

**In this Issue:** Muttee Heads, NAIDOC Day, Turtle Head Is, New Mapoon Family Fun Day, Menshed and more...



Mr Chris Sheppard, CEO for Skill360 Northern Pride.



At halftime the ground belonged to the young who with a helping hand can be the future champions.



The game was supported by: Seisia Enterprises Ltd, Take Pride Program, Skill360, NPARC, Cape PCYC, Queensland Rugby League, Australian Rugby League, NPA Bulls, skytrans, SeaSwift, Tropical North Queensland TAFE, New Mapoon Store, Untap Catering (Seisia), Kiosk/Restaurant, Thurgate Plumbing, Mensheds Australia, Cape York Ice & Tackle, Somerset Builders, B & B Electrical, Jobfind and Tropicana.



Captain of Souths Logan Magpies, Mr Phil Dennis (above).



## Souths Logan Magpies vs Northern Pride

20 Aug, 2011, a day that made history in the NPA when Round 20 of the Intrust Super Cup was held at Yusia Ginau Memorial Field in Bamaga (20 Aug).

Northern Pride's Brett Anderson was first to score, including conversion. By halftime each had an even dozen on the board. The Magpies took off in the later part of the second half, converting their try in the final minutes of the game to close the match, winning 40 to 22.

Thanks to both teams for coming up to the NPA, and the many engagements off the field. The 'Take Pride' programme is supporting local communities promoting good nutrition, diet, bringing awareness to drug & alcohol issues and careers pathways. Whilst here they made a Good Will visit to the hospital, as well as visits to NPA college, Mensheds, and the Sunday morning after the match had a healthy breakfast at Seisia Fishing Club.

The ground was nursed for weeks prior to the game, receiving the final trim a day before the match. NPARC's Events Team build two viewing platforms and the CDEP team erected a TV media tower.



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NPA Family Resource Centre Bamaga	4069 3555	Lot 10, Adidi St, Bamaga		T.I. Hospital		4069 0200	163 Douglas St, T.I.
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Bamagau Kazil	4069 3475	Bamaga		New Map. Health Centre		4069 3454	
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Top End Motors	4069 3182			Arts Centre	4083 0271	Injinoo /ITEC	4090 4950
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Ambulance 4069 3344

AQIS, Bamaga 4069 3142

Mobile phones 112 with no coverage

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Environmental Health 4069 3992

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Coastguard 4069 3030

Volunteer Marine Rescue 0428 692 004

Ergon 4069 3164

Sunwater 4069 3409

8-5, Fri 8-3

Airport 4069 3383

in Emergency: 000 or 4069 1520





### The road to Muttee Heads

The road to Muttee Heads is being re-sheeted. Water is pumped from a nearby pond. One water truck goes, another one comes. Likewise with the trucks carrying the aggregate, while the digger grabs a load the full truck moves on and the empty one gets into position by the time the excavator swings around.

The trucks spread their loads along one side of the road, which the grader spreads and levels out, followed by the roller to compact it down.



This sand is brought back to Injinoo's batching plant, for use in concrete. Gravel will be added.

Re-sheeting the road to the Jardine ferry is next on the list.



The road was kept open during the construction works.





## Muttee Heads

This is Muttee Heads today. The radar tracking station was used during WWII (image right). Below the foundations of other installations, possibly for guns.



NPARC is looking for information that can help piece together historical evidence relating to the Northern Peninsula Area during the war years, 1942 to 1945. If you have any recollections, photographs, aerial or ground images of infrastructure, airfields, runways, military maps or any material and knowledge relating to this time, please let us know.

### Please contact:

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Postal: NPARC, McDonnell St, Injinoo, 4876, Qld.

### This is not going to work



Coconuts need sunshine and a bit of soil or sand to hold root. It's not really an indoor plant \*.

Why not join the Backyard Garden Programme to learn all there is to know about planting in the right place, in the right soil, to give the coconut the best chance for growths?

(\* in men's toilet at Lui St Park)

The green turtles are in mating season (Jul to Sept) and are coming up to the surface and flap about.

"When the thunder strikes it will chase them again and they will have finished," says Pastor Titom Tamwoy.



THIS IS A PETITION TO URGE COUNCIL TO FORCE HORSE OWNERS TO KEEP THEIR ANIMALS OFF THE HIGHWAY BEFORE SOMEONE IS KILLED!!

Council was presented with a petition to keep horses off the highway 'before someone is killed'. It was signed by 290 people.

There have been a number of accidents in the past, resulting in deaths or injuries to horses and total damage to the vehicles involved.

As far back as Sep/Oct, 2009 (NPA News, issue 6, page 5) the issue of having horses fenced in was mentioned by the then Environmental Health Worker, Mr Billy Daniels, assisting Animal Management at the time. The article mentioned that horse owners had already started to build paddocks from scrap materials.

Acting Sergeant, Mr Don Roseby: "There are residents in the NPA that own horses. They need to show responsibility and care for horses as owners."

"They need to ensure that they look after the welfare of these horses, but also ensure the welfare of other people who are in the community, not letting the horses roam on the streets, becoming traffic hazards."

"We already had a couple of accidents in the last couple of years, vehicles colliding with horses. There have been some serious injuries. I hate to see a fatality due to horses wandering on the road. People don't look after them or take ownership."

"There have been horses put down because people had collisions with horses, and then have just continued on (driving). They've not shown concern or welfare to the horse. They just leave the horse lying at the side of the road."

Mr Stuart Duncan, NPARC CEO, "NPA Regional Council is currently seeking legal advice in regards to its development of By-laws in regards to the horses."

## Water restrictions



SunWater has introduced water restrictions following the excessive use of sprinklers. Sprinklers and handheld hoses can be used 6am to 9am and 4pm to 7pm daily. If you have a leaking tap or know of any pipes leaking, please contact your local Council / Plumber, or SunWater on 4069 3409. SunWater explains that it can supply 5 million litres of treated water each day.

We are now using 3,250,000 litres, or 800l per person, which is twice the national average.

One of the taps which have been reported is this one, not just dripping but running full on. The knob to turn off was stuck. It has since been repaired.



## Rangers found foreign vessel

Mr Warren Strevens of the Apudthama / NPARC Land and Sea Rangers informs that the rangers found a suspected foreign vessel on the east coast when they were at Captain Billy's doing a quarantine survey into termites. On the morning of the third day a foreign fishing vessel was located off-shore. The rangers and Quarantine got in touch with Customs and they sent over an aircraft to come and apprehend the boat and the people on it. The story didn't make the media.

## Burn-off



Mr Strevens: "Over 80,000 ha were burned, from the top of the Delahunty through to Vrilya Point, on the western side of the road, which is all Aboriginal land. Parks and Wildlife paid for it. We had some input into the plan and were also doing the work. Apudthama /NPARC Rangers and National Parks Rangers working together doing the back-burn and fire-breaks for that fire, and a plane went up with interagency aerial ignition balls\* on Tuesday morning (\* they are similar to ping pong balls, but filled with gel and powder, they are dropped and the impact causes a reaction which can start fires). Our senior ranger and one of our rangers went down to see how all that works."



All images courtesy of the rangers.

## Green stinking sludge

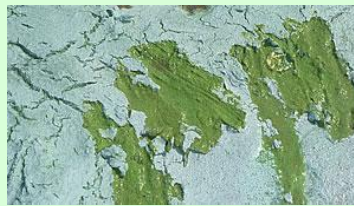
"The fellows (the rangers) were out doing some ghost net work. They spotted a patch of sludge on top of the water. It could be seen from Rocky Point to Somerset (on 11<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2011). It stinks and is light green in colour," says Mr Warren Strevens, Apudthama/NPARC Ranger co-ordinator.

"We notified Quarantine immediately. Quarantine got in contact with Customs. Customs brought their plane over. Last night (11<sup>th</sup> Aug) I got a call from the head of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. They don't know what it is yet, but they recognise the usefulness of the Ranger Programme. He said a big 'Thank you' to us, which the blokes got a kick out of."

A number of samples have been sent for analysis.



Burning ghost nets along the way (above). At gun-shot (right).



"Mum, when the new plain cigarette packs are introduced, one could just fill a pack with smoke from the burn-off and sell

it for \$24. It'll be so funny when it all comes out at once when they open the lid. But smokers can save money, as they no longer need a lighter. One could easily make over a million dollars per acre."

"Yes, dear, you could sell it for a bit more to the grass smokers, but you wouldn't make much in August \*. Now have your breakfast and get ready for school so you'll learn how much you should get when you sell a few packets."

(\* August is burn-off season).



## Hitch hiking termites

"The rangers will visit the west coast with AQIS. There are apparently four AQIS staff present on the field trip," explains ranger co-ordinator, Mr Warren Strevens.

"There will be representation from Northern Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance which do the programming on the tracking units."

Relating to the story published in issue 25, NPA News (page 18), re the hitch hiker termites arriving in Australian waters from overseas: "There is some confusion amongst the researchers as to what they're going to regard as an exotic, and what 'outside species' they now have to regard as..., because they've been on the mainland so long, they are going to have to start putting some to a separate category now. They (the termites) already established themselves, so they've got to decide whether they're now classed as an introduced established species, or whether they're still going to be regarded as an exotic species that they have to put a barrier up against now."

