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Ilario Sabatino



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## Monthly Employee Profile!

Chris Jawai  
Mechanic, NPARC Workshop



Chris Jawai has been with NPARC for almost 6 years and in that time has completed several courses ranging from safety to frontline management. Born on TI, he lives locally in Bamaga and plays rugby league for the Bamaga Roos.

NPARC commends Chris on his work commitment to date and looks forward to supporting his efforts in gaining his Diploma in Business Management in the future.

## Welcome



NPARC is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Executive Manager Operations, Richard McKeown, to the senior management team.

Richard is a former resident of the NPA, having been away for 10 years. He originally arrived here in 1968, some 46 years ago. He returns with a wealth of engineering and construction experience and looks forward to applying his extensive knowledge to the operational requirements of the NPA community.

## Farewell

Elzebie Groenwald,  
Operations Accountant



Elzebie completed her tenure with Council in March 2014 and leaves to pursue further career options. She is looking forward to a well earned holiday in Zimbabwe with family. NPARC thanks Elzebie and her partner, Clive, for their valuable contribution to the NPARC team.

NPARC is excited to announce the appointment of Ms Cassandra Adidi as Festival Co-ordinator for the upcoming inaugural NPA Cultural Festival. Cassandra brings a wealth of events and performance management skills to the role, including but not limited to organizing dance teams, artists, performers and fundraising for local and international events. Having grown up in the NPA, Cassandra's local knowledge will be invaluable in getting this project off the ground.

The inaugural NPA Cultural Festival will be hosted by NPARC from the 2-4 October, 2014. Look out for regular updates in the NPA News, Torres News and through local radio, Red Dust Country, 91.9 FM.





## EXCITEMENT BUILDS FOR THE INAUGURAL NPA CULTURAL FESTIVAL

It is with great pride that NPARC announces to the NPA community that it will host the inaugural NPA Cultural Festival from 2 - 4 October, 2014. This is an amazing opportunity for the NPA to showcase its talents to the wider Cape and Torres Strait Islander community with an array of talented guests and performers attending from near and far.

With a Festival Co-ordinator and a committee engaged solely for this project, the festival is taking shape as word spreads throughout the Cape and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Sponsorship for the event is being sought from local businesses which will bring a vast range of economic opportunities to the region. Memberships range from bronze to gold with many attractive benefits attached for each level.

Council is also seeking expressions of interest from the local community for volunteer roles in preparation for and assistance during the event. This will serve as a unique opportunity to be part of a cultural phenomenon not before seen in the NPA and to gain valuable events coordination experience under the guidance and mentorship of NPARC Events team.

NPARC would also like to hear from interested local stallholders for food and authentic local arts & crafts during the festival program.

For details, please contact:-

Ms Cassandra Adidi on 4048 6600, mobile 0458 051 986 or via email at [cassandra.adidi@nparc.qld.gov.au](mailto:cassandra.adidi@nparc.qld.gov.au)



## NPARC TO HOST THE 16TH NATIONAL REMOTE INDIGENOUS MEDIA FESTIVAL



NPARC has recently been confirmed as this year's host of the 16th National Remote Indigenous Media Festival to be held in the NPA during the last week of September 2014.

This very successful festival has been operating since 1998 and consists of a 5 day program showcasing Indigenous media talent in its many forms, ranging from radio broadcasting, video to online programming.

A very skilled and competent team of professionals, lead by Ms Imogen Semmler, the Festival Coordinator for the Indigenous Remote Communications Association, will ensure that attendees from across the nation are exposed to the very best the industry has to offer.

The 5 day program will consist of skills workshops running from day 2 -5, with industry forums in the afternoon . There will also be screenings and a special event at the closing awards ceremony.

This will be an excellent networking and development opportunity for all who attend and a further opportunity for the NPA to showcase its region as a prime venue for festivals of this nature.

For further information, please contact Ms Nandy Nona on 4048 6607 or Ms Amy McKeown, on 4069 3356.







### ANZAC DAY SERVICE 2014 WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

With immense pride and honour, current and ex-servicemen and women joined NPA College staff and students and community members for this year's ANZAC Day Ceremony in remembrance of the men and women who have served our country. The connection between community elders and the future generations was evident from the diversity of ages that attended the ceremony, ensuring that the tradition of respect for NPA members who have fought for their country continues to be acknowledged and honoured by the young and old within the NPA.

