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New Hunting Laws

A message from Traditional Owners, to all hunters in NPA:

CULTURE is a constitution that governs Indigenous peoples lifestyle and day to day duties; one of the most important protocols within our culture is RESPECT.

Due to the recent exposure of a mass slaughter of dugong from Escape River, Traditional Owners of NPA land and water have decided to enforce hunting regulations upon their region.

Acknowledging traditional hunting rights under the native title act section 211, and also the right for hunters of each community to hunt within NPA waters, traditional owners have released the above statement, along with regulations for hunting.

Hunters will now require a permit before setting out to hunt. The permit allows that particular hunter to hunt within NPA waters, providing they abide by set regulations and do not take more than they are permitted to.

These regulations are put in place to conserve natural resources, including turtle and dugong.

"We want to make sure there is turtle and dugong for future generations as well," said Eric Cottis, Chairman of the Gudang/ Yadhaykenu Amung Aboriginal Corporation.

In Australia, most species of sea turtle are considered either endangered or vulnerable, including the Hawksbill, Green Sea Turtle and Flat back Turtle known to Cape York and the Torres Strait.

Worldwide, dugong are considered an endangered species, threatened to near extinction.

Both sea turtle and dugong are protected species, and outside of native title, it is illegal to hunt them.

Therefore, only traditional owners may hunt these animals, and only within their own region.

Hunters can ask for a hunting permit from a nominated or authorized traditional owner.

If you have any doubts about your rights, please discuss your questions with the Apudthama Rangers.



This month, NPARC say farewell to four outstanding staff members.

A big farewell and best wishes to Peter and Maggie Craven, who will be moving to Singapore after over 10 years living in the NPA.

Peter has been managing the local Umagico store since 2001, with Maggie joining the store team in 2008.

During that time, they've seen our communities change and grow, and have called the NPA home. They will be missed, for always having time for a chat at the checkout or by the shelves.

Thanks for your hard work and dedication
Peter and Maggie, All the best.



Shells and carcasses dumped behind Bamaga



Under section 211 of the Native Title Act 1993, the right to hunt turtle and dugong in any particular waters is a right which is limited to those people who have the native title right to those waters.

Hunters with native title rights to their particular waters are awarded the right to hunt for the purpose of satisfying their personal, domestic or non-commercial communal needs, or to exercise their rights for enjoyment of their native title rights and interests.

This right applies even where a Federal or State law prohibits or limits or restricts the particular activity.

The hunting must be carried out in exercise of and limited by the native title rights and interests.



This month we say thank you and farewell to Mr Jeff Brown. Jeff has been with NPARC since August this year, filling the role of Acting CEO.

During his short time with NPARC, Jeff met and befriended most of the NPARC staff and assisted in the ongoing recruitment process for a Permanent CEO.

With years of experience in local government, Jeff became quickly known for his calm attitude and problem solving tips. Cheers mate.



Another farewell to our Uncle Loxie. Ron Kelly Peter has worked at the NPA Arts Centre for the past year, during which time he has had his work showcased in two Cairns exhibitions, and sent works to Gab Ti-Tui Gallery on Thursday Island.

Well known for his beautiful artwork, Loxie is better known among his workmates for his cheerful attitude and deadly sense of humour. We'll miss you Uncle Loxie, big esso.

Tell me more... about the 10 year Plan

Over the past two months, over 250 NPA community members have attended community engagement sessions, stepping up to help build our region's Ten Year Plan.

The concept of the plan is this: it is created by community members and implemented by community members.

It is not created for the community by an outside entity. Rather, Mayor Bernard Charlie has contacted independent consultant Annalise Jennings, to work with our communities to create a plan that will suit them, to achieve the region's common goals, to make a plan that reflects what *the community want*.

Mayor Charlie says his biggest hope for this plan is to see unity and cohesion across the communities of the NPA.

This plan will align resources and services already working within the region, to improve what is working well and build up what is needed.

It will not replace previously made plans created in response to statutory requirements, but will unite them, with community interest and community drive at the heart.

During the community engagement process, members of the community from all walks of life came together and set down goals for the region's future. They began with a discussion about their own values, the driving force behind their own day to day decisions.

What was discovered is that regardless of heritage, upbringing, wealth or education, each group were representing the same core values.

In a recent session, group members found through their discussions that sometimes beliefs and agendas can keep us apart, labeling us as one thing or another, but if we set these aside for a moment and look at the very core values that we identify with, we will find these are what unites us.

From there, the groups worked together to discuss what they loved about their community and lifestyle, what they want to see supported in their community and others.

Cultural practices such as hunting, tombstone openings and dancing were identified as assets to our region that should be nurtured. They also identified services and infrastructure that was working well and should be replicated or expanded.

Next they discussed what is important to their community and to themselves, that needs to be supported or reinvigorated. These are the areas that we want to see improve over the duration of the plan.

So in a few short hours, each group had discovered what they were willing to support, to work for to see grow and develop in the region.

Through incorporating local businesses and organisations, service providers, Government and NGO's and community members from each of our five communities, the data collected through the community consultation process will clearly reflect a balanced view of what is important to our region as a whole.

From there it can be ensured that each voice is represented within the plan, and ensure equity throughout the region, so each community will benefit and prosper.

In the following steps, this data will be collated to reveal the essential common goals and values that were brought up in each session, and these will create the core focus of our regional 10 year plan.



