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**NPARC Chief Executive Officer
Ilario Sabatino**

NPA News Issue 53 is our first publication for the 2014 year and covers news and events for the months of January & February 2014.

Monthly Employee Profile!

One of the many new editions to the NPARC Newsletter will be a monthly employee profile to inform community about the great works taking place each and every day in support of the NPA.

Look out for our first employee profile in the next edition of NPA News!



Farewell

James Ware
Executive
Manager
Operations

We said farewell to our Executive Manager Operations, James Ware, who has left the NPA to return to family in Brisbane and undertake other career challenges. James was a part of the NPARC family since April 2013 and has assisted in the upgrades of our local roads amongst many projects. James was fully supported by a strong and dedicated local team whose efforts brought about the very positive results in the Operations Department. We wish James the best in his future endeavours.

Welcome

NPARC is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Executive Manager Finance, Wayne Price, to the senior management team.



Wayne has been at the forefront of corporate and community change management, technological advancements and industry reform processes within Local Government for over 30 years. He holds a Bachelor of Economics (Majoring in Commerce) and is a Certified Practising Accountant. Married with three adult children, he has lived and worked in North Queensland all his life and has a strong understanding of the lifestyle, economic, environmental and social opportunities, conditions and challenges that remote communities and regional Queensland can present and offer.

Council and the team at NPARC welcome Wayne on board and look forward to the great work by the Finance team continuing and growing under his direction.

I would like to first acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land, both past and present, acknowledge the Historical Owners past and present, the Custodians of the Land and the occupants here today.

I hope you have all enjoyed a safe and relaxing break over the festive season and have now settled back into work and back to school as the 2014 year gets well under way. As with the start of any new year, we welcome new challenges, new celebrations and new opportunities, while reflecting on all that we have achieved in the years before.

The primary aim of Council this year is to help our communities grow through our continued support of emerging and existing businesses, new education initiatives and further development projects within our community as these are our foundations - and like a house, you cannot continue to build unless the foundations are strong.

My fellow Councillors and I are looking forward to seeing community ownership continue to grow across the region. We are committed to supporting local business, education and cultural growth, celebrating both our region's uniqueness and our unity.

A lot has happened in the last year and at a considerable pace. Our job, as we move forward, is no less demanding and we continue to focus on the long term, taking time to identify themes and likely directions, particularly in the context of rapidly changing technology and services. As a Council, we endeavour to envisage the future needs of the NPA and anticipate likely scenarios that will test our preparedness and resilience as a local government.

This year we will see continued social housing rollouts, creating jobs and training opportunities across the region. My fellow Councillors and I have committed ourselves to build on our assistance to residents with land leasing to aid both new and established enterprises and businesses. We are continuing to strive for resource equity across our communities, through upgrading and improving existing facilities as well as planning and creation of new facilities. My fellow Councillors and I are firmly committed to having a strong team to undertake the progressive growth and prosperity of our region.

We continue to face many challenges in our region, an example being the proposed State Government amalgamation of the Cape York and Torres Strait Health Services Board (see Page 6) but we will rise to these in order to represent the NPA and the needs of our unique community.

Together we will celebrate our successes and the success of our neighbours and together we will overcome any hardships.

Together our region will flourish.

Mayor Bernard Charlie





NPARC Chief Executive Officer Foreword to 2012/2013 Annual Report

The 2012 / 13 Annual Report is compiled pursuant to Section 182 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

It serves as a record of and an accounting mechanism to communities on the organisation's achievements and challenges, as well as the mitigation and remedial measures implemented to address the latter.

The Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council (NPARC) has continued to face a number of challenges in the recent financial year including building and facilitating a coordinated approach of all stakeholders with the view to building a sustainable economy across our unique region; as well as managing the increasing demand for services and maintenance.

Despite these ongoing challenges NPARC remains committed to achieving its vision and goals articulated in the NPARC Strategic Corporate Plan 2013 – 2017 that was developed by the NPA community in a robust community engagement process.

Synopsis of Key Achievements

- NPARC achieving an 'unqualified audit' for 12/13 Financial Year.
- Successful Rollout of initial 69 social houses.
- Consolidation of all land leases in the NPA - instilling security and confidence into the community.
- Council recognised as the 'principal contractor' and retaining the 'first right of refusal' contract to deliver the next 100 social houses in the NPA.
- Strengthened relationships through the formation of a Steering Committee with traditional land owners as represented by the Apudthama Land Trust members.
- Building strong connections in the Cape and the Torres Strait and large urban councils through our relationships with respective councils and CEO. For example the NPARC being a founding member of the Cape Indigenous Mayors Alliance (CIMA).
- Accelerating and instilling confidence back into the working relationships with both the Australian and State Government.
- Implementation of independent audit function.
- Full review of governance and finance arrangements including supporting strategy documents
- Reviewed all organisational policies pursuant to statutory compliance.
- Stabilising profitability and sufficiency of all NPARC enterprises.
- Training funding secured for 12 placements of Certificate IV in Frontline Management. Managers and Supervisors have now commenced.

