Where horses, cattle or other animals of a similar size are kept:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. they must be adequately identified so that the keepers name, address and telephone number are readily ascertainable.</li> <li>2. an enclosure must be constructed to prevent any such animal from going within 10 metres of any dwelling (except any dwelling on the premises).</li> <li>3. an enclosure must also be constructed to prevent any such animal from going within 10 metres of any premises (other than a domestic kitchen used solely for domestic purposes by the keeper of the animals) used for the manufacture, preparation or storage of food for human consumption, other than food contained in hermetically sealed packages.</li> <li>4. an enclosure, which includes an open fenced area, must be sited a minimum distance of 2 metres from the premises boundaries (however, an exemption may be granted from compliance with this sub-paragraph if the boundary fence is not less than 2 metres high and the occupiers of premises adjoining the boundaries state in writing that they have no objection).</li> <li>5. in relation to entire horses, the enclosure must receive the approval, and be maintained to the satisfaction, of an authorised person.</li> </ol>
<b>Cats and Dogs</b>	The owner of the cat or dog must ensure that at all times the animal is wearing the registration device mentioned in section 12(3) of the <i>Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 (Qld)</i> .

**Schedule 6** deals with **Prohibition of animals in public places** (Subordinate Local Law No. 2, on page 14, in Section 9)

Public place	Species or breed of animals prohibited
Any public place declared by resolution of the local government (or by another local law or subordinate local law) to be a place where animals are not permitted.	Any public place declared by resolution of the local government (or by another local law or subordinate local law) to be prohibited animal in a declared public place.
In any playground, or within 5 metres of any playground, in a park or reserve where animals are otherwise permitted.	All domestic animals
All cemetery reserves	All domestic animals
All parks, reserves and foreshores	All domestic animals other than cats, dogs and horses

**Schedule 7** declares the **Dog off-leash areas** (Subordinate Local Law No. 2, on page 15, in Section 11)

The following areas are declared to be

**“Dog off-leash areas” —**

1. parks;
2. areas falling outside township areas identified by the local government with reference to the Town Plan;
3. foreshores;
4. any other area declared by the local government by resolution, to be a *Dog off-leash area*.



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**Animal Management:** (...continued)

**Schedule 8** shows the **Requirements for proper enclosures for animals** (Subordinate Local Law No. 2, on page 16, in Section 13) Shown here are only the requirements to do with Horses, cattle, cats and dogs. There are also requirements for canaries and many other animal enclosures not shown here.

Species or breed of animal	Requirements for proper enclosures
<b>Horses, Cattle and other animals of a similar size</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. an enclosure must be constructed to prevent any such animal from going within 10 metres of any dwelling (except any dwelling on the premises).</li> <li>2. an enclosure must also be constructed to prevent any such animal from going within 10 metres of any premises (other than a domestic kitchen used solely for domestic purposes by the keeper of the animals) used for the manufacture, preparation or storage of food for human consumption, other than food contained in hermetically sealed packages.</li> <li>3. an enclosure, which includes an open fenced area, must be sited a minimum distance of 2 metres from the premises boundaries (however, an exemption may be granted from compliance with this sub-paragraph if the boundary fence is not less than 2 metres high and the occupiers of premises adjoining the boundaries state in writing that they have no objection).</li> <li>4. in relation to entire horses, the enclosure must receive the approval, and be maintained to the satisfaction, of an authorised person.</li> </ol>
<b>Cats and Dogs</b>	<p>An appropriate enclosure to ensure that when unsupervised by the keeper, the animal does not stray from the premises, whether it be by:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A fenced yard of appropriate height; or</li> <li>b) A reasonable sized cage to allow the animal to move 360 degrees, with the animal only to be housed for limited hours; or</li> <li>c) Otherwise restrained from escape.</li> </ol>

Please note: The above shows only a part of Schedule 8. The whole of Local Law No. 2 is much more extensive (23 pages).

**Schedule 11 Criteria for declared dangerous animals** (Subordinate Local Law No. 2, on page 21, in Section 15)

The following criteria will be considered by the local government in declaring an animal as a declared dangerous animal:

1. In the authorised person's opinion, there is a high likelihood of the animal causing injury to a person or animal or damage to property, taking into account:
  - a) its prior history of attacking or causing fear to persons or animals or damaging property; and
  - b) the extent of injury or damage that could potentially be inflicted by an animal of its size and species or breed; or
2. The authorised person's first-hand assessment of the animal has indicated that the animal has demonstrated aggressive tendencies;
3. A high level of concern about the danger posed by the animal has been expressed by neighbours or other persons who have come into contact with the animal.

The proposed laws dealing with community and environment are grouped in the

**'Subordinate Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environment Management) 2011'.**

**Community and Environment Management**

The laws grouped under **Local Law No.3** deal with declared local pests, overgrown and unsightly allotments, fires and fire hazards, community safety hazards and noise standards. This law is also open for community consultation.

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**Late News: NPARC Employee Assistance Programme**

All NPARC staff are invited to attend an awareness session for the launch of the NPARC Employee Assistance Programme. One hour employee meeting session times:

Wed, 19<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2011, at 11am at New Mapoon Hall;  
 Wed, 19<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2011, at 6pm at Bamaga Boardroom;  
 Thur, 20<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2011, at 11am at New Mapoon Hall.

Come and hear about a new programme for NPARC staff and families that will provide confidential assistance to help overcome challenging situations: e.g. relationship difficulties, family matters, drug, alcohol and gambling issues, financial problems. Individual sessions available on both days, 1:30 to 3:30pm.



## Community and Environment (...continued)

### Part 4 Fires and fire hazards (Subordinate Local Law No. 3, on page 4)

#### 1 Prohibition on lighting or maintaining fires—Authorising local law, s 15(2)

(1) This section applies to the following fires<sup>1</sup>—

- (a) a fire in which neither the height, width nor length of the material to be consumed exceeds 2 metres;
- (b) a fire lit for the purpose of burning the carcass of a beast;
- (c) a fire lit at a sawmill for the purpose of burning sawdust or other residue resulting from the operation of a sawmill;
- (d) a fire lit out-doors, if enclosed in a fireplace so constructed as to prevent the escape of fire or any burning material there from.

(2) For section 15(2) of the authorising local law, lighting or maintaining a fire described in column 2 of schedule 3 is declared to be prohibited in the corresponding part of the local government's area mentioned in column 1 of schedule 3.

The details below are in **Schedule 4 Prescribed requirements for community safety hazards** (Subordinate Local Law No. 3, on page 9, Section 10)

Community safety hazard	Prescribed requirements to be met by owner of land
barbed wire fencing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fencing not to be installed along a boundary adjoining a public park</li> <li>Barbed wire to be used in urban areas only in a security fence with the barbed wire to be more than 2 metres off the ground</li> <li>Considered safe by an authorised person.</li> </ul>
electric fencing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fencing that adjoins any road or public land to have warning signs of a size that can be read from a distance of 5 metres and fixed at 5 metre intervals along the fence</li> <li>Fencing must be situated at least 1500mm from a fence located on or within the boundary of the premises OR such that if the fencing is installed on the boundary of the premises the lowest point of the fencing capable of imparting an electric shock when touched is at least 2000 mm in height</li> <li>Fencing must be installed, operated and maintained in accordance with AS/NZS 3014:2003.</li> <li>Fencing for security must be installed, operated and maintained in accordance with AS/NZS 016:2002.</li> </ul>
roof sheeting, guttering, sheet metal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any materials not fixed to a structure to be weighted down or tied down to prevent them from becoming airborne during high winds.</li> </ul>
Building or structure that is unsanitary, not in a good state of order or repair, unsafe or not fit for human habitation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building or structure promptly brought up to relevant Australian Standard, or Building or structure must be rendered inaccessible to the public until relevant standard is met.</li> </ul>
Discarded building materials containing asbestos or other toxic <b>substance</b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Materials to be discarded or disposed of in accordance with the relevant Australian Standard and the materials must be rendered inaccessible to the public until relevant standard is met.</li> </ul>

**Schedule 5** spells out in 6 pages the **Prescribed noise standards** (Subordinate Local Law No. 3, on pages 11 to 16, Section 11), such as noise from building works, pumps, regulated devices, air-conditioners, refrigerators, indoor venues, open-air events, noise from powerboat engines and blasting operations.

The laws, which are described in part here, are open for community consultation to the 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2011. Any feedback should be directed to NPARC. Available through any NPARC office and NPARC's website.



















**NPARC surplus equipment Auction**

















**Bamaga Council Depot, Lui St, Bamaga**  
**Date: 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2011, at 10am sharp**

**NOTE.** Kilometres or hours on vehicles / equipment with '#' were still in use at time of listing and will have more km than shown here.


