

# THE NPARC NEWS



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Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council Newsletter

February 2018

*With Respect and pride we build a future for our children based on unity, equitable self-governance, education and culture.*



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# Welcome!

## Road Conditions

Roads have been closed heading into the NPA Region. For all updates contact Department of Main Roads on 13 19 10

[Read more on page 6](#)

## Community Notices

Whooping Cough - Queensland Health Department are notifying families on the spread of Whooping cough.

**Symptoms:** Runny nose, nasal congestion, red, watery eyes, fever, cough, provoke vomiting, result in a red or blue face, extreme fatigue

If you have any of the above symptoms please contact your nearest health clinic.

It has been another very busy month with all staff officers working continuously to serve the five NPA communities. In this issue we cover two exciting events the Queens Baton Relay and the 75th Light Infantry Battalion. These two events both hold significant importance to our region, it is a time of unity, celebration, remembrance and recognition.

Earlier this month we had several weather alerts that caused flash flooding around the area especially at the Jardine River. NPARC encourages all residents and visitors to still take the necessary precautions during the wet season. Ensure you have an emergency plan and kit in place.

As we look forward to the month ahead, I hope that these newsletters are providing you with updated information across NPARC. If you would like to share or know more about advertising with NPARC please contact [media@nparc.qld.gov.au](mailto:media@nparc.qld.gov.au) or contact (07) 4048 6600.

*Joanne Hingano*

Joanne Hingano—Media and Communications Officer



Gold Coast 2018

**Queen's Baton Relay**  
XXI Commonwealth Games

Coming to the NPA communities on March 4th 2018. Full details on page 4.

# 2018 Council Meeting Dates\* Dates may change without notice.

Tuesday 30th January 2018 <b>Injinoo</b>	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 <b>Umagico</b>	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 <b>Bamaga</b>	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 <b>New Mapoon</b>
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 <b>Injinoo</b>	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2018 <b>Umagico</b>	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2018 <b>Bamaga</b>	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2018 <b>New Mapoon</b>
Tuesday 25th September 2018 <b>Injinoo</b>	Tuesday 30 <sup>st</sup> October 2018 <b>Umagico</b>	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 <b>Cairns</b>	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 <b>Bamaga</b>

## Key Dates to Remember

26 / 02/2018 - 03/03/2018  <b>Queens Baton Relay Community Clean - Up</b>	NPARC will be conducting community clean-ups along the Queens Baton Relay Route. If you are on the Queens Baton Route our Parks/Gardens and Roads team will be taking all rubbish and scrap metal that is on the kerb. If this affects you please contact Umagico Office on (07) 4048 6900
04/03/2018  <b>Queens Baton Relay</b>	Communities are welcomed to attend free community events which includes: - Cultural Performances - Free BBQ'S - Entertainment NPARC encourages all residents to support the Queens Baton as it travels around the NPA.
13/03/2018  <b>Kerbside Clean</b>	NPARC will be conducting our annual Kerbside Clean up. It is advised that residents must neatly stack all unwanted items on the kerbside two weeks after the Queens Baton Relay. Please contact Umagico Office for further enquiries.

## Umagico Supermarket Trading Hours



Monday	8.00am	-	7.00pm
Tuesday	8.00am	-	7.00pm
Wednesday	8.00am	-	7.00pm
Thursday	8.00am	-	7.00pm
Friday	8.00am	-	7.00pm
Saturday	8.00am	-	2.00pm
Sunday	8.00am	-	2.00pm

# Upcoming Events



## Queens Baton Relay Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March

NPARC and NPA communities will welcome the Queens Baton Relay on March 4<sup>th</sup> 2018. The relay is part of the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games in April 2018.

Local residents are encouraged to support this relay as it is a prestigious moment for the NPA Region.