These common goals and values will be discussed between community leaders, elders and selected youths to discuss means of achieving these, in a three day intensive workshop.

Invitations have been sent to community leaders; including representatives of core organizations (health/ education/ Police), community elders and cultural leaders, elected representatives and youth leaders.

The workshop will be attended by around 35 representatives, who will be presented with the data collected from the community engagement, and will work together to build a plan that will achieve these goals.

The process utilized to create this plan will focus on the region's strengths and build a future that is tailored to promoting and supporting these. through doing so, the weaknesses in our community will begin to fade naturally.

If we put all our efforts into working together to achieve these goals, focusing on the values that drive us and that created this plan, there will be no more time or effort to be put into the things that we dislike, they too will fall away naturally.

Any plan will only succeed with full support, interest and passion, so it is upon our core values, interests and passions that *this* plan is to be built.

So far, the plan's creation has already been supported by a range of representatives from emergency service providers, local service providers including Police, health and family services, as well as Church groups, mens and womens groups, education, Government, local businesses and employment agencies and community members from a range of local work places, and from varying age groups from youths to elders.

With many of the same values and goals expressed in each session, it is clear we are all already working for the same things– to see our future generations benefit from education, training, job opportunities, housing, strong culture, health, aged care and sustainable environmental management...

A frequently asked question is *who will implement this plan once it's made?*
The answer is us.

You, me, everyone.

All of us; each community member, each business, organization, school and church group, down to each street and each home. This is a plan for our communities, to be upheld by our communities. There will be no-one coming in to 'enforce' this plan, it will be put into action in our day to day activities and actions.

The plan will allow our resources and funding to be utilized and focused on what we have deemed is important to our communities and our region. The NPA 10 year plan will work as a reminder of what we really want, to keep us focused so that these goals can be achieved and our future generations can have the best possible opportunities.

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**one mob
one group
in unity for our future**



Esso to Sandra Sebasio for creole translation.

Mapping the past, present and future

Heritage Site Vandalised

This month Rangers found that the mass burial site at Fly Point has been vandalised. The vandals cut the fence erected earlier this year by NPA Rangers and removed timber strainer posts.

"This is a complete disrespect for culture, history and our hard work," said NPA Ranger Coordinator Warren Strevens.

Earlier this year Rangers sectioned the site off, after receiving reports that the site was being driven on and walked over. They first removed the existing dilapidated fence and replaced it with a newly constructed fence to protect the culturally significant site.

After the recent vandalism this month, Rangers have once again reconstructed the fence and ask that people respect the area.

There are many areas of cultural, environmental and historical significance within our region, and these areas need to be respected and protected.

Certain areas are not able to be marked or designated as cultural areas, which can make protecting such areas quite difficult, and can mean that they are entered by people unknowingly. Areas that are marked off are expected to be treated with respect and not entered.

Due to language barriers and cultural differences between early settlers and indigenous populations, it's believed that some of the earliest recorded indigenous knowledge may be inaccurate.

"When traditional knowledge was first recorded by white man, their English was very broken, so white man would have tried to put words in his mouth to understand," said Rocky Baggie.

It is with this, and other known discrepancies, in mind that members of the Apudthama Land Trust and Injinoo community worked with Dr Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy and Dr Shelley Greer to record traditional place names and rough areas of cultural, ecological or historical significance.

This data will be kept by the Land Trust, to be made available with permission, to community members, researchers or visitors.

The recording process has allowed for sensitive cultural information to be collected and stored, with access restricted to certain clans/families or elders. This will help to preserve cultural knowledge that cannot be shared with the wider community.

Dr McIntyre-Tamwoy and Dr Shelley Greer have been working on this project for many years, recording extensive cultural knowledge in the area.

They have also been searching worldwide for records, artifacts and information regarding the Torres Strait and areas of Cape York.

From this research, they have compiled a database of links to where information is being kept and how it can be accessed, including the whereabouts of many cultural artifacts taken from the first contact with white explorers.

"We've got a great resource here," said Dr McIntyre-Tamwoy, "there is lots more to do, but it's a good start."

The database will be handed over to the Apudthama Land Trust, to be added to and up kept, so they can have a comprehensive record of cultural information regarding Apudthama lands and the Torres Strait.

The database will also be linked to data currently being compiled by rangers, such as species numbers and breeding habits, as well as ghost nets, culls and more.



(R-L) Mayor Charlie, Dale Salee and Richard Woosup provide traditional names for mapped areas within the region



Bamaga Hospital Thong Tree

Next month we will look at more fitness programs, from kick boxing to Volleyball

Fitness, friends and good health....

Meet some of the dedicated volunteers behind NPA active programs.

By day Leandra Newman is an NPARC Finance and Housing Officer, but after five she volunteers as a part of the NPARC Events team to run fitness classes with her training partner Carol Williams. From push ups to the pool, these two ladies have got you covered.

Fitness fanatics Leandra and Carol have been delivering circuit training and aqua aerobics classes all year round, providing the perfect excuse for us to pull on our workout pants, get outdoors and get moving. Though the challenge doesn't stop here for this effervescent exercise team, with plans to start their own fitness business in the near future.

"We've recently gotten some funding from Bamaga Enterprise Limited," Leandra explains, "which means that we can get some of our own equipment to run outdoor circuit and boot camp classes."

"We are hoping to start up our own business soon," says Carol as she sets some tunes from the Biggest Loser soundtrack for the upcoming water aerobics class, sponsored by NPA Family Resource Centre.