"It's opened up probably a big can of worms for the Federal Government. It's got a lot of people confused, up high. They never expected this sort of data that was coming back from these field trips. It's got a lot of people excited."

"I tuhgot if I jlbume up all the lrttees no one cluod uadsrentnd it, but I was wnorg. It des'ont rlaely mettar how I splel tnhigs, you slitl konw waht I maen."

"Yes dear, if you do it poerryrlp tnhe ti bseocm ptyret dtuifclif ot feirug out wtahh you sdia \*. In other words, you're wrong, now have your breakfast."

(\* If you do it properly then it becomes pretty difficult to figure out what you said)

"Mum, I've been thinking, ..."

"That's good, dear."



## Bamaga Farmhouse in Townsville



The Bamaga Farmhouse is on its way, coming up all the way from Townsville. A little 'decoupage' after arrival and the two halves will be as one.

## Indigenous Driver Licensing Unit comes to the NPA

- Written Test for Learner Licence;
- Practical test to get a car, bus or truck licence;
- Licence renewal;
- Licence replacement;
- 18+ Identification Card.

The Indigenous Driver Licensing Unit does not provide cars. To be able to do a practical driving test you'll need a registered and roadworthy vehicle, either your own or borrowed. If you borrow a vehicle the registered owner must sign a form giving you permission to use it for the test.

If you do not have a driver licence you must provide other identification, such as:

- Birth Certificate or 18+ Card;
- Key or other Bank Card;
- Medicare Card;
- Health Care Card or Pension Card.
- If no Health Care or Pension Card you must bring something with your home address: Bank statement, letter from tax office, or a phone bill.

All must be original documents, copies will NOT be accepted.

**Where and when:** TAFE Bamaga, 11 Oct to 13 Oct, 2011

**Enquiries:** Phone 1800 130 886

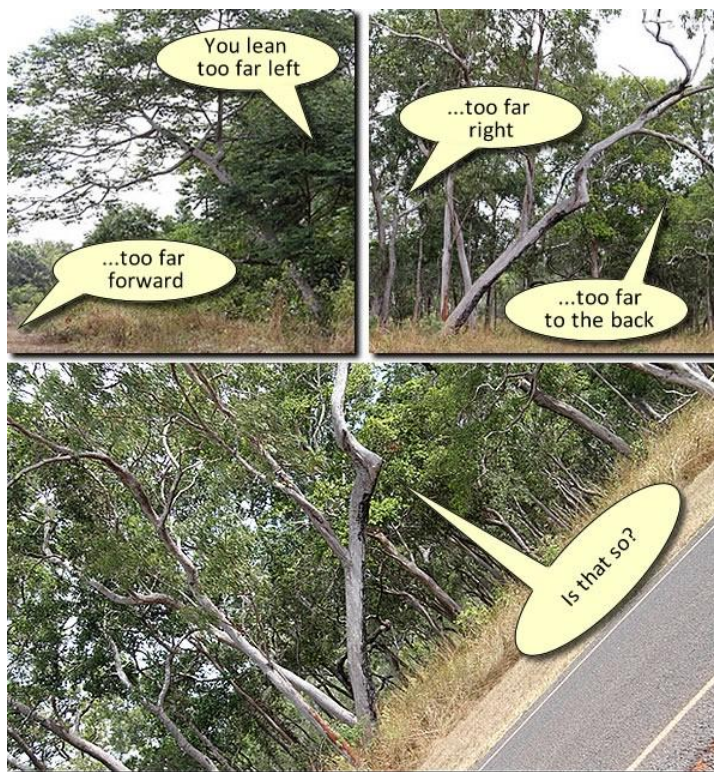


**Top 10**  
misunderstood  
road rules  
clarified

The Department of Transport and Main Roads have released a small brochure which covers the subjects of merging, keeping left, roundabouts, changing lanes and much more.

The brochure is available in all communities. Additional info on:

**hereforlife.qld.gov.au/roadrules**  
(road rules quiz and online videos)  
or call 132 380



"Mum, when I'm walking toward someplace I automatically walk away from someplace else."

"You don't have to. Do it on a treadmill and tell me how far you'll get in an hour, dear."

## Peninsula Pirate's Regatta

**Where:** From Umagico Camp Ground to Seisia Fishing Club.

**When:** 24<sup>th</sup> September, starting time: 3pm (sharp).

**Who:** Any team of 2 or more, plus support boat.

**What:** 2 Classes: Jury Rig Dinghy or Hand-made Sailing Craft (raft).

For more detail contact: Arthur Wong: 0437 082 143 or Kym-Dale Kocsis on 0427 053 719.



Mr Asai Pablo

## Alcohol restrictions

Concerns have been raised with NPA Regional Council about the transporting of alcohol through the NPA Post Office. Council has been in discussion with the Queensland Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation about these concerns and as a result Council now requests that residents of the NPA do not transport alcohol through the mail.

Even if your package is below the carriage limit the Queensland Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation has concerns about the total volume of the alcohol in all packages that may be transported by postal staff through the restricted area and held at the Post Office at one time. Postal staff may be required to return packages to Cairns that appear to contain alcohol to avoid breaching the restrictions. Mr Stuart Duncan, NPARC CEO, said, "Council already supports the alcohol restrictions through our Alcohol Management Plan and we are pleased to be working with the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation to address their concerns about this particular issue." Council reminds the community that we are in an alcohol restricted area and thanks the members of the community for their assistance on this issue.



## What's new?



The Menshed building has arrived (New Mapoon).



The new library building (Bamaga Junior Campus) towers over Bamaga, now with a roof.



NPA's FM 91.9 radio station gets new drive-way.



New line-markings and crossings are painted on the newly re-sealed roads.



The concrete is curing at the site of the new hospital accommodation duplex (opposite HACC).



The IBIS Supermarket has car-park covers and the drainage is in place.



The new BBQs are painted (this one at New Mapoon, but others also).



The walls are up and the posts are in place, at New Mapoon's Andrew Archie Memorial Football & Sports Ground.



The final layer of concrete is applied to the feasting shed at Umagico.



Bamaga Bakehaus had to be extended to accommodate its new oven. A covered outdoor area is under construction.



Parking area in front of new IBIS prepared for seal. Dreamtime will move to the 'old' premises (below).



New server and cabinets for NPARC have arrived.



The water supply pond for Andrew Archie Memorial Football & Sports Ground has been deepened. New fence posts around the area are in place (New Mapoon).



Hospital accommodation duplex, following two days work by the bricklayers (same building as in left column).



Additional parking spaces are now newly sealed, at Seisia Supermarket. An area for plants to establish has been added (top image).



Above: The posts are set in concrete next to church in Seisia to prevent cars from using this as a road. The parking spaces next to the church are being enlarged.



Umagico Supermarket gets a new roof at the front. A temporary access 'tunnel' protects shoppers during construction.



A new kitchen was installed at one end of NPARC's indoor basketball court at Injinoo.

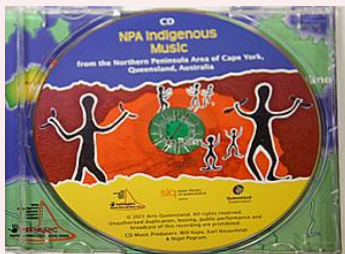
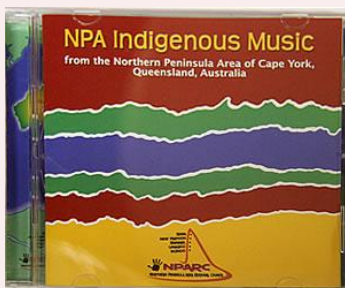


A new cover goes up at Seisia Camp Ground.



## They are here...

... a total of 75 minutes of NPA Indigenous Music on CD. The CD was produced by Mr Will Kepa, Karl Neuenfeldt & Nigel Pegrum (pdh-productions) with mentoring by Torres Strait legend Mr Seaman Dan. The disc features contemporary songs, contemporary Christian Gospel songs, traditional Christian Language hymns, community songs, community maritime songs, Torres Strait Islander songs and an instrumental piece.



Performers/Artists: Edmund Mooka, Joel Nona, Aaron Gibuma, Blaik Coral Band (although it's spelled 'Black' Coral on the CD), Timothy Gibuma, Edmong Mooka, Young Drama, Thomas Serubi & Elaine Tamwoy, Colina Reuben, the St Michael's and All Angels Choir, the New Mapoon Community Singers, Erris & Dora Eseli, and Norman Bagiri, Bamaga Berlibal Senior Dance Group, with the last instrumental piece 'Pacific Serenade' by Thomas Serubi.

This project had the support of the Queensland Government, the State Library Queensland, Arts Queensland, and NPARC. Thank you to all who helped to make this project possible, with special thanks to Mr Seaman Dan, the producers, Mr Neuenfeldt, Mr Kepa, who also contributed their talents as musicians and photographers, and Mr Pegrum. Thanks to the NPA Senior Campus for assistance and use of their recording studio and thanks to the efforts of Mr Russell Symons (Dir of Community Services) and Mr Neville Reys (Manager Media Arts & Craft). The enclosed CD booklet gives credit to many others who had an input.

