



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

Welcome!

So much has happened this month and there are still so many things yet to happen before the year ends. This month NPARC has put a lot of effort in engaging with the community and promoting services for the NPA residents to participate in and enjoy. NPARC staff take pride in the works/programs and/or events we supply for the communities, we hope you appreciate what we have to offer.



A memorial event was held at the Bamaga Police Station this month to honour an Officer and passengers that were travelling to Cairns on May the 7th 2005. A beautiful memorial plaque is now on display in remembrance of the Officer that is greatly missed from the Bamaga Police Station.



Currently the Apudthama Injinoo Sports Incorporation has successfully completed the NPA Carnival - Dan Ropeyarn Memorial Cup competition. The competition involved teams participating for Rugby League and Volleyball. We acknowledge those that have had to travel to the NPA from Cairns, Cape York and the Torres Straits. We hope you enjoyed your stay and had a great long weekend. Results on the three (3) day event will be in the NPARC November issue.



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 call (07) 4048 6600.

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Joanne Hingano

Joanne Hingano—Media and Communications Officer

NPARC Executive Staff



Deputy CEO

Danny Sebasio

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Danny took up the position of Deputy CEO with NPARC after the amalgamation of the local councils in March 2008.

Danny has previously worked with the Umagico Shire Council in 1998, before moving to administrative work with the Injinoo Aboriginal Shire Council in 2000. In 2006, Danny filled the position of Freight manager with SeaSwift, at the Seisia depot.

He returned to Injinoo in 2007, taking up the position of a Senior Support Officer. His responsibility was overseeing the Injinoo enterprises and all community service programs before filling the role of Acting CEO Injinoo.

As Deputy CEO, he now is responsible for supervising the Council Standing Committee, as well as managing Council Meeting Documents. Commencing in 2013, Danny is also the Executive Manager of Community Services.

Danny headed straight into the workforce after graduating year 12 from the local Bamaga High School and made his career by climbing the corporate ladder. He commenced working with the Department of Aboriginal and Islander Affairs in 1978 and has over 18 years experience in State Government, working as a public servant officer.



Stephen Wilton

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



Position: Divisional Councillor - Seisia Community – Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council (NPARC)

Cr Joseph Elu is the elected Divisional Councillor for Seisia community, which is one of five (5) Indigenous communities that make up the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA), governed by NPARC.

Cr Elu has over 21 years of high-profile leadership knowledge and a wealth of experience, gathered from various governance roles over the years, including, to name a few:

Current Chairperson of Seisia Enterprises Pty Ltd and Seisia Community Torres Strait Islander

Previous Chairman of the Seisia Islander Corporation

Deputy Chairperson of the Indigenous Land Corporation Board

Chairperson of Indigenous Business Australia – 12 years

Torres Strait Regional Councillor (TSRA) Board Member – six (6) terms

In 2008, Cr Elu was made an Officer of the Order of Australia and awarded the NAIDOC Lifetime Achievement Award, followed by being awarded the Centenary Medal in 2001 and 2002.

During his career, Cr. Elu has been an influential leader in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs with a passion for Indigenous economic development. Cr Elu continues to be instrumental in assisting Indigenous people throughout Australia to develop sustainable economic enterprises.



Councillor Gina Nona

Injinoo Division



Mayor Edward Newman



Councillor Dennis Getawan

Umagico Division



Councillor Michael Bond

New Mapoon Division

Councillor Cassandra Adidi

Bamaga Division





Staff Focus



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| Name and Position Naia Nona Community Service Manager |
| Office/Department and Contact New Mapoon Office (07) 4048 6600 |
| Relevant Qualifications and how long have you been with NPARC I have been with Council for 24 years. I have completed a Diploma in Business Cert IV in Business, Business Admin, Child, Youth and Family intervention Cert III in Business, Business Admin, ATSI public and community Admin. National Police Certificate |
| Job Description Overseeing and managing the operations of the Community Service departments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aged Care / HACC - Remote Indigenous Broadcasting Services (RIBS) - Arts Centre - Sports and Recreation - Indigenous Knowledge Centre (IKC) - Events - Funeral Services |
| Personal Hobbies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spending time with family, friends - Fishing, hunting and camping - Family gatherings - Love playing sports <i>My passion is to help people where I can and/or where I'm able.</i> |

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| Name and Position Samantha Laifoo Cooksan (Cook) |
| Office/Department and Contact HACC / Community Services |
| Relevant Qualifications and how long have you been with NPARC I have been with NPARC for three (3) wonderful years, I started with RIBS for one (1) year, went into the Indigenous Knowledge Centres for 1.5 years and spent 1 year in the Alau Supermarket. Now I am happily working in HACC. |
| Job Description Master Chef :) I enjoy cooking and preparing delicious menus for our lovely HACC clients. |
| Personal Hobbies I like to stay up to date with my Social Media! I am also a DEADLY artist, I like to draw, sketch, paint and cut Lino pieces. I love cooking traditional kai kai Overall I love GOD and I like to share his word. |

The Bamaga Hospital have slightly changed the process to access/entry to the Hospital After Hours services (AH's) and on weekends.