"The water aerobics is great because it not only burns more calories with the added resistance, but it's gentle on your knees and back."

Water Aerobics on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 and Circuit on Tuesday and Thursdays.

A sport that combines martial arts with wrestling moves, requires endurance and strength as well as quick thinking, no wonder numbers are increasing for Xavier's bi-weekly judo training classes.

"It's a contact sport, which is something that you don't get to practice with many fitness classes," Xavier said, "it also is based around respect. No matter if you win or lose, you still bow to your opponent."

Xavier Barker began learning judo in 2005, at the Tecoma Judo Club in Melbourne, where he trained under Nick Witkamp. From there he started competing successfully, while improving his skill level, rising through belt ranks.

Last month Xavier started teaching beginners judo from the Bamaga Gym, volunteering to provide a school holiday program for two weeks. Thanks to the overwhelming response from the beginners class, Xavier has created the NPA Judo Club, an affiliated club supported by the Australian Judo association and NPARC. Training is held twice a week, assisted by Gym supervisor Michael Idoi.

As the students improve, they will be graded and moved up through belt colours to match their skill. Xavier is hoping to have students ready to compete in next year's State Championships.

Classes held on Monday and Wednesday evenings at Bamaga Gym, ages 5-10 at 5:20pm, ages 11-14 at 6pm and ages 15 and up at 7pm.



Housing and Development

Bamaga Subdivision, October 11th

This month, housing subdivision work in Bamaga and Injinoo was focused on the installation of storm water pipes and road base.

Work also continued in leveling roads and streets between the housing pads, to prepare for guttering and bitumen.

Half of the Snake Gully site s now leveled and cleared, with roads and housing pads and all of Bamaga Division hill has been leveled and sectioned to roads and housing pads.



Wet Season

As the first rains of the wet season washed away the dust, development on the housing sites was untroubled.

"The first rains haven't caused us any grief yet," said NPARC Director of Operations, Geoff Rintoul, "we are continuing on work, and hoping to have all storm water pipes installed by early November."

In previous wet seasons, Elu St in Bamaga has been severely eroded by stormwater runoff.

This known problem area was a key factor in calculations and designs for the Bamaga subdivision, with extra care being taken to design a new stormwater runoff management system to ensure the street would not be eroded.

This month the road was dug up to place large stormwater and runoff pipes below. These have the capacity to manage the high levels of storm runoff the areas experiences in the wet season.

NPARC Operations are also focusing on trying to alleviate the effects of flooding that have been experienced in the past, near Jacob St.



Elu St, Bamaga, October 11th

Star on the rise



Not even ten years old and already young Timothy Sunai is setting tongues wagging, thanks to his skills on the field.

In a recent game playing for the Kangaroos Under 9s team, Timothy was noticed for his agility and speed, easily scoring try after try for his team.

"Too many to count," said proud mum, Peri Sunai, who has been at each game, cheering on her son from the side lines.

Not one to brag or to buy tickets on himself, Timothy quietly says he just loves to play rugby league.

"I want to play for the Broncos when I'm old enough," he said, "like my hero, Jonathon Thurston."

So here is one to keep an eye out for in upcoming State Of Origin games... though there may be still a few years to go.



Timothy and his mother Peri at Seisia

A Legacy in Gold



The concentration and precision put into each and every stencil made is a testimony to the care and expertise of NPA artists Susan Kennedy, Agnes Mark and Vincent Babia.

Their first screen printing project was to print family totems onto tablecloths for a tombstone opening celebration this month.

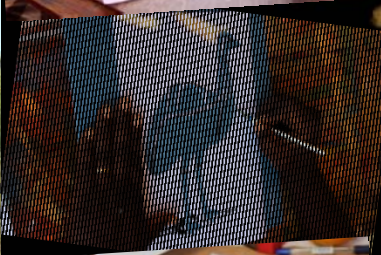
"Our ancestor's spirits must have been with us all along," said Susan, "we were learning as we went and the first practice run we did, we had the letters reversed. The screen wouldn't work properly for it, and we know it must have been because our ancestors were watching over, they wanted it to be right."

The three totems; Kadal, Zamu and Thabu, were painstakingly cut out by hand, then taped to the screen. This was positioned on the cloth with care to ensure it was perfectly centered, and printed three times on each.

After each printing session, the stencils had to be re-drawn and cut again, for the next session.

"We are having fun working together," said Vincent Babia, "we are looking forward to more projects with screen printing."

Printing workshops with Hannah Parker and Liz Hunter will be held in November at the Arts Centre.





Ready Mix team (L-R) Dan Nawakie, Bindi Nadredre, Tapee Salee, George Ropeyarn and Cameron Salee

What started as a small business with only one truck and one backhoe is now the sole cement supplier for the NPA.

"We started in the late 80s, when the Injinoo community had just formed the Injinoo local council" says Ready Mix Supervisor, George Ropeyarn, "we were based on the other side of Injinoo, in the dongas opposite where the IKC and Youth Centre are now.

"That wasn't the original cement plant in Injinoo though," George tells, "the first was actually right next to where our plant is today. Although, after the council was established, we started our own and moved it down near the river there."

"A bloke I used to work for in the Dept of Community Services, Ron Hutton, assisted with the setting up of the plant, so we could be contracted.

"We started producing concrete and delivering to sites in Injinoo, then as we grew, we began providing to other communities as well.