<b>Lot 10</b>	Old playground equipment.		<b>Lot 17</b>	Rockmaster hydraulic post hole digger with 8" auger	
<b>Lot 11</b>	Linsell hydraulic hoist.		<b>Lot 18</b>	Boom spray, 8 Mt. 3pl Tecoma Primatrac 400l, with hose reel and gun	
<b>Lot 12</b>	Lightburn concrete mixer, no motor.		<b>Lot 19</b>	Trailer 2 wheel, 3mt x 2mt with fully enclosed steel body. Rear and side door.	
<b>Lot 13</b>	Concrete edger		<b>Lot 20</b>	Garage press, hydraulic 35 ton.	
<b>Lot 14</b>	Canopy for Toyota Crew Cab utility, (ex-police service)		<b>Lot 21</b>	Hustler FastTrak Zero turn ride on mower. 44" cut. Model No 928275. S/no 07070555	
<b>Lot 15</b>	Canopy for Toyota Crew Cab utility, (ex-police service)		<b>Lot 22</b>	Toro 17.44 HXL. 44" ride on mower, Model No 71283. S/n 240000236	
<b>Lot 16</b>	Canopy for Toyota Crew Cab utility, (ex-police service)		<b>Lot 23</b>	Kubota BX1800 4WD garden tractor with 3pl and 54" cutting deck. 910 Hours, Tyres, 3 good 1 poor, seat torn.	

All images were taken early October, 2011.



<b>Lot 24</b>	Hustler Super Z, Zero turn mower, 72" cut, 559 Hours. Model No 927624. S/No 05071171 Kawasaki engine.		<b>Lot 32</b>	Deutscher Self Propelled mower. 22" cut. Model H26. Briggs & Stratton 10.0 engine. S/No 9644.	
<b>Lot 25</b>	Toro Z Master commercial Zero turn mower, 64" cut. Diesel engine. Rollbar. Model 927624. S/No 05071171		<b>Lot 33</b>	Deutscher Self Propelled mower. Model Y560, Honda GUX 160 eng	
<b>Lot 26</b>	Toro Z Master commercial 44" cut Zero turn ride on mower, Model / S/No 74409YCP-270000117.		<b>Lot 34</b>	Deutscher Self Propelled mower. Model Y560. Honda GUX 160 eng	
<b>Lot 27</b>	Toro Z Master commercial 44" cut Zero turn ride on mower. Model/ S/No 74409CP-280000125		<b>Lot 35</b>	Trailco TP-40 travelling irrigator, 2010 model (new). S/No 13688	
<b>Lot 28</b>	Deutscher Self Propelled mower. 22" cut. Model H660.		<b>Lot 36</b>	Trailco TP-40 travelling irrigator, 2010 model (new) S/No 13687	
<b>Lot 29</b>	Deutscher Self Propelled mower, 22" cut Model H26. S/No 4854. Honda GUX 160 engine.		<b>Lot 37</b>	Irrigation hose reel. (no hose)	
<b>Lot 30</b>	Deutscher Self Propelled mower. 22" cut Model H660. S/No 1050. Honda 11.0 engine.		<b>Lot 38</b>	Toyota Echo 3 door Hatch, 2003 model, 5 speed manual, 71438 km.# Vin. JTDKW1332002049 78, Tyres, fair, Body, poor (dents and minor damage). Interior, fair.	
<b>Lot 31</b>	Deutscher Self Propelled mower. 22" cut. Model H660. S/No 1287. Honda GVX 340 eng		<b>Lot 39</b>	Toyota Echo 3 door Hatch 2003 model, 5 speed manual, 115060 km #, Vin. JTDKW1338002048 07, Tyres, fair. Body, poor (dents) Interior, fair	



<b>Lot 43</b> Toyota Land Cruiser ute, 98 model. Diesel. 204177 km. Drop side tray, bullbar, towbar. Vin. JT731P57508553 026. Currently under repair. Cab, good.	 <p>Interior poor, Tyres , poor.</p>	<b>Lot 48</b> Toyota Dyna Crew Cab 2 ton, 2001 model, drop side tipper, (no tail gate). 117404 km #. Vin. JTFEC11750450002 4. Cab, poor. Interior, poor. Tyres, 3 good 3 fair.	
<b>Lot 44</b> Toyota Hilux Crew Cab. Petrol eng, 2000 model 4x2. 143172 Km. Vin. MRO333UNE907 001725. Wreck.		<b>Lot 49</b> Case 1840 Skid Steer Loader. 1998 Model, 3354 hours. S/n JAT0327550. Poor condition.	
<b>Lot 45</b> Toyota Hilux Crew Cab. 30.D, 2003 model 4x2, 135499 Km #. Body, poor, Dents / damage. Interior, fair. Tyres, good.	 <p>Vin. NRO33LNC909002076.</p>	<b>Lot 50</b> Komatsu WA 120 loader, 1994 Model, 5598 hours. Engine No, 695L-128492. Fitted with quick attach bucket, Cab, poor (glass cracked, missing) seat torn. Tyres 3 good 1 fair	
<b>Lot 46</b> Isuzu NPR 250 turbo diesel Dual Cab 2 ton truck. 2005 model. Drop side tipping tray. (no tail gate) Vin JAANPR70L371036 56. Cab poor. Interior poor. Tyres, poor.	 <p>Engine needs rebuild GVM 4490 kg</p>	<b>Lot 51</b> Komatsu WA 180 loader, 1996 model (?). Engine No, 6D951-91734. Hours, 8856 #, Cab (glass cracked, missing) Tyres, fair.	
<b>Lot 47</b> Isuzu NPR Turbo, 2003 model with RUSS mini compactor Mk3 garbage body. 65077 km. Vin. PR70L37100892. GVM 6500 kg. Cab and Interior, fair.	 <p>Tyres, 3 are good, 3 fair.</p>	<b>Lot 52</b> Caterpillar DP 30 Fork Lift. 2700 kg. 3.3 Mt mast. 3192 Hours. S/No 78P02300. Solid tyres, poor. Seat poor.	



This is another view of Lot 50.



This is another view of Lot 53.



<b>Lot 53</b>	New Holland LB 115B Backhoe / Loader. Big wheel 4WD 2004 model. 1520 Hours. Eng, 82Kw. Engine No, 699995700. S/No 031049883. Loader fitted with quick hitch 4 in 1 bucket, fork lift attachment. Backhoe, 600mm and 1m wide buckets. Cab, cracked wind-screen, L/H back window missing. Interior, good.		<b>Buyer Information:</b>  Intending bidders are advised that all lots have been available for inspection prior to auction and are offered for sale on an 'as is, where is' basis with all faults (if any). No buyer will be permitted to reject any lots that are not correctly described in advertising, catalogue, or by staff. No warranty or guarantee is expressed or implied in relation to the lot as to the condition of compliance or suitability of use.  Descriptions of goods in catalogue, advertising, or by verbal information given, on all lots in this auction, are presented as a general description only. Information on mileage / km travelled, hours of use, is taken from recording instruments on the lot. No guarantee of the accuracy is implied. Intending buyers are reminded that it is their responsibility to appraise the condition and suitability of the goods prior to bidding. All lots have been made available for inspection prior to auction, and are sold 'as is, where is'. All vehicles are sold unregistered.  The purchaser shall be responsible to ensure plant or equipment complies with requirements of the Work Place Health and Safety Act, or any legal requirement before its use.  On the fall of the hammer all goods are the responsibility of the buyer. The auctioneer and the vendor cannot be held responsible for the safety of the goods. The buyer shall remove all goods at their own expense. A forklift will be available on the day of sale to load goods.  No lot(s) are to be removed prior to the end of auction and only after full payment is made for the lot or lots by buyer.  Receipts will need to be shown to staff prior to pick-up.
<b>Lot 54</b>	Toyota Hilux Crew Cab, 4x2. 30.D.Engine. 2004 model. Vin JFEK426300014491. 103209 km #. Body, poor (Dents) Interior, fair. Tyres, fair. Tow bar.		
<b>Lot 55</b>	Toyota Hilux single cab utility, 30.D engine. 2004 model, 82725 km #. Alum' tray, Vin JTF4K426900013795. Cab, poor (dents) Interior, poor. Tyres, good.		
<b>Lot 56</b>	Toyota Hilux single cab, 30.D eng. 2001 model 4x2. 280004 km #. Vin JT731LNE700005455. Drop side tray, Bull bar. Body poor(dents) Interior poor.		
<b>Lot 57</b>	Toyota Hilux Crew Cab, 4x2, 30.d engine, 2001 model. 59561Km #. Vin MR033LNE909001199. Body, poor. Interior, poor. Tyres, poor. Missing tail gate.		

Additional lots yet to be catalogued include, air, oil and fuel filters, electrical cable, conduit, new ceiling fans, etc. **Prior Inspection:** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2010, 8am – 3pm, on Auction day items can be inspected from 8am onwards.