As staffing is minimal for the AH's and to ensure safety and timely assessment of patients who present, to enter the hospital patients/visitors must press the call bell on the intercom. Please look out for the below sign to help assist your visit to the Hospital.

Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service

WELCOME TO **BAMAGA HOSPITAL**

**If doors are locked please use call bell
on intercom**



Staff will be with you shortly

(doors are locked to ensure staff are aware of client arrival and to maintain safety)

Thank You 28.09.18



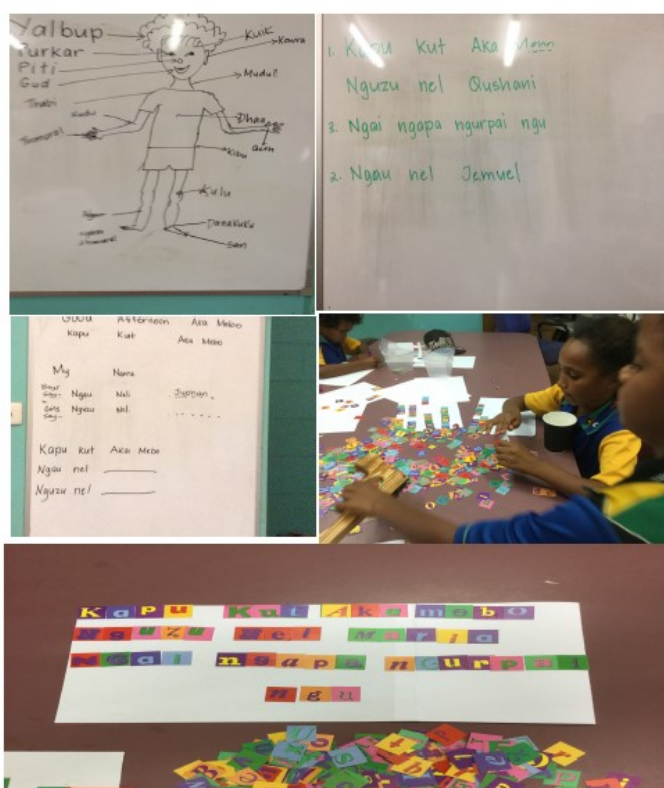


Indigenous Knowledge Centre

First 5 Forever



Language Program



Good afternoon Aka Mebo, my name is Maria.

I came from school.

First 5 Forever program

The Indigenous Knowledge Centres (IKC) are promoting bonding and interacting for children aged 0 - 5 years old and parents.

Parents are participating in the weekly sessions and enjoy interacting with other children and parents.

Language Program

The Indigenous Knowledge Centre (IKC) Officers are promoting basic language skills with children that visit the Centres.



Indigenous Knowledge Centre Operating Hours

| Umagico | |
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| Monday | 08:00 am - 17:00 pm |
| Tuesday | 08:00 am - 17:00 pm |
| Wednesday | 08:00 am - 17:00 pm |
| Thursday | 08:00 am - 17:00 pm |
| Friday | 08:00 am - 15:00 pm |
| Closed | 12:30 pm - 13:30 pm daily |

| Seisia | |
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| Monday | 08:00 am - 17:00 pm |
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| Wednesday | 08:00 am - 17:00 pm |
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| Bamaga | |
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| New Mapoon | |
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CULTURAL PRACTICES WORKSHOPS

The NPA Art Centre and Indigenous Knowledge Centres (IKC) will be running a series of cultural workshops in the next few weeks.

The workshops are: Weaving, Sewing, Crochet, Basket making, Kulap and Zazi making.

These workshops are aimed at our local community people that need to learn these skills.

To keep our culture strong the knowledge of these skills must be preserved and passed on to the current generation.

People will be taught to weave mudhi, lau-lau, coconut leaf and string baskets, hats and decorations.

Dance Teams are especially encouraged to send their young dancers to the Kulap and Zazi making workshops.

