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NPARC Chief Executive Officer
Mr Stuart Duncan



Elected members for 2012-2016 left –right: Anthony Mara (Injinoo), Benjamin Gebadi (Seisia), Trevor Lifu (New Mapoon), Bernard Charlie (NPA Mayor), Dennis Getawan (Umagico) and Edward Newman (Bamaga Division and NPA Deputy Mayor)



As the Beatles say... *You say hello, I say goodbye*

With every welcome, we also say goodbye to a co-worker, and a friend. So now, as we take this time to welcome some new members to the NPARC family, we also wave goodbye to our former councilors Gina Nona (Injinoo), Peter Lui (Umagico), Reg Williams (Bamaga/ Dept Mayor), Michael Bond (New Mapoon), Jeffrey Aniba (Seisia) and Joseph Elu (Mayor).

From all the staff at NPARC, we'd like to say a big thank you for the enormous effort put in by each of these local representatives in steadying our council's transition through amalgamation.

This month, we also farewelled our Director of Corporate Services, Michael Freeman. Michael has been with us for 15 months and in that time done an outstanding job in managing our services. We wish him and his wife Nataliah the best of luck in the future.

NPA Dancers take the stage



Dancers: Brayden Mudu, Dan Sagigi, Preston Babia, Asuelu Aniba and Francis Elu with mentors Vincent Babia, Brett Aniba and Charles Aniba

Above: The Seisia Zugubal Thithui Dance Troupe prepare for the tourist season, when they will begin regular performances amongst a market place exhibiting local cultural practices.

"We have been donated a space bordering the Seisia Campgrounds," said dance mentor Charles Aniba, "where we will set up stalls that show spear making, costume design and drums, and in the center we have made a dance pad for our troupe to perform."

"We give a fresh spin to the cultural dance," mentor Vincent Babia explained, "we tell the stories of our people from the Island of Saibai, but also of their journey to the mainland, to the NPA.."

In other dance news, the Berlibal Dancers, took TI by storm with their outstanding performance at the Cultural Center Opening Ceremony.



After performing for the Umagico IKC Opening, Injinoo's Dance troupe are packing their bags for the 20th Anniversary of the Mabo decision, held in Townsville.

Two decades ago the High Court of Australia ruled that the lands of this continent were not *terra nullius* or belonging to no-one at the time of European Settlement, as had previously been claimed. On the contrary, Indigenous Australians had been inhabiting the lands continuously and had enjoyed certain land rights since settlement.

The ruling was the result of the Eddie Mabo and four other Meriam people of the Murray Islands in the Torres Strait taking action in the High Court of Australia, and successfully claiming confirmation of their traditional land rights.



Taking care of country

"The main thing about this job," Senior Ranger Wilfred Namoi tells, "is to listen to the elders. We have a lot of respect for every one of the rangers here, we listen to the senior rangers and we learn from the old fellas."

When Wilfred left school he started working for Uncle Shorty, who was then based at the Injinoo Ranger Station. Wilfred shadowed his mentor to learn about the land and his role as a ranger to protect it.

"We have a really unique place here," he said, "We've got things like cane toads and Gamba grass brought up here from down south, probably on someone's tires and we've got drift wood, nets and boast coming in from the Islands and Papua New Guinea. we even had a termite washed up from South America once— we are still not sure how he got here!"

How do you keep it all in check?

"We go on camps quite often, every few weeks we will go out to country for a week. In August we will be heading out for a month to check turtle nests and monitor the predators— usually goannas and wild pigs."

What advice would you give to any kids who want to be a ranger when they leave school?

"Go to school— attendance is important. Also, try really hard in math, English and science subjects. You should also listen to the elders when they talk about the land, learn the animals and the plants. We have lots of kids who want to be rangers, we take a work experience kid every Wednesday, and sometimes out on a week camp too."



Is there anyone in particular that really helped you on your way to becoming a senior ranger?

"Yeah, I learnt most things from [Senior Ranger] Christo Lifu and Uncle Shorty... but everyone here just helps each other."

The last frontier and front line of defence for the mainland, it's a big ask to care for this country, while also preserving our endangered species such as turtles and dugongs, but the rangers take it all in a day's work.



Deadly Job

to our building workers who worked on through the rainy weekend

Your say...

