



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

# Welcome!

The end of 2018 is fast approaching, where has this year gone? Lets recap on the past (four) 4 weeks since the last Newsletter. This month some NPARC staff have travelled to training workshops and are rolling out new programs for the NPA residents to participate in and enjoy.

There have been a lot of deliberate Bush Fires lit around the communities, individuals have been admitted into Hospital because of the smoke from these Fires. Fires can jump and catch onto anything that is flammable. You can cause injuries to someone, a family member or yourself. Please leave the fire lighting to the experts or someone with a permit.

The Torres Shire Council have just finished there four (4) day **Winds of Zenadth Festival**. Congratulations to our neighbouring community for an explicit Festival. Thank you to our NPA dance troupes who travelled over to participate and demonstrate there cultural dances. GREAT WORK TORRES SHIRE COUNCIL.

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 call (07) 4048 6600.

*Joanne Hingano*

Joanne Hingano—Media and Communications Officer



Suicide Prevention Week  
9 Sep. 2018 – 15 Sep. 2018



30 Sep. 2018 – 06 Oct. 2018



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# NPARC Executive Staff



## CEO

Stephen Wilton  
[ceo@nparc.qld.gov.au](mailto:ceo@nparc.qld.gov.au)

**Qualifications:** Bachelor's Degree Financial Administration

**Ethnicity:** Australian, Armidale New South Wales

At a young age Stephen was hired as a labourer for the New South Wales Railway group. Starting out as a humble, young and hardworking labourer he quickly became skilled and completed further training to become a senior inspector. After 13 years in the industry Stephen aspired to further his knowledge by attending the University of New England where he gained a Bachelor's Degree in Financial Administration.

Upon completion of his degree, Stephen began working in Local Government in 1993 and has gained a wealth of knowledge and experience working in Rural and Remote areas around both NSW and Queensland (QLD). Now Stephen is currently Chief Executive Officer for the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council (NPARC). Stephen is responsible for all of NPARC's operations with guided direction from the Mayor and elected Councilors who set the strategic direction for NPARC, as advised by the broader community members.

Inside the 25 years of working for Local Government, Stephen has worked in rural and remote areas of QLD and NSW, Stephen considers all councils to be community based regardless of how big they are or where they are located.



*Danny Sebasio*

Deputy Chief executive Officer  
Bamaga Office



*Edward Sailor*

Executive Manager of Corporate Services  
Injinoo Office

*Graeme Gillam*

Executive Manager of Finance  
Bamaga Office



*Keith Yorkston*

Executive Manager of Operations  
Umagico Office



# NPARC Mayor & Councillors



**Deputy Mayor -**

**New Mapoon Division**

**Michael Bond**

**Position:** Deputy Mayor and or Councillor - New Mapoon Community

**Qualifications:** Amenity Horticulture - Teacher

Cr. Michael Bond was first elected as the New Mapoon Councillor (Cr) on the first term (2008 - 2012) after the amalgamation of the five NPA Community Councils in 2008 to form the current governing Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council (NPARC). As a re-elected Councillor for the New Mapoon Community Cr Bonds' duties/roles extends to situating as the Deputy Mayor of NPA. Cr Bond was born on Thursday Island and moved with his parents from (Old) Mapoon to New Mapoon during the forced removal by the Queensland Government in the early 1960's.

Cr. Bond attended Primary and High School in Bamaga and completed his senior level in Adelaide SA where he gained qualifications in Amenity Horticulture through the Adelaide Botanic Gardens. He worked as a Field Officer with Cairns TAFE before progressing into teaching of 26 Years across the Cairns, Cape and Torres Strait Regions.

Cr. Bond's passion is to share his skills and knowledge to everyone he makes contact with and to build a safe, comfortable and sustainable environment to live in. Also, Cr Bond would like to establish collaboration between Council, local businesses and other stakeholders throughout the NPA. This will increase their capacity to maintain an amicable relationship, providing growth and employment opportunities for the growing population. Cr. Bond enjoys diving, boating and spear fishing, traditional/cultural activities and camping.



