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 in this New Year. This month Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council (NPARC) has put a lot of effort in engaging with the community and promoting services for the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) residents to participate in and enjoy.

Tourism season is fast approaching and NPARC are advising visitors and locals about illegal dumping, also rubbish removal.

FUN STATS

31 is the total number of visitors to the NPA Arts Centre this month. We also have regular visits from a variety of horses, dogs, a bush turkey and birds.

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.

Zemarie Bond

Zemarie Bond—Media and Communications Officer



Like us on Facebook
https://www.facebook.com/
to be updated with NPA stories,
warnings, information and
notices.





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

Please be well aware of the general enquires for bookings BEFORE Cancellation of their Local Fare Schemes.

- ALL relevant bookings must be of 'Personal Use' (Full Fare charged for work commitments)
- Bookings can only be made no more than 12 per Financial year
- 3 x NO SHOW per passenger or you may be cancelled out of the LOCAL FARE SCHEME (LFS).

Chris Bradley

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



What's Happening at the Home and Community Care (HaCC)

Elders at HaCC participated in baking a cake for a special Birthday. The HaCC Elders also enjoyed their therapy sessions.





New Mapoon Indigenous Knowledge Centre (IKC)



First Five Forever Program

Ask your friendly public library staff for more ideas. Libraries have free resources and great activities for 0-5 year olds, including a wide selection of picture books to share with babies and children.

Remember joining your local library is free.







New Mapoon Indigenous Knowledge Centre (IKC)

Make talking, reading and singing with your child part of your daily routine—any place, any time.

Talk, play, sing, read to give growing brains what they need.





First Five Forever Program





What's Happening at Hunters Fitness Centre?

The first Kickstart program has come to an end with many individuals achieving great results. The program has proven to be a success with many HFC members losing an average of 2.5kg, and to top it off with 16 cm off the body overall, including a whopping 7cm off the waistline. These results have been achieved through regular visits to gym, big changes to meal choices, and constant hard work and dedication toward a healthy lifestyle. Hunters Fitness Centre looks forward to seeing more accomplishments and success in reaching goal set in the upcoming months.

Interest in the gym programs is increasing with more numbers flowing in to sign up and ready to reach goals set. The HFC team members are excited to see high numbers of achievements in the past months. Those that are interested to begin change and see results, head on down and have a chat with Kerri or Jo to see what the Hunters Fitness Centre have on offer.

With the footy season approaching, this is an opportunity to build your fitness for the opening games. Weather it's running, sessions at the gym or a combination of both, it's important that the human body is ready for the challenges and able to withstand the heavy collision that comes with the game. Furthermore, you will have less chance of gaining injuries in the beginning of the season.

To ensure you are performing at your best abilities, head on down to the Hunters Fitness Centre for some tips and also see the team on technics to help the fitness regime.

Korean Yoga is happening three times a week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays evening from 5.30pm to 6pm. This is an opportunity to improve flexibility, stretch those tensed muscles or to even relax the body as a stress reliever. The class is open to the public for all who are interested, feel free to join a group together and head on down and join in at the Hunters Fitness Centre.



Tourism season is fast approaching and Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council (NPARC) are advising visitors and locals about illegal dumping and rubbish removal.

Locals are responsible to carry all rubbish with them when out on country. Show example to visitors, keeping the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) areas clean at all times.





EZY DUMP



If a bin is not allocated nearby please take your rubbish and dispose of it in the next available waste disposal unit- Green bin/bins allocated for public use. If the bin is full utilise the rubbish tips on the communities.

Visitors are responsible for their rubbish and MUST utilise the community dump site facilities available and points allocated as well as the ezy-dump sites for campervan and caravans situated in Seisia.





NPA Arts Centre: A Month in Review

Art Quote of the Month

"Art, freedom and creativity will change society faster than politics"

Victor Pinchuck

NPA Arts Centre News

Community collaborations:

The NPA Arts Centre has teamed up with
Jess Namai NPAWS Women's
Development Officer to assist with the
Queensland Women's Week Art
Competition around the theme: Mepla
Strong Women in the Marketplace. For
more information, flyers are out on all
community notice boards.

Mini-Upgrades:

In preparation for the upcoming tourist season, the Arts Centre will be undergoing a mini upgrade to the building. This includes new security measures, fresh paint in the gallery & shop front floor, new panel walls and toilets. Photos to come.

Upcoming Exhibitions:

Vincent Babia's solo exhibition Koey Buwai Mab: Migration from Saibai Island to Cape York at the Cairns Art Gallery, April 26th to June 9th 2019.