Mr John Adidi gave the 99th ANZAC Day Veterans' Address and spoke of the need for education and respect of values held true to the ANZAC spirit.

*'As history speaks for itself, the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion was the only Indigenous contingent which was formed in our nation's military to serve within the WW2 Australian military forces.'*

*'Let us reflect that, given the circumstances surrounding what life was like in those days, and with the government of the time, without hesitation, our men still came forward to enlist and displayed their spirit of fighting warriors.'*

Thankyou to NPARC Events staff, Mr John Adidi, community MC Leanne Young, Father Victor Blanco, My Pathways and all community members who came along to pay their respects.





# ANZAC DAY 2014

LEST  
WE  
FORGET







## NPA YOUNG ACHIEVERS RECOGNISED

A group of young NPA residents recently graduated from the NPA Brumbies Youth Corp 'Transition to Work' program facilitated through One Way Solutions and conducted at the NPA College.

The course ran for a total of 5 weeks during which participants were mentored in the skills required to undertake further education.

The viability of the course was shown in the number of graduates from the program. Out of 20 enrolments, 14 were completed with 12 formally accepted to courses ranging from Cert III in Fitness, Sport & Recreation to Cert III in ATSI Cultural Arts. Others were accepted into the Defence Force Pre-entry Course.

It was an absolute pleasure for those in attendance to witness the achievements of the young people who accepted their graduation certificates with much pride.

This course is only one of the many options available to NPA youth wanting to re-enter the education system and gain valuable skills for their future careers.

For further information on any of these courses, please contact David Ahboo, One Way Solutions on 0419 320 251.



# April Fools!

**Ha  
Ha!**

Much fun was had when the NPARC Bamaga head office staff played an April Fool's joke on NPARC's CEO, Mr Ilario Sabatino and Mayor, Mr Bernard Charlie.

What a surprise they had when they arrived at work only to find their offices locked down.

Fortunately, the CEO and Mr Mayor took the joke in good humour and enjoyed a good laugh with staff.

Esso Tahirah!



## RUGBY LEAGUE KICKS OFF IN THE NPA







### SEISA SHINES WITH LOVE FOR CULTURE

A beautiful atmosphere enveloped the NPA when Culture Love—Journey from Saibai to Seisia was held on the 8th and 9th April in the Seisia Community Hall.

All ages celebrated culture in its many forms from traditional storytelling, cooking, arts and crafts, song and dance.

Children and youth from across the NPA listened to the stories told by Seisia Elders and community members, learning culture and local history which is such an important part of their identity.

NPARC's Events team did an amazing job co-ordinating activities over the two days, promoting harmony amongst residents and guests. The opportunity to hear heartfelt stories of family and community, passed down through generations, was a unique experience and one to be treasured by all.

Thanks to State Library of Queensland, funding from Arts Queensland and Northern Peninsula Area Council, who made this event possible.

Thank you also to staff and community volunteers who gave their time and expertise, and to all kids, youths and parents who supported Culture Love Week 2014.









## Take Me To the River



### JARDINE FERRY SECURES MARITIME ACCREDITATION

NPARC recently undertook assessment and repair of the Jardine Ferry this month to ensure that safety standards are fully met to protect the residents and guests of the NPA. With many thanks to NPARC operational staff especially the welders, Workplace Health & Safety personnel, local contractors and the Rangers team who worked tirelessly to meet the government imposed deadline during the period the ferry was grounded as a result of the recent floods.

Council is pleased to advise that inspections have taken place and accreditation has successfully been met to ensure a smooth operation during our busiest season.

A big esso to all NPARC teams involved in making this a success for the NPA community.

The ferry is now operating from 8AM—5PM including weekends.