For further information contact Leonora Adidi at the NPA Art Centre | (07) 4048 6600



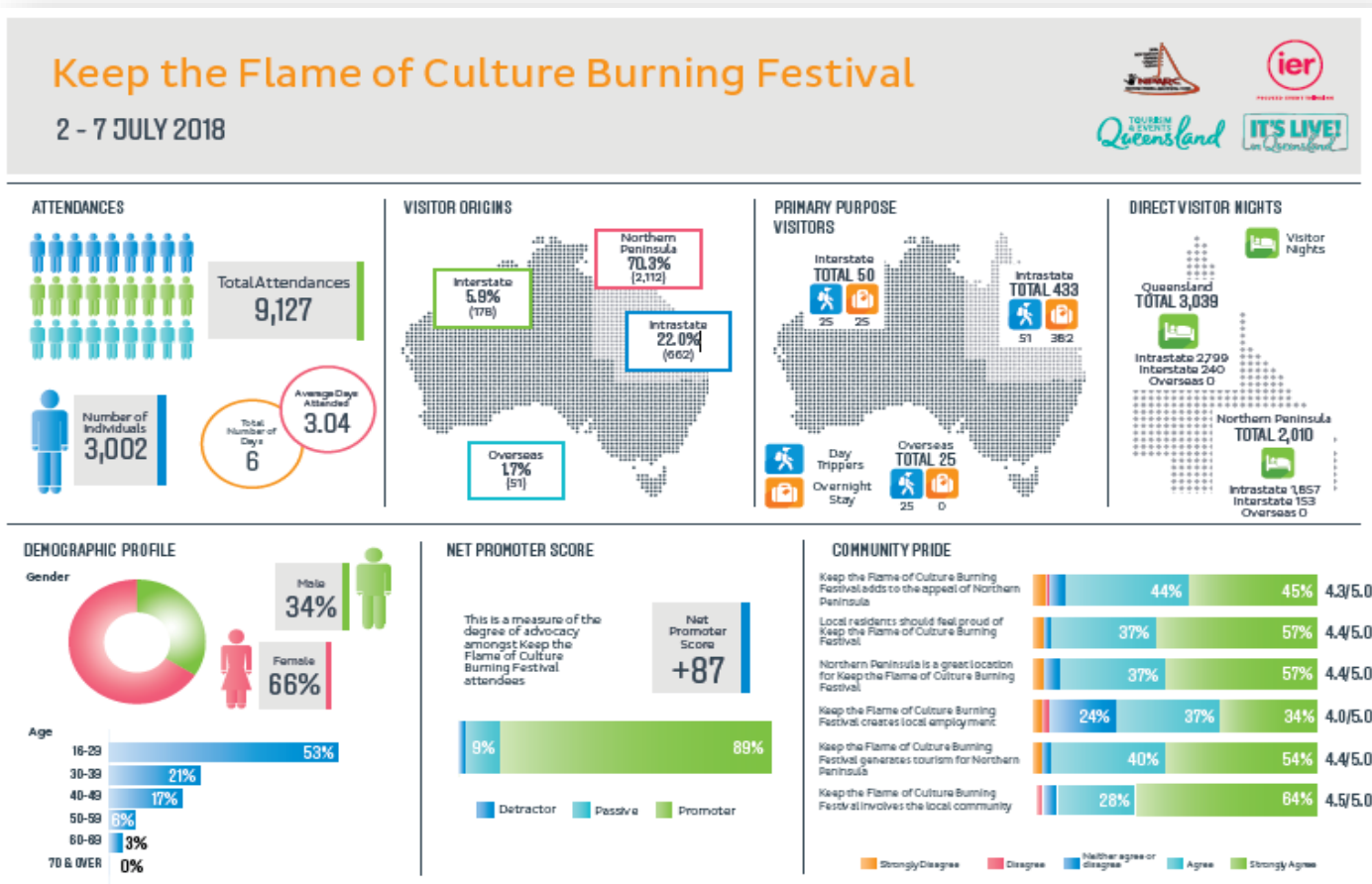
Community Notices

Keep the Flame of Culture Burning Festival Review

Well it's been over two (2) months since the Keep the Flame of Culture Burning Festival and there is still a lot of talk around the NPA and Torres Strait on how great it was. The NPA should be proud of the outcome and the festival can only get bigger and better for 2020. At the festival we were proud to have an external research company complete statistical data collection and measure the success of the festival. IER alongside Tourism and Events Queensland conducted the official research that measured the festivals demographic profile, festival attendees, intrastate and interstate travellers and also the festivals overall performance. These results were overwhelming and better than expected!