The Year Ahead

While it reflects that progress has been made in service delivery, there are undeniably challenges that will be ongoing.

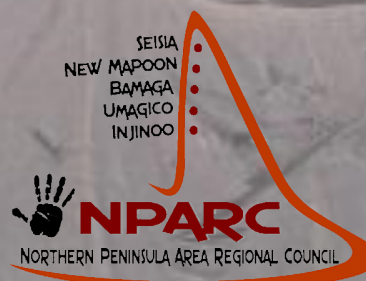
To strengthen and streamline the organisation and its operations to enable the NPARC to expand and expedite service delivery to the residents of the Northern Peninsula Area, the following interventions or actions will be prioritised in the year ahead:

- Review of Supply Chain Management arrangement to our enterprises, structures, systems and processes.
- Launch IGR Forum to strengthen intergovernmental relations.
- In terms of continued improvement, continue to address the potential risks and issues of the audit received from the Auditor-General and introducing corrective measures towards obtaining an improved audit report.
- Instilling a culture of performance and continuous improvement within the NPARC.
- Promoting good governance, financial discipline and sound management principles.
- Implement statutory compliance workshops or information sessions targeted at employees and Councillors.

**For further information I encourage all to access the Annual Report at
www.nparc.qld.gov.au**

Other documents of interest include the NPARC Strategic Corporate Plan 2013 – 2017.

**Best Wishes,
Ilario Sabatino
Chief Executive Officer**



NPA HOUSING Update

During the 2013 dry season, NPARC oversaw the successful construction and tenanting out of an additional 69 new houses across the five NPA communities.

The housing roll-out brought some interruption during the construction period, however, there has been much excitement and positive community feedback as families settle into their new homes and the new subdivisions begin to populate.

The 2014 dry season will bring the construction of another 30 new houses that will further assist in reducing the overcrowding that many NPA families currently experience. We ask for your understanding and patience in any minor interruptions that this new construction phase may cause.



NPARC Mayor Bernard Charlie opposes Amalgamation of Health Board for Cape York and Torres Strait

On 4 December 2013, the State Health Minister, the Hon Lawrence Springborg, announced that the Cape York and Torres Strait Health Services will be merged as part of the State Government's latest hospital system overhaul.

Mayor Charlie has written to the Minister, as one of the duly elected Mayors from the three Municipal Shires in the Northern Peninsula Area and Torres Strait, expressing concern and strong opposition to the proposal to establish one Cape and Torres Hospital and Health Board that includes the NPA. These concerns have also been publicly supported by both neighboring counterparts, Mayor Stephen and Mayor Gela.

Mayor Charlie views the decision to merge, without consent, the governance of the Torres Strait Islander people's health with the Cape York Aboriginal people as not only a backward step for both Indigenous societies but contradicts the State Government Constitutional Preamble that recognises the unique culture, custom and needs of both societies. It will force two separate Nations of Indigenous Peoples, suffering disproportionately a high burden of illness and death rates for chronic conditions at three times the rest of the Australian population, to compete for their health needs under one Board.

"To improve health in the NPA and Torres Strait, the government needs the support of NPA and Torres Strait leaders and community free and prior informed consent as per the United Nations Human Rights Conventions to progress real community participation."

"This has been the flaw in the health administration in the Torres Strait since the abolition of the Torres and NPA Health Council and the problem will increase if a joint board is established with the Aboriginal communities in Cape York whose needs differ culturally, geographically and who, apart from chronic disease, have significantly different health issues to people in the NPA."

Mayor Charlie has requested that Minister Springborg meet with the NPARC and his neighboring counterparts to progress this concern. The Minister has indicated a willingness to meet to facilitate further discussion on the matter. Mayor Charlie will keep community advised as to the outcome of that meeting.



NPARC PROPOSES NEW LOCAL LAWS & asks for community feedback

NPARC has drafted proposed new Local Laws for the benefit of the NPA community.

These laws relate to the use of NPA areas including the Airport, Jetty, Boat Ramps and Barge Loading Ramps, Animal Management, Illegal Dumping and extend to include proposed Water Supply laws.

The NPA Community has recently been invited to access draft copies of these laws via the NPARC website or the NPARC Bamaga offices to provide comment and feedback on the new laws that will affect community.

The laws have been drafted to comply with the *Local Government Act 2009* and its Regulations and in line with other local governments of Queensland.

The proposed laws are:-

*Local Law No. 1
(Administration) 2014
(as amended)*

*Subordinate Local Law No. 1
(Administration) 2014
(as amended)*

*Subordinate Local Law No. 7
(Indigenous Community Land Management) 2014
(as amended)*

*Local Law No.8
(Aerodromes) 2014*

*Local Law No. 9 (Jetties,
Barge Loading Ramps and
Boat Ramps) 2014*

*Interim Local Law No. 10
(Water Supply)
2014*

*Interim Subordinate Local
Law No. 10 (Water Supply)*

The comment period runs from 3 February, 2014, to 5 March, 2014. After that time, feedback will be assessed by Council and any necessary amendments made to the draft laws.