**Contact:** Nick Curnow 0447 008 122, Auctioneer: Peter Thomas: 0428 505 995.

**PAYMENT:** All lots are to be paid for in CASH on the day of the sale and prior to pick-up, unless prior arrangements have been made with the vendors for electronic transfer of funds for major items. In this case 10% deposit is required on the day for major items, with balance due in full on the following Tuesday. All items under \$1000 are CASH only. More info is on NPARC's website: nparc.qld.gov.au.



## Wild Rivers

NPARC Mayor, Mr Joseph Elu, "We need to protect the rivers, but we don't want to lock them up, so we can still do something, like tourism. But they say 'You can still do that', now they're saying that, but we know from the Barrier Reef, the Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, there are a lot of spaces we could use, but gradually over the years they stopped this there, they stopped that there, over the years they've been starting to lock it up."

"Today when we look at the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (there are) very few places where you can go and fish. A lot of it is locked up, you can't fish, you can't dive, you can't do anything."

"This might happen with Wild Rivers. Right now they are saying, 'Yes, you can still go and camp there, you can still fish there, you can still do this when it's a Wild River', but the experience from the Barrier Reef tells me that over the years they start taking things off."

"This place (NPA) needs to develop. We need to do things for industry, development, so that we can get jobs. Right now 90% of our people work for government funds, very little enterprise, because the enterprises around here only employ 10% of the people. We need to grow that. The government sometimes grows, sometimes comes back. You can't rely on government."

"My feeling on Wild Rivers: We need to protect the rivers, but we also need to use them sensibly, sustainably, not just lock them up and say 'nobody is going to use them in the future'. If you want to fish as commercial fishermen you got to go right out (referring to the Barrier Reef). It's not commercial."



Mangroves frame the banks of the Jacky Jacky (above).

"Maybe in 20 - 30 years time our kids won't be able to do anything. They just look at it and come back."

## Queensland Disaster Management Arrangements



Mr Wayne Courtts is the Regional Director of the Queensland State Emergency Service (image).

A disaster is: a serious disruption in a community, caused by the impact of an event that requires a significant coordinated response by the State and other entities to help the community recover from the disruption.

A serious disruption means: loss of human life, illness or injury to humans, widespread or severe property loss or damage, widespread or severe damage to the environment.

Queensland had its share of disasters and images from the aftermath of Yasi, the floods, oil spills and clean-up operations had many recall the events that made recent headlines.

Officers from the Queensland State Emergency Service held a meeting at New Mapoon (26 Aug) to explain about disaster management. Topic 1 covered the Definitions, Legislation and Doctrine.



Disaster management is about managing the adverse effects of an event, such as cyclone, flood, storm tide, volcanic eruption, tsunami, fire, oil, fuel, gas or chemical spill/leak, plague, epidemic and other events (natural or man-made).

It is also about preventing, preparing for, responding to and recovering from a disaster.

The Disaster Management Act 2003 forms the legislative basis for the Queensland Disaster Management Arrangements (QDMA). The State Disaster Management Plan describes the QDMA and underpinning principles and governance. Mr Rod Jacobs explained that the Queensland Disaster Management Policy Framework, which guides Queensland's strategic policy environment for disaster management, is based on 8 elements: Research, Policy and Governance, Risk Assessment, Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, Relief and Recovery and Post-Disaster Assessment.



We will get there, perhaps not today.

Better watch it, you're doing 4.002km/h.



See also last page.



## She's doing the dishes ...

... and rather large ones at that. Mrs Chris Mason works for Sky Bridge, assembling satellite dishes currently being installed throughout the NPA. They are a larger version for a better reception during the rain season.

A number of different crews are here installing the devices.

"The Azel mount goes on the back of the dish," says Mrs Mason whilst constructing the mounts the dish goes onto. "The LNB \* goes on the front of the dish."

\*) LNB = low noise block.

"We have a satellite metre. Each satellite has its own footprint, so we just look for the footprint through the metre and adjust the dish, then tighten it all up and get the strongest signal that we can. The satellite 'stays' in the same position, it rotates with the earth."



The dishes (above).



The Azel mounts (abv).

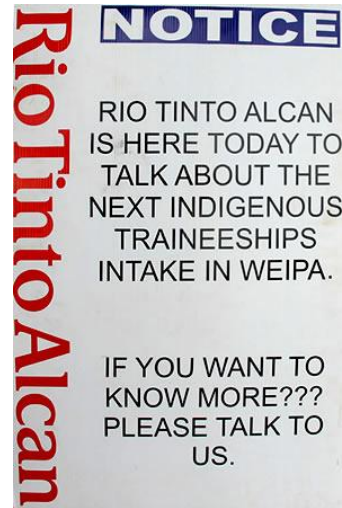


The LNBs (abv).



## Recruitment drive

The Pre-work Development Team, including a doctor and 3 medical staff from Rio Tinto Alcan visited New Mapoon and Injinoo (end of August) to fill available jobs and traineeships at Weipa. Rio Tinto Alcan is seeking to employ Traditional Owners from the Western Cape York region for traineeships. They are also looking to recruit Indigenous people from across the Western Cape into mine operator roles as they become available.



Ms Linda McLachlan, "We're here about traineeships and expressions of interest for mine operators. We've got somebody doing the hearing tests, a physio, blood pressure, testing for sugar levels and drug and alcohol as well. We're doing it out here (meaning in the NPA), it gives people a chance to proceed quicker \*." (Previously medical examinations were conducted at Weipa).



The Pre-work Development team with Ms Linda McLachlan (left) and medical staff Dr Naidoo (Medicheck, from Cairns), Jessica (administration), Nicolette, (physiotherapist and technician) and Josephine (medical technician).

Miss Kristie McManus (Human Resources), "We're working closely with an external health team who have joined us on our visit to NPA this time around. The health team provides feed-back to potential employees who want to work for us, around their health issues, whatever they might be. If its potential diabetes, lung disease, or even if they are suffering from substance abuse, including alcohol or illegal drugs, that comes up as well. They get the feed-back as to what medical concerns they have, and they can then work towards improving their level of health with their personal doctor hopefully in time for employment. It's great to be working with this health team in the community, as I feel we are actually giving something back to the community at the same time. Not everyone can get a job; hopefully we can give as many as possible, jobs and traineeships. But for those that don't, at least they have that feed-back around potential medical issues that they may not have previously been aware of so they can get ready for the next intake."

Recovering from the recent burn-off, pushing out new growth.



This one is pushing four tops.



Saving rubber, Injinoo boys in action.



## Subdivision for Injinoo started

The first path is cut through thick bush, following the ribbons on the trees. The subdivision is in the area to the right of Snake Gully Road, when approaching from the Ropeyarn Hwy.



Mr Jim Foody, "The funding for the Injinoo subdivision has been approved and there are no impediments left in front of it. The actual official release of the money we believe is probably today (31st Aug) or within the next couple of days certainly. The project and funding has official approval (Dep. of Communities funding)."

Bamaga will get a similar subdivision which is MIPs funded. The plans for this are finished, with the location near the back of the Primary Campus, Elu Street.

"The Injinoo subdivision is the first one off the rank, it's to run in front of the Bamaga subdivision. The Injinoo need is seen as greater. The scrub is a bit of an issue. We're trying to leave some trees where possible, a park, and try to leave what natural stuff we've got there. We're clearing in stages, first off the road reserves as by the plan and then we start to clear off the blocks. We expect Bamaga to start in a week or so."

Mr Foody enjoyed his first holiday in 3 year during September. "I'll spend a bit of time with my mother," said Mr Foody before leaving. "My mother runs a 1000 hectare farm. She's 85 years old, still feeding her animals off the back of a ute."

## Road to Muttee Heads turn-off

A 10km stretch from Injinoo cemetery towards and a little past the Muttee Heads turn-off is earmarked for a 2-coat bitumen seal. "I'm fighting tooth and nail to get the bitumen towards the end of this year," says Mr Foody.

How can prices go up in a flat country that hardly has any mountains?

They'll find a way, trust me, dear.



## Croc Warning

A croc warning had been issued late August. Parents were advised to keep their children away from the Injinoo swamp area, as crocodiles have been sighted on 28<sup>th</sup> Aug and 29<sup>th</sup> August by the Apudthama / NPARC Rangers. The crocs are possibly breeding in the area. Thanks to everyone for displaying the warning and to Mrs Amy McKeown for issuing the warnings over FM91.9.

This is Mr Serubi's finger (image right), bitten in 1973 by a small 7inch crocodile. Mr Serubi was working as a ranger at the time injecting sugar into the young croc. When removing the rubber band from the croc's snout it swung around and snapped the finger. "You don't need a croc a foot long, 7 inches is enough to do damage to my finger," says Mr Serubi.

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Signed by Base Manager  
Thomas Serubi



## Toilet block demolished

The old toilet block at Injinoo sports field is now demolished, making room for a larger one.



Above: before, below: now.