*Councillor Gina Nona*

Injinoo Division



*Mayor Edward Newman*



*Councillor Dennis Getawan*

Umagico Division



*Councillor Cassandra Adidi*

Bamaga Division



*Councillor Joseph Elu*

Seisia Division



# Staff Focus

<b>Name and Position</b> Gayle Kiesling Admin/Case Manager
<b>Office/Department and Contact</b> NPA Community Option Program New Mapoon (07) 4048 6616
<b>Relevant Qualifications and how long have you been with NPARC</b>  I have worked for the NPA Community Option Program for 10 years+.  Cert III Aged Care Cert III Home & Community Care Cert III Disability Currently studying Cert III in Business Administration
<b>Job Description</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Entering daily data's</li> <li>- Most administration duties</li> <li>- Entering timesheets</li> <li>- Purchase orders</li> <li>- Clients intake &amp; assessments</li> <li>- Required duties as requested</li> <li>- Office &amp; vehicles requirements</li> </ul>
<b>Personal Hobbies</b>  Admiring watching the sunset Dining out Fishing Gardening Reading Crocheting Travelling Exercising & gym



<b>Name and Position</b> Stanley Dai Indigenous Community Sport & Recreation Officer
<b>Office/Department and Contact</b> New Mapoon Office Community Services (07) 4048 6608 / 0438 917 133
<b>Relevant Qualifications and how long have you been with NPARC</b> Cert III in sport & Fitness Strength & Conditioning Certificate Blue Card White Card  I have been with NPARC for 15 Months
<b>Job Description</b>  To assist with coordinating and building local Indigenous community involvement in and ownership of Sport and Recreation activities/ programs in the NPA. This is in alignment with Council and community aspirations and needs for access to a broad range of Sport and Recreational activities.
<b>Personal Hobbies</b>  Spending time with my Family and taking them out Fishing, Cultural Hunting and cooking, Camping, Bush bashing, Socialise with family & friends Love my NRL Sydney Roosters Making Music Favourite Sports: 1 Volleyball, 2 Rugby League, 3 Touch Footy

## URGENT

### LEVEL 6 WATER RESTRICTIONS

NPA water restrictions have recently been raised to level 6. ***Level 6 is hand held water only between 4 pm and 6 pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday only.*** This will allow you to maintain your lawns and gardens.

This level of water restriction is required as the water consumption in NPA is approaching the maximum capacity of the water treatment plant. If everyone can comply with these restrictions we should be able to avoid further increases in the water restriction level.

We appreciate those who comply with these restrictions. For those who choose to ignore these restrictions a written warning will be issued. Should this written warning be ignored then further restrictions will be enforced.

We appreciate your support and assistance in the matter of water conservation.

Thank you.

Effective immediately

NO SPRINKLERS

NO CAR WASHING

LIMITED HAND HELD WATERING

Please limit your water usage to essential household consumption, drinking, bathing, laundry and sanitation.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.



## LOCAL FARE SCHEME RULES

Intending Passengers must make their booking in person and present the Booking Agent with a Letter of Eligibility for each passenger and provide identification

The Letter of Eligibility **MUST** be sighted by the Booking Agent to obtain the discounted fare.

Chris Bradley

Senior Advisor (Local Fare Scheme) | Passenger Transport Services Branch  
TRANS Link Division | Department of Transport and Main Roads

**(Replacement copies of LOE are available from the NPARC Office)**

## TAFE IS NOW MORE AFFORDABLE THAN EVER

### WHY WAIT TO MAKE GREAT?

From 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2020, the TAFE Priority Training Program will provide additional support to eligible Queensland residents by reducing the upfront costs involved with studying a specific range of diploma, certificate IV and certificate III programs.

#### WHAT CAN I STUDY?

There are a range of programs supported by the TAFE Priority Training Program in the following study areas:

- |                                    |                                      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| > Beauty                           | > Creative industries                |
| > Building and construction        | > Early childhood education and care |
| > Business and management          | > General education                  |
| > Community services               | > Nursing and health                 |
| > Conservation and land management | > Tourism and events                 |

#### LOOKING FOR A SECOND CHANCE?

If you already have a qualification but are looking to further enhance your employment prospects, you may still be eligible to access the reduced fee where a program is on the TAFE Priority Training Program list.

To access fee supported courses under this program, eligibility criteria applies.  
Call **4042 2595** or visit [tafeqld.edu.au/tptp](http://tafeqld.edu.au/tptp) to view the full list of courses and learn more about the program.

**ENROL NOW**





## Community Notices

Residents within the NPA have been Illegal Dumping. This type of activity pollutes our environment. Making our communities and natural areas look dirty and uncared for. Illegal dumping also leads to reduced community pride and property values. The NPA Council have a free dump station near Injinoo, please use the required available services.