As soon as the local law making process is finalised, the proposed and amended local laws will be presented to Council for resolution and adopted into the NPA community for the benefit of all.

For more information on the making of local laws, visit Department of Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience at www.dlg.qld.gov.au.

Section 28 of the *Local Government Act 2009* provides the power for local governments to make and enforce local laws that are necessary or convenient for the good rule and government of their local government area. The Local Government Acts empower local governments to make local laws that are suitable to their particular needs and resources and that achieve the purpose and principles of local government.

EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO SELF DETERMINATION IN THE NPA



Senior Policy Adviser, Richard Shannon, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Edward Newman, the Hon. Member for Leichhardt, Warren Entsch MP, Mayor Bernard Charlie, Chairman of the NPA Ngurpai Ikama Ikya Council, Mr Jeffrey Aniba, the Hon. Minister for Education, Christopher Pyne MP, Mr David Ah Boo, One Way Solutions.

Thursday, 6 February, 2014, heralded the inaugural visit from the Honourable Christopher Pyne MP, Federal Minister for Education and Richard Shannon, Senior Policy Adviser to the Honourable John Paul Langbroek, MP, State Minister for Education, to the Northern Peninsula Area. The Federal Member for Leichhardt, the Honourable Warren Entsch MP, was also in attendance to visit the NPA.

A warm welcome was given by Mayor Bernard Charlie and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Edward Newman on arrival, followed by a welcome to country by Mr Meun Lifu at the Bamaga TAFE facilities, which drew many local community members ranging from the Chairman of the NPA Ngurpai Ikama Ikya Council (Education, Training & Employment), Mr Jeffrey Aniba, to the newly appointed principal of NPA College, Gordon Herbertson.

Mr Aniba gave a rousing address to the audience which outlined to the Minister and Senior State Government his community vision on the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, of which Australia is a signatory, making reference specifically to:

Article 14

- 1. Indigenous peoples having the right to establish and control their educational systems and institutions providing education in their own languages, in a manner appropriate to their cultural methods of teaching and learning.**
- 2. Indigenous individuals, particularly children, having the right to all levels and forms of education of the State without discrimination.**
- 3. States (Australia) shall, in conjunction with indigenous peoples, take effective measures, in order for indigenous individuals, particularly children, including those living outside their communities, to have access, when possible, to an education in their own culture and provided in their own language.**



Mr Aniba stated, 'I cannot continue to see another generation of our children be exposed to a system that continues to fail our community and importantly our children's education in preparing them for the world...this is not about blaming, this is about community control and exercising the constitutional rights of our children to have access to the best educational system as any other Australian child no matter where you live'.

Mr Aniba called for both the State and Federal Government to support the NPA Ngurpai Ikama Ikya Council (Education, Training & Employment) to undertake a comprehensive independent review of the social and education system currently operating in the NPA Region, to ensure ongoing opportunities for self-determination for future generations.

The Minister addressed the crowd of students, teachers and dignitaries with words of encouragement regarding the Abbott government's proposed educational review whilst also emphasising that a 'one size fits all' approach will not necessarily apply to remote communities such as the NPA.

When asked to clarify the 'four pillars' of the review - teacher quality, parental engagement, school autonomy and national curriculum, the Minister commented on his positive expectations for ongoing community engagement in the foreseeable future in order to facilitate independence in the school decision making process.

During the visit, Mayor Charlie expanded on the issue of community engagement by stressing to the Minister the importance of outside organisations, including the Federal Government, needing to consult with Indigenous communities for solutions in a bottom-up approach, rather than the traditional top-down approach which, he suggested, will inevitably fail due to the need for a consultative approach at a local level to reach agreement and commitment from all parties to enhance educational outcomes for the NPA.

NPA community leaders also stressed the need for education to be deliverable in terms of job creation for students who were committed to completing their studies locally, but moreover, being able to gain entry to tertiary level education with the ultimate aim of returning to community, thus bringing their skills and knowledge back to the NPA.

Overall, it was a positive visit and NPARC looks forward to further discussions in respect of the educational needs of the community as the review process continues.



Working Bee Beautifies Bamaga Primary Campus

On Saturday the 22nd February the NPA community was buzzing with enthusiasm and excitement as sixty-eight parents and members from the communities came together in a working bee to clean and tidy the NPA College Bamaga Junior Campus grounds. The day was a huge success with people that stretched from individuals, families, teachers, students and various community organisations.

The day started at 8:00am and finished at 1:00pm with a barbecue supplied by NPA Menshed. The array of tasks undertaken on the day varied from raking, pruning, mowing, whipper snipping, jet washing walkways and classrooms, tree lopping, clearing of gutters and down pipes, scrubbing school amenities, drink troughs, reforming earthworks with heavy machinery and, unfortunately, the removal of graffiti left by those who have little respect for school grounds and community property.