## New shade covers

New grandstand shade covers are now in place at Andrew Archie Memorial Football & Sports Ground, New Mapoon. They also provide some cover on the sunset side.





## Water works planned for Umagico Sports Field

This month, SunWater, in conjunction with NPARC, is constructing a pipeline to deliver raw water from the Bamaga water treatment plant to the Umagico sports field as part of a project to provide a reliable water source for the field.

"We were aware that the Umagico sports field did not have a constant water source which was impacting on the condition of the field," said SunWater Mareeba Service Manager Charlie Martens.

"We have designed the Bamaga to Umagico pipeline to create a direct water source for the field which will keep it in a good state throughout the entire year."

SunWater advises that the 4km pipeline is planned to be complete by September 30 in time for the end of the rugby league season.

The pipeline has been made possible through pipeline material provided by PPI Corporation, along with additional irrigation services from PIMS and transport services from SeaSwift and Simon National Transport.

"PPI Corporation is pleased to support this project and provide pipeline to provide a quality source of water for all activities at the Umagico sports field," said PPI Marketing Manager, Scott Douglas.

For more information, please contact SunWater Senior Media Advisor, Phoebe Grealy, on (07) 3120 0047 or at [phoebe.grealy@sunwater.com.au](mailto:phoebe.grealy@sunwater.com.au).

Article courtesy Ms Grealy.



A day before the cup match in Bamaga, Northern Pride's CEO, Mr Chris Sheppard (right), with Mr Stephen Peter (Director and Deputy Chair, NPA Menshed) in New Mapoon.

## Darwin in her sights

Tarzha Pascoe competing at the Queensland School Sport 12yrs & under Track & Field State Championships in Brisbane.

She was placed 3rd in her event with a shot putt throw of 10.42m, which qualified her for selection in the Queensland Team to further compete at the School Sport Australia 10 - 12 Years Track & Field Championship to be held in Darwin on the 15th - 19th September 2011.

Tarzha had previous won her event at the Peninsula Primary School Sport 12yrs & under Track & Field Regional Championships in Cairns with a record breaking throw of 10.74m to be selected breaking the previous record by 24cm.

Tarzha's participation was made possible through a donation from Bamaga Enterprise Ltd (BEL).



Article and images courtesy Mr Chris Foord (BEL).



Mr Campbell and Ms Gebadi (images above) assembled the corporate platforms. Due to submission deadline of the NPA News we could not cover all events of the Souths Logan vs Northern Pride day, which started with the Junior Teams Round Robin, the women's games, East vs West, and cultural entertainment provided by Yamizal of Seisia.

## Esso

Mr Alex Barker, "CDEP in conjunction with a training provider were putting up the scaffolding tower for the TV units and also finishing off the corporate boxes and the bench for the players. They will also be pulling it down once the game (Northern Pride vs Souths Logan Magpies, 20 Aug, 2011) is over."



"It's a CDEP project that we organised in a flash in about ½ hour today, free of charge. The guys will have to get some hours on putting the scaffolding up and down, and we consider this to be a good community project that will benefit all," says Mr Barker.

Mr Nick Curnow: "I want to esso the NPA Events Team and Parks and Gardens, Lionel Solomon and all the boys, and special thanks to Francis Bowie and Charlie Wasiu, who put 3 to 4 weeks of effort into getting the field looking like it was for all those teams. If it wasn't for them the oval (Ginau Bamaga Memorial Field) would not have looked as good as it did (referring to the Northern Pride / Souths Logan match)."

"I want to esso Estelle Gebadi, Nathan Campbell, Damien Elu and Michael Idai, they are the NPARC Events Team."

"Thanks to Lionel Solomon and his team for preparing tents, cutting off the car park area, cleaning up, making it all ready for the day, and thanks to Alan Bond and the CDEP men for the TV tower and commentary boxes."







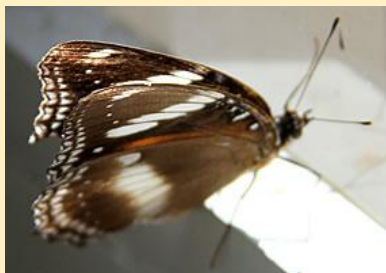
### Northern Pride visiting Mensheds



A number of Skill360 Northern Pride players visited Mensheds at their new base in New Mapoon, prior to the Aug 20<sup>th</sup> game.



### Butterfly flutters by



### Oooops at the top end



Another car with a boat picky-backed on top of the roof was about to squeeze under the lean-to of the bottle shop in Bamaga.

### Bamagau Kazil



BEL Chairperson Mr Robert Poi Poi is presenting a cheque for \$25,000 to Bamagau Kazil Directors Ms Janet Wapau and Vice President Mrs Harriett Phineasa, Secretary / Service Manager, to support the Youth Centre in Bamaga. BEL had previously donated \$160,000 towards the construction of the Centre.



Ms Modie-May and Nita Larry (mother and daughter).

### NPARC vacancies

Recent vacancies at NPARC: Administration Officer for Bamaga HACC, and a Skilled Labourer, Sewerage, for 3 months temporary position (Sep to Dec, 2011).



### "It's an ongoing thing."

Way down south, many horse owners collect their horse manure, bag it and leave it near the farm gate, collecting a dollar or two for each bag in an honesty box. In the NPA all this is free. It's even home delivered and spread as evenly as possible. Could it be the horses have heard of the Backyard Gardening Programme and try their very best to help make it succeed? One thing is certain, not everyone appreciates their free donations.



Ms Newman's backyard.

Ms Kulasum Newman of Bamaga is not impressed, her backyard has its fair share, and on the narrow strips at the sides of her house as well. But that's not all: "I'm just sick of people going out, catching turtles and dugong and leaving it in the back of the yard, leaving the shells there for dogs to go in and drag it everywhere afterwards. I had turtle heads, turtle shells and flippers in my yard, dugong bones and everything. It's disgusting and very unhealthy. They (the hunters) should get rid of the shells and everything else, save people picking up the shells. You know, this is disgusting. It's an ongoing thing."

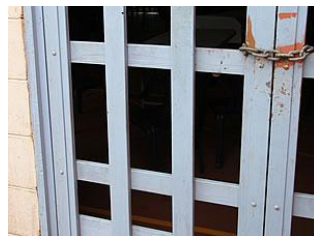
(The NPA Refuse Tip has an area for carcasses)



Shell in Ms Newman's front yard.

At Injinoo's basketball court a large dog with collar made a proper mess of a bag of kitchen scraps awaiting disposal into the bin, although every gate was shut. Even the bins are no sanctuary for the debris, and it takes many people doing the right thing to fill a bin, as dogs of all description find ways to kick them over and rummage through the spoils.

How do they get in? One jump through the lattice where a plank is missing. The dog then hangs mid-air, jammed at the ribcage; it wriggles with all fours and then is in.



The scene is repeated all over the NPA, many sighing 'Oh, not again' when arriving to work in the morning. All it takes is a slight breeze to blow the rubbish everywhere.



Above: Lui St, Bamaga, with 5 horses dropping in for a visit, each leaves something behind, and so do the dogs.

The debris and consequent health issues can affect everyone, whether they own animals or not.



This is Mrs Maria Gebadi's cassava patch, what's left of it (right image, at the side of her house). The backyard (above left) is not much different. "I want horse owners to keep their horses inside the yard," says Mrs Gebadi of Seisia, "because horses are running around like silly."



It has six legs, 18 knees and is one of the fastest runners in the insect world. It can make one's skin crawl and with claws like this (left image) it's no wonder, the cockroach.



Bamaga beauty calls in the spring.





**...seeing Australia as few people ever will**

Hazel and Lindsay are retired 'gypsies' (self-proclaimed). Every six weeks they live somewhere else. For the past 7½ years they have travelled the country, volunteering on over 35 properties, helping on farms and stations, as farm sitters / care takers. We met at Turtle Head Island, Cape York, where they stayed with Mr and Mrs Tully (NPA News, issue 29) for 9 weeks on their pearl farm, cleaning sheds, repairing a cottage and growing a vegetable garden.

They get to see Australia as few people ever will. They've since travelled on. They have never been to Cape York before.

"It's so beautiful up here," expresses Hazel, with reference to the Cape York area. Word of mouth gets the work," she says. "We've been to many properties where people had some sort of disability and were unable to work at the time. It's been a real pleasure to meet the characters of the Australia bush. Sometimes we care-take properties while the families take a well deserved holiday, often the first in ten years, or while one in the family needs to have medical treatment sometimes many kilometres from their home."

"Brian Egan, he founded 'Aussie Helpers' \*. He rings us up, 'Hey Hazel and Lindsay, we have someone that really needs some help. We need someone that has your skills.' We do a certain amount under that organisation, and we do a lot of word-of-mouth."

"When we were up in the Gulf looking after a property 18 months ago, over 7 families were flooded and lost a many of their cattle. So it meant that Christmas was going to be very lean." Hazel and Lindsay organised for Aussie Helpers to have Christmas hampers delivered to all the families."



