

NPARC NEWS



Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council

March Issue

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

Welcome!!!



Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council (NPARC) staff officers are working to serve the five communities of the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA). In this issue we conclude on the Major Events for the month of March and release the upcoming Events for April.

Earlier this month we have had one Cyclone Warning but were fortunate enough the Cyclone travelled South and did not affect the NPA. 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.

Crocodiles are still out and about; be Cautious when children are around the water edges of the beaches, creeks and rivers etc.

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 or contact (07) 4048 6600.

Joanne Hingano

Joanne Hingano - Media and Communications Officer

Community Notices

Crocodile sightings

Crocodiles have been reported at the Seisia Wharf and at Marau Creek (Road to the Airport).



Road Damage

There is a big gap of road missing on the Peninsula Development Road south of Coen. It will take some time for it to be repaired with Transport and Main Roads crews working around the clock in the Far North.

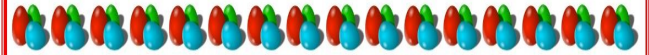


KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

19th March - 2nd April 2018 Kerbside Clean up	<p>The Kerbside Clean up is coming to an end.</p> <p>For further information contact Umagico Office on (07) 4048 6900</p>
16th April / 17th April 2018 Community Engagement	<p>NPARC will be developing Sports and Recreation Facility strategies and wants to have your input.</p>
25th April Anzac Day	<p>Anzac Day is a National day to honour the members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) who fought at Gallipoli against the Ottoman Empire during World War I.</p>

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Easter Holiday Trading



Dear valued customers,

Trading Hours for the coming Easter Weekend are as follows for the Injinoo Service Station

FRIDAY, 30/03/18.....CLOSED (Good Friday).

SATURDAY, 31/03/18.....OPEN – 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

SUNDAY, 1/04/18.....CLOSED.

MONDAY, 2/04/18.....OPEN – 8:00 am – 12:00 pm (Easter Monday).

Business will return to normal the following day. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and wish you all a safe & enjoyable **"EASTER WEEKEND"**.



Dear valued customers,

Trading Hours for the coming Easter Weekend are as follows for the Umagico Supermarket

FRIDAY, 30/03/18.....OPEN 9:00am – 1:00pm.

SATURDAY, 31/03/18.....OPEN – 8:00 am – 2:00pm.

SUNDAY, 1/04/18.....OPEN – 8:00am – 2:00pm.

MONDAY, 2/04/18.....CLOSED

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Upcoming Events



KERBSIDE COLLECTION

From the 19th March 2018. (Weather permitting) NPARC will be conducting a 2 week clean up from Injinoo to Seisia. Items for collection must be placed on the kerbside neatly in front of the property. Separate piles of waste. Green waste, hard waste, general waste, electronics etc.



For more information contact Umagico office (07) 4048 6900

The Kerbside Collection will be ending on Tuesday the 3rd of April 2018.

Due to the wet weather, the Kerbside Collection was put on hold for the weekend of 17/18 of March but continued the following week.

For more information contact Umagico office on (07) 4048 6900



First set of Community Consultations for the Sports and Recreation Facility Strategies.

- Seisia 12:00pm - 1:00pm
- New Mapoon 5:30pm - 6:30pm

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MONDAY 16TH APRIL 2018

NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA REGIONAL COUNCIL (NPARC) WILL BE DEVELOPING SPORTS AND RECREATION FACILITY STRATEGIES AND WANTS TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!



THE STRATEGY WILL IDENTIFY SPORT AND RECREATION ISSUES ACROSS THE NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA AND DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF THE REGION.

THE PROJECT IS FUNDED BY SPORT AND RECREATION SERVICES. NPARC AND 'OTIUM PLANNING GROUP' ARE PARTNERING TOGETHER TO CREATE AN EFFECTIVE PLAN FOR THE NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA.

COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY AT THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION!

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Seisia
12:00PM -
1:00PM
New Mapoon
5:30PM -
6:30PM



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Umagico
10:00AM -
11:00AM
Injinoo
12:00PM -
1:00PM
Bamaga
5:00PM -
6:00PM



Community Consultations for the Sports and Recreation Facility Strategies continued.

- Umagico 10:00am - 11:00am
- Injinoo 12:00pm - 1:00pm
- Bamaga 5:00pm - 6:00pm



5:45am	Anzac Park Dawn Service
7:00am - 8:00am	Breakfast at Bamaga Hall
8:30am - 9:00am	Assemble for March Parade at Bamaga Bakery
9:10am	Main Commemorations



Queens Baton Relay



NPA residents were excited to host the Queens Baton Relay (QBR) within the five communities of Injinoo, Umagico, Bamaga, New Mapoon and Seisia. The Queens Baton Relay is a Commonwealth Games tradition. It is a countdown for the start of the Commonwealth Games. It's a way to inspire community pride and celebrate the diversity of our Commonwealth. All countries may not have the opportunity to attend the Commonwealth Games, so the QBR is a way to share the excitement with everyone.