Upcoming Art Competition:

The Umagico Supermarket, with the assistance of the NPA Arts Centre, will be conducting a Mural Wall Art Competition in preparation for the tourist season. Winning designs will be painted onto the front wall (shop entrance and main wall facing highway). Major prizes to be won. Flyers will be up on the community notice boards and NPARC Facebook page in mid-March. WATCH THIS SPACE!



New Resources:

In preparation for the upcoming workshops, the Art Centre will be acquiring a new print-making press in the month of March. Photos to come.

What's coming up next month!

Month	Workshop	Project Name	Dates
April	Lino Reduction Workshop Screen Printing Worksop	TSRA NPA Arts Ready Project	*To be announced in the first week of March
April - May	NPA Mini-Workshops in Cultural Practices – sewing, weaving, crochet and dance regalia and apparatus 1 & 2.	Indigenous Regional Area Development Fund (IRADF)	*To be announced in mid-March

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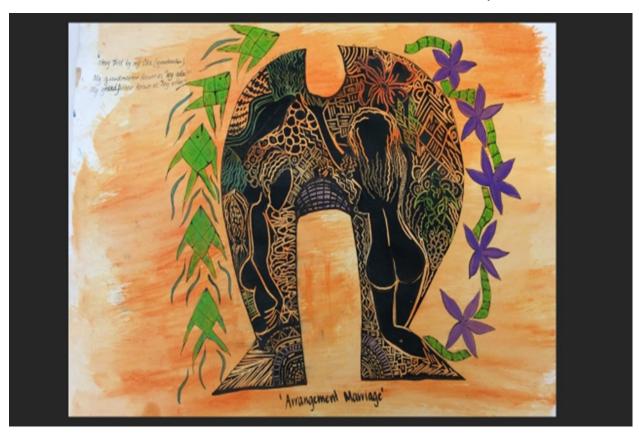
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FEATURE ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Sammy Laifoo

Sammy draws her artistic inspiration from the stories told by her Aka (grandmother) and Athe (grandfather). The painting below depicts the story of a man and a woman coming together under an arranged marriage. Other influences in Sammy's artworks includes the female person, the powerful relationship between a mother and her child or children, pregnant mothers and women as the matriarch of the family unit.



Arrangement Marriage

Acrylic on paper
75cm x 56cm
*Artwork is for sale - price to be determined



ARTWORKS FOR SALE

Transforming Nature into Works of Art:

New Mapoon Elder, Johnny Mark, handcrafted these beautiful Woomeras from wood sourced locally.

*They are currently available for sale from within the New Mapoon Art Centre.



For more information about anything featured in this month's newsletter, contact Arts Development Coordinator Yanti Ropeyarn at the NPA Arts Centre on (07) 4083 0271 or email arts@nparc.qld.gov.au.



Staff Profile

Name and position:

Anna Nona

Bamaga Indigenous Knowledge Centre (IKC) coordinator.

Department and contact:

Community Services

E: annajoyce.nona@nparc.qld.gov.au

P: (07) 4048 4138.

Job description:

- Retrieving resources for the community access.
- Planning /scheduling activities, after school hours and holiday programs.
- Assisting community members.

Personal hobbies:

- Fishing
- Camping
- Spending time with family and sharing quality time
- Cooking





Staff Profile

Name and position:

Peri Sunai

Building & Asset Services—Administration Officer (Works Delivery).

Office/department and contact:

Umagico Office Operations.

Ph: 07 40486910

Email: peri.sunai@nparc.qld.gov.au

Relevant qualifications and how long have you been with NPARC:

Commence Work with NPARC: 26/10/2006

I have been working for NPARC for 12 ½ yrs and

Possess a:

- Cert IV in Housing.
- Cert IV in Finance.
- 80% Completion in Project Management.

Previous Administration duties:

- Housing.
- Debtors Clerk.
- Mailing Office.
- Grant Assistant.
- Community Service.
- Corporate Services.
- Finance.



Job Description

Current Duties:

BAS (Building & Asset Services) UPGRADE DUTIES:

- Create BAS Upgrade Files.
- Procurement.
- Sending out RFQ's & Tender.
- Assist with Evaluation and Awarding.
- Assist with Contract Management.
- Liaise with Contractor Management.
- Liaise with Contractors & BAS.
- Maintain Council records into Records Management System.



Staff Profile

- Administrative duties to Executive Manager & Building Manager.
- Attend meetings with Contractor/Building Manager/
 BAS.
- Minutes Taking.