Honey ants

"When we arrive on a property we are greeted with a lovely smile, a hand shake and a cup of tea."

"The children are so beautiful, they will tell you your jobs, feeding the calves, collecting the eggs, doing the water runs, feeding the horse and mowing the lawn and keeping the vegetable gardens."

"Most of these properties are very remote and isolated. One only goes to town about every 8 to 10 weeks, so a vegetable garden is a must."

*\*) Brian and Nerida Egan established Aussie Helpers in 2002 to help fight poverty and lift the spirits of those severely affected by drought in the outback.*

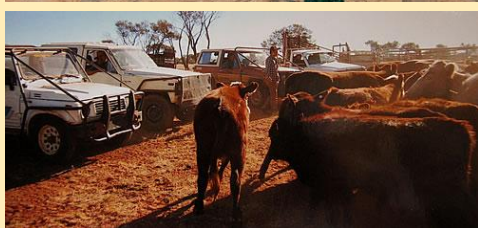
(Image below) Road-trains queuing, waiting to load cattle. A road-train is a truck or semi with 3 or more trailers, restricted to the outback. It can be in excess of 30 to over 50m long. On private roads they can be even longer.



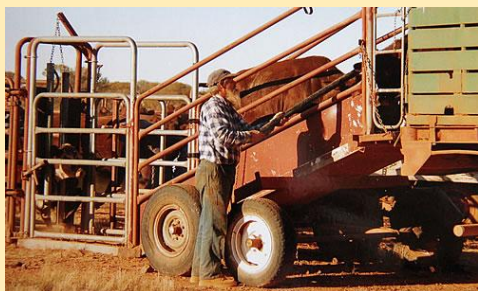
Fish in talons, (images right).







A 'mobile fence', a wall of bumper bars, working together to direct cattle.



Lindsay working on a station.



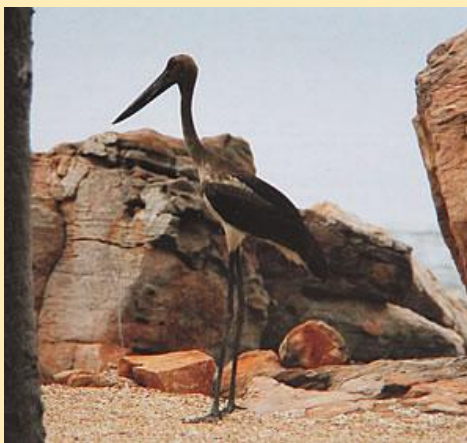
Who needs a battery to start a car? Just push until it kicks over.



Directing camel from a chopper.



Lindsay building a 'bath room' at Kimberley coast camp (WA). The basin, shower and toilet are next to a large rock. A few sheets of corrugated iron provide privacy. The floor is made of crushed shell, the ceiling is the sky.



A Jabiru (above) having a look at the bathroom. There are no doors.

Hazel's bread (left).

"We weld gates up, organise the tool sheds, clean windows, paint, make chook runs, feed the cattle, we help with shearing, fix doors up and many other jobs. Lindsay and I love putting smile on faces every day. A few years ago we helped with a muster on a 1 million acre property in Western Australia. On arrival we were give a old Nissan with a radio in it and many spare tyres and told that's yours for the 6 weeks of the muster."

"The pilot (in a helicopter) would direct the car below to where the cattle are and ask to bring the cattle onto the road. You need to know your directions pretty well, and you bring 'em in and put them with the mob. These vehicles have no glass in them, except for the windscreens. The door was tied up with wire."

One day I was chasing a cow that got out of the pack. I spun around to the right and Hazel is out the window trying to photograph, and her door flew open and she's halfway out the door, with the camera. I swung back the other way and threw her back in. Oh boy, we were so lucky but we both laughed so much."

"We really hope to be able to keep helping properties owners for many more years and to see much more of this sunburnt country we call Australia."



Boab seed (right). "The pulp inside contains about 2000 little seeds, like the passion fruit. Once they grow they have a long shoot at them, like the carrot. Aboriginals and White people are using them for food. You slice them up, like bamboo shoots, put them in a salad. It's nice and crunchy," says Hazel.





Wedge tail eagle: 'Have some Gecko for breakfast.'



The northern quail (above), image taken in the north of WA.



Green dragon (above).



Bradshaw Art, Kimberley Coastal Camp, Aboriginal rock paintings.



This saltwater croc (left) is 5m in length.



Lindsay made the furniture (above) from pallets, recycled timber. The guest accommodation at one of the stations (right).



Special thanks to Hazel and Lindsay for sharing these images and their story.



### New Mapoon Men's Group

This is the troopy and boat New Mapoon Men's Group bought with funding from the Northern Aboriginal Trust. The vehicle and half cabin boat were blessed soon after arriving in Aug.





## Meeting with the designer

Traditional owners, elders, members of the community, business and NPARC met at Injinoo Council building with the designer of the proposed cultural centre for Injinoo.



The designer tabled preliminary suggestions of several A-frame buildings linked to another. The cultural centre, or centre for culture, is to give each community in the NPA a place to showcase their history, to tell their story.

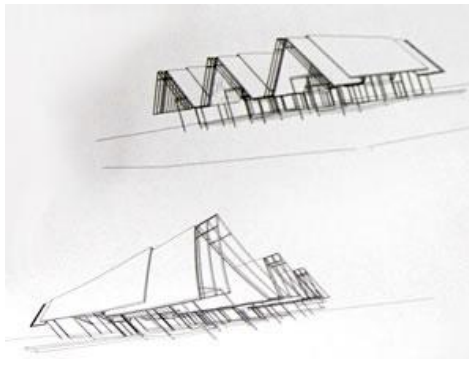


The area where the community of Cowal Creek once stood is the site for the new centre, near present-day Injinoo look-out.



There is much to consider: How to keep the buildings cool enough so that cooling costs are kept as low as possible, the lay-out of the

land, elevation, water run-off, ocean views, prevailing winds, the path of the sun, shading from trees, the ability to extend areas of the centre in the future, as the need arises.



It was suggested that as much as possible local people should be involved in building the centre and that materials should be freighted to the NPA cost effectively.

Mr Anthony Mara added that the longevity of building materials should be considered.

A bark dwelling as was used at Cowal Creek is planned. The funding for the design came from the Government Champion.

The centre could be of significance for present and future generations, and provide a venue for a variety of cultural events.

## The brush turkey...



... most times they get away with it, as they accelerate to run across the road in front of oncoming cars, but not always.

## Umagico feasting shed



Benches and equipment have arrived for Umagico's feasting shed.



## Umagico Supermarket

The frame is completed, awaiting roof sheets.



## Beautification work in Bamaga



BEL is undertaking beautification work along the Tavern and at Bamaga Bakehaus where shade covers and benches are in place. The tree gets a good soaking to get started. In time the hard work can be appreciated by all.





## Senior week 2011

Seisia Community Hall was the place to be during Senior Week 2011 (22 – 26 Aug). The planned film night on the Monday did not take place. Tuesdays was Mad Hatter's Day. Some had the 'millinery skills' to fashion a tropical hat from scratch, using coconut fronds, whilst many others became absorbed in decorating the base models.



The bus travelled the communities to bring in seniors from all over the NPA to come and join the fun. A healthy breakfast was provided. HACC, NPAWS, Family Resource Centre and volunteers were there to lend a hand to ensure all had an enjoyable time.



Mrs Daniels from New Mapoon during the breakfast session.

Under the slogan 'Positively Ageless' NPA HACC is celebrating the week with a wide range of activities inviting everyone to be involved. HACC sought the help of volunteers decorating the hall at Seisia, preparing the food and help out with hat making. HACC provided all events free of charge. Funding came from NPARC, through Community Services, and may also from other sources, as Senior Week is held around Australia.

Master of Ceremony is local FM91.9 broadcaster, Mrs Ami McKeown. 'Who runs the station?' you may ask. It runs automatically following the installation of an automation system. It plays music or whatever content is programmed. "Once the News is on it switches automatically over and continues the regular programme afterwards," explains Mrs McKeown. Mr Lenny Gabey interviewed staff from HACC for broadcast on FM91.9.

In issue 29, NPA News, we had some close-up images of a fly. "The flies are good for something," says Mrs McKeown, "they tell you when the gas is running out, they all gather around the bottle."



There is only one place to do it properly, and that's on the ground.



Skilled hands move quickly, tucking, pulling, sizing the rim to fit, and before you know it it's all done.



Recording how it all comes together.



FM91.1 broadcaster, Mrs Ami McKeown at Seisia Community Hall.  
NPARC Chief Executive Officer  
Mr Stuart Duncan





Thursday evening was Senior Ball with a wide range of activities. Blaik Coral provided the entertainment. The food was blessed with a prayer. The hall was decorated with many colourful balloons and streamers. Pass the parcel, musical chairs, lucky door prize, best couple, and best dressed were some of the activities. The prize for the best decorated hat went to Mrs Dai Bagiri and Mr Israel Baira. Congratulations to all.