## Building Active Communities Workshops

Free workshops for sport and recreation club volunteers



## Strength workshops Wed 14<sup>th</sup> March

6 – 9 PM

Bamaga Gym,  
Lot 223, Adidi Street, Bamaga QLD 4876

For more information:

Far North Regional Office

Phone: 07 4222 5236

PO Box 2494 Cairns QLD 4870



## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Torres Strait Infantry Battalion Celebration 17th March

### Celebrations held on Thursday Island

Beginning with first light administrations at 6:00am

Dawn Service at Green Hill Fort

Breakfast at PKA Hall

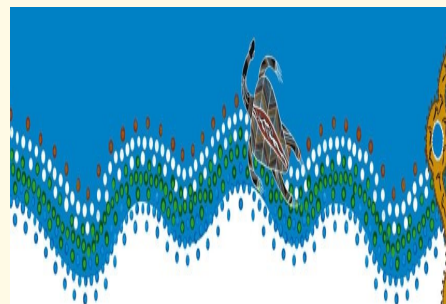
Parade  
(Post Office to Anzac Park)

Service at Anzac Park

BBQ Lunch

Evening Feast and War Time Dancing

Further information contact John Adidi on  
(07) 4090 4129



## Deadly Ears Outreach 26-29th March

The Deadly Ears Outreach team will be holding the bi-annual clinic/ surgical outreach at Bamaga Hospital and Injinoo Health Centre (clinic only) from 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

There will be a team of 14 Doctors, Nurses and Audiologists attending these outreach dates.

For further information: Community members will need to enquire at their health centres.



# The Queens Baton Relay

NPARC and partnering organisations will welcome the Queens Baton Relay on Sunday 4th March 2018. There will be multiple events happening in all five communities which is being organised by the Councillors, NPARC events team, local community groups, tradition owners and our local schools. NPARC congratulates the Baton Bearers who will be partaking in this prestigious event.

## Injinoo

The Queens Baton will arrive at 9:04am by charter boat at the Injinoo Lookout. Organisers of the event encourage all community members to muster at Injinoo Lookout to welcome the Queens Baton into the NPA Region. Mayor Eddie Newman will conduct the formal proceedings, followed by cultural performances and a free BBQ breakfast. The Queens Baton will then make its way to Umagico.

## Umagico

The Queens Baton will arrive in Umagico at 9.40am and will be welcomed with traditional dancing from the Wabuna Geth Umagico Group. Residents and community groups are encouraged to muster at the Umagico Hall by 8.30am.

## Bamaga

Local children of the NPA State College and Junior Campuses will line the streets as a 'guard of honour' for the Queens Baton arrival into Bamaga. The Berlibal Dance Team will then perform at Yusia Ginau Oval which will also have children's activities and a free BBQ brunch. Baton Bearers will begin Relays at 11.17am and there will be a final performance by the Naygayiw Gigi Dance Troupe at Nona Creek.

## New Mapoon

Residents of the New Mapoon community are encouraged to cluster outside the NPARC Office to welcome the Queens Baton by 11:30am.

## Seisia

Seisia will be the last community and closing of the Queens Baton Relay. NPARC and event organisers encourage as many families to gather at Seisia Wharf to farewell the Queens Baton as it travels towards the Gold Coast. There will be a free community BBQ lunch and cultural performances.

\* Times are strict and the Queens Baton Relay will commence at the times stipulated below. Please make sure that you are at the muster points an hour prior to the Baton arrival in each community.

## Baton Bearers

Injinoo	Umagico	Bamaga	New Mapoon	Seisia
09:19	09:51	11:17	11:38	12:15
Meun Lifu	Michelle Eaton-Reid	Suwani Nona	Reon Sanders	George Sailor
09:22	09:55	11:20	11:42	12:18
Jacob Gigliotti	Stanley Mugai Dai	Aaron Tamwoy	Jasmine Bond	Mary Mawella Yoelu
09:24	09:58	11:24	11:45	12:21
Elsja Mosby	Lequeisha Charlie	Francis Newman	Mervyn Bond	John Neal
09:26	10:02	11:27	11:48	12:25
Michael Solomon	Rodney Kyle Toby	Leandra Newman	Jodie Elisara	Jeffery Aniba
09:29			11:51	
Teho Ropeyarn			Triburn Fritz	

## Remembrance of the Torres Strait Infantry Battalion with John Adidi

*"Let us give thanks to the brave 800 soldiers who put their lives at risk and made significant sacrifices to shield for their beloved ones."* John Adidi.