"When we started, it was just Dale Salee, a small gang and myself with one 2-tonne truck and one David Brown tractor. Eventually, we had to move to the current site, as we got bigger and the demand grew."

They've come a long way since then, becoming the single distribution point for ready made cement in the NPA, providing cement for domestic, business and public space developments from driveways to gutters and parks.

"Now we have two trucks and a plant and a great team of five workers," George said.

The plant provides the concrete ready to use, mixing the cement powder, water and sand on site, filling the truck and delivering the mix.

"The only thing we don't do is lay the cement," said ready mix worker Tapee Salee.

In the upcoming months, as development sites in Injinoo and Bamaga kick on, the Injinoo Ready Mix team will begin working near 12 hour days to keep up with the demand for concrete within the sites.

To give an idea of just how much concrete will be required over the coming weeks, a massive 800 tonne of stone was recently delivered to the Injinoo plant, along with 1000 m³ of sand, to be mixed into the concrete for use in the Injinoo and Bamaga subdivisions for curb and channel work.

**In the mix -
behind the mask**



On the road again...

Goodbye corrugations and narrow bends- the road to Mutee Heads has had some serious work!

Under the watchful eye of traditional owner Reg Williams, dozers were used to push away trees and bush, to widen the road before it was graded.

NPA Earthmoving were contracted for the job, completing the 7.5 km from Barn Bridge to Ichirra in just 8 days.

"They did a great job, especially to complete the work with limited time," said NPARC Works Manager Nick Curnow, "we will be contracting them again to complete the rest of the road, from the Jardine Road turnoff, to Barn Bridge."

Farm fresh on the way

Just in time for the first rainfall, Bamaga farm workers have planted the first seedlings; including pumpkin, watermelons, honey dew, sweet corn tomatoes, lettuce and over one hundred cassava bones.

Up until now, farm workers have been preparing the ground, tilling and fertilising to ensure the seedlings have the best chance of survival, while rearing seedlings in shaded garden shelves.

Shade structures have been constructed over the seedlings area to ease them into the harsh sun, and double as a protection from heavy downfall.

The first expected harvest will be watermelons and pumpkins, both of which have begun to fruit before they had a chance to get them in the fields.

Fresh herbs have also near reached the size where they can be picked for local sale.



Sands of time: Seisia History Project

Though it is the most recently settled of the five NPA Communities, there is surprisingly little recorded history for Seisia community. Seisia IKC Coordinator Mabelene Whap has begun to collect information, photos and stories from community members to begin to build up some community history records.

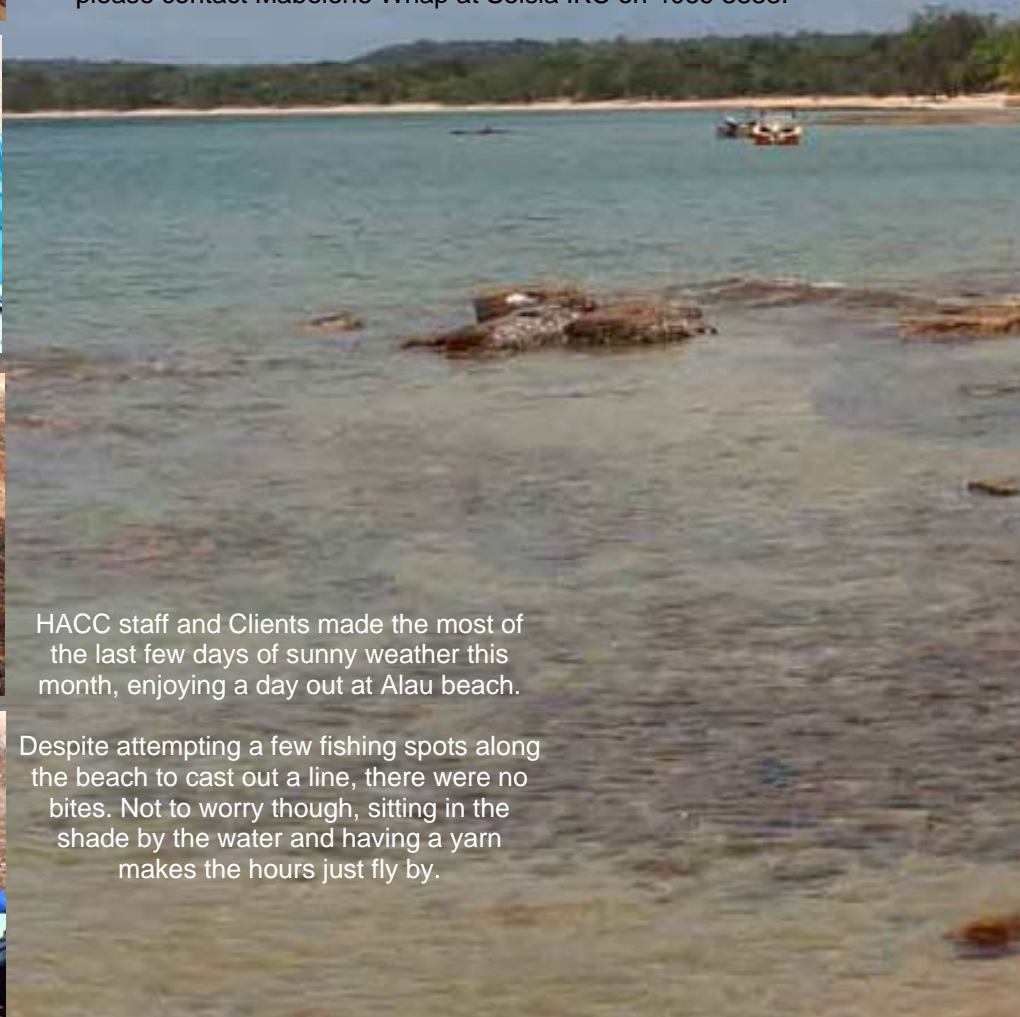
Her interest was sparked after looking into her own family history, and finding her grand father was the Harbour-Master for the old Seisia Jetty. While living on Thursday Island after the Second World War, her grandfather Gebadi Sidsulai, was asked by the Department of Native Affairs to relocate and take up the role. At that time, the community was not well established and he stayed in an old army accommodation hut by the jetty.