Ms Isabelle Genoux, Producer and Presenter, Radio Australia (ABC) did a live interview with Mr Neuenfeldt on 7<sup>th</sup> July relating to the CD. It was planned that Mr Reys was to be interviewed but he was out of mobile range at the time. Radio Australia played 3 tracks during the broadcast (Aaron Gibuma, Tim Gibuma and Joel Nona).



The enclosed booklet provides information about the various pieces, including text in language.

Several hundred CDs had been pressed and were distributed throughout all five NPA communities.

Mum, each day is unique. Doesn't each unique day deserve a unique name? I've had so many Mondays.

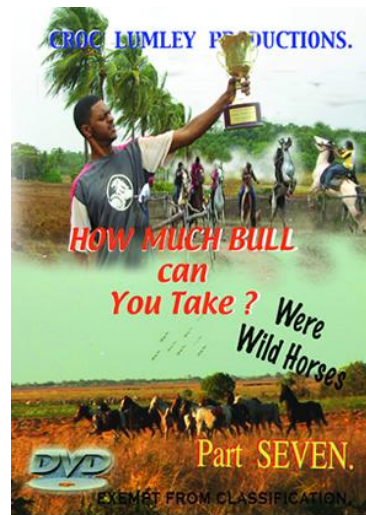
And what do you do on this unique Monday?

Have breakfast, brush my teeth and go to school. Each carrot is unique, each step I take is unique, and so is every leaf and every blade of grass...

...and every lesson in school.



## How much Bull can You Take?



Mr Nigel Sagaukaz wins Cowal Creek Cup on horse Queenena (above).

... is the title of the Croc Lumley Production 'Part 7' DVD, out now. Part of the footage was shot in Bamaga during the NPA Show 2010, covered in issue 17, NPA News.

The segment 'Were Wild Horses' tells of the local horses stemming from diverse brumby lines, how locals locate and train these 'bush-bloods', and the race.

DVD Duration: 120min, available from: Umagico Supermarket, Jardine River Ferry Shop, possibly more outlets, and direct from the producer:

[www.croclumley.com.au](http://www.croclumley.com.au)

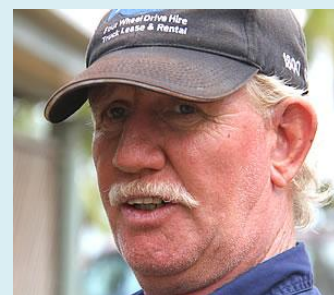
## Well Child Health Check



(8<sup>th</sup> July at The Gaidora Health Centre, Seisia) Mrs Karen Sam: "I'm a senior health worker at Seisia Primary Health Centre and what we're doing is a Well Child Health Check and that basically checks for blood pressure and BSL." The health check is for children aged 0 to 14 years. "We're doing hearing health as well. We're checking the ears. We're doing general observations, looking at social and emotional well-being as well. It has happened to all children in Seisia. We got a sausage sizzle happening, face painting, colouring-in."



"I would like to give acknowledgement to Seisia Fishing Club and Bamaga bakery for their kind donations towards this event," says Mrs Sam.



Mr William Fulton, President of the Seisia Fishing Club, "Whatever the Fishing Club can do for community health and children's welfare, we gladly do it. We are approachable."

## Green and gold



## NPARC Job vacancies:

Recently advertised NPARC Job vacancies: Administration Support Officer (maximum term contract 6 months), a position for a Labourer / Truck Driver, and for a Store-person / Cleaner for Umagico.



## NAIDOC Day Celebrations

Each year schoolchildren, teachers and members of the community celebrate NAIDOC Day with a wide range of activities, but it all starts with the NAIDOC March around the community (Injinoo, 28 July, 2011).



Elder and Traditional Owner, Mr Rusty Williams conducted the 'Welcome to Country'. Reverend Mary Eseli led the opening prayer.

Mrs Trish Blackman, Head of Campus, welcomed all:

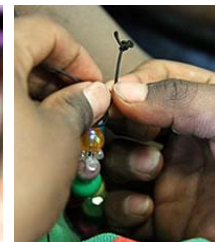
"I am a learner! I am respectful! I am safe! I am the best student in the NPA!" Words the children echoed in one chant, loud enough to drown out the noise of a jet engine at take-off.



Rev Eseli explained one of the dances, symbolizing the tides at Cowal Creek and the eagles coming, looking for food.



Activities planned for the day: Dot painting, face painting, Indigenous design rulers, beading, music, weaving, play-dough, coconut husking, bush tucker & traditional medicine, traditional games, kupmaurie, cooking, storytelling and more.





## NAIDOC Day, 2011

## Croc takes dog



## Community goodwill

Foxtail palms were planted near the church at Seisia and general beautification work around the area carried out. The men, working for the Asset Management Group, which is a part of Seisia Enterprise, are creating a lot of goodwill in their community.

"Officer, do I get a speeding ticket for driving too fast?"

"No, Sir, you were just flying a bit low. Can I please see your pilot's licence?"



"A large croc took a big dog last night (8<sup>th</sup> Aug)," says Ms Josephine Sebasio. The incident happened near the Seisia boat ramp (image). The dog managed to bark once, then came the 'snap', followed by a deathroll. A small 2m croc is also known to live in the area.

## NPARC: 'Bringing skills to Life'

Participants in Cert II in Workplace Practices finished their course. In week 1 they had Work Readiness Training, week 2 Enterprising Skills & Project Coordination, and week 3 was set aside for Employment Preparation.

The group also had opportunity to learn from guest presenters during Diabetes Week. They were involved in the Careers Market and had exposure to Work Experience.

The course was delivered by 'One Way Solutions', trainer Mr David AhBoo, shown bottom right.



B/W image courtesy Mr Michael Bond.

## Fundraising at Seisia Fishing Club

Seisia BP was the place for a car wash (6<sup>th</sup> August), while at the Seisia Fishing Club one could test one's knowledge at Trivia Night (13<sup>th</sup> Aug). All was to help support the Year 7's fundraiser for their trip to Brisbane. Even a courtesy bus was available to drop visitors back home. It is hoped that a considerably larger number of children than last year will be able to take part in this excursion.

"Mum, we cut a piece of cake into 3 pieces, and when we weight each piece there was something missing. It wasn't the same as the whole cake. Where is it?"

"Mum, what will happen to the kids in the future, the ones that don't go to school?"

"It's good to see you're doing some exercises, dear."

"Yes, mum, I'm going to have a slow race with a man. I know I'm ten times faster than him so I'll give him 1000m head start. I'll walk at 1000m per hour and he'll walk very slowly at 100m/h."

"So in an hour you will have travelled 1000m and he will be at 1100m. When you reach 1100m he will be at 1110m, when you reach 1110m he will be at 1111m, when you reach 1111m he will be 1111.1m. When are you ever going to catch up to him? Better take some lunch with you, it may take a while."

"Will I have a chance?"

"You'll always have a chance."



Mum, in maths,  $2 - 1 = 22$  million, which equals 1.

How did you figure that out, dear?

2 people minus 1 people = 22 million, at least in Australia, because all 22 million people are one people.

What if a new one is born, will it reduce to 2 or will it increase to 44 million, or is it 22,000,001? But it could also be minus 21,999,999 people and if you take another one away you'll get minus 22 million.

Considering that a new one is born every 1 ½ minutes it will all depend on when you answer the question, now eat your breakfast.



The new server has now been installed in the large cabinet at the NPARC office.



The wiring has been re-connected through the ceiling, replacing the spaghetti that used to route the email messages before.





## ...we just want to say 'Thank YOU!'



"We would like one or two members from each community to come and learn about the ambulance, and what we use and how we use it, and why we use it, so that if we are there, and they are there..."

"We also like the emergency services to do that as well. The police have helped me with patients. Lives have been saved because of the help from people in the community. The outcome of the patients had been a lot better."

At one occasion Mr Hodgetts needed to attend an emergency. When he asked where to find the patient he was told, 'They'll show you'. "There was a line of people with torches that directed me straight to the patient. There was no delay. I'm talking about a couple of kilometres of people with torches to show me where to go, late at night. It was fabulous. The outcome for that patient was brilliant."

"Road safety is paramount, purely and simply because you can't predict what other people are going to do. You always got to keep in mind that other people are using the road. Drive slowly, within the speed limits. Speed limits are there for a very, very, very good reason, and speed limits save lives."

*(Beware: The next few lines could cause distress)*

"I've seen many, many fatalities over the years, and senseless fatalities. I've seen an unrestrained child that became a projectile (found under a seat). I've seen one that was 3 days old, coming home with mum, sitting on her lap and they had a head-on accident and the baby went through the windscreen. It's all about thinking ahead, thinking of the worst-case scenario. Always drive with safety in mind. I did lose my father in a single vehicle road accident many years ago. It has never been explained. It was just an accident. My father was a good driver, he didn't drive fast, but it was an accident. We just never know what's going to happen."

*If people could see what you've seen they would drive differently.*

"Well they would. We're trained to cope with that. We're trained to do that as a job, but the people on the scene that witness these things, it's got to scar them for life. If they are in the same vehicle where somebody has been killed, they'll certainly change their attitude."