It is the 75th Anniversary of the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion held on Thursday Island. This commemoration event will be held on the 17th March 2018.

This is a day of celebration and remembrance for the 800 brave men who formed this Battalion whilst Singapore and Japan fought during World War II. (1945)

The first soldier to join this army was Private Solomon Gela from Darnley Island. Soldiers were from the Torres Strait Islands and the Northern Aboriginal communities.

Soldiers from the Western Islands of Saibai, Dauan and Boigu were selected to defend the Japanese at Mereukee, Western Papua New Guinea. These soldiers were strategically placed given their local knowledge and expertise in mangroves, rivers and swamp warfare.

The Torres Strait Light Infantry veterans were the only Indigenous contingent, Which were made up of men who later received Australian Star Medals in the early 1980s. They were acknowledged for volunteering there lives in protection of their communities.

The Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion is currently displayed in remembrance through announcements, song and dance in the Torres Strait Islands

Descendants of these veterans have been invited to participate in the celebrations on Thursday Island.

For more details please contact John Adidi on (07) 4090 4129

## Avoiding Mosquito Breeding

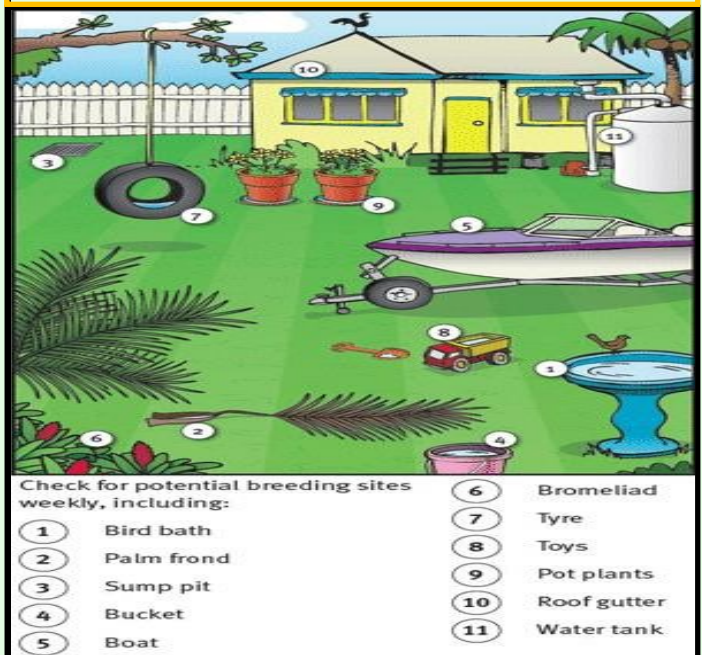
### Try These Handy Tips!

Mosquitoes are attracted to areas where water will sit. To help minimise mosquitoes breeding try the following tips.

- Remove all leaves
- Junk items
- Flip over boats and slides etc.
- Keep boats and associated fishing tackle undercover
- Inspect your house and space weekly
- Use sand wherever required i.e. pot plants therefore this absorbs water rather than letting it sit.
- Remove any manure around the house.

These handy tips will help create a cleaner and mosquito free environment.

For further information on mosquito control contact our Umagico Office/Environmental Health Department  
(07) 4048 6900



## Wet Weather Emergency Kit

A small tip to help prepare for the unexpected.

- Updated First Aid Kit
- Water/Cash/Wet weather proof clothing
- Battery operated radio and torches
- Important documents

## Flood Survival Kit

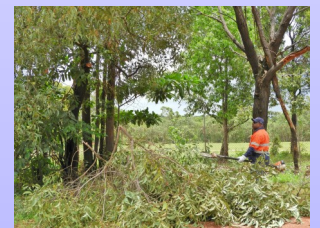


# NPARC Parks and Gardens

The Parks and Gardens teams have been restructured to ensure that their is continuous maintenance in our communities . Alan Krumin, Works Overseer has structured the teams so that they will spend five days in each community starting from Injinoo and making its way to Seisia. There will also be a dedicated team who will focus on all community parks and gardens. The Parks and Gardens team will also ensure that the following activities are priority.