Tourism and Events Queensland and IER were present over the six (6) day festival whom were taking statistical data from attendees and travellers. NPARC event officers were also conducting surveys over the Friday/Saturday night which led to prizes been given away including a framed Cowboys Jersey. NPARC would like to thank everyone who shared their thoughts and reviews on the festival, local residents and travelling tourists. We hope that you can join us for the 2020 Keep the Flame of Culture Burning Festival.

Esso! (Thanks)





Community Notices



On Saturday the 13th of October Local residents of the NPA participated in the Mental Health Week 5km fun run. Congratulations to;

Alice Thomas and Carl Honeysett who took out 1st place for the adult women's and men's categories.

Samson Poi Poi and Claude Mooka who were the first children across the finish line (tied).

A massive thank you was mentioned to partners NPARC for their support, QAS, Bamaga pharmacy, NPAWS, Xavier Barker and Tailisa Yusia for your support on the day.



Community Notices



Ross Clothier—NPARC Boilermaker and two (2) assistants from the Injinoo Batching plant spent three (3) days removing dangerous rusted steel to repair the hand railing of the Wharf in Seisia. The team at the Injinoo Batching Plant carried out the works to a very high standard. Thanks team, Great job!

The NPARC annual pre cyclone season clean-up will be the week the 19th to the 23rd of November.

Items for collection must be placed on the kerbside neatly in front of your property. Please separate piles of waste. Green waste, hard waste, general waste and electronics etc. Unregistered cars/wrecks. If you have cars you are stripping for parts, these items need to be inside your property. Unregistered and/or abandoned vehicles will be marked with an 'X'. Any vehicle marked with an 'X' that is on a Road or Footpath will be removed as part of the clean-up.

Ergon Power Outage November Dates

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| Sunday 4th of November | Bamaga, New Mapoon and Seisia Communities |
| Tuesday 6th of November | New Mapoon and Seisia Communities |
| Friday 9th of November | Bamaga Community |
| Saturday 10th of November | Bamaga Community |
| Wednesday 14th of November | Injinoo Community |
| Saturday 17th of November | Bamaga, Umagico and Injinoo Communities |

HACC Carers Week



On Tuesday the 23rd of October, the New Mapoon HACC services showed appreciation to all Carers for 'Carers week'. HACC Carers include family members or paid helpers that look after and support the NPA elderly.

The day was filled with announcements, experience telling, laughter and a luncheon served to those that attended.





HACC RESPITE



The Seisia Indigenous Knowledge Centre (IKC) Officer meets with HACC respite elderly clients on a weekly basis to teach them how to use iPad's.

These workshops give the elderly an opportunity to learn and build new skills.

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
Bamaga at a cost of \$2.00)**

Pool Times / Hours of Operation:

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| Monday | Closed | 8am – 1pm | 3:30pm – 5 pm |
| Tuesday | 6am – 7am | 8am – 1pm | 3:30pm – 5 pm |
| Wednesday | 6am – 7am | 8am – 1pm | 3:30pm – 5 pm |
| Thursday | 6am – 7am | 8am – 1pm | 3:30pm – 5 pm |
| Friday | 6am – 7am | 8am – 2pm | Closed |
| Saturday | Closed | Closed | 2pm – 5 pm |
| Sunday | Closed | Closed | Closed |

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 is available for one-on-one sessions Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

All gym equipment are also currently working.

We look forward to seeing you soon!



TAFE QUEENSLAND NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA CAMPUS

OPEN DAY

YOU ARE INVITED TO

THE NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA CAMPUS
OPEN DAY.

View the campus, learn more about 2019 course offerings,
and connect with local staff and students.

6 NOVEMBER 2018, 10am – 1pm

Location: TAFE Queensland Northern Peninsula Area campus,
Sabasio Street, Bamaga

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE following formal proceedings.

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Hunters Fitness Gym

The 'Beginners class' has currently been running for 14 weeks and the participants are striving through there weekly tasks. The class has now progressed onto 'Mini Circuits' and 'Boxing'. Great work team!



Geva Mentor 2018 Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist and brother Raoul visited the NPA to showcase Netball skills and drills and promote the School Holiday Netball Clinic for the NPA and Torres Strait communities. While they were in the NPA community conducting the netball clinics. They were very impressed with the Local gym, describing it as a *"hidden gem"*.