Other Project Managing Upgrade Job's:

- System administrator and data entry.
- Training Policy Administration System (Contraction Skilled Queensland (CSQ).
- New Building Contractions (NPC).
- Site Inspection Upgrades/New Builds.
- Submit Project Details.

- Submit the Compliance Plan and ongoing reports.
- Report Training hours for training participants.

MINOR BAS MAINTENANCE:

- Processing Invoice for Payment; including checking goods and services have been received and checking for pervious payments.
- Verify that invoices have been approved for payments.
- Provide good customer service by responding to and resolving queries from Creditors and Debtors and other finance related issues.

Personal hobbies

- Fishing.
- Site Seeing.
- Swimming.
- Spending good quality time with families & friends.
- Music.







Sea Dog Veterinary



Community Notice

Sea Dog Veterinary (SDV) are visiting the Northern Peninsula Area from Monday 11th through to Tuesday 12th of March 2019.

SDV will be providing permeant surgical de-sexing for dogs and cats.

SDV together with councils animal health will be proving assistance with general health and welfare for animals of NPA.

Contact Umagico NPARC office on 07 4048 6900 to register and make an appointment .

All service provided are free of charge.











Community Notice

Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council are seeking volunteers 18 years and over, to form a committee.

To be volunteers at this year up coming Events 2019.

- Pig Hunt commencing 8th- 16th of March.
- Mud Rally commencing 16th March.
- · Mabo day commencing 3rd June.
- Northern Peninsula Area show commencing Thursday the 22nd— Saturday the 24th of August..



Sign up at New Mapoon Council Office.

Volunteers

Needed

NPA Rodeo show committee meeting will be held Wednesday 20th of February 2019.

Further inquires please contact Events– Ruby Neliman
T: 07 4048 6608

E: ruby.neliman@nparc.qld.gov.au

E: communityadmin@nparc.qld.gov.au



EVENTS CALENDAR 2019

Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council

For future information. T: (07) 4048 6600 E: ruby.neliman@nparc.qld.gov.au

W: www.nparc.qld.gov.au A: 81 Brown Street, New Mapoon QLD















Easter Celebration

Saturday 16th of March Pig Hunt and Mud Rally

A family fun day with a gold coin sausage sizzle, awaiting pig Hunt competitors and cheering Mud Rally participants.

Proudly hosted by NPARC events team and the NPA Disaster Management Group

Yusia Ginau Oval

Anzac Day

Thursday 25th April 2019

A gathering of Australia and New Zealand countries to acknowledge that fought in world war one.

Main celebrations at Anzac Park,

Mabo Day

Monday 3rd June 2019

Annual Anniversary day that celebrates the successful high courts decision in the 1992 Mabo Case.

NPA annual show

Thursday 22nd —Saturday 24th August 2019

Family event rides, food and entertainment runs from 10am, until late.

Mayoral Awards

December

A day to give thanks to NPARC employees for efforts throughout the year.



The Northern Peninsula Area Regional Rugby League







Proudly announces the long awaited season kick-off for the 2019 Senior men's Rugby League Competition



Kick-Off: Saturday 23rd March, 2019.

Venue: Yusia Ginau Oval, Bamaga.

A meeting will be held with participating team/club members to discuss matters of interest that include the 'Competition Rule Book', 'Code of Conduct', 'Registration fees', 'Competition Draw' & other matters of general interest.





2019 Mud Rally & Pig Hunt

When: 16th of March

Venue: Mud Rally Track Behind Bamaga Oval

Time: 9am to 5pm

RSVP: Ruby Neliman (New Mapoon events)





For Teams that are willing to Enter this competition.

Please Feel free to contact events team- Ruby

Neliman (New Mapoon events officer)

T: (07) 4048 6600

E: ruby.neliman@nparc.qld.gov.au

To Register your Team.

Registration Date Close on:

Lots of prizes & trophies to be won, Giveaway's for the day.



Please NOTE: Participants for each Event will **ENTER** these Competitions at their **OWN RISK NPARC** will not be responsible for any injuries or damages.

















Mud Rally & Pig Hunt will be on 16th March, it is also a recruitment opportunity for men or woman to sign up to be members for SES (State Emergency Services)

Register and payments are taken here at the New Mapoon Office

Men's and Womens entry for 6 or 4 Cylinder is \$50

Men's and Womens entry for Pig Hunt is \$60 per group (4 per group) Groups are required to register and pay first before weighing any pig.