### Sea Dog Vets



Sea Dogs Vets visited the NPA on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. They worked out of the Umagico Depot. Sea Dogs performed the usual veterinary services, surgical de-sexing, vaccinations, and general animal health. The veterinary services were provided to the NPA residents with Fur babies at “no cost”. Sea Dogs succeeded in helping 122 pets within the two days. Great work to Duncan and the team.



**REMEMBER: Its DRY Season! Fires are quick to escalate.**  
Unknown characters have been lighting fires without PERMITS. Our SES volunteers are out more than usual making sure the fires that are lit are controllable and/or putting them out.

Many people have been hospitalised from asthma attacks, smoke inhalation and de hydration. Please leave the fires to the experts!



# Community Notices

## Dreamtime 30th Anniversary Celebrations



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 \* Congratulations to Joanne Adidi for keeping her business going for 30 years to \*  
 \* service the needs of the NPA. \*  
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## Seisia IKC Program

Come on down to the Seisia IKC and bring your child if he/she is between the ages of 0 - 5 years old. The First 5 Forever program consists of Nursery Rhymes and Story Times for that precious one on one time with you and your bub. You will receive a free gift on your first visit! See below for the dates of the First 5 Forever program and join in the FUN! The First 5 Forever will cease for the school holidays but will continue on Friday the 12th of October 2018 from 3-4pm with afternoon refreshments.

Friday 31/08/18	September Holidays 2 weeks
Friday 07/09/18	Friday 12/10/18
Friday 14/09/18	Friday 19/10/18
Friday 21/09/18	Friday 26/10/18





# Community Notices

## IS THIS ART YOURS?



Contact Leonora Adidi on (07) 4083 0271 if you own or know anyone that owns this Art so we can put a name to it.

## Social Groups

### BAMAGA HASH HOUSE HARRIERS

Over the past three weeks, you may have seen a few NPARC staff walking around the NPA. Join in with us at Hash House Harriers!

Hash is a very sociable running, walking, strolling or dawdling club where someone lays a trail using paper, chalk or flour and the group follows the trail.

*After the run jokes are told, charges are laid and songs are sung.*

*Hashing is a fun non-competitive form of exercise – come along and see if you enjoy it.*

*You might need to bring a water bottle, a torch, insect spray and a sense of humour*





# Hunters Fitness Centre and Gym

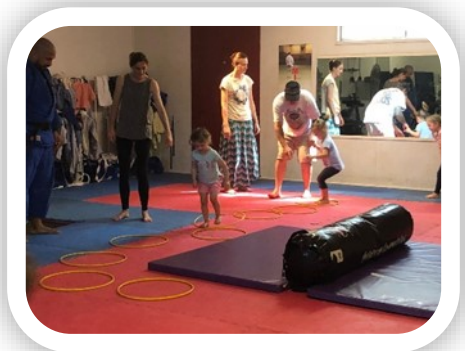
NPARC would like to welcome Kerri Scandolera to the team.

Kerri has resided in the NPA for three (3) years and is a Personal Trainee who holds a Cert III in Fitness. She has been running the Total Beginners Classes, HIIT class and the Boxercise class in the mornings for two (2) months now. Welcome to the NPARC crew Kerri.



Tiny Kids Judo has started for the 3-5year old age group, every Friday morning.

The class is full of fun activities for the kids to get them moving and improving their co-ordination skills. Parents are encouraged to join in the activities with the kids.



Opening hours for the Hunters Fitness Centre and Gym have slightly changed to give more variety in times.

**6am-10am / 11am-2pm / 4pm-8pm Monday -Friday.**

Kerri will be available for those one on one sessions Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

All gym equipment are also currently working.

There are 2 new treadmills and the leg press is back up and running again.

**We look forward to seeing you soon!**

*Will be coming soon...*

***A free susu (breast) screen every 2 years  
is important for all women over 40.***



*Murruj Nungu*

*Your appointment will be one-on-one with a female health worker*

BreastScreen Queensland will be at:

**BAMAGA HOSPITAL**

***Make an appointment Phone 13 20 50 or see your local health centre***

***Susu screening saves lives***



# NPARC Acknowledgement



Congratulations to the NPARC's Health and Safety Representatives.

The aim of the Health and Safety Representatives is to represent workers, contractors, visitors, volunteers and customers at WHS Team meetings and to actively participate in the WHS risk management process.

The objectives of the representatives are to -

- Prevent work related injuries or illnesses
- Continually improve our WHS Management System through identification, assessment and control of risks
- Comply with all relevant WHS and Workers Compensation legislation.

If you need any more information on WH&S with in the workforce. Please do not hesitate to contact one of your Reps.