To achieve all this work in one day, the adults, together with approximately twenty-five primary and secondary students, combined as one with a single purpose. The contribution and effort that these people put in is to be commended as the school now has a welcoming and inviting feel to it.

Students, teachers, parents and community members who weren't able to attend on the day were in awe of the noticeable changes to the school's appearance.



Some of the comments made by students were things like, "Miss, I like this school now, it looks really nice." A staff member said, "When I walked in this morning I felt so proud that this is the place that I work!" Another person said, "This is what our communities were like when I was growing up and it's good to see we can still come together and support each other when things need to get done".

Staff and students have a real sense of enthusiasm and pride for their school and would like to thank those individuals who gave up their time along with the organisations represented on the day. These organisations included Menshed, Apudthama Rangers, My Pathways, REM, Ichirru Construction, Kenny's Carpentry, Injinoo Crocs Footballers, NPARC Council members and NPA Blackstar Radio for helping promote the working bee.

A special thank you needs to be given to Mr Richard McLean for the several weeks of organisation and ground work leading up to the day.

Mina Big Esso to all.

The next working bee at the Senior Campus is scheduled for the 29th March at 9:00 am.



NPA New Community Incentives 2014



IBIS RECYCLING PROJECT

IBIS gets assistance from Keep Australia Beautiful and The Coca Cola Foundation to introduce recycling in the Torres Strait and NPA.

Be involved in assisting IBIS to recycle drink cans and bottles and remove waste from our community.

Bring your empty aluminium drink cans and plastic drink bottles to the IBIS store and deposit them in the provided bins for recycling.

It is estimated that more than 3,000 kilograms of aluminium drink cans and plastic drink bottles are dumped in Bamaga each year.

IBIS believes that a properly managed and supported program at each of the IBIS stores could realise a dramatic reduction in litter and environmental damage in the Torres Strait and NPA communities with a large percentage of this waste recycled.

Recycling one plastic drink bottle saves enough energy to power a computer for 25 minutes.

Recycling bins will be set up at the IBIS store to receive your aluminium drink cans and plastic (P.E.T.) bottles during store opening hours.



Tips for Managing our Homes during the Wet Season

The wet season often leads to increased mosquito numbers which can lead to an increase in bites and the potential for an increase in mosquito-borne disease. Standing water in areas of your yard from heavy rainfall and flooding provides perfect conditions for mosquito breeding. Community needs to play its part and help reduce the number of potential breeding sites by taking the following actions in and around your home.

Actions to take—

- When cleaning up your house and yard following a cyclone or flood, get rid of potential mosquito breeding sites to help prevent mosquito-borne disease.
- Remove any stagnant pools of water around your house and yard. This may involve clearing debris from ditches, cutting small channels to help pooling water drain, or filling in holes and vehicle wheel ruts.
- Clean up debris which the flood waters have deposited on your property. While a lot of this debris may be half buried, it often contains enough water to breed large numbers of mosquitoes.

Common mosquito breeding sites include:

- **pot plant bases (inside and outside)**
- **Tyres**
- **Tarpaulins**
- **Palm fronds**
- **Buckets**
- **Tin cans and plastic containers**
- **Boats, car bodies, coconut shells**
- **Roof gutters (if blocked by leaf debris).**

In addition to pooled water, rain or floodwater may have collected in containers around your yard, so make sure you tip them out and store them in a dry place, or throw them away.

Rainwater tanks can also be a source of mosquitoes and should be checked and cleaned regularly by checking the mosquito screens and flap valves on rainwater tanks, particularly in-ground tanks to ensure that the screens and flap valves are still in place. Make repairs as necessary.

Avoid being bitten -

- wear insect repellent whenever mosquitoes are present
- wear long, loose, light-coloured clothing
- use insect spray to kill any mosquitoes in rooms
- use mosquito coils or plug-in insecticide mats in rooms.



Water Conservation in the NPA

What is Water Conservation and what does it mean for the NPA?

Every local government is pushing for rules and regulations that encourage water conservation in their regional areas. Their aim is to implement the proper use of the available resource over an extended period of time to encourage communities to observe sensible water practices on a daily basis.

This is how important water conservation is today, especially now that most people are aware of what is happening to the world's water supply and how we can protect our environment.