Since then the community has been acknowledged by the Australian Government as a settlement and more recently as part of the Northern Peninsula Area Region.

Mabelene has this month begun to contact families, asking their support in the project, by sharing their family and community history.

"I feel like we owe it to the younger generations to have this knowledge recorded and available," Mabelene says, "so they have an idea of their community history, where we have come from and what they went through to build this place."

If you'd like to support the project or would like more information, please contact Mabelene Whap at Seisia IKC on 4069 3883.



HACC staff and Clients made the most of the last few days of sunny weather this month, enjoying a day out at Alau beach.

Despite attempting a few fishing spots along the beach to cast out a line, there were no bites. Not to worry though, sitting in the shade by the water and having a yarn makes the hours just fly by.

Disaster Management—E bisness blo ume, eberywan.

Last year, more than 31,000 lives were lost world wide due to natural disasters, according to Australian Red Cross Records. Many more lives were lost due to man-made disasters.

A disaster is classed as any serious disruption to community life which threatens or causes death or injury, and/ or causes damage to that community beyond day to day capacity and which requires special mobilization of resources other than is normally available.

At the September Council meeting, NPA Regional Council adopted a recently completed Local Disaster Management Plan, inducting our elected representatives as members of the Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG).

The LDMG unites community leaders, community members and emergency services to coordinate preparations for the implementation of a Northern Peninsula Area Local Disaster Management Plan.

To help raise awareness of disasters and to assist in community preparedness, Commonwealth Government and Queensland Government have supported the creation and distribution of Disaster Management Awareness campaigns to be displayed throughout the communities of the NPA.

The Flexible Funding Program (FFP) is funded jointly by the State and Commonwealth Governments under Category C (Community Recovery) of the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA).

A big thank you to all the community members who generously gave their time to be a part of this campaign. Esso for helping to make disaster management *everyone's business*.

QLD Police Safety Warning

QLD Police have this month issued a public safety alert warning beach goers to avoid any silver canisters that wash ashore on North QLD beaches.

There have been several canisters that have washed ashore along the coast stretching from Ayr to Ingham since February this year, found to contain the toxic substance Aluminum Phosphide.

"This is a highly restricted toxic substance and indeed very dangerous poison," said Cairns District Crime Prevention Officer Sgt Cary Coolican. "If you come across one of these canisters, report it immediately by calling 000 and asking for QLD Fire and Rescue. DO NOT inspect, open or transport it, make sure you stay well away from the canister."





In their footsteps

Since their first performance at the Nai Beguta 21st Anniversary, held this month, the New Mapoon Dance Troupe have been practicing weekly, preparing for their next performance.

"The dances they perform tell a story," says mentor and singer Johnny Mark, "maybe something about our way of life, or a dreamtime story passed on from our fathers and their fathers."

Many of their dances depict hunting traditions that have been passed down through generations.

One such dance told the story of hunting for a sugar bag (bush honey), a much sought after bush tucker treat.

The boys follow in the footsteps of their ancestors, performing traditional aboriginal dance techniques, with a modern spin. With each plume of dust kicked up beneath their feet they too are keeping their culture strong.

There are many dance troupes in the communities of the NPA, each with their own twist to an ancient tradition, each proudly displaying their culture and heritage.

(Pictured Above) L-R: Simeon Mark, Jimmy Baira and Justice Wasiu.
(Below) Johnny Mark prepared clay body paint