Each community did an outstanding job of decorating the streets with unique displays of weaved palm leaves, coloured materials, balloons and flowers. 'Welcome to country' procedures were announced by each community T/O's followed by performances by cultural and contemporary dance groups that have established in the NPA.



The residents all gathered and supported the 4/5 Baton Bearers for their communities. Once the Queens Baton travelled to the next community the residents followed with pride.



75th Anniversary Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion

NPARC and My Pathways proudly hosted a Charter Ferry with Peddells Torres Magic organisation. The Torres Magic Ferry chartered 86 passengers to Thursday Island (T.I) from the NPA to Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the 800 Indigenous men that formed the only Indigenous Battalion for the Australian Army in World War Two 1943.

Commemorations started with an official March through the main Road of T.I to Anzac Park. Once arriving at Anzac Park Prayers, 'Welcome to Country', historic stories, announcements and entertainment were done for residents and visitors to T.I.

Mr. Awati Mau and Mr. Mebai Warasum ex - servicemen for the TSLIB were invited to 'Turn the Sod' as this is a traditional ceremony in many cultures that celebrates the first day of construction for a project/statue.

Once the formalities had concluded the community proceeded to lay wreath in front of the TSLIB monument plaque as a reminder that their sacrifices will not be forgotten and a reminder of their love for their country.



Badging Ceremony



Mayor Edward Newman, Northern Peninsula Area State School (NPASS) Students and staff, family members, community members, NPARC Staff, Jeffery Aniba NPA Education Council Chairman and Michael Solomon Gudang Yadhaykenu Chairman attended the Badging Ceremonies held at the NPASS Injinoo Campus, Bamaga Junior Campus and the Bamaga College Campus.

It was a memorable and exciting moment for the students as family members who attended assisted with the pinning of the Badges. They now represent leadership roles for all the NPASS elected students of 2018.

Mayor Edward Newman would like to Congratulate the Elected Students and their parents who should be very proud.

"Education is everyone business". Mayor Edward Newman states as the elected students prepare for Oath at the NPASS Bamaga Junior Campus.

Congratulation to all the Leaders, House Captains, Councillors, Head boys and Head girls for all three NPA Campuses.



Anzac day



April 25th is the anniversary of the landing of Australian and New Zealand Army Corps at Gallipoli during World War I in 1915.

The Australian and New Zealand soldiers were part of an Allied expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli Peninsula.

Close to 3000 New Zealand soldiers died during the eight-month Gallipoli campaign.

LEST WE FORGET

NPA

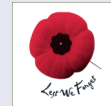
Celebrations

- ◆ Dawn Service
- ◆ Breakfast
- ◆ Remembrance Commemorations
- ◆ Lunch
- ◆ Entertainment



When war broke out in 1914 Australia had been a federated Nation for only 13 years, and its government was eager to establish a reputation among the nations of the world.

When Britain declared war in August 1914 Australia was automatically placed on the side of the Commonwealth. In 1915 Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli Peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied Navies. The ultimate objective was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul), the capital of the Ottoman Empire, an ally of Germany.





State Emergency Services Update

Tropical Cyclone (TC) Nora and ex TC Iris have threatened communities within the Western Cape areas which caused strong winds, flash flooding and road closures in the Port Douglas, Cairns and Mareeba areas.

Personnel were flown into Weipa, Kowanyama, Pormpuraaw and Aurukun ahead of TC Nora warnings. To assist with managing Cyclone Shelters, provide Cyclone Advice, After Impact Emergency Communications, Rapid Damage Assessments and Clean up assistants.

For the first time, battery operated equipment were used to assist clean up operations in both Pormpuraaw and Kowanyama. The equipment proved to be the most ideal way to transport through Queensland Government Air (QGAir) rather than the traditional petrol operated equipment. The battery operated chain and pole saws handled the workload with ease.

As the night approached the rain started pouring, two cars were found caught in the floods. There were 42 people rescued by Swift Water Rescue and the State Emergency Service (SES) teams in the Western Cape areas. The 42 people were rescued and transferred to be cared for by the Cairns SES team in the Cairns Local Head Quarters (LHQ). Cairns SES provided food and showers for the evacuees while Cairns Council arranged emergency accommodation in nearby Motels.

Acknowledgement to NPARC's Executive Manager of Corporate Services - Edward Sailor, who has recently been appointed to the Executive Volunteer position of SES Local Controller. Edward attended the SES Executive Conference within the SES Headquarters Saturday & Sunday (24th and 25th March).