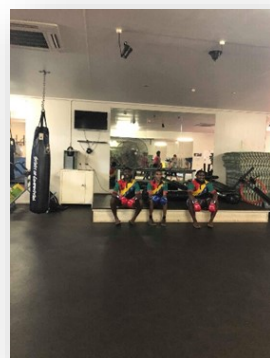
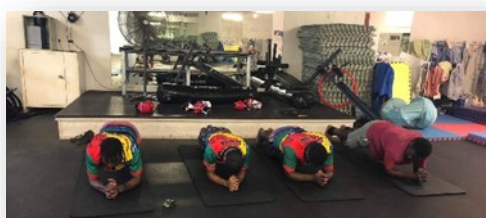
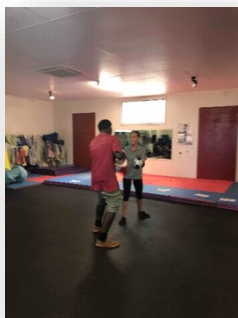
In the month of September two (2) of the Gyms regular clients competed in the 'Figure Competitions' in Cairns and Townsville. Estee Poi Poi competed in the 'Sports Model' category in Cairns and Wendy Phineasa competed in the 'Miss Figurine' category at the Townsville event. Both ladies came in Second place in each of their categories.

Congratulations to you both. All of your hard work and long hours spent at the Gym are certainly paying off.



The year 12 students from the Northern Peninsula area State College (NPASC) continue to use the Gym on Thursday mornings for their Recreation period.

This gives Kerri and Jo an opportunity to teach students Boxing Skills and set challenges between the boys and girls to see who can hold the longest 'Plank'. *Plank is an exercise position that strengthens the core muscles.* Good work to the girls who have proved they can hold a plank longer then the boys.



Membership Fees

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| Individual Annual Joining Fee | \$ 80.00 |
| Family Annual Joining Fee (2 adults, 2 children U16) | \$ 120.00 |
| Member Casual Pass | \$ 4.00 |
| Non Member Casual Pass | \$ 5.00 |
| Member 10 Visit Pass | \$ 40.00 |
| Member 20 Visit Pass | \$ 60.00 |
| Non Member 10 Visit Pass | \$ 50.00 |
| Non Member 20 Visit Pass | \$ 90.00 |

We also have monthly, three (3) monthly and six (6) monthly passes available so feel free to come and have a yarn about what is best going to suit you.



AFL Cape York

On behalf of AFL Cape York, I would like to express our *sincere* **THANK YOU** for your support and involvement.

In 2018, we had a travelling convoy of **80** players, officials, staff and guests across 11 separate vehicles – our biggest to date. We ventured nearly 2000km in four (4) days and spent approx. 30 hours driving.

On Tuesday the 16th of October at our *No School No Play* Community Program in New Mapoon Oval. We had over **80 local NPA boys and girls** involved in a 9- minute Skills, Drills and Match Play Program – followed by a big Community BBQ, which was awesome.

On Wednesday the 17th of October, we had a **four (4) team Chris Johnson Cup**, featuring; Tagai College, NPA College, Clontarf (*combination of Gordonvale & Yarrabah Academies*) and a Cairns Team (*combination of AFL Cape York House Students, Cairns based participants and Mount St Bernard's players*) with a total of **72** boys playing. For the **Angie Nadredre Cup, we had three (3) teams**; Tagai College, NPA College and a Cairns Team (*Combination of North Cairns Tigers Players and Mount St Bernard's Students*), totalling **38** players.

AFL Cape York were exposed to **over 110** male and female youth aged talent.

Throughout ALL games, there was an immense amount of talent – players possessed athleticism, speed, physicality and determination. However, the most impressive trait shown across the entire carnival was **SPORTSMANSHIP**.

There were **MANY** people and organisations that made our 2018 Chris Johnson & Angie Nadredre Cups such a success.

Once again, to **EVERYONE** involved – **THANK YOU!** Our Staff thoroughly enjoyed their time working closely with you and we are already looking forward to continuing this relationship into future events and/or programs.







BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Between 2015 and 2017 the Griffith University Dental Mob examined, and cared for, all children in the NPA community who agreed to participate, with their parent/guardian's permission.

The Dental Mob visited all three campuses of the NPA College in Bamaga and Injinoo. In 2015 we had the Queensland Health Mobile Dental and the Bamaga Hospital Dental Clinic to provide the necessary dental work to fix any major problems noticed at the time.

In 2015 we saw 408 children, followed by 267 children in 2016 and 208 children in 2017.

Other Interesting Facts

Dental conditions are a significant burden in Australian Indigenous communities.

With no fluoride in the water since 2011 a rebound in tooth decay was noticed between 2012 and 2015.

Untreated tooth decay was noticed during all our visits and remains a big concern.



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WHAT WE DISCOVERED

We prevented a lot of tooth decay and the pain and complications that go with it.

This prevention was more obvious after the children received 2 applications of our disinfectant, fluoride varnish and plastic sealants in consecutive years.