When talking about water conservation, community needs to ask itself the following questions:-

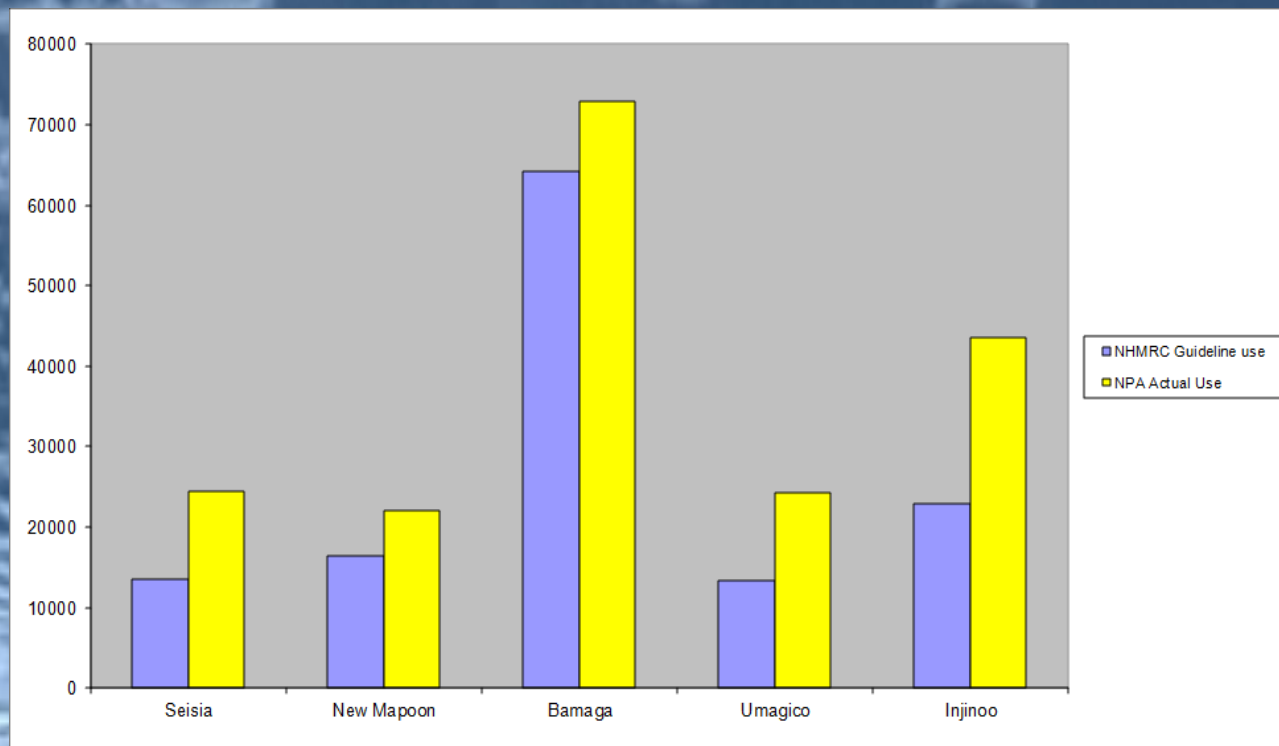
- What are the different ways the NPA community can conserve water?
- What are the implications of not being able to conserve water?
- Is it possible for every home to work out their water consumption and how much have I saved? If so, how?
- How am I able to conserve water in areas such as home, school or at work?
- What measures are currently being taken to conserve water and how much is community saving?

The main goal of water conservation is to preserve a sustainable amount of water source. This is important so that future generations will still have clean water to use for all aspects of their health and wellbeing. It also instils values of water preservation into future generations to come.

With the possibility of NPARC taking over management of the Water Supply for the NPA in the near future, it is a timely reminder for community that the local water supply is not infinite and each and everyone of us need to be conserving our usage on a daily basis.



Water Usage in the NPA Comparison with National Guidelines OCTOBER—DECEMBER 2013



From the above Table, we can see that the NPA community, as a whole, consumes more water than the national guidelines quota. For that reason, NPARC lists the following water conservation measures for community consideration as ways to commencing our reduction in daily water usage.