*The majority of drivers in the NPA adhere to the speed limits, but the unexpected is always around the corner. Tire or mechanical failures, an animal crossing the road, or other drivers not doing the right thing can lead to fatal consequences which paramedics, police and rescue workers are all too well aware of.*

Advanced Care Paramedic, Mr Jeffrey Hodgetts: "I've only been here six months. In the last couple of months I had some big jobs, recently some huge jobs, and had fantastic help from local people helping me with patients, in finding patients, in extrication with patients, and the outcome for those patients has been the better for that."

"There have also been a couple of young guys at the community that came and did some training with us. We showed them the ambulance, how to use some of the gear."

"It was only a couple of days later that Alison (Petelski) did a job. One of them shows up, 'Can I help?' That is really what we want, that's what's happening and we just want to say

**'Thank YOU.'**"



Most images courtesy Mrs Alison Petelski.

## New Police Officers



Three new police officers have started at Bamaga Police Station, Senior Constables, Mrs Amy Sherwood, Mr Darren Meares, and Constable, Mr Tyson Brock.

## Road Safety:

"We need people drive to the conditions of the road, within their limits and the limits of their vehicle, and to obey the road rules," says Acting Sergeant, Mr Don Roseby, of Bamaga Police, "and to show consideration and courtesy to other road users."

A motorcycle rider was fatally injured in a head-on accident on a dirt track near Captain Billy's Landing.



## Cairns Airport...

...has come a long way in the last year. There are many positives, but it's the annoying things that can be very irritating. Most airports anywhere on earth have dedicated flat screens for incoming and outgoing flights. It is hard enough on those screens to focus on your airline's logo, check the flight number, the arrival/departure times, the gate number and the flight status, as they constantly scroll up the page. In Cairns some bright spark thought of combining it all on the one screen that flicks between incoming and outgoing flights, as well as full screen advertising (in the departure/arrival area). It borders on total disrespect for the travelling public.

To get back home (NPA) sit near Gate 15 and wait for the familiar staff of skytrans to call you over.

NPARC Chief Executive Officer  
Mr Stuart Duncan



## Turtle Head Island, Cape York

*Let's say you're out of milk. Most Australians would hop in the car, drive down the road and a few minutes later the milk is there. Not so if you're living on Turtle Head Island, Cape York.*

*There is no road. Is the tide coming or going, what's the weather like now, what is the forecast? Is there enough daylight left? Do we really need to spend \$150 in fuel for the dinghy, arrange for a car at the jetty to get to the store, return to the jetty, head back to the island and return half a day later?*



*Mr Rusty Tully has lived in Cape York and Thursday Island for something like 20 years and was well-known as a bachelor and a bit of a local character. All that has changed, at least the bachelor part it.*

### ...I was a rather confused young man

"Thirty years ago Bronwyn and I knew each other. I gave her my horse when I joined the army. She was into show jumping and dressage, the 'pretty' horse riding. She was quite good at it. Gosh, she was sexy. She was 18, and I was about 21. Back then I didn't have the courage to tell her I loved her. We just admired each other and we were close friends. So I went off into the army. I remember saying to her when I was leaving on my motorbike, 'I will come back and marry you, when I sort myself out', because I was a rather confused young man."

"Four years ago Bronwyn travelled with her aunt and she walked into the shop I had on Thursday Island. I just remember this beautiful woman gracing across my floor, and instantly recognised her and said, 'Good day, Bronwyn', and she said, 'Good day, Rusty'."



Turtle Head Island (12km<sup>2</sup>) is 3.4 times the size of Thursday Island, located on Escape and Middle River, Cape York (East Coast). Total population: 2 people, a couple of dogs and all sorts of wildlife.

The island has an airstrip, a few tracks, and a number of buildings, rainwater tanks and bore water. Electricity is generated when needed.



But there are compensations living in a neighbourhood that is not your average Australian.

Mr Rusty Tully and wife Bronwyn live on Turtle Head Island, but they're not alone. "A 4m crocodile lives a bit north of the farm. He is a little bit of a worry," says Mr Tully. "Opposite here is a 3.5m croc and a 2.5m croc. When you go a little bit further up the river is a very big 4.5m croc and many smaller crocs. Over the 2.5 years I've been here, I am aware of where their boundaries are."

"We have ribbon herring (flying fish), we have stingrays jump out of the water, we have snub-fin dolphins, and the river dolphin with the smaller dorsal fin. Then we have mackerel jumping. We have a full-blown circus."

### Who rings after 28 years... on Valentine's Day?

Mrs Bronwyn Tully: "I knew he was up there somewhere, because his sister had told me. When the tour guide said 'We are going to a shop run by a guy called 'Rusty'. He is a real character', I thought there couldn't be two of those on Thursday Island. I knew he would be in there. It was good to see him, good to see that he's got his act together. I just thought he's got a live up here, and I wrote to him, said that 'Glad, you're doing well, looking successful'. I didn't hear anything for about 4 years. I just thought, 'That's OK'. And then he rang up on Valentine's Day last year and left a message on my answering machine. I thought 'Who rings up after 28 years and leaves a message on your answering machine on Valentine's Day?' And then he rang back and we started talking, and I came up last Easter."

Mr Tully, "Bronwyn is a mature adult. I'm still Rusty, 53 years old then. We're just instantly together and the funny thing is, when she got off the plane I walked her up to the end of the airstrip, having a *pash* and I said 'It's alright, there is no one around here', and the dog barked and I looked around and here are two local guys in a dinghy, of all the places. The most important thing is, we do intensely love each other. There is no question about it, and the funny thing for me is to outgrow the façade of a pretty woman that society and advertising propels, the pursuit of a pretty woman to hold off your shoulder. Bronwyn is a beautiful woman. Cheryl (Cape York Ice & Tackle) has been a good business friend for many years. She said to me the other day, 'You don't know how lucky you are'. Of course I do."

"Maureen Ahboo, I love her, fantastic woman. She gave me an opportunity. To this day I buy things off her I could buy cheaper in Cairns. She is very good price on T.I."

### Saranealis House on Thursday Island

The Saranealis family manufactured jewellery and started traded as pearl merchants back in 1896. The site is the oldest pearl trading property in the country. Mr Tully explains: "The grandfather sailed from Sri Lanka in I thing a 13 foot Tinka dory, fair dinkum. This is pre-outboard, that in itself..., it's very sad, the boat is now destroyed on Hammond Island, but that is an epic sailing journey. To think about a little boat sailing out all the way from Sri Lanka in the hope of establishing a new life. Fantastic, but it's all lost to history now, they have all died, unfortunately."

"We travel about 30km through the mangroves in a boat, to the ramp at Jacky Jacky (near NPA airport). It is about 1hr 15min each way. We only go every two weeks," says Mrs Tully.

On our way out the dinghy carried 150 litres of fuel, a quad bike, some provisions and 2 adults, it took nearly 4 hours one way. Rain or shine, one will get wet, as the river widens to appear like an ocean closer to the island.



Mr Rusty Tully, dressed to go shopping.

Mrs Tully: "I lived in Wollongong and I was teaching English and history. I've been there for about 17 years. Before that I lived in Hong Kong for 5 years." There are no children on Turtle Head Island, "It's just the dogs, the crocodiles and the birds. It's great. I was ready to leave teaching. I loved it, but I was ready to leave."

### I was just a wandering bum

Mr Tully: "I was just a wandering bum. It's recorded in a previous interview with the Torres News, years ago. I was just someone that drifted from situation to situation, looking, trying to find myself. I never discovered myself, a very insecure person. I worked in a pub, I worked for Ted Rinehart driving trucks and that, and while I was driving the trucks I realised that there were a few opportunities that no one was doing, that wouldn't stand on their own, but if you combine them, you can make a business of it. So I started grass cutting and tree trimming. I spent my last \$500 buying a van off a public servant that you couldn't register down south."

*With no dollar to his name Mr Rusty Tully walked into Ms Ahboo's store, asking if he could get a whipper snipper on loan. 'Pick whatever you want, pay me back whenever you can,' or similar words still ring in Mr Tully's ear. He did repay in full, "And I bought many, many more machines off her over the years."*

### Then I became an international trader...

#### ... the biggest pearl farm in Queensland

Mr Tully started trading from Saranealis House (Sep, 2000) which had been disused for a number of years, selling pearls from nearby pearl farmers. He made contact with the previous operators of Turtle Head Island and sold their pearls too.

"Then I became an international pearl trader, based on Thursday Island. Now, not 10 years later, Turtle Head Island is the biggest pearl farm in Queensland."



### In August we do our first harvest

Mr Tully, "Over two years ago we seeded several thousand shells. In August, 2011, we do our first harvest. It is a very, very exciting time, perhaps disastrous, we are not sure. It determines our future very much. This farm is very famous for the silver and gold pink South Sea pearls, which is based on the nutrient content of the river, and the salinity content. We now sell through Bully and Cheryl (Cape York Ice & Tackle, New Mapoon) and here at the farm to those that announce that they wish to come. We are basically closed to the public, but if people wish to call us and come out, or they can come with Jay Arnold (Cape York Peninsula Fishing, Seisia), they can arrange to come and look at the pearls and have lunch if they'd like, or we sell through Haman Mendis, in Kenmore, Brisbane. Their family is very famous in Queensland through their grandfather's pearling activities on Thursday Island (but also in Darwin). They too came to the Torres Strait in the 1880s, before the Saranealis family, from Sri Lanka. And you can buy from our website."