Our housing developments are springing up through out the communities of the NPA despite the late wet season.

We'd like to give a bit pat on the back to our development workers Jimmy Ropeyarn, Ryan Poi Poi, Doyle Sebasio, Gordon Mldu, Lyle Bowie and Nick Curnow as well as to Carl Castoes and the fellas from SeaSwit- who were on the job, delivering piping material to the Injinoo site in Snake Gully not only on the weekend, but through extreme wet weather!

They went above and beyond to continue their work, so this month our deadly job goes to them. Cheers!

Shame Job

to vandals of the New Mapoon Art

NPA Artists and community groups have been working alongside mosaic artist Dominic Johns to prepare unique mosaic designs for the New Mapoon All Abilities Playground.

The artworks—a welcome wall made with local totems and pottery pieces created by our HACC group, a 3m crocodile and a 1.5m tall Community heart, have made news across the Cape and Torres Strait and been adored by community members and tourists alike.

Unfortunately pieces have already been stolen or damaged. So this month our shame job goes to the people who have vandalized our beautiful community space.





Deputy Mayor Eddie Newman congratulates the students



NPA Students are most improved in the State

"It's a really big effort you guys have put in to reach this standard," said Deputy Mayor Eddie Newman as he congratulated the year 10 students of NPA State College.

The results of the NAPLAN survey conducted for every school in the state found NPA College year 10 students to have been the most improved since last year, NPA College current year 9 students second most improved since year 7, and NPA College Year 3 students ninth in the state for improvements.

The results not only show formidable improvements across the school, but show the extent of the improvements. Our current year 10's improvement rate was almost double the other top ranking schools.

"We are really proud," said Mr Newman, who had recently taught many of the students in a 'hands-on' class at the college, "you've worked really hard for this and it's paid off, well done."

"It's a sign of recognition for our students that will spark pride and help foster further improvements in all grades," said Mr Newman.

A big congratulations to all the students who studied hard and improved on their marks.

NPA Kidz R TOPZ at ROADSAFETY

Since the beginning of the school year, Police in the NPA have been working with the Northern Peninsula Area College and Ambulance staff to educate the youth of the NPA about road safety awareness.

Part of this program is the encouragement of all bicycle riders in the NPA to wear an approved helmet whenever riding a bicycle. As an encouragement, any child seen by Police wearing a helmet whilst out and about will be given a ticket to go in the draw to win a brand new bicycle at the end of the school year. There are three bikes available to be won, one for each of the school campuses in the NPA.

Police would like to ask parents and carers to encourage their children to wear a bicycle helmet and to also lead by example and wear a helmet themselves whilst riding bicycles in the NPA.

In July, Police will commence enforcement action against those persons found not wearing an approved helmet whilst riding a bicycle with fines up to \$100 to be issued to those not complying.

School students from years 7,8,9,10,11 and 12 have also had the opportunity to participate in the driving of motorised go-karts in a controlled environment on the high school oval learning basic road rules. This has been tremendous fun for all involved and there is more to come.

Police would like to thank Mr Barry McCartney from the NPA College for his generous and energetic assistance and involvement with this program. Police would also like to thank Mr Oliver Wacek of Trinity Cycles in Cairns for his support and assistance in providing the bicycles that will be raffled later in the year.

Article by Bamaga Station Acting Senior Srgt Don Roseby



The three bikes and helmets able to be won by NPA children!



A great respect for our Elders.



Our Family

Community is strong in the NPA, families are close and take care of one another. If one member is sick, it's not uncommon to see the entire family in and out of the hospital doors to check in. Weddings and funerals are enormous affairs which bring together the most distant family members. It's the culture of the place and of the people. Though sometimes it can be difficult to manage work and family responsibilities and this is where services such as HACC come in.

"The HACC Service is there for the elderly when their families can't be, for whatever reason," full time aged care giver, Sonya Sagaukaz explains.

"It's sort of like our chance to say thanks for all the help they have given us and the rest of the community throughout the years. Now it's our turn to give help back to them," Sonya said.

"Through the HACC service, we can give personal care to our clients," said aged care worker Stephen Williams, "from transport to domestic help to assisting with medication— that kind of thing."

The HACC building, based in Bamaga near Ginsau Oval, also houses the meals on wheels preparation.