## Workplace Health and Safety Representative Contacts



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Administration  
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# NPARC Workplace Health & Safety

NPARC WHS Advisor attended the recent WHS Forum held in Winton, the forum was an opportunity for the Queensland (Qld) Local Government Safety Committee members of sharing broad knowledge and resources, together with other industry stakeholders, to continue to improve safety outcomes in our region.



**Local Government Safety Committee Host – Winton Shire Council held on the 11th and 12th of September 2018**

## ***Safety Forum Presenters***

**WHS Senior Advisor Charters Towers Regional Council – Adrian Niebling**

**LGW Scheme: Jardine Lloyd Thompson – John Egan**

**WHSQ Principal Inspector– Bruce Elder**

**Electrical Safety Office Inspector – Tony Prentis**

Great job WHS Manager Mr. Brian Wetzel we look forward to the knowledge you have to share with us all.



Monday 24th of September - Friday 05th October  
2018



# NPARC Training & Development

Media Release      September 2018

## NPARC – Training for the Future

Training and apprenticeships is on the agenda for the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council (NPARC) with the recent announcement of the Skilling Queenslanders for Work funding program. NPARC has a particular interest in applying for this grant as there is opportunities for individuals to take on training and possible employment. The Councils HR Manager, Rani Johnson and Grants Officer Kori Totorewa travelled to Cairns to attend the Skilling Queenslanders for Work conference on 03/04/2018. Kori Totorewa mentioned that “This funding round is going to be highly competitive as there were many organisations and Councils from across FNQ present at the conference.”

Skilling Queenslanders for Work are providing a total funding commitment of \$420 million over the next six years which will generate 54,000 qualified and skilled Queenslanders. There are seven funding streams to which NPARC will be applying for. They include, Community Work Skills, Work Skills Traineeships, Ready for Work, Youth Skills, Get Set for Work, Work Start Incentives and First Start. It was also mentioned that there is a particular focus on the following industries.

- ⇒ Health and Communities – This includes, nursing, working with children and families.
- ⇒ Tourism and Hospitality – In particular to events and cultural tourism.
- ⇒ Aviation - Training for individuals to work at Airports or becoming a pilot or airhostess.
- ⇒ Marine Tourism – This can include fishing or trips around the Cape.

The Executive Manager Corporate Services, Edward Sailor said, “Our Grants Officer and HR Manager will be working together on this particular project as we identify possible training courses and apprenticeships. We were successful in previous funding rounds which allowed us to gain four new apprentices for NPARC. This funding allows individuals to access training to become skilled professionals in their chosen career pathway.”

NPARC are inviting community members who are wanting to study or take on an apprenticeship to please visit Rani Johnson or Kori Totorewa at the New Mapoon Council Office. All phone enquiries can be made to (07) 4048 6600.



# Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance

MEDIA RELEASE

September 2018

## Funding will see emergence of a powerful new political entity for far North Queensland



A new and stronger key Far North Queensland political entity has emerged after the recent meeting of the Torres and Cape Indigenous Council Alliance in Cairns. The meeting was attended by thirteen of the fourteen mayors representing Cape York and Torres Strait Councils and communities, including Cook Shire Council, Mornington Shire Council and Weipa Town Authority. The group heard from the Deputy Premier, Jackie Trad, that the Queensland Government will fund the Alliance with a grant of \$140,000 for an initial one year. Councils will match these funds and TCICA will engage a suitably qualified Executive Officer to provide administrative, operational, research and advocacy support to members.

TCICA spokesperson, Councillor Vonda Malone, Mayor of Torres Shire Council, said TCICA expected to enter into a formal funding agreement shortly with the State Government. Councillor Malone said a unified voice for often ignored communities would enhance the region's ability to advocate and influence State and Federal policy in relation to the most critical issues, including the shortage of social housing and essential transport infrastructure. "The new arrangements between our Alliance and the Queensland Government, and the resources which flow from that arrangement, will allow for our communities to better shape their own future."

Councillor Malone said the existing arrangement, where each community has a Government champion, in the form of a Minister or Director General, has provided a unique and powerful opportunity to communicate issues, concerns and opportunities directly to the most senior levels of government.