"Turtle Head Island is the second oldest pearl farm in Australia. Ansell Engineering in Cairns, his father, Steve Ansell, was very famous up here and one of the pioneers that started this farm. They had it for a period and then the Japanese came in. That monument is actually a Buddhist Shrine. Part of it translates: 'May your farm be accident free and your pearls big and healthy'. So I will not be removing it, I'll look after it."



### Harvesting the pearls

"When we take the pearls out (of the shell) they come out of the live part of the body, there is mucus and all sort of things on them. They actually have a dull appearance when they are dry. We rinse them in fresh water and put them in rock salt with a little splash of water, so it's not totally dry, and we slightly grind them, to remove the mucus. Then we rinse them in fresh water and you have the pearls in a natural state. That is when you judge and grade your pearls. The most important thing, as far as the industry is concerned, and the problem we have with people being ripped off, is when they are buying polished pearl. What I have just described is clean pearl."

The next process is pearls that don't have such a fantastic lustre, they get polished in walnut or some such substances, and they come out with an amazing shining lustre, but it is fake. You buy a brand new car, don't wash it for 12 months. When you wash it in 12 months and you want it to look like the day you bought it, you have to put wax back on and polish it again. If you buy a polished pearl and wear it, in 12 months it will not look the same, because the polish is removed. You will end up with the dull pearl that the dodgy business person polished. The tourists fall for them, because they don't understand what lustre is. They see a nice mirror surface and think 'This is terrific'. But it is a polished pearl. It is very tricky to instantly learn, but there is a lovely natural depth to the shine of a pearl. When you look at a quality pearl, when you look at the lustre, it is not a mirror image of you. There are not real sharp edges in your mirror reflection. It is just a lovely deep lustre."



12.2mm A-grade



12.3mm B-grade rnd



Baroque Silver Grey



### How to look after a pearl

"The only way to look after a pearl after you've worn your pearl, take it off, put the plug in the sink, cold water tap on, and rub it for 10 to 15 seconds in your fingers. You are removing your body acids and your perfume. This then restores it. This is the most important thing with pearls. A really good gem quality pearl, if looked after, will last 300 years. Diamonds are forever, pearls are not. Pearls are cheaper than diamonds, pearls are nicer than diamonds."

### The various grades of pearl

"We have A-grade, B-grade, C-grade and D-grade, below that is low-grade. Above A-grade is what we call 'Gem Quality', an absolutely fantastic pearl. A Gem Quality under 12mm, teardrop or oval (shape), \$440. A Baroque Gem grade under 12mm, \$270. A Gem grade round pearl (under 12mm) \$980. The money is in round pearls. If you steer away from round pearl when you buy pearls, you are saving a hell of a lot of money, because of international demand for ear-rings, especially rings, round pearls fetch a much higher price purely because of their shape. That is international demand. Only 20% of Australian pearls come out round. About the prices that I just quoted, if you flew in here and spend \$100k you would have a discount off that price. That is pretty well the price you pay at farm. If you go to a shop, it will have a mark-up. This is farm price. In pricing a pearl: First is lustre, the quality of the finish, then the surface, then shape and size."

**Nacre** "Nacre is the pearl material. That is what is called 'mother of pearl'. The mantle tissue of the shell creates the nacre. The pearl sack is created, and the first pearl is created. The technician does a very fine slice. He extracts the pearl. He would put the same size nuclei in the shell. The animal just keeps going. Two years later we take the next pearl out. On average when the first pearl comes out it will be 2 to 3mm bigger, because the nacre is deposited on top of the nuclei. Our first pearls will be 8 to 10, maybe 11mm first time. Second time will be 2 to 3mm bigger. Third time is 2 to 3mm bigger. Fourth time, once again. Our 4<sup>th</sup> pearls will be big but highly unlikely robust A-grade pearls, because pearl shell like us humans deteriorates with age. Our best big pearls will come from the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle. (Allowing a shell to grow for 3 years will increase the nacre further, but also reduces the roundness percentage. A 2-year cycle produces 20% round pearls (on avg)). "It's one thing to grow them, it's another to sell them. 20% round pearls are very important to the success of the farm."



### Pearls with flaws

"When you have an A-grade pearl, it can actually have 1 flaw. When you turn a pearl into a piece of jewellery you have to drill it. You use the bad spot for that. Jewellers never buy A-grade pearls from me. They buy B-grade pearls, because a B-grade pearl has an area of the surface, say no more than 30% of the surface will have flaws on it. (An under 12mm A-grade = \$735, a B-grade = \$465). The jeweller will buy the B-grade and will use a blob of gold to cover the flaws, and sell it as an A-grade. So before he's done anything, he's made \$300. And of course then his mark-up goes on."





**How to find the pearl for you**

"Everyone has different skin tones in life. Your inner forearm is pretty well your true skin colour, regardless of your race, in most instances. When you're buying a pearl, the most important thing, don't fall in love with it because it looks pretty in the box. Always hold the pearl against your inner forearm, to see if it suits your skin tone, because all pearls are different in colour and all skin tones are different. Some camouflage the pearl."

"If you're in a shop and they don't let it put against your skin, walk out, because this is the most important thing when buying a pearl."

"If you're a man and your wife is not with you ask a shop assistant with similar skin colour to put the pearl against their inner forearm. People can spend a lot of money on a pearl, get home from their fishing trip, give it to the wife and it's hard to see, because her skin tones camouflage that colour of pearl."

"If you talk to someone who doesn't understand this in a shop, go to another shop."



From left: Mrs and Mr Tully, Ms Hazel and Mr Lindsay (farm sitters).

**Research facility**

"We are contacting all universities in Australia with an open letter, and some universities overseas, what all the locals know as the old generator shed within 3 years will be turned into a research facility. Students from around the world, and definitely Australia want to do PhD studies on marine aquaculture up in this way will be able to utilize the facility we are creating."



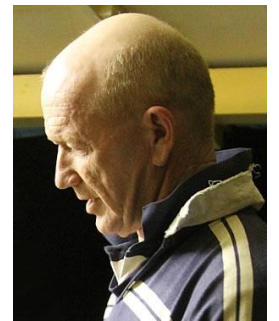
"What we wish to do with this farm is to turn it into the showcase pearl farm in Australia, with its own research facility for scientists from around the world to come and research what is going on in this river, because it's a pristine wilderness environment. We are the only residence on this river, on this entire river system. You can't get much more pristine wilderness than that."

"It's glorious. We are very privileged people."

Before heading back to the island Mr Tully had some advice for the tourist anglers fishing off Jacky Jacky boat ramp, "You're better off getting a dinghy from Bully," then cranks the engine and is off.

**The first segregated pearl farm in Australia**

"We will have the first segregated farm in Australia, because through our experimentation with colour, we will have segregated gold sections of shell and segregated silver sections of shell. We are specifically targeting in growth percentage volumes of colour. I am not aware of anyone in the industry that has a segregated farm. When you consider the black / white reality of the history of Cape York, my wife and I are bringing segregation to the Escape River pearl farm on Turtle Head Island, but for the purpose of niche-market exploitation."



*The tractor broke down and you're expecting a plane and the airstrip needs mowing.*

*When you know how to swing a whipper snipper you get it done, even if it is 20m wide x 700m long.*



Abv: Packing and weighing Shell, Torres Strait, long ago. Pearl diver (right).



Mr Rusty Tully: **"Passion is the most important thing in business and in life."**

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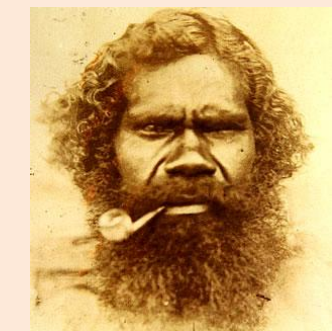




### Heritage Display

Ms Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy (left), Heritage consultant, is cutting and laminating for a display in the Youths Centre, "These images are part of Missionary Kenneth's photos taken around Somerset, approx. 1866, and Ian Coates from the National Museum in Australia is using these and a whole range of things put together in a special exhibition, which should happen in 2012. I think they come from the British Museum."

This and many other images were shown during the Rangers Conference at the Heritage Display at Injinoo Youths Centre.



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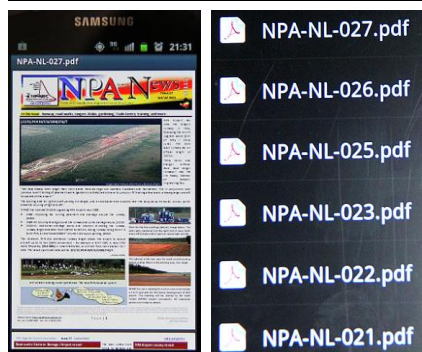
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### Contact page now on-line

The contact page (as page 19 and 20 of last issue) is now also accessible on-line.

Direct access is: <http://nparc.qld.gov.au/media/NPA-PhoneNumbers.pdf>



Save it to PC for instant access and print, and also to the mobile phone. If you access via the website it will be in the 'download' area.