Allison Gowa is our NPA Meals on Wheels cook, coming on as a full time cook with HACC in 2011. A busy mother of four, she still manages to prepare lunches and dinner for all clients who cannot cook for themselves.

"It's a great job," Allison said, "I love to cook, especially banana cakes!"



"As an aged care worker, you are there for the clients every day. They become your family, we are very close to our clients," said Levi Tom, a full time aged care giver with NPA HACC.

"I'm originally from Boigu Island," Levi said, "and it was a real shock for me when I first moved to Bamaga— I'd never sat with other people before. When I went to school the clients I care for now were my family and cared for me then."

It's this family atmosphere and genuine respect and understanding that makes HACC such a great service here in the NPA. The clients are seen as elders of the community, with great wisdom and community standing.

Many years ago elders would govern the communities, drawing upon years of experience and knowledge.

"I see kids sometimes walk straight past an elder who might be trying to lift some shopping bags or walk across the road and they don't even offer to help," said Stephen. "I'd like to encourage more youths to take the time to listen to their elders stories, and learn something about their culture. I'd like to see them be given a bit more respect in the community."

"The clients have such great stories to tell, we learn so much from them."

These feelings are shared by the other workers, and it's clear that the care givers at HACC just adore their clients.

"They love playing cards," Stephen adds with a laugh, "and they are very good— they always beat me!"

"I have always worked in aged care and nursing, I left school in year 11 to be a care giver for my grandmother, and when she passed away it was only natural to continue in that line of work."

You need only to spend a day with the HACC group, to see they are all a real bunch of characters. They have grown up in the area— raised children here, worked, lived and loved here and they know their land and culture.

"The best part of our job is respite day— on Tuesdays," said aged care giver Sonya Sagaukaz, "everyone is here at once and we all laugh, play games and tell stories. The clients have such great stories to tell, we learn so much from them."

Each with a hat full of stories and always ready for a laugh, it's hat's off to our NPA elders, and to our elderly care givers at HACC.



Meet the team...



Rain or shine: to keep NPA life running smoothly



The rain wasn't about to stop the delivery of these pipes. Sea Swift and NPARC workers worked through the rain and weekend to deliver the housing material on schedule.

Houses pushing up like daisies!



32 Tamwoy st, Injinoo



Brown st, New Mapoon



2A Charlie st, Umagico



7A Charlie St, Umagico



5 Mara St, Umagico



Graffiti and vandalism had reduced this Bamaga bus shelter to ruins, but thanks to our NPARC Carpenters Edmond Ober and Wilfred Bond, the shelter was soon looking good as new! Within just a few days of careful work, the two had removed the damaged back and replaced it with a new wooden back to protect commuters from the rain and sun.



Where would we be without our garbage collectors? Every week without fail our waste is collected from our homes, taken to the dump and periodically burnt off. A big esso to Percy Clermont and Edward Solomon for their essential service! Give them a wave as you see them go by.



No more crime in our communities

On Monday 22nd May, workers at Seisia Supermarket opened up to find the aftermath of a break-in.

It's known that six offenders were captured on security footage at approximately 1:30am, breaking into and vandalizing the supermarket.

Bamaga Police are looking into the event, Officer in Charge Amy Sherwood says two men have been charged.

"The offenders have stolen a quantity of cigarettes and food items," Officer Sherwood said, "[they] have also gained access to the ATM, causing substantial damage to the machine to steal approximately \$36 000."

Officer Sherwood has asked any community members with any knowledge of the break in to contact Police or Crime Stoppers. "Police are seeking information from the NPA community members about any large amount of money being spent in the area."

Seisia Enterprises CEO Arthur Wong said the crime will seriously hurt community members.

"We employ a lot of casual workers, who will miss out on shifts due to this break in. It will also hurt the daily shoppers who come to get break of milk and who don't have any transport to get to another store."

If you have any information, please contact Bamaga Police on 4090 4500 or Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000.



Trash to the dump, not in our backyard



On the back roads of the NPA communities you will find beautiful Australian bush and wildlife... and this. Turtle shells, food scraps, plastic waste and beer cans strewn across the roads.

"These animals are sacred to us," said newly inducted Mayor Bernard Charlie, "We have to respect them as well as our rights to hunt. If you hunt turtle you have to dispose of your rubbish properly."