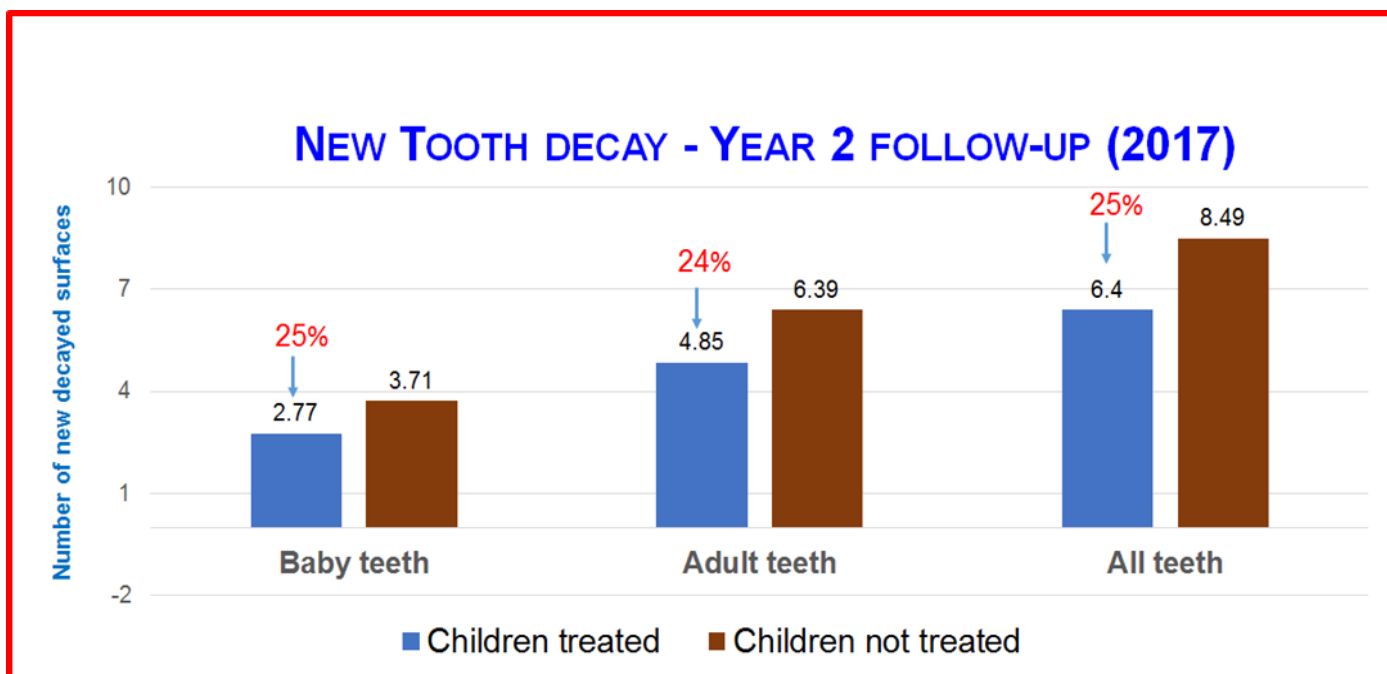
It is unlikely that a permanent dental presence can be provided to the community. Prevention is always better than cure, so reintroducing water fluoridation remains necessary.

It is important to eat a healthy diet and to limit the number of sugary foods and drinks.

WHAT'S NEXT

It is important that local-elected leadership, health leadership and the greater community need to lobby for the re-introduction of water fluoridation.

The Griffith University Dental Mob has applied for a grant to visit the NPA in 2020 to further investigate germs in the mouth which cause tooth decay and to record the long term effect of the treatment performed on children between 2015 and 2017.



WHERE FROM HERE?

Encourage parents in the community to take their children for a dental check at the Bamaga Hospital Dental Clinic at least once a year. Do not wait until your child is in pain.

Griffith University Dental Mob will visit the NPA regularly to provide updates on the research and assist the community if required.

Community to support the re-introduction of water fluoridation with backing from Queensland Health and Griffith University.