Contractors will be installing satellite dishes and VAST set-top boxes in the NPA (mid August to September) to enable digital reception of up to 17 TV channels. The free service is available in the following communities: Seisia, New Mapoon, Umagico, Bamaga, Injinoo, Mapoon, Napranum, Aurukun, Lockhart River, Coen, Pormpuraaw, Kowanyama, Hope Vale, Mornington Island, Doomadgee, Wujal Wujal, Dajarra and Woorabinda.

### Digital TV

Mr Russell Symons, "Because council has provided for years the re-transmission of the analogue TV signal it receives 100% subsidy. It means no cost to residents. We will have digital TV, 17 channels, exactly as it is in Cairns. In 2013 the analogue signal will be turned off. Anyone requiring additional services will need to pay."

Flyers in the communities advise residents that the old TV will still work, that there is no need to buy a new TV or a set-top box, and also not to pay anyone to install digital equipment. The installations in remote Indigenous communities in Queensland are between July and November, 2011, funded by the government.

### Cert III in Business

At Resort Bamaga:

Mr Jeff Simpson (BCA National Training Group), "We are a registered training organisation delivering a traineeship from Cert I to Advanced Diploma in Business for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people."



"Over the next 3 years we're training 250 Aboriginal people to be better equipped in management and the business calls, at managing Indigenous business, medical or health services. It will give our communities better business skills to manage health and medical services. Locals are here forever. We want to them better business and management."

There are 10 in the group which are part of the 250 people being trained. "This is the first group we've run outside of Brisbane. This is the whole idea of the programme, to teach locals how to run their own businesses."



Mrs Kylie Sagaukaz is Trainee Supervisor for the NPA trainees, while Ms Trish Akee is supervisor for the trainees from the Torres Strait.

"Get out of bed. It's a brand new day."

"I can't. There is too much gravity at the moment."







## New Mapoon Family Fun Day



New Mapoon had the NPA Family Fun Day (5 – 6 August, 2011) with various events held near Andrew Archie Memorial Football & Sports Ground. Novelty races, tug-o-war, musical chairs, goal kicking, coconut husking and distance throwing were all part of the activities.

One could challenge the mechanical bull, play traditional games, surf the mechanical board, ride the ever popular dodgems, try some sumo wrestling, give the jumping castle a workout, or just relax to the music of band Blaik Coral and watch the laser lights darting through the air.



Mr Mark Harbrow and Richard McLean (both AFL Cape York, Kids Living Safer Lives) manned the laser skirmish giving all children (and adults) the opportunity to try out the game. Their programme 'No school – no play' requires children to regularly attend school, to earn the privilege to play the game (a reward for attending school). For the duration of the two days other children too had the chance to see what they have been missing out on by not attending school regularly.



Mr Richard McLean won the coconut throwing comp.

The hardware used in laser skirmish doesn't come cheap. The 'laser' used is an invisible beam, similar to the beam of a TV remote control. It cannot hurt the eye. Each participant in the game is given a headpiece which carries two sensors. When hit, or activated, the user will know about it. The words 'shoot and kill' are not used in the game, it's 'activate' and 'deactivate'. The objective is not to aim at the opponent's head, but about 10cm above it. The sensor device registers if a beam was received close by.



The Rural Fire Service set a car wreck alight to give the Rural Fire Service volunteers a chance to try out their skills in putting it out. "Two minutes," says Mr Kelly. Contact Mr Pete Kelly if you wish to join the volunteers, mob: 0447 361 174.

Fireworks capped off the day. The NPA Family Fun Day received the support of skytrans, SeaSwift, NPARC, AFL Cape York, volunteers and many others.



Skytrans donated return flights for two (Bamaga - Cairns). Mr Neville Reys expressed his appreciation on radio FM91.9 with Ms Ami McKeown and thanked the many, including the New Mapoon Aboriginal Corporation, who contributed to the success of the New Mapoon Family Fun Day.

"It's not just for New Mapoon, we think about the whole NPA, especially the families and children."

They tried to make it easier for the families, "so that prices were kept low and no admission was charged, so that everybody could come along," said Mr Reys.



**Bark in the dark**

*There have been several 'Bark in the dark' titles in previous issues. This one relates to the many insects that live in the bark on a tree next to the aviation fuel area near NPA Airport.*

"Would the member for East Bark please refrain from constant whinging and look at the bright side."

"There is no bright side. The sun has been taken away from my constituents. We've lived in the dark for over a year. We want a name change in our electorate from 'East Bark' to 'Dark Bark' and require compensation from the Bank for Daylight Savings, which is bursting at the seams from our contributions, for the sun has been taken away from us for all this time. Without sun there is no concept of time. Without sun there is no life. We've had permanent night since before the last election, in Aug, 2010."

"Hear, hear!"

"Order in the house!"

"Why are you without sun?"

"A sign has been screwed in our area of the tree. The wind couldn't blow it away, the ants couldn't chew it, and the rust couldn't attack the screws that hold it in place. We'd love to look at the bright side, but instead live in total darkness. We are insects, spiders, little critters living in bark. It would have been OK if we were mushrooms, but we're not."



News update: Recent burn-off in the area did melt part of the sign.

**Message from Ergon Energy**

Effective from July 1<sup>st</sup>, the price of electricity rose to 22.75 cents per kilowatt hour for the standard domestic tariff.

Your card meter will be adjusted for this increase when the meter reader visits in the coming months. It means your power card will buy less electricity. Ergon Energy Customer Service, tel: **131 046**

**New Mapoon Men's Group**

...is a new group in the NPA. "There are members from the New Mapoon Men's Group sitting on the executive of Mensheds. We have 23 signed up members so far," says Councillor for New Mapoon, Mr Michael Bond.

"The group was set up to get better funding, especially from the Ely Beneficiary Trust and the Western Cape Community Trust, under WAKA. They are the main two funding bodies that we've been getting funding from."

"Mum, how fast is the fastest horse on earth?"

"That depends on which track it's on. If it runs on the 'Day' track it will do over 444m per second without moving an inch. If it runs on the 'Year' track it'll do over 29km/second and still not move any further. If it runs the 'Milky Way' track it'll do over 222km/sec whilst standing in the starter box. You can be faster than all of them by doing some exercise."

"But how can I afford the speeding ticket?"

"Don't worry about it. On earth you'll only clock up a few miles per hour."

The Cape York communities decided to implement strategies to reduce cannabis availability in the region in late 2007, following community consultations and with the support of the Regional Organisations of Councils of Cape York (ROCCY). In a series of community visits by the JCU team, key community leaders and service providers indicated that rates of cannabis use may be as high as in the Northern Territory. Studies in Arnhem Land (NT) found high rates of cannabis usage among Indigenous people, with over 50% using cannabis in the 13-36 years age group. 87% of users in these communities use cannabis daily, while nationally the figure is 16%.

**How will this project be carried out:**

In 2010-2011: Interviews are conducted with men and women, aged 16-34 years, to ask about cannabis usage and problems with cannabis.

By the end of 2012: Repeat interviews will take place to see if any changes in cannabis use have occurred.

To try to reduce the demand for cannabis key people and service providers are encouraged to focus on the issue. To do this we will...

- Be involved in public meetings and discussions.
- To facilitate access to training in assessment and treatment options to assist health workers and clinic staff to address cannabis dependence (addiction to cannabis) in their patients.
- Conduct workshops in communities to give back study results and seek advice.
- Provide information that will support households and families especially where cannabis users are 'stressing out' (withdrawal).

"On the weekend I brought up a troopy that we (the New Mapoon's Men's Group) bought with funding from the Northern Aboriginal Trust. There was \$120k given to us. Out of that we bought a troopy and a boat (half cabin with a 4-stroke Yamaha, 150hp motor). From the funding that we received from the Ely Beneficiary's Trust we purchased a BBQ set, some eskies, and two pool tables that we got at the Youths Centre at New Mapoon now, and a dart board."

"We've been providing support for the football club, the football team in New Mapoon as well. We had a BBQ a week before last, when they had the blessing of their jerseys at the same time (referring to the New Mapoon Warriors Rugby League Team)."

**Cape York Cannabis Research Project**

Ms Bernadette Rogerson is a Research Officer for the Cape York Cannabis Project (James Cook University, Cairns Campus). The aim of the Cape York Cannabis Research Project is to reduce the demand for cannabis in the Cape York communities. The project has funding for 3 communities and has been running since January this year. The three communities are not identified. All references are to Cape York, not the NPA specifically.

- Develop and disseminate culturally-valid information about cannabis' mental health effects, its legal status, and financial impact in Cape York.

Community leaders and service providers will also be interviewed to get their views.

**What can this project achieve?** Draw attention to cannabis related issues in Cape York. Provide health and social gains if cannabis usage is reduced. Ensure initiatives are based on local frameworks. Enhance collaborative approaches to link prevention and treatment initiatives. Raise cannabis and mental health issues to a higher priority level for service providers.

**How can organisations and service providers support this project?** Contact Mr Alan Clough, with your ideas and views about how you and/or your organisation could enhance the focus on cannabis issues in Cape York as a priority.

Tel: 4042 1604 / 0457 844 161, or email: [alan.clough@jcu.edu.au](mailto:alan.clough@jcu.edu.au), or contact Bernadette Rogerson, tel: 07 4042 1657, email: [Bernadette.rogerson1@jcu.edu.au](mailto:Bernadette.rogerson1@jcu.edu.au). The website for this project is: [http://cms.jcu.edu.au/phtmr/abc/research/JCUPRD\\_055084](http://cms.jcu.edu.au/phtmr/abc/research/JCUPRD_055084).