You can either take your waste to the dump or ask to have a skip container delivered to your home before an event and removed afterwards.

Contact Environmental services on 4069 3991





Call for better care

NPARC Environmental Services workers are again asking owners of livestock to take more responsibility in the care of their animals, after a foal was seen to have a swollen and infected hoof for over two months.

In early May Environmental Services workers secured the young filly in a pen near the New Mapoon water treatment to tend to her leg. They were assisted by Colleen Shepherd of Seisia Meat works, who treated and bound the wound before the brave filly was released to the larger fenced area, to be with her mother.

"It's difficult to maintain animal control when the dogs and livestock are left to roam free," said Animal Management Officer George Mara.

"It not only increases the risk of injury to the animal, from road accidents to snake bites and infection, but it also makes it harder for us to capture or confine dangerous or injured animals. We ask that all dogs and livestock are properly contained by owners."

Mr Mara also asked that pet owners consider the health implications of keeping an unhealthy animal.

As livestock and dogs roam freely across the NPA, they could be spreading worms, fleas, ticks and infection to not only one another, but to our community members.

"Worms are spread between animals through eggs in the faeces. A horse could ingest the internal worms by accidentally eating eggs on the grass or another animal could pick it up as they walk by— including humans."

If your animal is properly cared for and enclosed we can manage the spread of infection and internal worms, and help keep families healthy.

"The owners have a duty of care to the animal and the community," said Mr Mara.

If you would like help worming your animal, advice on enclosures or to report an animal, please contact NPARC Environmental Services on **4069 3992**.



Pressing on

There is more to printing than just carving slits into linoleum tiles. Much more.

"It's hard to describe any of the processes without a demonstration," says returning guest artist Hannah Parker.

"Though once you understand how the printing process works, you can look into the design and different ways to achieve different results," she said, shuffling through images from various print artists.

If you've ever wondered why anyone would go to the trouble of sketching, then carving, inking and printing a piece when they could simply paint or draw straight onto the paper— then head down to the Arts Center in New Mapoon to have a look at what some of our local artists have created.

The images take on a bold emphasis that would be unachievable in any other medium.

It's also clear that lino printing is just one part of the printer's repertoire. Liz Hunter joined Hannah for a week long visit hosting workshops that covered etching, screen printing and other forms of print making.

"We'd have liked to see some more people come down on the weekend," said Liz, "but if anyone missed out they can always head down and work alongside the resident artists here. They can pass on the skills and operate the press, so they can continue making prints after we are gone."

By mid-week the Arts Center had been transformed, with prints drying on every available flat surface. The collection of Agnes' fruit bat prints looked like a roost had moved into the shed to live!





Going the distance for mental health awareness

It's been over four months and over 5,012km since Brad Arthur-Carron set off from his home in Canberra to run unassisted from the capital to the Cape. Four months in the same two sets of running clothes, the same shoes and the same goal—raise money and awareness for AFFIRM (Australian Foundation for Mental Health research).

NPARC Arts Center resident artists Susan Kennedy and Agnes Mark presented Brad with some beautiful unique artworks to show their support for his cause.



Store closed as stock spoils

"It was the first time in 11 years that we didn't open," said Umagico Supermarket Manager Peter Craven.

Over the Labour Day long weekend the store's meat fridge fans were vandalized, causing the refrigerated stock to spoil.

The meat fridge motor had rubbish from the nearby dumpster shoved into the fan mechanism, breaking the motor and resulting in thousands of dollars of spoiled stock.

"The Council will only continue to operate the store if it remains profitable," said NPARC CEO Stuart Duncan, "every time we have to repair senseless damage it places Council's ability to keep the shop open in serious danger."

The store is known for its great range of fresh fruit and veg, one of only three supermarkets in the NPA.



Pictured: the damaged fans located behind the Umagico Supermarket



Be heard in the NPA

If you have an event to promote or a yarn to tell, give Amy a call at 91.9FM, Red Dust Country Radio and *be heard* in the NPA..

Contact: 4069 3356



Healthy hearts for longer lives

The bottom line is this; healthy diets and exercise lead to healthy bodies. Though life's little indulgences seem to be getting in the way of this would-be perfect plan, so health workers in NPA hit the streets to help kick-start some healthy habits.