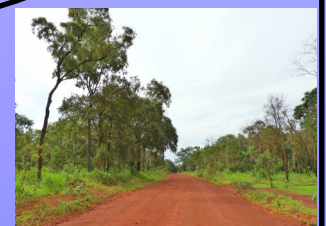
- Events
- Funerals/Wakes/Sorry time gatherings
- Fallen Trees
- Danger or emergencies.

For more information on community clean ups please contact the Umagico office/Parks and Gardens on 07 4048 6900



## Road Conditions

Referenced by [www.racq.com.au](http://www.racq.com.au)



**Where:** Mission River, 4874

**Road:**

Peninsula Developmental Road

**Conditions:**

Adverse driving conditions

**Notices:**

No delays expected

**Do not drive in flood waters**

(Last updated 23rd February)

**Where:** Coen / Mission River, 4874 / 4892

**Road:**

Peninsula Developmental Road

**Notices:**

Subject to a 5 tonne GVM limit

All directions

Delays expected

**Do not drive in flood waters**

(Last updated 23rd February)

**Where:** Coen

**Road:**

Peninsula Developmental Road

**Conditions:**

Water is over the Archer River Bridge at approximately 800mm

**Notices:**

Road closed to ALL traffic

Delays expected

**Do not drive in flood waters**

(Last updated 26th February)



# Local Fare Scheme

## Local Fare Scheme - Airfare subsidy for regional and remote Queensland

The Local Fare Scheme is an airfare subsidy that aims to improve the standard of living of local residents in regional and remote Queensland communities by making air travel to neighbouring communities more affordable.

The airfare subsidy is available to local residents who have lived in their **eligible community for 3 or more years**. Residents may receive a discount of up to \$400 for return airfare bookings when travelling between the following airports:

- **Cape York:** Aurukun, Coen, Kowanyama, Lockhart River, Northern Peninsula, Pormpuraaw and Weipa. [Map of local air routes \(PDF, 144 KB\)](https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/-/media/Travelandtransport/Maps-and-guides/capeyork.pdf?la=en) ( <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/-/media/Travelandtransport/Maps-and-guides/capeyork.pdf?la=en> )
- **Gulf of Carpentaria:** Doomadgee and Mornington Island. [Map of local air routes \(PDF, 128 KB\)](https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/-/media/Travelandtransport/Maps-and-guides/morningtonisland.pdf?la=en) ( <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/-/media/Travelandtransport/Maps-and-guides/morningtonisland.pdf?la=en> )
- **Torres Strait:** Horn (Ngurupai), Badu, Talbot (Boigu), Coconut (Poruma), Darnley (Erub), Mabuiag, Kubin, Murray (Mer), Saibai, Sue (Warraber), Yam (Iama) and Yorke (Masig) Islands. [Map of local air routes \(PDF, 171 KB\)](https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/-/media/Travelandtransport/Maps-and-guides/torresstrait.pdf?la=en) ( <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/-/media/Travelandtransport/Maps-and-guides/torresstrait.pdf?la=en> )

To be eligible for the scheme, local residents will be required to provide a letter from their local council to prove they have been a resident in Cape York, Gulf of Carpentaria or Torres Strait community for a minimum of 3 years.

### Conditions

- Up to \$400 discount for return travel, including GST; up to \$200 discount is applied to each one way fare, including GST. Minimum fare payable is \$99 each way, including GST, plus booking fees.
- Residents must book return travel, one way flights not eligible.
- Residents must apply for a Letter of Eligibility through their local council before booking discounted fares under the Local Fare Scheme.
- Discounted airfares under the scheme are only available through a local ticketing agent.
- Discount applies at the airline's discretion.
- Discount cannot be applied to entry level airfares or tactical sale fares.
- Fare rules are in accordance with the fare type booked, set by airlines.
- **Discount is for personal air travel only, not for employer paid or government use.**
- Not to be used in conjunction with any other government travel subsidy.
- Use is limited to 12 times per financial year, per person.
- Only for use on scheduled air services to selected communities in Cape York, Gulf of Carpentaria and the Torres Strait.
- Not for use on charter services.
- Transport and Main Roads can change any aspect of the scheme at any time, including but not limited to discount amount, community scope, seat availability and eligibility requirements.