## Senior week 2011



The love of life is reflected in the colourful creations of decorated hats, awaiting judgement, with the winner being announced at the night of the senior's ball. The hats are adorned with floral material, colourful feathers and flowers of all descriptions.

Pastor Titom Tamwoy introduced Mr Aisea Lobedi who is from Tonga visiting the seniors at Seisia Community Hall. "My dad is a dancer. Yeah, I can dance." Mr Lobedi will perform at Seisia, dancing 'Crucifixion'. "It's about the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. I dance this Friday morning. I want to express the love of Jesus through me to the people. That is my prayer that you will be minister to anyone who will be there when your dance starts."



Mr Lobedi earlier invited seniors to come and join in a dance on Friday. "Hopefully, I will see, because everyone will have decision..., but hopefully I want them to be with us. It's not one side generation thing, but we want them to..., we want us to receive something from them. It's two ways, it's not one way receiving. They receive from us, we receive from them. That's what I think."



"It's going to be hard to teach in the few days I'm here. I will be dancing on my own. The Fijian dance will be with the boys, I will explain it Friday morning. It's about 'seek and you will find', 'knock and God will open for you'. Seek, knock and ask."

"I've been here four years ago, in Seisia. I was with a team, I danced with a team. It's the first time for me to express where I come from."

Toso was the name of the first dance, it means 'give'. A number of seniors did join Mr Lobedi in a dance, and all had fun doing it.



Four generations in one picture, (rear:) Ms Sunema Sunai (centre), Ms Jean Sunai (left), Ms Kawia Sunai (left), Ronda (2 years) and Rykia Sunai (3 years). Ms Sunema Sunai is one of the pioneers arriving from Saibai when she was 11 years old. The families are now living in Seisia.



The decorated entrance.





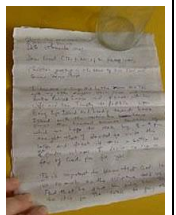
**Senior week 2011**

The last day of Senior Week was action packed and a feast for the eyes and senses. Berlibal was first to dance followed by Seisia's Yamizal. Both groups delighted visitors with their energetic display of youthful abundance, fired on by their musicians. The sounds attracted several tourists who happened to be in the area.

**Message in a bottle**

"We were collecting driftwood on the front beach when we found a letter in a bottle," says Mrs Tully from Turtle Head Island, who found it with visitor, Ms Morgan Broome. "Everyone always dreams of finding one when walking on the beach. It was written in 2007 by a Presbyterian pastor who was in a boat between the islands in Vanuatu where he ministers. It was a very lovely Gospel message in the letter, and included an address. Unfortunately he was moving in 2008, so I have sent an email to the Presbyterian office in Vanuatu asking for his details. It was quite exciting to actually find a letter in a bottle!"

Ms Sarah Morgan-Broome is a Wwoofer (Willing Workers on Organic Farms) and she is staying here with her partner Garth Baldry." In the last issue NPA News we had an article on Turtle Head Island, the pearls and Mr and Mrs Tully.

**Spring weather wake up call for snakes**

Mr Jason O'Brien, MP, reminded Queenslanders to be on the alert for snakes as the arrival of warmer weather makes the reptiles more active. "When they're left alone, snakes present little or no danger to people and by taking a few simple precautions we can reduce the chances of coming into contact with them," Mr O'Brien said.

"The important thing to remember if you see a snake is to give it a wide berth and not threaten or provoke it. Most people bitten by snakes have threatened the snake by interfering with it or trying to kill it. If left alone for a period, the snake will move on."

Residents who encounter a snake indoors should open external doors and windows,

close internal doors and place 'door snakes' - or rolled towels - against the bottom of those doors. If the reptile shows no signs of moving after an hour, residents should contact a licensed snake remover or contact DERM on 1300 130 372, for further advice." Mr O'Brien said DERM did not remove snakes, but could provide details of contractors who did. "When it comes to your backyard, the same preparations that apply for storm season will reduce the chances of snakes coming to visit. Remove rubbish piles, sheets of tin and stores of timber where snakes might shelter and also keep the grass short. It's also a good idea to get rid of food sources for snakes or their prey and wear gloves while gardening."

Mr O'Brien said Queenslanders should be particularly vigilant in the bush."

"When you're out enjoying the bush, take care and remember that snakes have right of way. Never attempt to pick up any type of reptile. Never walk alone, and stay on formed paths or tracks so that you can see and avoid snakes. Always wear protective clothing such as covered shoes and trousers and carry a torch at night. It makes sense to carry a first aid kit. If someone in your group is bitten by a snake, apply a pressure immobilisation bandage, avoid moving the patient and seek medical attention immediately."

Snakes are protected under the *Nature Conservation Act*. Keeping a snake or any type of reptile requires a licence from DERM - go to [www.derm.qld.gov.au](http://www.derm.qld.gov.au) for more information.



## Sewage Pump station No 2

Mr Tim Tamwoy and Mr Obediah Kris are carrying out regular inspection work to ensure the sewerage system functions as intended, here at pump station No 2 in Seisia. This is done several times each day by cleaning the filters, and checking the level is where it ought to be.



Deep in the pit is a basket. The water-level needs to be below the basket. The effluent is directed through the pipeline to the ponds.

Mr Tamwoy (left) and Mr Kris.



All sorts of strange objects find their way into the pit. The sewerage system is not designed to handle bicycle parts, underwear and whatever else is flushed down the toilet. The only items to be flushed down the toilet should be bodily waste (pee and poo).

Mature and older women are asked to help educate young women and girls in how to dispose of menstruation pads properly (women's business), as clothing, underwear, towels and other materials are found in the system. These objects can clog up the flow of effluent and can damage the pumps. It is a major job to replace a pump and very costly to fix.

## Leadership workshop

Mr James Fa'Aoso is manager for the Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership, which conducted workshops in the NPA.



NPARC Mayor, Mr Joseph Elu, shared knowledge from his extensive experience as a community leader.



## Domestic violence prevention grants

Minister, Ms Karen Struthers (Community Services, Housing, and Minister for Women, Qld Gov), announced \$150k in funding to support activities across the state during Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month, 2012 (May), an increase of \$85k from previous years. The campaign 'Act as 1' started in 2010. "Queenslanders affected by domestic and family violence will soon have access to greater protection following the recent introduction of the Domestic and Family Violence Protection Bill 2011 in State Parliament this week," says Ms Struthers.

Info on violence prevention initiatives and funding: [www.communities.qld.gov.au/violenceprevention](http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/violenceprevention).

Released by MP for Cook, Mr Jason O'Brien, who also issued Media Releases on Queensland's 3.5% growth for the June quarter (Treasurer Andrew Fraser); Greenhouse Gas Emissions (by Minister Vicky Darling); LEAP, a new strategy (Learning Earning Active Places, Minister Curtis Pitt), to reach national 'closing the gap' targets; Qld leads nation in emission cuts; calling for local champions to drive local growth (Minister Tim Mulherin); Health would be a wasteland under the LNP (Minister Geoff Wilson); Firefighters recruits graduate in time for bushfire season (Minister Neil Roberts); Prep delivers for Qld students in 2011 NAPLAN results; Far North Qld & Torres Strait: Second round of Regional Development Australia Fund announced to open in Nov, 2011.

## "That's my first one there"



...says Mr Locksy Peter, who under the guidance of Mr Kel Williams carved his first Barramundi. It still needs some more paintwork. Mr Peter (left, in red top) is now carving his first dugong.



Mr Kel Williams' trip (above) was funded by Mensshed. He has been in the NPA a number of times sharing his wealth of carving knowledge with many.



A turtle in progress.



Because the New Mapoon Mensshed building is not yet complete he was conducting the workshop from New Mapoon's Art Centre.

The crocodile (left) is the work of Mr Jessy Sagaukaz.

The Arts Festival announced earlier for 8-10 Sep will be held in October, informs Mr Jessy Sagaukaz.

## Have your say

Qld Premier, Ms Anna Bligh, and Minister Vicky Darling in a joint statement asked for feedback from Torres Strait Islanders and Traditional Owner groups on issues relating to climate change and rising sea levels. Online ([www.climatechange.qld.gov.au](http://www.climatechange.qld.gov.au)) or via post to Adaptation consultation team, Office of Climate Change, GPO Box 2454, Brisbane Qld 4001.