"Excessive drinking and smoking as well as unhealthy diet are the main issues we face in communities such as these," said ATODS worker Aaron Gibuma.

"What many people don't know, is that excessive drinking and smoking can lead to serious health issues and drastically reduce life expectancy."

It's well known that drinking can lead to liver disease and smoking can cause lung cancer, but both can also lead to a whole lot of other health problems.

In fact, cardiovascular diseases are responsible for much of the reduced life expectancy of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, according to research completed by the University of Sydney.

In May 2012, NPA Health workers from the Family Resource Center, Queensland Ambulance Service, ATODS (Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Services) and QIFVLS (Family Justice and well being) participated in Heart Week to educate NPA communities about healthy life choices and the possible impacts of their current life choices.

It might take a bit more than just an apple a day...



The boys in blue... and orange

Not so long ago, the toilet block in front of the Bamaga Oval was a bit of an eye sore, with ugly graffiti tags sprayed across the walls.

In May our CDEP team took to the block with paint and rollers, making the walls clean and colourful.

"It would be great to see the kids actually doing something useful with their time. Even a wall mural or something, not tags," said CDEP mentor Alan Bond.

Pictured: Alan Bond, Jackson Nawie, Robert Lifu and Jimmy Tamwoy.

CDEP are busy making our buildings beautiful!



Before...



After...



Upcoming Exhibition

Our NPA Arts Center is usually a peaceful place, where our artists are quietly immersed in their art works- but of late it has began to more closely resemble a bee hive as people swarm about the center preparing for the upcoming NPA Exhibition in Cairns.

It will be the first time an exhibition has been held to solely showcase art-work from the NPA and not surprisingly, the excitement is building. Over the last few months distinguished artists have been dropping into the center to assist in the progress of the exhibition, including visits from Arone Meeks, who taught our resident artists to use new mediums and techniques.

"I thought painting was just this," resident artist Agnes Mark said, gesturing to one of her earlier two dimensional paintings on the gallery wall, "but it can be so much more. We learnt how to put more into the artwork to help tell the story."

The process from our Arts Center to the gallery wall in Cairns is a big learning curve for our artists. They learnt to price their work, hanging techniques, and presentation such as profiles and authenticity certificates.

It's so important they learn the complete process to get to the exhibition stage," said Mr Meeks, "Their work is so powerful and professional, we just need to get the fine lines of exhibition readiness now."

It will be a unique opportunity for the high quality art that is produced here in the NPA to be recognized at the professional standard that it is, but also for the stories of the NPA to reach a wider audience. Most of the art work to be displayed tells a story from the artist's history or home.

"I always paint something for my family," Susan Kennedy said, "we have so many stories, and are making new ones every day- I can't think of anything better to tell."

Artists Ron Peter Kelly, Susan Kennedy, Agnes Mark, Geraldine Yorke, Vinson Babia, Marsat Newman, Anzack Newman and Roy Solomon will have their work on display at the UMI Gallery in Cairns for 6 weeks, with the opening night on June 14th. Their art works cover a range of mediums from carving and sculpture to painting and prints. Any unsold art works will have a second viewing opportunity in UMI Art's *Pathways 3* group exhibition held from the 15th August to the 26th September.

The exhibition is not only a great opportunity for our showcased artists, but for all NPA Artists who would like to gain recognition. We encourage any artists in the NPA to come down to the Arts Center and join in, perhaps ask for some advice on preparing exhibition works from our resident artists.

The artists would like to acknowledge the help from visiting artists Dominic Johns, Hannah Parker, Liz Hunter and Arone Meeks, and the guidance of Teho Ropeyarn, who is curating the exhibition gallery this June.

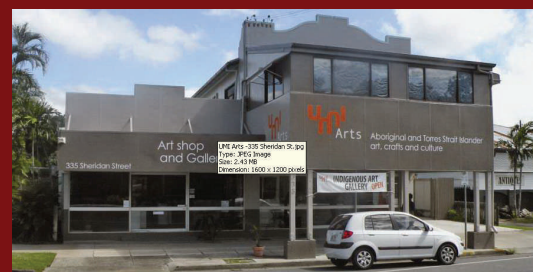


NPA Exhibition Details

When: June 14th– July 25th

Where: UMI Art Gallery
335 Sheridan St, North Cairns.