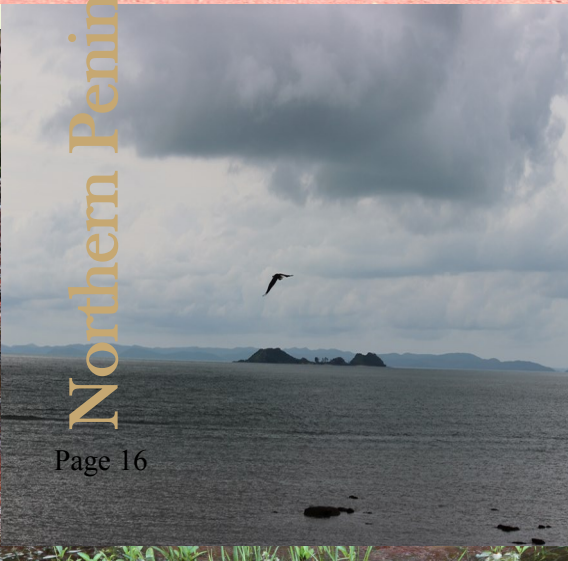
Water Conservation Checklist

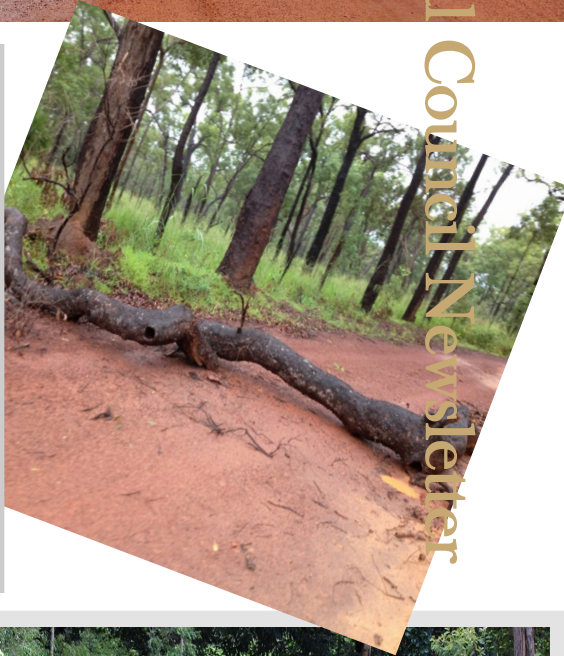
- Leaks along the pipes and on your taps should be checked regularly
- Avoid using the toilet as a waste disposal unit
- The toilet should be checked for any leaks
- Installation of water saving showerheads and low flow water taps can be useful
- Float boosters should be placed in you toilet tanks. An alternative is to fill plastic bottles with either pebbles or water. Make sure they are safely placed away from the operating mechanism.
- Insulate your water pipes in order to heat the water faster
- Shorter showers are advisable.
- Taps should be turned off after you wet your toothbrush
- The sink is the best place to rinse your razor

Wet season in the NPA



Northern Peninsula Area Regional





Wet Season Safety Mother nature can throw a lot at us during the wet season, so here are some helpful tips to help prepare for the worst.

Before the storm

It's important to secure loose outdoor items so they do not blow away (or float away) during storms. Also, take care of animals so they do not scare and run away. As an added security, you can fill garbage bins and dinghies with water to help hold them down.

In severe wet weather, ensure that windows fitted with shutters are closed securely and other windows are taped in a criss-cross fashion using strong packing tape. Check if your neighbors or elderly family members need a hand with this.

In cases of severe weather, you may find yourself cut off from town water or power. You can take the precaution of filling buckets and baths with fresh water before the weather hits, in case supplies become restricted.

If you are in a storm surge area, organise with a relative or friend living on higher ground to stay with them until after the storm surge has passed.

Make sure you have an emergency medical kit with first aid and any medication supplies you may need; keep this in an easy to reach place the whole family can find it.

During the storm

Take shelter in the strongest part of the house. This is usually a basement, bathroom or archway.

If the building you are sheltering in starts to break up, immediately seek shelter under a strong table, bench or heavy mattress.

If you are driving and are caught in a heavy storm, park clear of power lines, trees and water courses and remain inside the car.

Beware of the calm eye of the cyclone. Stay inside until you've received official advice that it is safe to go outside and heed all advice given by authorities. If you have access to a battery operated radio, keep this with you to receive radio updates.

REMEMBER 'IF IT'S FLOODED, FORGET IT.'

Under no circumstance should people enter floodwaters by road or on foot.

Emergency Contacts

State Emergency Service (SES) 132 500
Emergency Number (Life Threatening)
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Bamaga Police Station 4090 4500
Bamaga Hospital 4069 3166
Red Dust Country 91.9FM 4069 3356
(for traffic alerts/ community updates)

Safe Travels! Handy tips for 4 wheel driving in the NPA

Your Off Road Checklist

Here are the basics that you should always carry in your vehicle when travelling off-road. These items are good to have in the vehicle at all times.

- ◆ First Aid Kit
- ◆ Communications (UHF, HF and Sat phone),
- ◆ Basic Personal Essentials (water, food)
- ◆ Spare Tyre, workable tyre changing equipment
- ◆ Tow Strap,
- ◆ Recovery equipment (at a minimum snatch strap or maxtrax),
- ◆ Basic Tool Kit

REMEMBER!

When travelling into remote areas, always travel in groups of 2 or more vehicles, have the right communications to suit the areas you are travelling in (HF radios or Sat phone).

Always alert someone of your travel itinerary, where you are going and when you expect to return

Take a first aid kit, tools and recovery equipment to suit the area and the terrain.

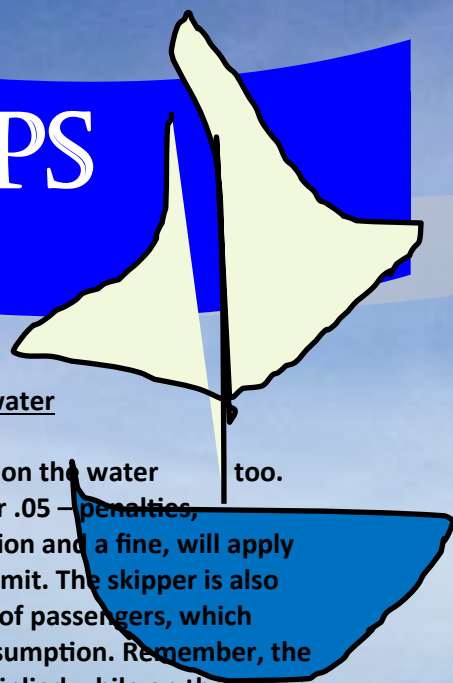
Injinoo Primary Campus

- why it is so important to send your child to school - on time, every day!