Cabin Accommodation



Cape York Ice & Tackle

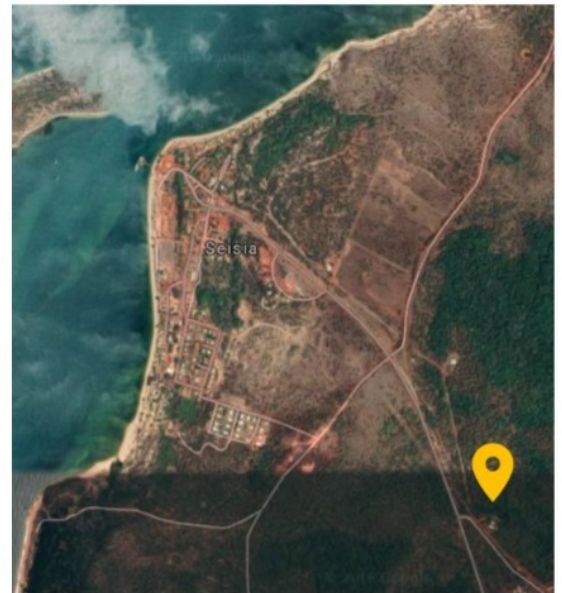
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This property is located just off the main road a couple of klms from Seisia on the outskirts of New Mapoon community. Located on the property is family operated retail outlet Cape York Ice and Tackle. The owners also operate and own Cape York Hire Boats affectionately known as Bullys Fishing Camp.

They offer Cabin and House accommodation. Each is fully self contained, private bathrooms, laundry, fully airconditioned, TV, Wifi, BBQ, outdoor private decking.

The cabin has an open floorplan with 2 x bunkbeds, kitchen, fully size fridge and fully airconditioned. Attached to a large timber deck is a full size bathroom with shower, toilet, sink, washing machine. All linen and towels are provided.

Available for guest is a 8mtr below ground salt water pool surrounded by a large timber deck, pool table and area to relax.



Why stay here?



Perfect for short or long term stay

Top location: Located between Seisia & Bamaga

Rooms with:



Barbecue



Guest only Pool

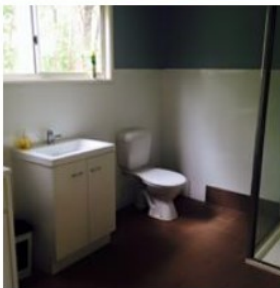
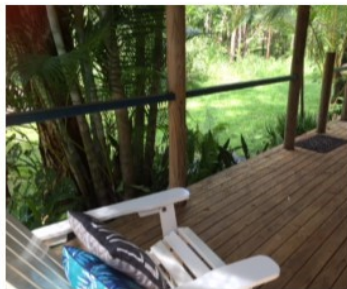


Garden/Rain Forest

Private



Free Wifi



All rooms include:

Air Conditioning

Private bathroom

Full Kitchen Facilities

Linen & Towels

Washing Machine

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Cape York Ice & Tackle

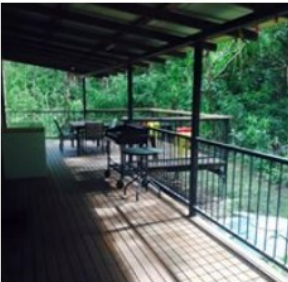
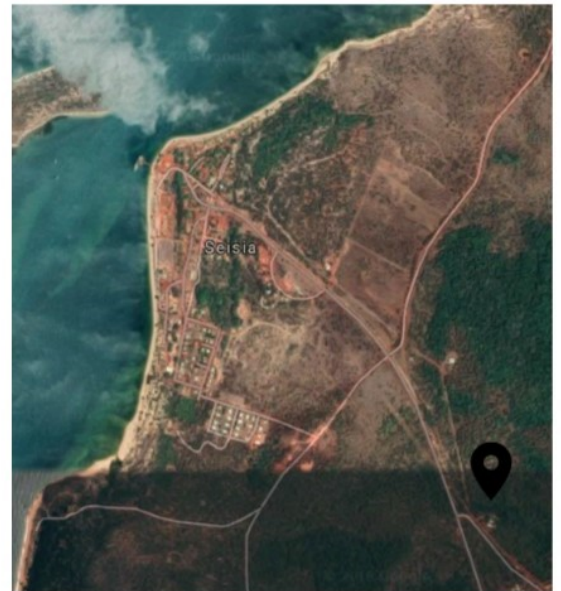
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The house has 3 bedrooms, 3 single beds in two and a double in the other. Lounge, separate dining, kitchen, laundry, fully size fridge and fully airconditioned. A large timber runs the length of the house and looks onto the rainforest. Very private and a variety of wildlife is on offer. All linen and towels are provided.