Contact: Teho Ropeyarn on 4041 6152
or visit www.umiarts.com.au



“ I am determined to see the NPA and Torres Strait represented with a strong voice. I have been appointed the Assistant Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Affairs with a clear mandate for change and a fair go. ”



**Member for Cape York
David Kempton
speaks about health, education and heritage listing in the NPA.**

Mr Kempton, you have strongly condemned the amalgamation of many small local councils, in an amalgamated region such as this, how do you propose to manage the unique heritage of each community while managing as a region?

As I travelled the islands during the campaign I learned firsthand of the upset and despair many people felt about losing their voice and autonomy through amalgamation. Whilst for governance, financial and practical reasons it may not be possible to de-amalgamate I am committed to working with the existing Councils, elders, community leaders and government to find a better way of ensuring that island people and mainland communities do not feel left out and disenfranchised.

Will the NPA be further considered for World Heritage Listing?

The Campbell Newman LNP government will only consider WHL as a land management tool where it is appropriate to do so and only with the consent of traditional landholders and after extensive consultation.

An issue for this area is medical care- pregnant women must travel to TI months prior to give birth and many basic medical therapies are not available at all- such as physiotherapy. How will the LNP Government assist medical services?

We have committed to doubling the public transit scheme and are looking to replacing birthing centers at appropriate locations. We are creating hospital boards to ensure more transparency delivery and services around health

What is the Liberal government's proposals to support education in communities such as these?

The LNP government is committed to ensuring the standard of education applicable to the needs of the community in terms of preservation of culture and as the foundation of each child's future. We will be consulting with educators and parents to achieve this outcome.

Sky and sea— blue highways to the NPA

It's no secret that the NPA is a remote and sometimes isolated region. We rely heavily on air and sea transport for our essential services including transport of produce, fuel and for emergency purposes.



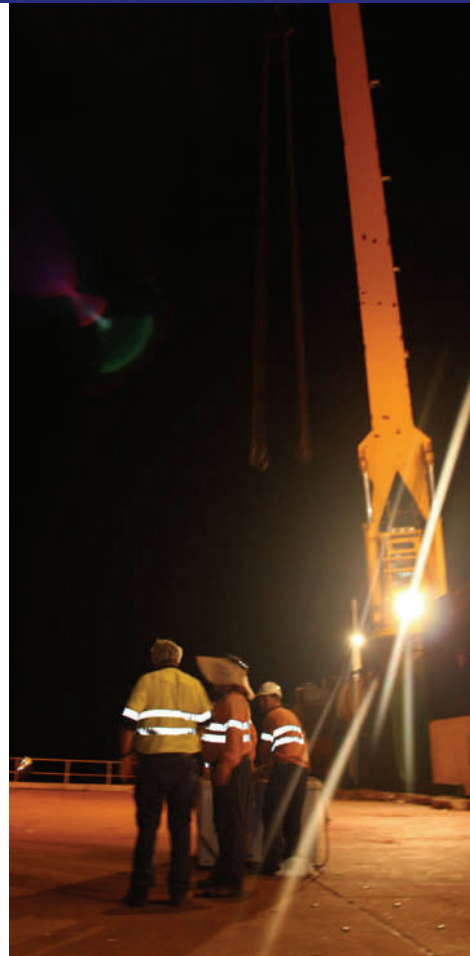
"It's an essential service really," Airport Manager Ben Poulton said, speaking of the operation of the NPA Airport, "it's such a remote location especially for the three months of the year we are cut off by land."

"We get freight deliveries and passenger flights through Skytrans and also get smaller planes in for re-fueling, cargo drops or pick ups and the odd medical evacuation. I'm on call 24/7 in case the Royal Flying Doctor Service needs to use the airport," said Mr Poulton.

Though we don't just look to the skies for support, much of the NPA's lively hood relies upon sea travel. Without the regular shipments from Sea Swift into Seisia Harbour, NPA fuel would run dry and transport of heavy goods, building materials and food would all but cease.

When the mother ship come to dock, the usually sleepy wharf becomes a bustling business area; with cargo, fuel and supplies being swapped between ships the size of the wharf itself! Some crews have barely time to walk to the local store to grab a bite to eat before they are back to sea for months on end.