Commercial Seasonal Pass \$1200 (six months)

\*Seasonal Pass \$200 (six months)

Single Vehicles \$129 return

Vehicle with Trailer/Van \$145 return

Motor Bikes \$67 return

Tour Bus \$160 return

(Plus \$15 per person in excess of 15)

Other Commercial vehicles (under 10 tonne) \$160 return

Vehicles greater than 10 tonne \$185 return

NPA residents \$50 one way

\* Jardine Ferry Seasonal Pass is for non-commercial use only, open to all NPA Residents. The pass is valid for 6 months from date of purchase. Seasonal passes can be purchased from the Bamaga NPARC Office only.

**Jardine Camping Fees** - Adults - \$6 per night, Children \$3 per night.

**Ferry Contact**—Ph 07 40691369 Fax: 07 40692808







## Winston Riding Scholarship Success

In November last year, NPA State College student Winston Salee (Williams) was selected to receive the prestigious Minister's Agricultural Colleges Fund Scholarship. Winston was chosen from a number of students from all over Queensland to attend the Longreach Pastoral College with assistance from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Winston is carrying on a proud family tradition of excellence in the field of horsemanship and livestock care. His grandfather, Mr George (Rusty) Williams snr was a head stockman in the Cape back in the 1960's, and with his jackaroos, used to muster cattle from Old Mapoon to the Northern Peninsula Area.

The Minister and member for Toowoomba South, Dr John McVeigh, congratulated Winston on his impressive skills with horses and his fine accomplishment in being awarded the scholarship. In a letter addressed to Winston he wished him all the best with his studies in 2014 and for a successful future career in agriculture.

Winston's mother Mrs Adianna Williams said that Winston is really enjoying the program and learning new skills in horse riding and cattle ranching. Mrs Williams said that his dream is to lease some land in the NPA and run a horse riding school and run some cattle. The proposed name of his company is 'KGW Horse Riding and Cattle Ranch' named for his brother the late Kamuel George Williams.



## NEW MAPOON RINDI BUSH TUCKER GARDEN TAKES SHAPE

Four years in the making, the New Mapoon Bush Tucker Garden Project is finally coming to completion.

This has been a massive collaborative effort between Council, the former CDEP, My Pathways through RJCP and Menshed. THE official opening will take place in June 2014.

A big Esso to all involved in making this project happen.







## HEALTHY BODIES—HEALTHY MINDS

THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF ARTICLES ON THE NPA  
COMMUNITY PROMOTING A HEALTHY & FUN LIFESTYLE FOR ALL AGES

OUR FEATURE THIS WEEK—NPA JUDO CLUB

The NPA Judo Club was originally established in August 2012, delivering a school holiday program for students with the assistance of NPARC in the September break.

9 children were introduced to judo during that program, as well as 4 adults. In term 4 of that year classes commenced for adults and children and they were delivered twice a week. In December 2012, 4 adults were graded to yellow belt and 6 children to their first belt.

Over the next two terms of 2013, the club grew steadily, normally having 12-15 children and 6-12 adults during those sessions. We had begun to draw players from Bamaga and Seisia.

Mid-year (2013) the NPA Judo Club was invited to compete at the Cairns Regional Championships. A team of 24 competitors was selected and after significant fundraising and coordinating activity, the club made the 1000km road trip down to Yorkeys Knob to put our skills to the test. By any measure, we excelled, collecting 18 medals, including 3 new regional champions, 3 runners up and 12 bronze medalists. What a fantastic result!

Following this success, the club partnered with the NPA State College to begin delivering judo as part of the Active After School Care program. Since that time the NPA Judo Club has been enjoying 25-30 kids on the mat at any one time. Adult classes have remained constant at about 10-15 participants a night.

The results to date have been an amazing.

Jack Zieth travelled to Adelaide in September to compete in the Special Needs Friendship Games. He came third in his division and also received the Referee's award, presented for his representation of the judo spirit.

The NPA Judo Club also participated in World Judo Day in 2013, celebrating the International Judo Federation's theme of 'Perseverance' by putting on its own competition here. The club received a grant from the Torres Strait Youth and Recreational Sporting Association to purchase mats. 36 children and 12 adults participated.

The NPA Judo Club is an inclusive sports club that is, it encourages participation over and above winning and tries to nurture a lifelong involvement in the sport of judo, instilling the principles of Kodokan Judo and the discipline that is normally associated with the Japanese martial arts.