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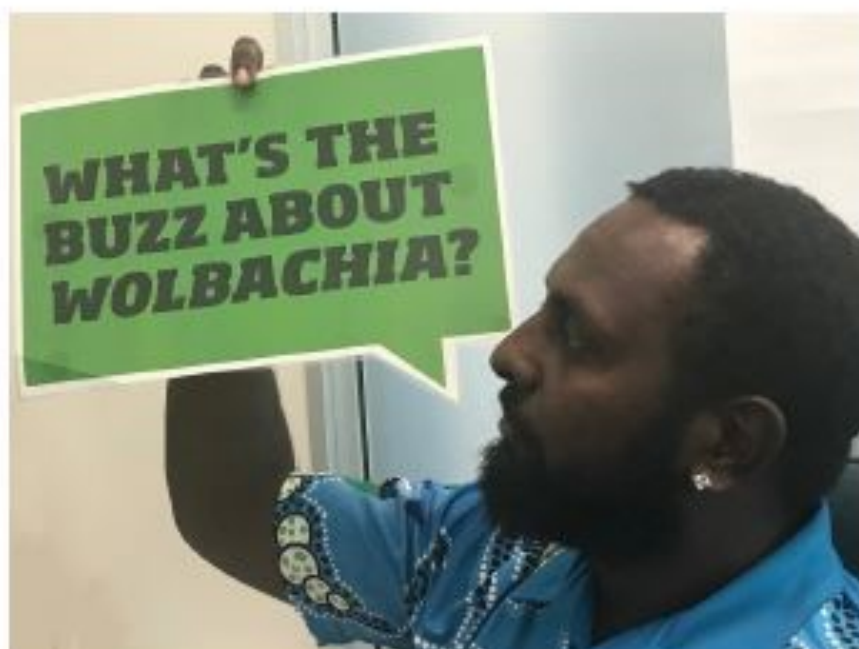
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Local Pearls * Diving Gear *

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Airline/ Ferry Booking Agent



YOU CAN HELP KEEP **DENGUE OUT** of NPA

**Find out how at Dengue OUT
Community Information Sessions**

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| Umagico | Wed 10 October | 12-2pm | Thupmul Coffee Shop |
| Bamaga | 26-27 October | 10 – 3.30pm | Dan Ropeyarn Memorial RL Carnival |
| Injinoo | Mon 12 Nov | 3- 4.30pm | Injinoo Primary School |
| Seisia | Tues 13 Nov | 4-6pm | Seisia IKC |
| New Mapoon | Wed 14 Nov | 12-2pm | Council verandah |
| Bamaga | 10 December | 12 – 2pm | CYPL |

NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Media Release

What's the Buzz in Umagico?

Umagico on the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) is buzzing, as the Dengue Out Program launched its first community sign up meeting on Wednesday (10/10/18).

Following on from the inaugural Community Reference Group (CRG) meeting held on 24 September 2018, the Dengue Out Program team members met with Umagico locals to raise awareness about the project and encourage people to get on board to host a mozzie box.

DPO community engagement manager Tracey Wilson said the program has received an overwhelming level of support so far.

"Our local engagement coordinator Anson Gebadi, carried out a baseline survey during September which showed a majority of people supported our work striving to eliminate dengue on NPA," Ms Wilson said.

NPA Mayor Eddie Newman said that the region is set to benefit from years of experience through the Eliminate Dengue Program (now World Mosquito Program) in Cairns and Townsville as well as overseas communities in Indonesia, Vietnam, Brazil, Colombia and the Pacific.

"Council was in full support of the Dengue Out Program coming into NPA and we're proud that our community is the first on the Cape and Torres to host the Program," Cr Newman said.

"Through the Dengue Out Program, NPA is now part of a global bid to eradicate dengue, Zika and chikungunya. We're proud to partner with the Tropical Public Health Service (TPHS) and the World Mosquito Program (WMP) to keep locals safe from these diseases. Council is encouraging our community to get on board with the program and host a mozzie box," he added.

Dr Richard Gair, Director of the TPHS said that the program uses *Wolbachia* - a naturally occurring bacteria that reduces the ability of *Aedes aegypti* (dengue) mosquitoes to pass dengue, Zika or chikungunya, between people.

"We use mozzie boxes to rear *Wolbachia* mosquitoes which then breed with local mosquitoes, passing *Wolbachia* on to future generations, and reducing the risk of outbreaks," Dr Gair said.

"Years of field work by the World Mosquito Program have shown the method is sustainable, low-cost and absolutely safe for people, the environment and wildlife," he said.

With CRG approval, residents can expect to see the team from the Dengue Out Program delivering mozzie boxes in residential areas across the community from February 2019.

Wolbachia naturally occurs in up to 60% of all insect species and to date, there has been no significant It's estimated that 390 million dengue infections occur each year in over 100 countries.

Locals wanting to find out more about *Wolbachia* and the work of WMP can visit www.worldmosquitoprogram.com or for more information on the Dengue Out Program call 1800 DENGUE or look out for Anson Gebadi around NPA.

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