1.10.11 **FOLEY SHIELD SELECTON TRIALS** (T.I.); 2.10.11 **NRL Grand Final** (ANZ Stadium); 7-9.10.11 **ZENATDTH CUP** (T.I.), announce team for 2012); 4.11.11 Seniors Presentation & Awards Night (T.I.); 14.11.11 **KRL AGM**. (This info courtesy Ms Sonia Townson)

### Kasa Por Yarn 2

Bamaga, Injinoo, Badu and Thursday Island had auditions for Torres Strait and NPA Kriol speakers to be part of the radio show Kasa Por Yarn (the second series). The show will air next year on 4MW, complete with songs and videos on YouTube and facebook.

The roles are for one girl and two boys (late teens to early 20s) and one aunty (aged 30s – 40s). Anyone who can sing was also invited to come along.

Participants will get acting experience, have a lot of fun and be paid industry award rates. Recording starts on Thursday Island from 27<sup>th</sup> Oct to 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov.

The show has the support of Queensland Health. This content is based on Media Statement by Queensland Health.

More info: Mr Patrick Mau, 0488 730 197 or Ms Sylvia Tabua on 0427 620 882. Contact person in the NPA is Mr Aaron Tamwoy, on 4069 3555. Also visit: [www.kasaporyarn.com](http://www.kasaporyarn.com) to check out episodes, photos, videos and songs from the first series.

### New to NPARC



Welcome to Ms Ryesa Sebasio, who joined NPARC's Bamaga office late August. Ms Sebasio works as Finance Assistant and at the reception.



### Yumpla 2011

The 2011 NPA Arts & Cultural Festival, Yumpla, was held 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> September, featuring local artists and live performances by Wujal Wujal band 'Cold Water'. Student workshops were held on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Sep at the Bamaga Senior Campus.

What's on: Ghost nets, whip cracking, jewellery making, cultural cooking and painting, leather making, face painting, coconut husking, weaving, drums with Erin, storytelling, dancing, calico bag decorating, hula dancing, Bralbyn boot scooters, and much more.

The last day of celebrations continued at Yusia Ginou Memorial Field, Bamaga, 10am to 10pm.

### Time flies

"Mum, the day travels from east to west."

"That's right, dear."

"So when the 6 O'clock News is on in our house, it will have already started in the house next door, and the one on the other side of us will have to wait a moment longer. If we were to open all our windows and turn the volume up we would hear 'It's 6 O'clock, it's 6 O'clock, it's 6 O'clock', each word like a repeating echo to the end of the road. Maybe that's the reason when people have a meeting they all arrive at different times, but based on where they live they are on time. The ones that arrive late live just a bit further in the west."

"It's highly unlikely. The people who live further east would arrive before the meeting, or at least on time. Did that ever happen?"

When I grow up will I also grow down? No dear, your feet will always be on the ground. What if I was a bird, or a fish, or a carrot?

### Year 7 off to Brisbane



NAPRC Mayor, Mr Joseph Elu handing over a cheque to Mrs Alison Covey at NPARC's Bamaga office.

This will enable 28 children and 7 supervising adults to visit Brisbane. Seisia BP and Seisia Fishing Club also had fundraisers (Car wash and Trivia Night, covered in previous issue) to help the children with their visit to Brisbane in October.

### New arrival at New Mapoon



"I am so hungry I could eat a horse."

"No, dear, control yourself, we're vegetarians!"

"...but if you get up you can have a sip."

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### 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**

8am – 5pm, Bamaga Hospital

**Dentist**



### Specialists coming to NPA, T.I. and outer Islands Oct/Nov/Dec

Bamaga Hospital and Community PHCC

18 – 27 Oct	Deadly Ears, Yam, Yorke (18 Oct); Darnley, Murray (19 Oct); Saibai, Boigu (20 Oct); Horn OPD am (21 Oct); T.I. H. all day (24 Oct); T.I. H. OPD or Theatre (25 Oct); T.I. H. Theatre all day (26, 27 Oct).
26 Oct	Paeds – Bamaga, OPD, Gen Phys, Drs Heazlewood, Marshall & team – Bamaga, OPD; Chest, Saibai Nurses Clinic
27, 28 Oct	Paeds, T.I. H. 27 Oct all day, 28 Oct am Gen Phys, T.I. H. OPD, 28 Oct am
31 Oct	Endocrine, Dr Ashim Sinha, Venue TBA
1 Nov	Endocrine, Dr Ashim Sinha, Bamaga, OPD
1 – 4 Nov	Gynaecology Clinic, Dr Paul Howatt & team, T.I. OPD, Theatre on 3 Nov
1 – 2 Nov	Dermatology Clinic, Dr Rob Miller, Saibai, PHC on 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov, Badu, PHC on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov.
3 Nov	Dermatology Clinic, Dr Rob Miller, T.I. H., 9am to 5pm
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 <sup>th</sup> Nov all day, on 25 <sup>th</sup> 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

### 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 <b>Injinoo Clinic</b>	9am –noon <b>Bamaga Clinic</b>	10am – noon <b>New Mapoon Clinic</b> 2pm –5pm <b>Umagico Clinic</b>	9am – noon <b>Seisia Clinic</b>

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
4 and 18 Oct 1, 15 and 29 Nov 13 Dec	11 and 25 Oct 8 and 22 Nov 6 Dec	12 and 26 Oct 9 and 23 Nov 7 Dec	13 and 27 Oct 10 and 24 Nov 8 Dec	6 and 20 Oct 3 and 17 Nov 1 and 15 Dec

### World Heart Day, 29<sup>th</sup> Sep

“Heart disease is the single leading cause of death in Australia,” says Mr Jason O’Brien, Member for Cook. “One person dies from a heart attack every 23 minutes. The good news is that heart disease is largely preventable. Maintaining a healthy lifestyle is vital for reducing the risk of heart disease. Mr O’Brien advised residents to have regular check-ups at their local GP, even if they feel fit and...

healthy. “Getting your cholesterol and blood pressure tested and treated (if need be) is also important to reduce your risk.”

“World Heart Day is also a great opportunity to get involved in a Heart Foundation Walking group. Visit [www.heartfoundation.org.au/walking](http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/walking) for information about Heart Foundation Walking or to find a walking group near you.”

Mr O’Brien said World Heart Day also provided a great opportunity to learn about the symptoms of a heart attack. “Knowing the warning signs and acting quickly can reduce damage to heart muscle and increase the chance of survival,” he/she said. The warning signs can be varied and differ for each person – heart attacks are not always ...

sudden or severe, with many starting with only mild pain or discomfort in the chest. Symptoms usually last for at least 10 minutes and can come on suddenly or develop over minutes and get progressively worse. Too many people lose their lives because they don’t recognise the symptoms and wait too long to call Triple Zero (000). It’s always better to call Triple Zero and find out it’s not a heart attack than to wait until it’s too late.”

For more information on what to look for and tips on healthier living visit <http://www.healthier.qld.gov.au/>

(Media Release by Mr O’Brien)



## Torres Strait Island Art Show

It is hailed as the 'largest ever contemporary Torres Strait Island Art Show' on display in the cultural heart of Brisbane.

"It is absolutely sensational," says Premier, Ms Anna Bligh (page 3). "It is attracting thousands of people and I get lots and lots of positive comments about it."

The exhibition totals 4 months (1 Jul to 23 Oct) and is spread over several buildings along the Southbank: At the Queensland Museum, GoMA (Gallery of Modern Art) and the Queensland State Library.

The opening was held at 1 July, at the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Coming of the Light in 1871 to Erub.



Above and right at the Queensland Museum.



The Philip Bacon Heritage Gallery features 'Myths and Legends', a body of watercolour collections by Kala Waia, Francis Abai (both Saibai), DH Kabere, Segar Passi and John Boud (from Mer), Locky Tom (Boigu) and Ngailu and Ephraim Bani (Mabuiag).

'The Dhoeri' is showcased at the State Library, being part of the 'Strait Home' exhibition.

'Land, Sea and Sky' is exhibiting at the Gallery of Modern Art, featuring contemporary works of more than 40 artists (ends 9<sup>th</sup> Oct).



## Pathways 2

The *Pathways* exhibition brings together new and exciting works by five Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists from Far North Queensland and is on display at UMI Arts Gallery in Cairns (closing on 30<sup>th</sup> Sep).

In 2008 UMI Arts launched a new program of support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander visual arts members, called *Exhibition Ready*. The *Exhibition Ready* Program provides one-on-one support for artists to learn a range of skills for preparing for public exhibition.

Teho Ropeyarn, UMI Arts' Indigenous Development Officer for visual arts and crafts delivers the *Exhibition Ready* Program to artists who live and work in Cairns and the Far North Queensland region. Teho is also the Curator of the *Pathways 2* Group Exhibition.

"It was an exciting challenge for me to curate this exhibition as I have only been in my position at UMI Arts for six months. However, I was comfortable about curating the exhibition and working with our Executive Officer, Janet Parfenovics. It was great to use the knowledge I have gained over the past four years when I was a student at the College of Fine Arts in Sydney," Teho said. The exhibition brings together a unique body of work that resonates with the artists' culture, heritage, stories, traditions and belonging to community and country.