## Steps for booking your flight

### Step 1 – Apply for your Letter of Eligibility

Visit your local council and demonstrate (your local council will set requirements) that you have lived locally for a minimum of 3 years. If approved, your council will issue you a Letter of Eligibility. Contact your local council for more information.

If you have lost your Letter of Eligibility contact your local council for a replacement.

### Step 2 – Buy your ticket

Visit your local ticketing agent to buy your ticket.

Bookings can be made on behalf of family members if each family member has a Letter of Eligibility.

To access discounted flights through the Local Fare Scheme you must:

- present photo ID
- provide your Letter of Eligibility
- book a return flight from an eligible airport through the local ticketing agent
- complete travel by 30 June 2019. **Please note:** Eligible residents of Doomadgee, Mornington Island and Weipa Town Authority, may book flights any time, but travel will need to be completed by 31 August 2018 as access to this scheme is currently a trial.
- advise the ticketing agent the reason for travel

### Step 3 – Travel

- Turn up for the flight
- Present photo ID

Depending on the type of fare you have booked you will need to contact your ticketing agent if you miss your flight or need to change it.

If you miss more than 2 flights within a 12 month period you may not be able to receive any further discounted flights.

For more information about the Local Fare Scheme email: [aviation@translink.com.au](mailto:aviation@translink.com.au) ( <mailto:aviation@translink.com.au> ).

### Eligible airports and agents

See below for eligible airports within each region council and agent contact details.

**Council/Community** Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council Bamaga

<b>Airline</b>	Skytrans REX
<b>Agent</b>	<b>Cape York Ice and Tackle (SKYTRANS)</b> 07 4069 3695 <b>Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council (REX)</b> 07 4090 4100 <b>Bamaga Dreamtime (REX/SKYTRANS)</b> 07 4069 3222





## DATE CLAIMER

# Keep the Flame of Culture Burning Festival

The Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council is proudly hosting the 3rd biannual Cultural Festival— Keep the Flame of Culture Burning.

The festival will travel between each of the Northern Peninsula Area communities of Injinoo, Seisia, Umagico, New Mapoon and Bamaga. A carved fire torch will be lit to signify peace and unity as it makes its way throughout the various communities.

The festival is a free event that will showcase local and regional cultural dance groups, emerging artists, foods and local arts/crafts stalls.

We welcome all neighbouring communities to join us as we celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island cultures as well as recognising our diverse multicultural society. The festival aims to bring 1000+ cultural performers & entertainers & 5000 + attendees.

## Festival Dates

### Wednesday 4th July - Saturday 7th July

All enquiries can be made to the Festival Coordinator Kori Totorewa

Phone: (07) 4048 6600 Email: [festival@nparc.qld.gov.au](mailto:festival@nparc.qld.gov.au) Mobile: 0438 135 775

**This is a drug & Alcohol free event**





# KEEP THE FLAME OF CULTURE BURNING FESTIVAL



FESTIVAL ANNOUNCEMENT

**IT'S LIVE!**  
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**Australia's most iconic Indigenous  
artist, Christine Anu Performing Live**

**When: 6th July**

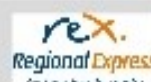
**Where: Yusia Ginou Oval  
Free Community Event**

**[www.nparc.qld.gov.au](http://www.nparc.qld.gov.au)**

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## Welcome to the NPARC Staff

Positions filled as at 19.02.18

Mr Brian Wetzel - WHS Manager

Mr Kenny Sebasio - Stores Assistant

## NPARC Positions vacant

HACC Groundsman / Closing date 9th March

HACC Aged Carer / Closing date 12th March

2 x Jardine Ferry Assistant Operators / Closing date 13th March

For more information contact Dalassa Sailor, Human Resource Advisor

Phone: (07) 4048 6612 or Email: [dalassa.sailor@nparc.qld.gov.au](mailto:dalassa.sailor@nparc.qld.gov.au)

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