Deadly Job goes to

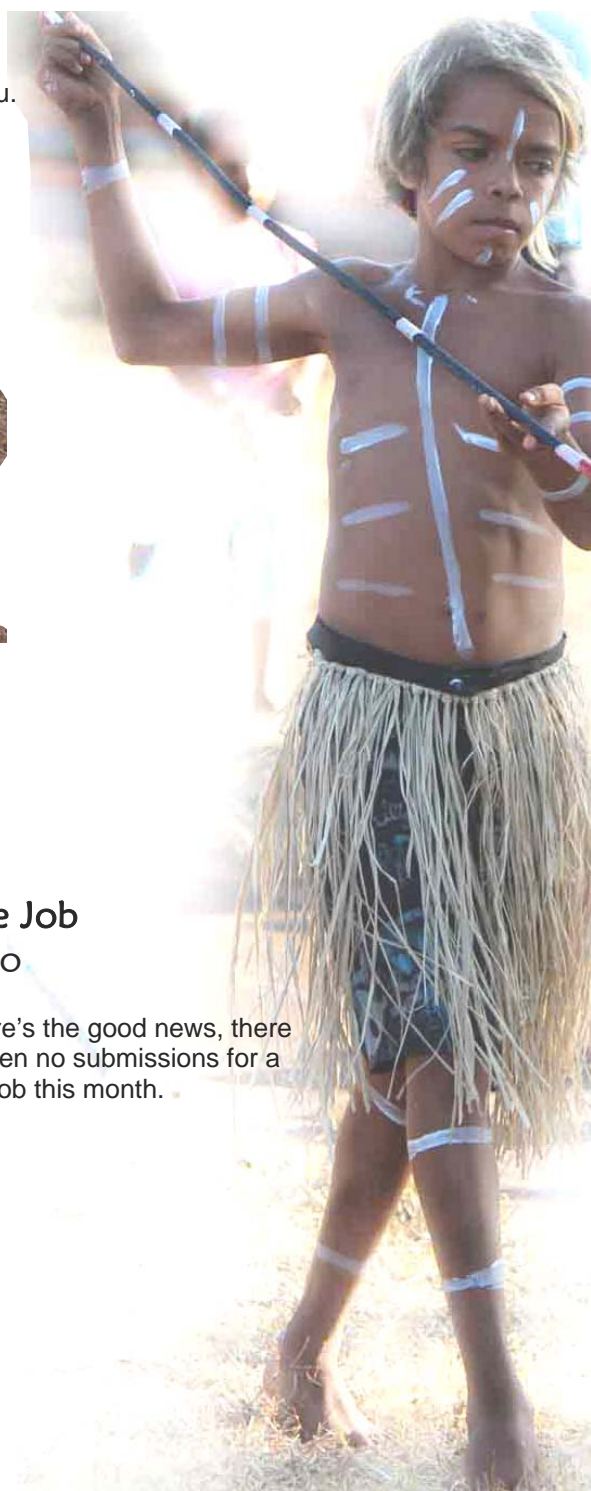
The fantastic finance team and contractors on the job

Our finance team spend their days wielding mathematical skills and knowledge to keep Council operating, and keep our region in shape. Sometimes something working well will be overlooked, as we focus on what needs to be fixed, so lets take a moment to thank our finance team, the quiet achievers keeping this ship running.
Deadly job guys!

This month, NPARC Operations staff would also like to acknowledge John Yusia and Aaron Sebasio, both of whom have been involved in many development projects, each time proving they have the skill, grit and determination to not only get the job done, but get it done well.
Esso guys, for your consistent efforts.

Shame Job goes to

Well here's the good news, there have been no submissions for a shame job this month.



Twenty One Years of Childcare

This month marked the twenty first anniversary since the establishment of the Nai-Beguta Agama Aboriginal Corporation in New Mapoon. In 1991, a group of ladies from the New Mapoon community gathered together to discuss the needs of women within their own and surrounding communities.

What they found was that women who wanted to, or had to work, had to then leave their young children in the care of older siblings or other family members. What they really needed was a local childcare service, and so began the Nai-Beguta Agama Aboriginal Corporation, the language name meaning; "All Women and Children". The following year, in 1992, the Nai-Beguta Agama Aboriginal Corporation began providing childcare services in New Mapoon.

To begin with, the service provided supervised activities for school age children in the local park, before the New Mapoon Aboriginal Council gave the women's group a old run down house, in which the group then got funding from Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs to renovate. From here the group started occasional childcare, then moved to limited hour childcare before becoming licensed to provide full childcare services to 24 children and finally they now have the capacity to provide childcare to 39 children under four and a half years of age.

The Nai-Beguta Agama Aboriginal Corp also run an adjacent after school and vacation care centre, providing child care for school aged children and playgroup for younger children and their parents.

"It's a great service to allow the mums to train or work, with the peace of mind that their child is safe and sound," says Nai-Beguta Agama manager Elizabeth Bond. "It also helps the kids out, playing with other kids and being in that childcare environment helps with the transition to attending school."

Recognizing the need for further services to their community, the Nai Beguta Agama Corporations also provides education and support for women through their Women's Program and supports the local Child Protection program through RAATSICCP, accommodating office space at the New Mapoon Family Resource Centre for the NPA Family Support Officer and the NPA Recognised Entity Liaison Officer. As if that's not enough, the Corp also employs a Community Agent for Centrelink.

The celebrations this month acknowledged the corporation's journey over the past 21 years, growing from an idea, into one of the backbone services of the community.

There have been rough times and trials, but Lizzie says that thanks to the active board members, and dedicated staff like Josephine Lifu and Margaret Mark, who have been with the corporation since day one, they were able to always look to the future and pull through, inspiring new staff to follow,

"Our organization started from a group of women who saw a need for a service," said Aunty Clara Day, one of the Corporation's founding members and active board member, "We started from scratch... if we can do it, so can others."





PRE-WET SEASON CLEAN UP

With the first trickles of rain dampening the dust this month, it's clear the wet season is approaching. With the rain creating puddles and areas of stagnant water, mosquitoes are sure to multiply, hatching larvae in still water.

We need to clean our yard and eradicate any rubbish or objects that might hold water; such as tyres, unwanted cars, boats, containers etc. If you do wish to keep items that might hold water, please store them in a dry place.

Please place your rubbish at the curb side for collection on the following days...

Your Community Collection day

Seisia:	Tuesday	27/11/2012
New Mapoon:	Tuesday	27/11/2012
Bamaga:	Wednesday	28/11/2012
Umagico:	Thursday	29/11/2012
Injinoo:	Thursday	29/11/2012

All enquires to Works Office on 4069 3419.