Even now, as the roads heading South are opened, the sea and the sky remain are our essential links to the south for food, fuel, freight and travel.



It might be worth a second thought on the journey it took, next time you fill up your car or grocery cart.

Sports and science side-by side

If you felt like the NPA grew a little wiser over the month, it might be because of the grand opening of the most Northern remote Sporting Library in Umagico on the 25th May, along with an IT IKC room located in the HACC building, Bamaga.

Umagico's Sporting library is a trial for the area, the first of it's kind in a remote community, it will allow members to borrow sporting equipment, as well as books and provision of high speed internet access.



Umagico Sporting Library Opening

“Our IKC's are a place where we can keep our culture and knowledge alive. There is a lot of hear-say about our pasts, which makes it so important we have these knowledge centers to keep accurate records for future generations,” said Mayor Bernard Charlie.



With the opening of the IT room in Bamaga, each of the five NPA communities now have access to their own local IKC, though the libraries are open to members of each community.

The IKC's offer IT training, access to records, books and internet as well as cultural and craft workshops.

“We welcome this IKC, as an asset to our community and a way to keep our history alive,” said Councilor Dennis Getawan, “we invite all people from the NPA and outside to come and visit, and learn about our culture.”



Starlight footy

Each Monday and Wednesday night the Bamaga Oval comes alive with touch footy teams from each of the NPA communities.

“We have a team from each community, and some mixed teams too,” said touch player Aaron Gibuma. “All the teams are mixed gender, which is great- the girls are really fast!”

This is the first year the communities have come together to compete in touch footy, a bi-weekly event only made possible by the passion of the players and volunteers to ref and score.

Speaking of keeping score, it's not hard to keep track of the Injinoo team, who have been undefeated all year.

“Our team is number one on the ladder right now,” said NAPRC Youth Worker and team coordinator Gordon Solomon, “they train nearly every night in the Injinoo Park, until it gets too dark to play.”

Games are open to anyone with skills and a pair of shoes or even without!





So what's on in the NPA in June?

Careers Market– June 12

School leavers are invited to attend the 2012 Careers Market held at Bamaga State School Campus on June 12th. All ages welcome, there will be information on a range of jobs located within and out of the NPA region. You might find a perfect job for you that you never even knew existed! Contact Louisa West on 4048 6602 for NPARC job listings.

NPA's Got Talent– Re-scheduled

The NPA Talent Quest has been rescheduled for June 11th, on the Queen Jubilee Long Weekend, to be held at If you've got a talent and would like to register, contact the NPARC Events Team on 4069 3388.

Emergency Service Training

SES and Rural Fire Brigade training sessions are still being held on alternate Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Regular training dates in June will be:

Tuesdays 5th and 19th, Saturdays 2nd, 16th and 30th.

Contact Pete Kelly on 4069 3555 for more info or come along to a training night.

Sunset Markets

The NPA Sunset Markets are up and running once again, held in Seisia each Saturday at dusk, running 4pm to 6pm.

Heavy Machinery Training

NPARC training will be holding a TAFE course for Heavy Machinery Training at the New Mapoon Hall for the week starting 4th June. Contact CDEP Manager Michael Bond at the NPARC Seisia Office to apply or for more information.

NPA Art Exhibition

Cairns Exhibition Opening Week. The first NPA Art Exhibition, held in Cairns at the UMI Gallery, opening June 11th.

Stary Night Cinema

Did someone say free films and popcorn? NPA Family Resources will be holding a cinema night in Bamaga, on June 1st at 6pm, held next to the HACC Center to close Domestic Violence Awareness month and welcome NAIDOC week, taking a look at healthy relationships.

All welcome. A free bus service will be picking people up from bus stops in each community on the night, leaving Seisia and Injinoo at 5:30pm, New Mapoon and Umagico at 5:45pm and Bamaga at 5:55pm.

Seisia Dancers

The Seisia Zugubal Thithui Dance Troupe will be beginning weekly dance performances in June, to be held at the Seisia campgrounds.

Remember: Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council meetings will be held on the last Tuesday of each month. All are welcome to attend.

If you have any topics you wish to be raised in these meetings, please contact your local councilor.



NPA Artists get ready for the final weeks before their premier Exhibition in Cairns, June 11th-14th.

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