A brief synopsis of the club, based on the students who have participated this year alone, reveals the following:

17 U12 girls, 19 U12 boys  
1 U15 girl, 4 U15 boys  
2 senior women, 16 senior men  
4 men 30 yrs plus, 3 men 40 yrs plus, 2 men 50 yrs plus and one 70-year old man.  
45 students who have identified as either Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders,  
2 students who have identified as Special Needs athletes.

The club has attracted some attention from the clubs down south. From June 11-17<sup>th</sup>, the NPA Judo Club will be visited by Senseis John Brendecke (2<sup>nd</sup> Dan) and Andreas Schmidt (1<sup>st</sup> Dan) of Coral Coast Judo Club, National Open Champion and Australian Team Member Sebastian Temesi, National Heavyweight Champion George Brendecke (2<sup>nd</sup> Dan), Northern Beaches Judo Club Sensei Karl Michaelis (4<sup>th</sup> Dan), National Under 12 Champion Toby Sagacio and his father, Senpai Jeff Sagacio. This group has been sent by the Judo Federation of Australia to run a coaching development seminar and Active After School Care program for the coaches and senior students we have here. The day before the seminar, we will be hosting the NPA Open Tournament, inviting the other clubs of North Queensland to compete against us.

The club's next major event is the Australian Judo Union's National Championships in Cairns in June, 2014. It is planning to take a large contingent from the NPA and expect to be competitive.

We wish them every success!



# SUCCESS AT THE NORTH OLD GAMES

**A natural high!**



The NPA Judo Club's most recent trip was to the North Queensland Games. A team of 20 travelled to the games. The club returned with 19 medals, adding 3 North Queensland Champions to the NPA and 4 runners up. In addition, the club won 8 bronze medals and were only beaten in the medal tally by one team - the event was contested by 14 teams and 117 competitors.

The NPA is now home to 4 North Queensland Judo Champions – Coen Sanders, Francis Newman, Noah Zieth and Harper Barker. These four are among the many more who will contest the Australian Judo Union's National Judo Championships in Cairns this June. The club would like to thank the communities of the NPA for their on-going support and acknowledge that we would not be able to contest these events without the very generous support of our sponsors.





## Bamaga Junior Campus Student Council Induction Ceremony

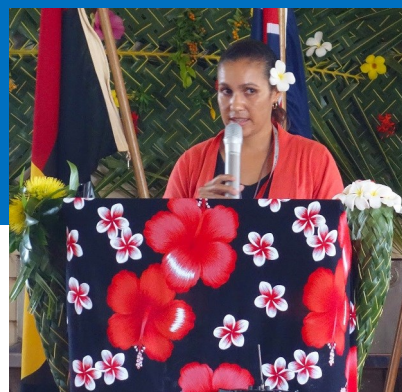


The Student Council induction ceremony was held from 2.30pm March 7<sup>th</sup> 2014 in the undercover area of the Bamaga Junior Campus of the NPA College. The ceremony was well attended with many parents and family members and invited guests representing the Local Council and the wider NPA Community.

Guest speakers at the ceremony were Mr Ronald Williams giving the Welcome to Country, Mr Jeffrey Aniba, Chairman of the Education and Employment Council, Mr Edward Newman, NPARC Councilor for Bamaga and Mr Gordon Herbertson, College Principal.

The ceremony was followed by an opportunity for all guests to meet with the teachers in the classrooms.

To conclude, an afternoon tea was held in the Resource Centre to which the new leaders and their families and the visitors were welcomed.



### Student Council Representatives for 2014

**Yr2 Eric Bond-Cottis & Ky Coutts  
-Chandler Reserve Olive Whap  
Yr 3 Toni Newman & Edna Muhammad Reserve Drake Ger  
Yr4 Tymaniah Newman & Ezekial Sebasio Reserve Jacqueline Williams**

**Yr5 Josephine Sebasio, Shekinah Newman & Harold Pascoe  
Reserve Kellia Coutts**

**Yr 6 Kendolyn Williams, Maryann Morseu Jamani Elu & Zac Sepon Reserve Rachael Sebasio**

**Yr 7 Joydee Williams & Edna Sepon Reserve Annabell Tabuai**

### Sports Captains for 2014

**Bowie: Joydee Williams & Gideon Satrick  
Gelam: Shanikka Bond & Willan Aniba  
Baidam: Shanirah Kiwat & Bakal Newman**





## Student Attendance Officers (SAO'S) attend Injinoo Parade

On Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> April Student Attendance Officers attended the Injinoo Parade. The Student Attendance Officers introduced themselves to the Injinoo campus staff and students. Each SAO was required to say where they lived, their hobby and favourite colour. The students thought it was very funny!