"We've always welcomed the Government champions but a unified regional voice will be more powerful than the disparate advocacy of separate champions," she said. "Two of our first priorities will be land-based transport infrastructure and the urgent need for a local (Cape) tourism organisation. "TCICA will also immediately write to the Premier and Deputy Premier expressing our strongest objections to any proposal to transfer township areas away from the control of relevant Councils." "However, our most desperate priority is to turn around the unacceptable housing circumstances of our peoples; poor, unhealthy, overcrowded housing is an everyday reality for most of our families and Governments have the absolute responsibility to work with us to change this. "The fighting and shirking of responsibility for overcoming the shameful housing situation in remote Australia, by State and Federal Governments, must end." Councillor Malone said TCICA's determination to "wake our Governments up on housing" led to the passing of a motion at the recent meeting urging that 'the Federal and State Governments expedite a final decision on the NPARIH (National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing) funding for social housing in Indigenous communities within Queensland.' "While Canberra and Brisbane squabble, our people continue to suffer," said Councillor Malone.

TCICA will also provide advice to its member communities regarding service delivery, infrastructure and economic development requirements and deliver on election priorities and strategies. Councillor Malone said she hoped that the new arrangements suggested the Australian and Queensland Government had finally recognised the legitimate role of democratically elected Indigenous local governments in shaping the future for their communities, and that they would now engage directly with TCICA rather than with non-elected third-party entities.

For more information contact:  
Peter Scott  
Secretary TCICA  
4082 - 0533



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## ***DO YOU KNOW AN INSPIRATIONAL YOUNG ACHIEVER?***

Nominations for the Seven News Young Achiever Awards are now open and the search has begun for incredible young people under 29 from Queensland.

*We here in the NPA have talent all around and need to be recognised for it. Nominate an Inspiritational Young Achiever that deserves recognition for there hard work. – Mayor Edward Newman*

We need to give thanks, and now you can by nominating them into one or more of these categories;

- LGIAsuper Community Volunteer Award
- iFly Online Achievement Award
- BB Print Regional Achiever Award
- First National Real Estate Leadership Award
- Soroptimist Women Empowering Others Award
- Kennelly Constructions Aboriginal Achievement Award
- The University of Queensland Create Change Award

One of the category winners will be named the 2019 Queensland Young Achiever of the Year.

Category winners will each receive \$2,000 from Auswide Bank and a trophy. The Queensland Young Achiever of the Year will receive \$2,000 from Auswide Bank and a state trophy.

To submit a nomination, simply go online to [www.youngachieverawards.com](http://www.youngachieverawards.com) select 'QLD' and then click the gold 'Nominate Now'. Alternatively, make the process that much easier by calling us on 1300 055 096 and passing on their details and we will take it from there.

Nominations close Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018. For assistance please feel free to call the Awards Office or email [gldyaa@awardsaustralia.com](mailto:gldyaa@awardsaustralia.com)







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The Young Achiever Awards began in 2016, with the purpose of acknowledging, encouraging and most importantly promoting the positive achievements of all young people up to and including 29 years of age. The awards aim to recognise the leadership, dedication and pursuit of excellence amongst young people throughout Queensland.

# APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES! 2019

MRAEL is offering you the chance of a great future and rewarding career in an exciting apprenticeship opportunity to be hosted at Rio Tinto Weipa Operations.

**We are seeking candidates interested in completing the following apprenticeships commencing in January 2019:**

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
|  Electrical     |  Fitter & Turner        |  Boilermaking    |
|  Diesel Fitting |  Light Vehicle Mechanic |  Auto Electrical |

If you embrace change, safety, strong leadership and sustainable performance and want to do things that matter, Rio Tinto is the place to be. Take control of your life, shape your future, starting today!

Apprentices are required to be currently living in Weipa, or have access to full time accommodation. Accommodation is not provided.

## What we are looking for

- ✓ Motivated candidates with a drive to grow and a willingness to learn
- ✓ A commitment to values of accountability, respect, teamwork and integrity
- ✓ Enthusiastic self-starters with a strong teamwork and safety focus
- ✓ Previous work experience in preferred trade will be highly regarded

*We strive for a diverse workplace; if you are female or of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent your application is encouraged. MRAEL is an equal opportunity employer.*

**TO APPLY, visit our website at  [aasn.com.au](http://aasn.com.au)**  
**Applications close Friday 05 October 2018. APPLY TODAY!**

## Welcome to the NPARC staff

Kerri Scandolera - Gym Assistant  
Kathy Woosup - Post Office Clerk  
Shimona Gimini - Post Office Clerk

## NPARC Employment Vacancies

Tourism Officer

**Closing Date: Thursday 27th of September 2018**

Workplace Health and Safety Officer x2

**Closing Date: Wednesday 3rd October 2018**

For 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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