Yours in constructing a healthy and vibrant community,
Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council
Environmental Health Department

More than tables and chairs

You'd be forgiven for assuming that carpenters are woodsmiths; building homes, furniture and other items out of wood. Though if you've ever followed around NPARC Carpenters, you'll have discovered there is much more to the world of carpentry.

This month the carpentry team have been hard at work fixing the louvers at the Airport, amongst other odd jobs here and there. From re-fixing load-bearing arms for the hall roller doors to painting and tiling at New Mapoon and renovations at Injinoo Office.

Carpenters Edmond and Wilfred have been in the profession since they were school leavers. Edmond then left the trade to pursue other manual arts including joinery work, and plumbing and even went on to join the army, reaching the rank of Sergeant.

Wilfred has stuck with the profession throughout the years, developing skills in a range of areas.

Workshop Supervisor Marsat Newman has taken his love of wood work further, creating beautifully carved sculptures and coconut scrapers in his spare time. He is a recognized artist in the NPA area, known not only for his wood work, but also canvas paintings, typically depicting hunting adventures in the NPA.



L-R) Wilfred Bond and Edmond Ober
(not Pictured: Marsat Newman)

The Score:

Angie Nadredre Cup Winners—
Tagai College (TI)

Chris Johnson Cup Winners—
Djarragun College (Cairns)

Angie Nadredre and Chris Johnson Cup

Though seen as the footy underdog in the rugby loving communities of the NPA, it's clear that AFL, the Aussie Footy League is on it's way up.

Teams from the north and south of our region converged upon the New Mapoon AFL Oval this month to compete in the annual Angie Nadredre and Chris Johnson Cup.

The only team to not have had lead-up games before the day of the cup, NPA boys and girls teams were congratulated by Cape York AFL staff and coaches for their clearly present natural skill.

Charles Woosup presented the students with best player (boys and girls) awards, congratulating the players on their fine sportsmanship through the day's competition.



CDEP workers are on the job

The Community Development Employment Program has recently received a boost in Commonwealth funding for community projects which support temporary employment and training.

“CDEP Projects act as a stepping stone towards future employment,” said Acting CDEP Manager Michael Bond, “for some people, it can be hard to find work, maybe because they have a criminal record, no drivers license, or they are lacking skills or training.”

Through enrollment in CDEP projects, workers have the opportunity to develop skills on the job, complete training and develop work ethics so that they are more attractive to future employers.

“We train them up on the job, as well as through workshops and other locally based training,” Mr Bond explained, “We even help them in getting their drivers license if needed.”

“It’s all designed to make sure they have the skills, qualifications and the confidence to enter the workforce full time and get the jobs they want to get.”

This month CDEP workers have been busy on a range of projects, laying the foundations for the New Mapoon Bush Tucker Garden and working alongside Menshed to renovate ANZAC Park in Bamaga.

Developing skills in landscaping, woodwork and construction, CDEP workers will replace the existing gazebo and boundary fence and upgrade the current footpath and landscaping of the park.

To better understand what areas of training and work experience are wanted within the communities, World Vision and CDEP mentors have been holding informational BBQ’s in each community. They have asked community members interested in signing on for CDEP to express what roles they are interested in and what training courses they feel would be most beneficial.

This way, CDEP mentors are able to plan their projects and training to benefit all CDEP workers.

“At the moment, we are engaging around 50% of the people signed up to CDEP in our community projects,” said Mr Bond, “we are estimating that after these sign-ons and with the new programs, that number will go up.”

With training, skills and recognized qualifications, CDEP workers will gain confidence to pursue their ideal job; be it in administration, labour or manual arts or branching into the business world.