Each student at the Injinoo Campus received Silicon Wrist bands that say

**"Injinoo - 5 in a row"**

if they attend all week. Students are rewarded with fruit juice Frozen cups and prizes for their 100% attendance in the week.

The Students Attendance Officers will be out in all the communities assisting families to get their students to school 'on time, every day'. The Student Attendance Officers spent the remainder of the day participating in games at lunch time and visiting classrooms. It was a very enjoyable day for the students.



From a student:

"We are very lucky if we come to the Injinoo Campus. If we can attend 2 weeks in a row and get 2 red wrist bands, we are able to get our remote control car drivers licence and drive really fast monster trucks around our oval. They are very fast! I am going to be one of the first to do this as I come every day."

AJ Salee Year 7





# NPA College

Education for everyone

## FINISH

### Senior Campus Student Cross Country 2014

The annual senior cross country was held in the last week of Term One. The sun was shining, the course was rugged with many washouts and a steep hill or two. The students headed off at a blistering pace in two groups, Juniors, followed by Seniors five minutes later, within seconds vanishing out the gate off around the college and TAFE campuses.

The runners, including two staff members, soon slowed to a steady jog and it was only a matter of sixteen minutes before the first students started to arrive back at the finish of the four kilometre course. All the athletes had arrived back within 50 minutes. The presentation of age champion ribbons and winners was made on parade the following morning.

Well done all!

### Primary Campus Student Cross Country 2014

Held across two days on the last week of term, the Prep to Year Seven cross country was a very well supported event with many community and family members present to cheer the young athletes on.

The spectators saw many valiant athletic performances with the course circling the Bamaga Junior Campus Oval and the older students running past the crowd two or three times each.

A fantastic effort by all the runners.





## Bamaga Junior Campus Crazy Hat Parade 2014

In an annual event that all students have come to enjoy, the Bamaga Junior Campus students participated in the Crazy Hat parade on Thursday 3 April.

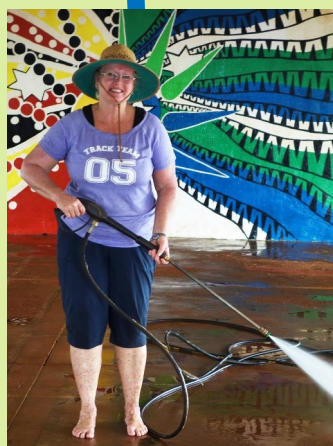
Acknowledged as one of the best years for participation ever, the students hugely enjoyed the efforts made by the teachers, teacher aides and fellow students.

Congratulations to all students who made the effort to dress up and what a great effort by the students who were selected as best in class by the judging panel.

The fabulous dancing students were also a treat for the audience.



*MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK.  
COMMUNITY SPORT SHEDS FOR NPA COLLEGE*





# NPA SCHOOL BUS TIMETABLE

## Seisia and New Mapoon Bus Timetable Queensland Transport Route Number P1755 Bus Operator: Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council