Community-based Health Promotion and Prevention Studies Group, School of Public Health, Tropical Medicine and Rehabilitation Sciences, PO Box 6811, Cairns, Qld, 4870.

The information shown here is based on the James Cook University fact sheet, shortened by ed.

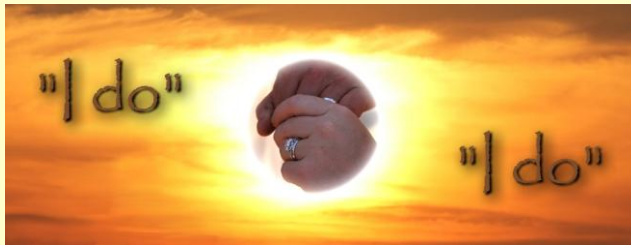


Mr Glen Cannard and Ms Hannah Jordison exchanged their wedding vows at Seisia beach. Pastor Titom Tamwoy married the couple in the afternoon sun at Seisia Camp Ground.

The bride and bride's maid arrived on a quad bike, driven by the father of the bride.

When the couple exchanged rings, Pastor Titom Tamwoy explained that from the ring finger a vein runs straight to the heart. "It is called vena amoris \*. When you put a ring on that finger you express your love. You're wearing your love over your heart."

(12<sup>th</sup> August, 2011)



Congratulations.



This is believed to be the first wedding at Seisia Camp Ground. There have been several honeymooners at the site before.



A number on NPA residents would be very familiar with this area of New Zealand. Queenstown is located next to lake Wakatipu (Waka-tipua), which is shaped like the letter 'Z'. Maori legend has it that the giant Matau had his eyes on the ladies. When he abducted a chief's daughter they burned him in his sleep. It melted the glacier ice and formed the lake.

The giant's heart still beats today, as the lake rises and falls every 5min by about 12cm. It is high above sea level and not affected by the tides. The lake is very deep (up to 399m, give or take a bit, depending if the giant is in- or exhaling) and its water is said to be very pure.



How cold? Minus 3 deg C in the morning (July).

Once it stood 3m tall, now extinct, the moa (right).



The kea (above) is the only alpine parrot in the world, this one is having a rest.



The kiwi is a relative of the emu. It is unique to New Zealand. One kiwi egg can weigh as much as ½ kg.



The benches are buried under snow.



Lake Wakatipu (85km long) with Queenstown in the foreground.



The Remarkables (above).









### 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 Sep/Oct**  
**Bamaga Hospital and Community PHCC**

1, 2 Sep	General Physician, Dr Phillip Marshall & Registrar, T.I. H.
1 Sep	Physiotherapist, Jodi Larke, Bamaga
8 – 9 Sep	Dermatologist, Dr Rob Miller, T.I. H. on 8 <sup>th</sup> , Mer PHC on 9th
14, 28 Sep	Chest, Saibai Nurses Clinic
27-28 Sep	Paeds, Gen Phys/Paediatric OT, Drs Heazlewood, Marshall and Team, Bamaga, OPD
29 Sep	Paeds, Gen Phys/Paediatric OT, Drs Heazlewood, Marshall and Team, T.I. H., OPD, all day
3 – 6 Oct	Deadly Ears, ENT, NPA OPD, at pm
4 Oct	Endocrine, Dr Ashim Sinha, Horn Is, PHC
4-6 Oct	Scopes, Dr John Ombiga & team, T.I. H. OPD
7 Oct	Liver, Dr John Ombiga & team, T.I. H. OPD, am only
10 – 14 Oct	Paediatric Respiratory, Drs Masters & Chang & team, T.I. H.
12 Oct	Chest, Thoracic team, Bamaga Hosp
13 – 14 Oct	Chest, Thoracic team, CBH, Saibai PHC 13 <sup>th</sup> , Boigu PHC on 14 <sup>th</sup>
13 – 14 Oct	Paeds Surgeon, Dr Harry Stalewski, T.I. H. OPD on 13 <sup>th</sup> , and theatre on 14 <sup>th</sup>
14 Oct	Paeds Surgeon, Dr Harry Stalewski, 11am to 5pm, OPD Chest – Boigu, Dr Vincent
17 – 21 Oct	Orthopaedic, Dr Chris Morrey & Registrar, T.I. H. OPD on 17-18 <sup>th</sup> , OT on 19-20 <sup>th</sup>
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

### Weekly planner for Diabetes Educator Clinics, 2011

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

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

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

### Alcohol, Tobacco & other Drugs Services Clinic

(1:30 to 4 pm)

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

Injinoo	New Mapoon	Umagico	Bamaga	Seisia
9 and 23 Aug 6 and 20 Sep 4 and 18 Oct 1, 15 and 29 Nov 13 Dec	2, 16 and 30 Aug 13 and 27 Sep 11 and 25 Oct 8 and 22 Nov 6 Dec	3, 17 and 31 Aug 14 and 28 Sep 12 and 26 Oct 9 and 23 Nov 7 Dec	4 and 18 Aug 1,15 and 29 Sep 13 and 27 Oct 10 and 24 Nov 8 Dec	11 and 28 Aug 8 and 22 Sep 6 and 20 Oct 3 and 17 Nov 1 and 15 Dec



"Mum, at which speed do air bubbles in water escape the gravitational pull of the earth? How do they know where to go? Why do they wobble when they come up? Are they not sure where they want to go? Where are they once they're out of the water? What if they don't like it there, can they go back underwater? If one air bubble has the name 'Mary' and another has the name 'Sue', when they join together will their name be 'Marysue'? How long can an air bubble hold its breath underwater? What do they breathe in? Behind everything is a reason, why not in front? Why are there so many rain drops in the rain, why not one huge massive drop? If the universe is expanding, are we expending too? How would we know? Has the rest of my life already started? When I stand on three legs, will I become a tripod? When it is 'now', what time is it exactly? Mum, are you listening?"



## Menshed's base in New Mapoon

*Menshed's new building has arrived in New Mapoon and preparations are underway to prepare it for use. Many individuals, businesses and organisation contributed to this project.*

Mr Jessy Sagaukaz, the coordinator of Mensheds NPA, was joined by Mr Alec Petridis, the CEO of Menshed Australia (the role previously filled by Mr Peter Sergeant), to express appreciation to many who helped to make it happen.

Mr Chris Foord, General Manager, BEL: "Bamaga Enterprises, one of its main functions is sponsorship donations for people of Bamaga, but Mensheds includes the whole of NPA and Bamaga. Bamaga Enterprise board decided they would make a donation to the whole of NPA, because Bamaga people are involved as well. The Menshed project is a worthwhile one, given that there are lots of things happen for the women, with the women's groups. It's good to see now there is a move in the direction to assist men with similar issues in the community."



"Bamaga Enterprise donated \$15k to help with the construction of the Mensheds (building) for the NPA, and looks forward to further supporting the development of Mensheds. The manager of the Mensheds project in the NPA is also the deputy chairman of Bamaga Enterprise, Mr Jessy Sagaukaz, who has an active interest from both sides."



Mr Graham Boydell is SeaSwift Depot Manager. SeaSwift donated \$10k and transported the 3 sheds from Cairns and housed them for 2 weeks at the Seisia depot. "They also contributed by driving them here, loaning us their driver and forklift to help them get them up. Without them we wouldn't be here, literally," says Mr Petridis.

A day later the roof sheets were added to the A-frame between the containers which make up the Menshed building.



Mr Alec Petridis: "The shed opening is the week the government champions are in town for LIPA, in September. The building is funded federally, under FaHCSIA (Dep of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Australian Government), which funds the ICC (Indigenous Coordination Centre)."



Mr Robert Poi Poi's firm helped with the site works, contributing labour, time and machinery. "Again we have a strong local support from the tradespeople, like Nick, from Somerset Construction; he poured the slab and the pads and contributed \$2000, working together with Ron Flenkno," explains Mr Petridis. Mr Poi Poi is Chairman of BEL.

"Fencing was done as a joint project between Mensheds and Alex Barker and the CDEP crew (NPARC)." Mr Dennis Getawan was instrumental in pushing the fencing work," adds Mr Sagaukaz. "We also had ATODs (staff) from the Women Resources Centre and the hospital. We had lunch at the CDEP shed. Menshed put on a BBQ for them."

Mr Petridis, "Menshed has sponsored a Gold Promotion for the football match, because we feel this football match is very good for the community. Because football is very much a male sport we wanted the men to know that Menshed is behind the initiative of the community, because the community gives us a lot. We wanted to give the community back stuff as well. (The game referred to is the upcoming Northern Pride vs Logan, will be covered in next issue). Kel is going to come twice. We are partnering with NPARC to make this happen. Menshed's funding comes from the feds, this shed here is funded by FaHCSIA, by ICC. Other funding we get is from private donators and we also get it from corporate."



Top right: Mr Jessy Sagaukaz. Left image, from left: Mr Bill Wasiu (Menshed member), Mr Alec Petridis (CEO, Menshed Australia), Mr Jessy Sagaukaz (Coordinator, NPA Menshed), Mr Chris Foord and Mr Stephen Peter (Director and Deputy Chair, NPA Menshed) (mid Aug).