If your child misses...	that equals..	which is...	and over 13 years of schooling that is...	which means the best your child may perform is...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equal to finishing in <u>Grade 11</u>
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equal to finishing in <u>Grade 10</u>
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equal to finishing in <u>Grade 7</u>
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years	Equal to finishing in <u>Grade 4</u>

EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON THAT YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD - NELSON MANDELA

BOAT SAFETY TIPS



Here are some timely tips to help make your boating experience in the NPA better.

Check the weather before you head out – if in doubt, don't go out

Queensland's weather systems are changeable and unpredictable. Good weather is critical for a safe and comfortable trip. Check the forecast when planning a trip, before you leave and while you are on the water via the Bureau of Meteorology - www.bom.gov.au

Call Maritime Safety Queensland's weather service for the cost of a local phone call:

all of Queensland – 1300 360 426
marine warnings –
1300 360 427

Remember, weather can change while you are out on the water. Always make sure you have more than enough fuel for your trip. You may need more on your way back if conditions deteriorate and the sea becomes choppy or you have to head to a safe anchorage to wait out a storm.

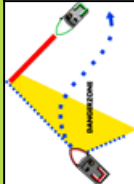
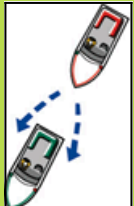
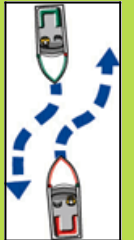
Don't sink through drink – under .05 applies on the water

Blood alcohol limits apply on the water too. The skipper must be under .05 – penalties, including license cancellation and a fine, will apply to those caught over the limit. The skipper is also responsible for the safety of passengers, which includes their alcohol consumption. Remember, the effects of alcohol are multiplied while on the water due to the sun, wind and constant motion. When under the influence of alcohol, reflexes and response times are slowed and swimming ability deteriorates considerably.

You're the Skipper – You're Responsible

How you drive your vessel can affect others. Slow

down so your wash doesn't affect other vessels. Before altering course, check for other vessels in all directions, especially behind you. Just because the rules say you may have right of way doesn't mean you shouldn't take action to avoid an incident (refer to Rule 5 and Rule 7 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea).

Crossing		Boat on your right has right of way
Overtaking		Keep clear until well past
Giving way		Boats meeting head-on: both turn to starboard (right)

REMEMBER! think of others, especially when launching vessels on and off boat ramps. Safety first at all times. Be aware of children on the beach front and other vehicles that may wish to use the area. Respect for others and the environment is the key to making the most of the vast and beautiful waters of the NPA.

SAFE SWIMMING IN TROPICAL WATERS

The beaches and oceans of tropical Queensland and Australia are an important part of the natural attraction of these regions. They are also home to several species of marine stingers, including *Chironex fleckeri*, the 'Box Jelly-fish' and the Irukandji.

Both of these are classed as dangerous tropical marine stingers and caution must be exercised when entering tropical waters during the 'Marine Stinger season'.

Whilst marine stingers may be present throughout the entire year in tropical Queensland, the risk associated with these two types of potentially dangerous jellyfish are higher during the 'Marine Stinger season' that typically runs from November through to May.

Prevention

- Look for and obey safety signs.
- Don't enter the water when beaches are closed.
- Don't touch marine stingers washed up on the beach, they can still sting you.

Personal Safety Rules

Some simple rules for safe swimming apply to help reduce the risk of incidents involving marine stingers:

- Look for, and observe, warning signs.
- Wear protective clothing (wet suit or lycra body suit).
- Don't swim when beaches are closed.
- Enter water slowly (*Chironex* Box Jelly-fish will often swim away from people given the opportunity and time).

Symptoms for Irukandji stings may take 20-40 minutes to develop, if in doubt seek medical aid.



IN AN EMERGENCY!

1. Call for help—Dial 000 for an ambulance
2. Emergency Care—Provide CPR if required
3. Treat the sting—Flood the site of the sting with vinegar for a minimum of 30 seconds
4. Seek Medical Aid—Transport to hospital

NPA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2014

MUD RALLY & PIG HUNT	22 MARCH 2014
ANZAC DAY PARADE & DAWN SERVICE	25 APRIL 2014
MABO DAY PARADE & BBQ	3 JUNE 2014
COMING OF THE LIGHT FESTIVAL	1 JULY 2014
NPA SHOW DAY	8 & 9 AUGUST 2014
NPA CULTURAL FESTIVAL	2 - 4 OCTOBER 2014
LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY & FAMILY BBQ	6 OCTOBER, 2014
NPA MULTI SPORTS CARNIVAL	30 OCT—1 NOV 2014

FOR ENQUIRIES ON ANY OF THE 2014 NPA EVENTS PLEASE CONTACT THE EVENTS TEAM ON 4048 6600.



NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA PHONE LIST

Injinoo

Injinoo Indigenous Knowledge Centre	4069 3761
NPARC/ Apudthama Rangers Base	4069 3875
Injinoo Ready Mix	4069 3258
Injinoo Ferry (Jardine River)	4069 1369
Injinoo Youth Centre	4069 3961
Injinoo Service Station	4083 0011
Injinoo Healing Centre	4069 3811
Injinoo Health Centre	4069 3465

Umagico

Umagico Sporting Library/IKC	4083 0333
NPARC Works Depot Umagico	4069 3419
NPARC Environmental Services	4069 3992
Umagico Budget Lodge	4069 3112]
- contact Rob or Angela Carmody	0400693012]
Alau Supermarket	4069 3273
NPA Tip (Rubbish Dump)	4069 3252
NPA Tip (after hours)	4069 3593
Umagico Health Centre	4069 3306

Bamaga

Bamaga Activity Centre	4212 2103
NPA HACC (Elderly Care)	4069 3305
Bamaga Post Office	4069 3126
Bamaga BP Service Station	4069 3275
NPA Family and Community Services	4069 3555

NPA Women's Shelter (Bamaga)	4212 2202
Bamaga Enterprises	4069 3533
NPA PCYC	4069 3388
IBIS Supermarket	4048 6500
Bamaga Pool	4069 3659
Bamaga Health Centre	4069 3200
Bamaga Hospital	4069 3166
Bamaga Dentist (at Hospital)	4069 3166

New Mapoon

New Mapoon IKC	4069 3444
NPA Arts Centre	4083 0271
NPA Menshed	0417200172
Cape York Ice and Tackle	4069 3695
New Mapoon Store	4069 3013
New Mapoon Health Centre	4069 3454

Seisia

Seisia IKC	4069 3883
Seisia Enterprises	4069 3243
Seisia Meat Works	4083 0201
Top End Motors	4069 3182
Seisia Camp Grounds	4069 3243
Seisia BP Service Station	4069 3897
Seisia Health Centre	4069 3271

Emergency Contacts

**In case of life threatening emergency– call 000
(Ambulance/ Fire Brigade)**

Bamaga Hospital	4069 3166
Bamaga Police Station	4090 4500
State Emergency Service (SES)	132 500
NPA Ambulance	4069 3344
Airport (Emergencies)	4069 1520

NPARC Offices	(Phone)	(Fax)
Division 1, Injinoo	4048 6800	4069 3253
Division 2, Umagico	4048 6900	4069 3115
Division 3, Bamaga	4090 4100	4069 3264
Division 4, New Mapoon	4048 6600	4069 3107
Division 4, Seisia	4048 6700	4069 3180

Housing Call Centre	1300 738 616
NPARC Events and Equipment Hire	4069 3388
Red Dust Country 91.9FM	4069 3356
NPARC Media (NPA News)	4048 6612

NPA Childcare Facilities

Bamaga Kazil Management	4212 2101
Bamaga Kazil OSHC	4212 2100
Bamaga Kazil Youth Centre.	4069 3847
Injinoo Day Care Centre.	4212 2401
Injinoo OSHC.	4069 3109
Nai-Beguta Agama Aboriginal Corp	
New Mapoon Daycare	4069 3074
New Mapoon Activity Centre	4069 3353
New Mapoon Resource Centre	4069 3408
Umagico Child Care Centre.	4212 2500
Umagico OSHC.	4083 0440

NPA College

Injinoo Primary Campus	4090 4888
Bamaga Primary Campus (1-5)	4090 4444
Bamaga Senior Campus (6-12)	4090 4333

Loyalty Beach Campgrounds	4069 3372
Punsand Bay Campgrounds	4069 1722

Ergon Energy Contacts

Customer Service	13 10 46
Faults Only (24hrs, 7days)	13 22 96
Life-Threatening Emergencies– call 000 or	
13 16 70	

Other significant dates for this year:-

March 21st—National Close the Gap Day
May 26th—National Sorry Day
May 27th—Anniversary of 1967 Referendum
July 7th-14th—NAIDOC Week

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.

Full comp details will be available in the next edition of the NPA News.

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 NPAC High School Oval

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

PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD

Jardine Ferry is now operating full time hours from 8-5pm daily from 14 April, 2014 until further notice.

Judo

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

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



If there are any other community sports, recreations or events that you wish to have included here, please contact me directly on 4048 6612 or 0421 987 097 or email roisin.mcguigan@npa.qld.gov.au.