am		pm	
7.30	Leave Home	3.00	Pick-up Seisia Junior Campus Bamaga
7.35	Pick-up students around wharf area	3.05	Pick-up Seisia Senior Campus Bamaga
7.40	Pick-up Seisia Junior & Senior kids to Bamaga at RTC Seisia-New Division	3.10	
7.45		3.15	Drop off Junior & Senior at RTC-New Division Seisia
7.50		3.20	
7.55	Leave from Seisia to Bamaga	3.25	Pick-up New Mapoon from Junior Campus Bamaga
8.00		3.30	Drop off New Mapoon Juniors at designated bus stops at New Mapoon
8.05	Drop off Seisia at Junior Campus Bamaga	3.35	
8.10	Drop off Seisia at Senior Campus Bamaga	3.40	Pick-up New Mapoon from Senior Campus Bamaga
8.15	Pick-up New Mapoon & Senior (1 <sup>st</sup> run) at Main Bus stop in park area/Bond St near to Disability Park/bus stop on Brown Street/opposite IKC-New Mapoon.	3.45	Drop off New Mapoon Seniors at designated bus stops at New Mapoon
8.20	Drop off New Mapoon at Junior Campus Bamaga	3.50	
8.25	Drop off New Mapoon at Senior Campus Bamaga	3.55	
8.30		4.00	Finish Bus Run
8.35			
8.40	Pick-up New Mapoon & Senior (2 <sup>nd</sup> run) at Main Bus stop in park area/Bond St near to Disability Park/bus stop on Brown Street/opposite IKC-New Mapoon.		
8.45	Drop off New Mapoon at Junior Campus Bamaga		
8.50	Drop off New Mapoon at Senior Campus Bamaga		
8.55			
9.00	Finish Bus Run		

### Your responsibilities on the bus

**No bullying**  
**No eating or drinking**  
**Respect your driver**  
**Respect other students**  
**Do not vandalize seats or windows**





## Umagico and Injinoo Bus Timetable

### Queensland Transport Route Number P1756

**Bus Operator: Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council**

am		pm	
7.30		3.00	Pick up Umagico Juniors from Bamaga Campus
7.35		3.05	
7.40	Leave Home	3.10	Pick up Umagico Seniors from Bamaga Campus
7.45		3.15	Drop off Umagico Seniors/Juniors at Umagico
7.50	Pick-up Umagico to Injinoo Campus from- main bus stop Umagico (1 <sup>st</sup> run)	3.20	Pick up Umagico Juniors from Injinoo
7.55	Drop off Umagico Juniors at Injinoo Campus	3.25	Drop Umagico juniors at Umagico
8.00	Pick-up Injinoo Seniors & Juniors from Injinoo main bus stop to Senior Campus Bamaga	3.30	Pick up Umagico Juniors from Injinoo
8.05		3.35	Drop Umagico juniors at Umagico
8.10	Drop off Injinoo Seniors and Juniors at Bamaga Junior Campus and Senior Campus	3.40	Pick up Umagico Juniors from Injinoo
8.15	Pick-up Umagico Juniors to Injinoo Campus (2 <sup>nd</sup> run) main bus stop Umagico	3.45	Drop Umagico juniors at Umagico
8.20	Drop off Umagico Juniors at Injinoo Campus	3.50	
8.25		3.55	
8.30	Pick-up Umagico Juniors and Seniors to Injinoo Campus from main bus stop Umagico (3 <sup>rd</sup> run)	4.00	Finish Bus Run
8.35	Drop off Umagico Juniors at Injinoo Campus		
8.40			
8.45	Drop off Umagico Seniors at Bamaga Senior Campus		
8.50			
8.55			
9.00	Finish Bus Run		





# What's on in the NPA?

## Basketball

Tuesday & Thursday nights—1st game at 6.30pm, 2nd game at 7.30pm.

For further information, contact  
Committee members or  
Wendy Phineasa.

## Let's Get Moving Adults

### Kickboxing

Tuesday & Thursday at 5.30pm, Bamaga Youth  
Centre (Male & Female Classes)

### Circuit Class

Monday & Thursday at 5.30pm, at NPA College  
High School Oval

For more information, contact Yancy  
Williams and Margie Bond on 4212 2000

## Bamaga P & C Meetings

P & C Meetings are held on  
the first Tuesday of every  
month at 7pm at the  
Bamaga Senior Campus  
Library.

All parents and community  
members welcome.

## Judo

Monday & Wednesday -  
Kids 3.30-4.30pm  
Adults 6.00-8.00pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
Open 6am—7am  
Saturdays  
Open 10am—12noon

## **FOR THE CALENDAR:**

**MAY 26 National  
Sorry Day**

**May 27 Referendum  
Anniversary**

**May 27—June 3 Rec-  
onciliation Week**

**June 3 NPA Mabo Day  
Festival**