"This exhibition exemplifies the talent of Indigenous art that is unique and distinct to Far North Queensland," says Teho.

(based on Media Release by Mr Teho Ropeyarn, UMI Arts)



Creation of Bramble Cay (vinyl print) 2011 by Tommy Pau

Each of the artists included in "Pathways 2" has participated in UMI Arts *Exhibition Ready* Program over the past year.

Artists featured in the *Pathways* exhibition include Shane Gibson (Hopevale), Glen Mackie (Yam Island), Tommy Pau (Thursday Island/Cairns), Teho Ropeyarn (Injinoo) and Bernard Singleton Jnr. (Cairns).



Dumbul Gadjia (bark figures) 2011 by Bernard Singleton Jnr

(shown is 1 of 5).



Several suspended double-sided projection screens.



'Myths and Legends', watercolour works and interactive displays.





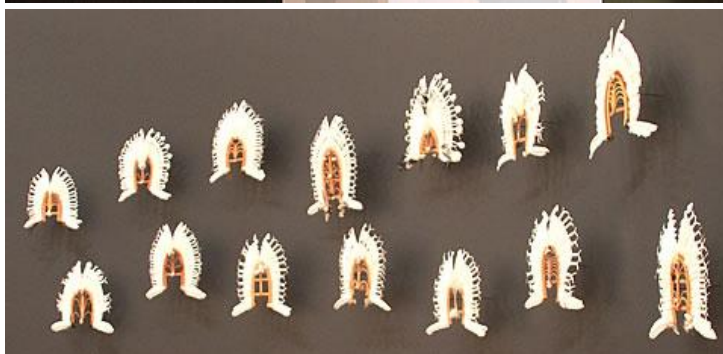
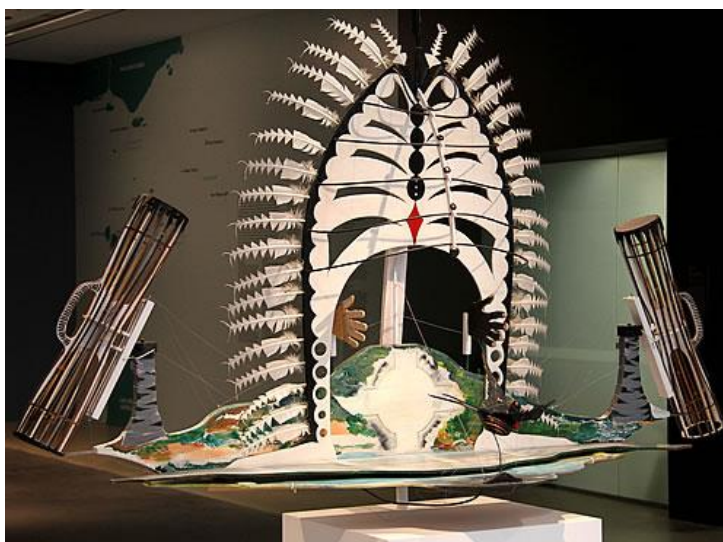
A visitor to the Queensland Museum, Mr Douglas: "I reckon the exhibition is really awesome. I myself have only started getting into Australian history. I've been very Americanised, growing up, and now actually to step back, to look what is happening in Australia. It's really interesting the Torres Strait Islanders really knew how to live. A lot of things I'm going to go home and take with me, and try just be conscious of in my everyday activities. It's really cool that they can go back in history and like these objects restore them for everyone to get a better idea what's happening in the past and move forward in the right direction. I think that's the beauty I'm getting out of it. All right, like take this away for myself for a more simpler way of living as model, the way I want to live, how the Torres Strait Islanders lived. They seemed to be able to live for thousands of years, undisturbed. We've only been here a couple of hundred (years) and we've reached the point where we're overpopulated, it's really hard to get food. I feel the urbanised lifestyle is actually killing Australia, so to take time out, to come and see what is happening to the Australian past, trying to think about that and work it into my everyday life, and bring the Australian past into the Australian present."

"My great-grandfather, Sir John Douglas \*, I believe he was possibly the Premier of Queensland, definitely involved in parliament, don't know exactly when, but eventually he grew tired of that and worked in the Torres Strait for many, many years. Apparently he worked there, not sure exactly what it was, I just remember doing a Grade 7 report on that. Eventually they named Port Douglas after him and his work with the Torres Strait Islanders. I guess they named it in recognition of his efforts, so, yeah."

*\*) Sir John Douglas was the 7<sup>th</sup> Premier of Queensland (March 1877 to Jan 1879). In 1879 he was appointed government resident and magistrate at Thursday Island. He also acted as special commissioner for the protectorate of British New Guinea. Sir Douglas died at Thursday Island on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 1904. Port Douglas was established in 1877.*

More information on the Torres Strait exhibitions in Brisbane:

<http://www.tsi.org.au/>  
<http://qag.qld.gov.au/>



Black bamboo sharks and Beizam headdress by Ken Thaiday Sr.

A programme spanning the 4 months long display adds to the whole experience with workshops, live performances, yarnning and songs. 'Voices for the Light' and 'A Night by the Fire' are just two of many opportunities to see, hear and appreciate Torres Strait locals.

Visitors to the Queensland Museum are greeted with the voice and familiar smile of T.I.'s Ambassador, Mr Seaman Dan on video display, who earlier performed at the opening ceremony. Mr Will Kepa had live performances. Some of the buildings have the exhibition spread over several floors, but all is within easy walking distance.

Excellent material is provided to visitors, including 'My Art Trail', a booklet for the younger generation with fun facts about the animals of the Torres Strait. It also explains how Mr Segar Passi (Mer artist) crushed rocks to create paint using dry pandanus as a brush. Why are the vegetables on Badu said to be the smallest of any Torres Strait island? Children reading 'My Art Trail' may have an idea and know a little bit about Yawwarr, who once grew the biggest on Badu. Understanding the stories may also help to understand the detailed works of Mr Dennis Nona.



School excursion into another culture (above).



Bags and baskets made of remnants of ghost nets, fish scoops, Super 8 film footage from long ago, sharks partially made of feathers, and many more items make up the huge display of Torres Strait culture.

All exhibitions are free to enter. Times are set aside to enable audience contact with various artists. There are curator's tours in each of the three galleries to hear stories about the exhibits on display. Each of the exhibitions has guided tours weekly.



In Issue 24, (Mar/Apr, 2011) page 23, we wrote, '29<sup>th</sup> of February 2013 is cancelled'. There was a footnote explaining that this was the April Fools' Day edition. There is no such footnote in the current Jetstar (2011) calendar.

## Ooooooops



You might not believe your eyes of what is in store:

The 29<sup>th</sup> September is cancelled. 30<sup>th</sup> Sep is shown as Thursday, followed by a dateless day. 1<sup>st</sup> October is on Saturday. The days increment by 7 up to Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> of Oct. The following Saturday is 30<sup>th</sup> Oct, in other words: 8 days a week. 'Eight days a week' is nothing new, especially when living in the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC. The Beatles had their 7<sup>th</sup> number-one hit with that title in 1965. To find it in a 2011 calendar is rather novel. How is it possible? Easy. 27<sup>th</sup> of October is cancelled too. As a result of this, every day that follows jumps the queue; the 28<sup>th</sup> Oct (which is a Friday) will be held on a Thursday, and so on.

1<sup>st</sup> of November starts on a Tuesday and you will have to twiddle your thumbs for another dateless day, because October (31<sup>st</sup>) runs out on a Sunday (according to the Jetstar calendar). It should be noted that the small monthly inserts are shown correct.

Sorry for those who missed out on their birthday.

Please be aware of the errors in this 'collector's item' calendar.



Sep, 2011



Oct, 2011



Wisterias awaiting the signal.



## Bee there, because



One just follows the buzz of the bees to where green-fingered gardeners year in year out, come drought, floods, or high water, delight thousands of visitors for a banquet of blooming colours, scents and delights to fill all senses. It is of course time for Toowoomba's 62<sup>nd</sup> annual 'Carnival of Flowers' (16 - 25 Sept), the longest running floral event of its kind in Australia.

No doubt many a visitor admires and appreciates the hard work many put into the show. Whilst the wisterias in much of SE Queensland are already in full bloom, the famous arched tunnel at Laurel Bank Park seems to wait for the signal. Come opening day and all will burst open to release their powerful fragrance.

The carnival kicks off with the Mayoral Champagne Breakfast followed by the Grand Central Floral Parade to Queens Park. It is also time for Carnival Classic Cars, the Flower, Food & Wine Festival, a calendar full of Live Concerts, Rock and Dance workshops, community events, in total: 30 events take place during the Carnival of Flowers.

One really needs to know where to look to find evidence of the massive devastation the city went through earlier in the year.



All images taken a week before opening. More info: <http://www.tcof.com.au>