Bush Tucker Garden



Preparing kai kai for the Injinoo sign on

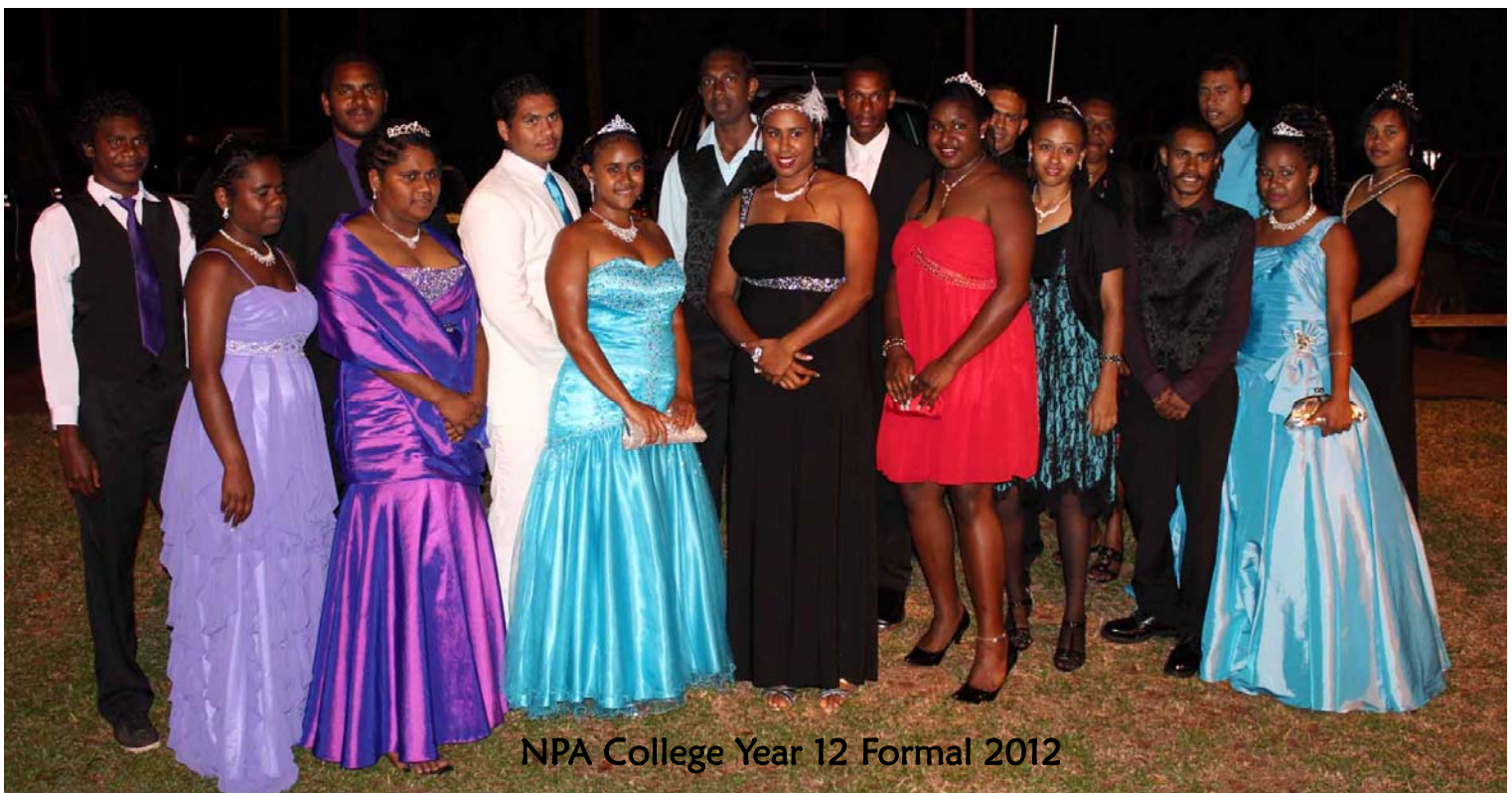
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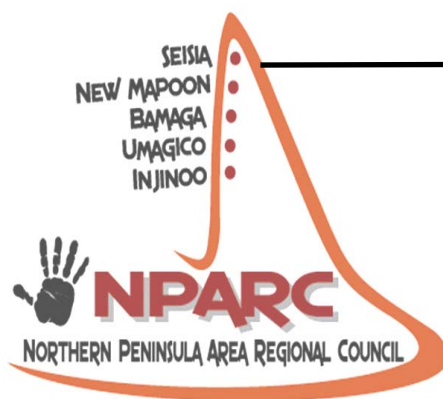
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So what's on in the NPA in November?



Notice of Disturbance

Roadwork is currently being carried out to upgrade the Lui St/ Sagaukaz St intersection in Bamaga. Please be wary of road works and road closures for pedestrian, driver and worker safety.

Access to properties containing sewer man-holes may be required for upgrade work being carried out this month. If your property requires access, please restrain dogs.

Minor works are expected to be completed by February 2013

Get your body moving Every day!

Aqua Aerobics

Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30pm at Bamaga Pool

Gym Circuit

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 pm at Bamaga Gym

Yoga

Monday 5:15-6:30pm at Injinoo Hall
Thursday 5:15-6:30pm at New Mapoon Hall

Kick Boxing

Kids Tuesday 4.15pm at Injinoo Hall and
Thursday 4:15 Bamaga Hall

Adults: Tuesdays and Thursdays
5.30pm at Bamaga Hall for Female Adults
6.30pm at Bamaga Hall for Male Adults

For more information on the above classes, please contact NPAFACS on 4069 3555.

Judo

Monday and Wednesday Evenings at Gym
5-10yr olds 5:20-6pm
11-14 yr olds: 6-6:50pm
15- 115yr olds: 7-8:30pm

NPA Hoops Game Nights

Mondays at Bamaga Hall and Wednesdays at Umagico Hall, from 6pm-9pm

(Comp games start Nov 6th—duration 7 weeks)

Volleyball

Tuesdays at Bamaga Outdoor Courts and
Thursdays at Umagico hall from 6pm-9pm

(Comp games start Nov 6th—duration 7 weeks)

For more information on Judo club, or Volleyball or Basketball comp nights, please contact NPARC Events on 4069 3388

Ten Year Plan Leaders Workshop

Having completed the community engagement sessions, attended by over 250 NPA residents, the next step in the NPA Ten Year Plan will soon begin.

Community leaders and representatives will attend a three day workshop where they will examine the information collected through community engagement, and develop a plan that unites our region, striving for resource and funding equity to support and develop the identified assets of our region.

Workshop dates are November 20th /21st /22nd. If you were unavailable for the community engagement sessions, but would like to add your say, please contact Enid Namok on 4048 6811 or Linda Wapau on 4048 6704 to complete a community feedback form.

For the Calendar

November month— November Men's Health Month
November 14th—National Diabetes Day
November 16th— International Day for Tolerance
November 25th— White Ribbon Day- Fighting Violence against women



New Mapoon Dancers at Patterson