Appreciation messages were sent to the Rescue teams as the evacuees were relieved and astonished with the hard work that the volunteers had put in. Below is a simple text from a pair of travellers on holiday that experienced flooding and evacuation processes while staying at the Crystal Cascade Big 4 Holiday Park.



"We wish to express our enormous admiration and gratitude to all involved in our rescue/evacuation from the Big4 Crystal Cascades Holiday Park at Redlynch earlier this week. It was a very traumatic event for us all. Many of the other evacuees were overseas visitors with limited English. All have expressed their admiration for the dedication and professionalism of all agencies involved in this rescue/transition/relocation and recovery process. Would you please ensure this email is passed on to all team members involved in this event. The people of Cairns have shown us incredible warmth, help and support throughout this ordeal. Cairns is regular holiday destination for us and will continue to be so". - Sally and Derek Whitehead



Never drive, walk or ride through flood waters. **If it's flooded, forget it.**
Keep clear of creeks and storm drains.
For emergency assistance contact the SES on 132 500



Basic Pre-Cyclone Checklist

When a cyclone watch is issued

- ✦ Re-check your property for any loose material and tie down (or fill with water) all large, relatively light items such as boats and rubbish bins.
- ✦ Fill vehicles' fuel tanks. Check your emergency kit and fill water containers.
- ✦ Ensure household members know which the strongest part of the house and what to do in the event of a cyclone warning or an evacuation.
- ✦ Tune to your local radio/TV for further information and warnings.

Check that neighbours are aware of the situation and are preparing.

When a cyclone warning is issued

- ✦ Depending on official advice provided by your local authorities as the event evolves; the following actions may be warranted.
- ✦ If requested by local authorities, collect children from school or childcare centre and go home.
- ✦ Park vehicles under solid shelter (hand brake on and in gear).
- ✦ Put wooden or plastic outdoor furniture in your pool or inside with other loose items.
- ✦ Close shutters or board-up or heavily tape all windows. Draw curtains and lock doors.
- ✦ Pack an evacuation kit of warm clothes, essential medications, baby formula, nappies, valuables, important papers, photos and mementos in waterproof bags to be taken with your emergency kit. Large/heavy valuables could be protected in a strong cupboard.

Remain indoors (with your pets). Stay tuned to your local radio/TV for further information".

Ref: BOM.gov.au/ Pre-Cyclone Checklist

Remember once strong winds and rain are encountered it is **too late** to try and do any of these things.

Road Conditions

Location:

Coen / Mission River, 4874 / 4892

Road:

Peninsula Developmental Road

Conditions:

Adverse Driving Conditions

Notices:

Subject to a 5 tonne GVM limit

All directions

Delays expected

Do not drive in flood waters

Last updated Sunday 29th March 2018

Location:

Coen, 4892

Road:

Peninsula Developmental Road

Conditions:

Long-term flooding

Notices:

Road closed to all traffic

All directions

Long delays expected

Do not drive in flood waters

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Location:

Coen / Laura, 4892

Road:

Peninsula Developmental Road

Conditions:

Road Damage

Notices:

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All directions

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Ref: <https://roadconditions.racq.com.au/>

Cultural Festival Coordinator Kori Totorewa and Festival team have started community engagement meetings within the five communities on the NPA.

The community engagements consist of a group of community residents to attend and create a plan for their community. Each community will get four hours per community on Wednesday the 4th and Thursday the 5th of July to showcase unique displays of there community for families, tourists and friends for the Cultural Festival.

Kori Totorewa says “We have held two community meetings in Seisia and New Mapoon, these meetings were a great success as various community members and business holders were able to share their views and opinions on what they would like to see and do as part of the Cultural Festival”.

The scheduled times of community events are:

Tuesday	03/07/2018	6:00pm	-	8:30pm	Umagico Hall
Wednesday	04/07/2018	7:00am	-	12:00pm	Injinoo
Wednesday	04/07/2018	2:00pm	-	9:00pm	Umagico
Thursday	05/07/2018	6:30am	-	12:00pm	Seisia
Thursday	05/07/2018	1:00pm	-	6:00pm	New Mapoon
Thursday	05/07/2018	7:00pm	-	9:30pm	Bamaga
Friday	06/07/2018	3:00pm	-	10:00pm	Bamaga
Saturday	07/07/2018	7:00am	-	12:00pm	Bamaga
Saturday	07/07/2018	1:00pm	-	10:00pm	Bamaga

Welcome to the NPARC staff

Positions filled as at 12.03.2018

Keith Yorkston	Executive Manager of Operations
Robert Lifu	HACC Groundsman
Phil Geier	Building and Construction Manager
Melissa Moran	HACC Carer
Frances Anu	Assistant Carpenter

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NPARC Position Vacancies

2x Batching Plant Operators Closing Date 03/04/2018

Grants Officer Closing Date 30/03/2018