Mr Sagaukaz: "At the moment we are planning for the Arts Festival, coming up on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of September at Yusia Ginou Oval, Bamaga. Besides that we actually try to work together with the school. We are going to get the carver Kel Williams up, so he's going to run some more programmes. All these art programmes are empowerment stuff for the men. This Arts Festival is a podium for them to get confidence and selling some of their ware, especially tapping into the tourism industry. (As to the venue) I still got to talk to the Rugby League mob, if there is a game on on Friday, we can't really set up on the Thursday. I'm still in consultation with them."



The Art Festival is planned for all disciplines of art, visual, performing arts, musicians and others.

Mr Sagaukaz: "The lino cut and screen printing project was a Menshed project. (It refers to an earlier article in NPA News which did not acknowledge Menshed's involvement at the time) "We flew up and accommodated the Kick Arts artist and the printer."



**Menshed**

...continued

Mr Foord: "Bamaga Enterprises also donated \$20k towards the upgrade of the Youths Centre (Bamaga, behind the pool / Sebasio Hall). Bamaga Enterprises initially donated \$160k to help build the Youths Centre. It needed a bit of a refurbishment, so this year we've donated \$20k to help refurbish that Youths Centre."

"At the moment Bamaga Enterprises is limited where it can donate its funds to, because we can only donate to deductible gift recipients. There are only two with that status in the NPA at the moment, and that is Mensheds and Family and Community Services."

"We donate \$2500 to any family in necessitous circumstances, to help with the grieving period, the funeral, to bring coffins up, to fly bodies up and also to help with the hearse. We also donate to sporting occasions to help people attend athletics carnivals in Cairns representing the NPA, the AFL, the NRL, right across the sport we give personal donations to families to help them send their children."

**"Wearing shoes," perhaps a good idea**

"My daughter had a small cut in the foot. It was just after the Wet season," says Mr Alex Barker. "The doctors suspected she'd twisted her ankle. After 3 weeks she ended up in intensive care in Brisbane. She was then sent to Cairns where she was treated by a doctor from Papua New Guinea, who identified it as a tropical disease, or tropical foot infection that was caused through a hookworm, which is found dormant in the soil with dog faeces (dog poo), so everyone should wear shoes."

"Hookworms can get up to 1 metre long. They eventually get into your heart and your respiratory system."

"By the time they located the one in my daughter, it stopped at around her knee. She couldn't walk or move her right leg. She was on a drip in Brisbane for a week, where they believed it was going to fix her infection. By the time she hopped on a plane in Brisbane and got to Cairns, she went straight from the airport to Accident Emergency, where they then identified what it was."

All up, Mr Barker paid \$5000 for Private hospitalisation. "She ended up taking one tablet from a doctor in Cairns that cured her straight away."

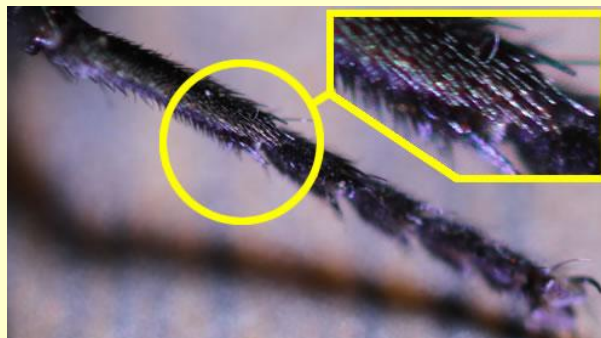
**The most dangerous creature on earth?**

This is the surface of one of its compound eyes, each dot in effect an eye itself. They do not reflect as human eyes do.

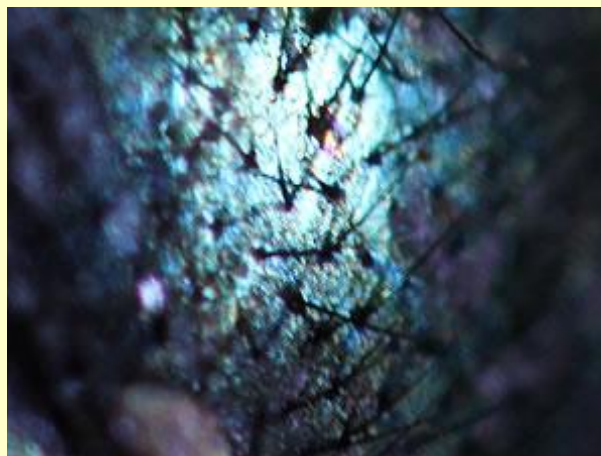


The end of its leg (the foot, white, is out of focus).

It doesn't snap like a croc nor strike like a snake, shark, or spider, it's just the humble fly.



Its leg (above, the foot is right), and part of its body (below).



What the images can't show are the diseases this fly can cause. It lives in garbage. It feeds and breeds on faeces (poo) and other dead or decaying material, scavenging and recycling what it finds. If it lands on food or any open cut it can bring misery and serious illness to our lives.

The wallaby (above) was hit by a car. It doesn't take flies long to find it, with each female able to lay hundreds of eggs. The carcass was removed from the side of the road.



The only place on earth where flies are not attracted to dog poo is Antarctica, the best place for a BBQ.

Reducing the opportunity for flies to feed and breed can reduce the risks to health associated with flies.



## World Heritage for areas of Cape York Peninsula

Over the past couple of years there has been a great deal of talk about a World Heritage nomination on Cape York and there are a lot of questions being asked by the community.

The Queensland Government understands that the people of Cape York Peninsula need to be well informed and involved in a potential World Heritage nomination. The facts are:

- There will only be a World Heritage listing on Cape York Peninsula if it has the support of the community and consent from Traditional Owners.
- The government has started talking to the community and Traditional Owners to work out level of support for a World Heritage nomination.
- At this stage, no decision has been made about which areas could be nominated for World Heritage or where the boundaries may lie. Extensive Traditional Owner and community engagement and rigorous scientific assessment will be used to determine the boundaries.
- If supported by Traditional Owners and the community, a World Heritage nomination will take several years to prepare.
- Only areas that have outstanding universal values of global significance can be nominated for World Heritage. These places are so special that there is nowhere like them in the world. They are the best of the best world's natural and cultural heritage.

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### How do you establish if an area has outstanding universal values?

This takes time and requires a huge amount of work involving Traditional Owners, the community and scientists. Information will be gathered and developed to pinpoint the special natural and cultural values on Cape York. These values will be assessed against the World Heritage criteria. Areas that are seen to be of outstanding universal value will be considered for World Heritage nomination.

Interested members of the community will have the opportunity to be involved in identifying the cultural and natural values and determining the best ways to manage the areas, including how to deal with threats including weeds and feral animals. When the nomination is complete it will be submitted to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) World Heritage Centre in Paris for assessment. The World Heritage nomination process is expected to take several years.

### A chance to Plan for Country – funding available

Some funding is available from DERM to assist Traditional Owner groups to undertake some country planning to assist with decision making around a possible World Heritage nomination and managing their country.

There are a range of funding programs that Traditional Owners can apply for to do on country planning and work. The Queensland Government would like Traditional Owners to consider the World Heritage program as one of the options.

If Traditional Owners are interested, they can let the Queensland Government know how they would like to do their plans and how much it could cost. Funding will be provided in two stages: (continue right column)

This process is new to both Government and Traditional Owners, so a lot of it will be worked out with individual groups on the ground. What it does is give Traditional Owners the opportunity to tell the Government how they want to be engaged, how they want to do their on-country plan and how they will make a decision about World Heritage.

Agreement to participate in this funding arrangement does not in itself indicate consent for World Heritage listing. *Traditional Owners can keep their country plan, even if they decide that they do not want to go ahead with World Heritage.*

### Some Traditional Owners are already participating

Two Traditional Owner groups have already entered into 'Stage 1' of the country planning program from Pormpuraaw and the Apudthama Land Trust from north-western Northern Peninsula Area (NPA).

For information about funding for Indigenous groups contact Kasia from DERM on (07) 4222 5202.

**More information:** Visit: [http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/cape\\_york](http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/cape_york) . Contact the Cape York Peninsula World Heritage team at DERM on 07 4222 5239 or email : [consultation.cypwh@derm.qld.gov.au](mailto:consultation.cypwh@derm.qld.gov.au)

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### What stage is the process at now?

DERM staff has begun contacting Traditional Owners and key stakeholders to hear what they have to say about a potential World Heritage listing for Cape York Peninsula.

In March 2011, information and a survey were sent to over 500 key stakeholders and Traditional Owner organisations and representatives. Feedback has been provided to all those who responded and meetings are planned with more people out in the region. If you would like be on our mailing list, please refer to the contact information below.

**Stage 1** — Funding provided to Indigenous-based organisations to prepare an engagement and on-country planning proposal with a consultant of their choice.

**Stage 2** — If the proposal is accepted by the Department of Environment and Resource Management, additional funding will be available to do the country planning work. . Traditional Owners will be provided with the resources; tools and information they need to do a plan for their country and make a decision about whether they want to explore World Heritage as an option.



Article and image courtesy Ms Louise Johns, Indigenous Engagement Coordinator.

NPARC Chief Executive Officer  
Mr Stuart Duncan