Pig Hunt starts 8th of March, pig weigh ins will be recorded at Marsat Newman's House, at any time in regards to weighing the pigs please contact Marsat Newman on P: 0447 911 937

There are prizes to be won for:



Men's 4 Cylinder 1st place Men's 4 Cylinder 2nd place Womens 4 Cylinder 1st place Womens 4 Cylinder 2nd place

Men's 6 Cylinder 1st place Men's 6 Cylinder 2nd place Womens 6 Cylinder 1st place Womens 6 Cylinder 2nd Place





Men's 1st place pig hunt Men's 2nd place pig hunt Womens 1st place pig hunt Womens 2nd place pig hunt









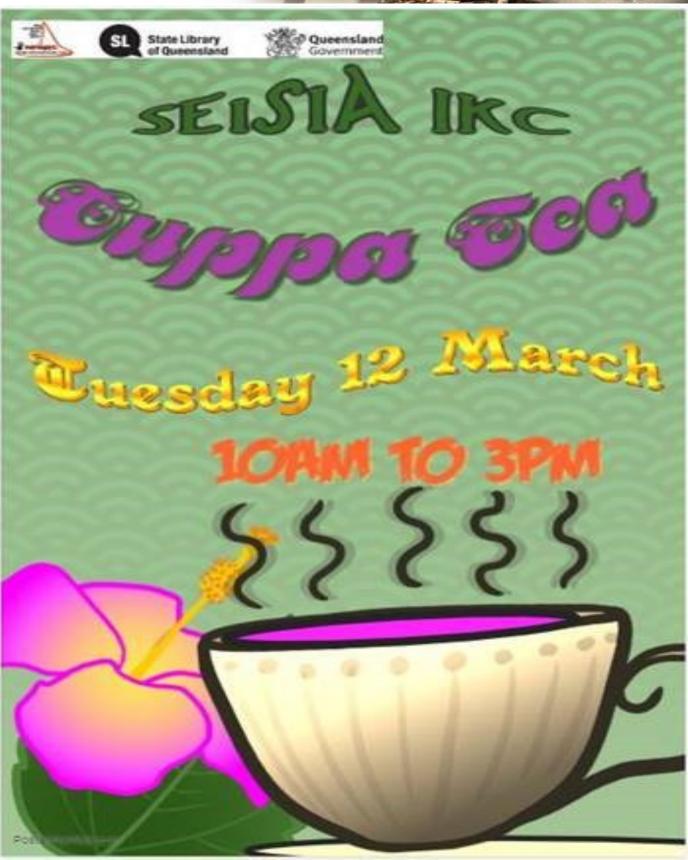






























Community Notice



Council Property

Please return Council chairs or anything that is Council Property to the New Mapoon Office.



For assistance, please contact New Mapoon Office on (07) 4048 6600



QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE



Bamaga Police Station Lui Street, Bamaga, Qld 4876 TELEPHONE (07)40904500

Just a friendly reminder, licence and registration services will only be conducted on Monday, Tuesday and every *2nd Wednesday.

The Bamaga Police Station is closed alternate Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays'.

For any enquiries contact the Bamaga Police Station on 4090 4500.

If your inquires/assistance is an emergency please dial '000' or the Police Link on 131 444.

Hours of Operation

Monday	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM	
Tuesday	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM	
Wednesday	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM	
	*Fortnightly	
Thursday	Closed	
Friday	Closed	

Kind regards

Queensland Police Service (QPS) - Bamaga Police Station.

VOLLEYBALL



come down and join a team test your skills or gain your skills lots of fun and joy

> Umagico, Community Hall bpm - 9pm Stanley Dai 0438917133





NPA BASKETBALL PRESENTS



MONDAY TO FRIDAY AT 5:30 pm



BAMAGA COMMUNITY HALL

INFORMATION:

AARON TAMWOY 0456 741 333

STANLEY DAI

0438 917 133









Mosquito releases begin to fight dengue and Zika 14 February 2019

The Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) is buzzing, as the Dengue Out Program is set to begin its first day of work in the region on Monday (18/2/19), using a unique prevention method that involves releasing mosquitoes.

The mosquitoes carry *Wolbachia* - naturally occurring bacteria that reduce the ability of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes to pass dengue, Zika or chikungunya between people. These mosquitoes breed with local mosquitoes, passing *Wolbachia* on to future generations to reduce the risk of outbreaks.

Locals can expect to see the team from the Dengue Out Program working in residential areas in Injinoo, Umagico, New Mapoon, Seisia and Bamaga.

Dr Richard Gair, Director and Public Health Physician at the Tropical Public Health Service, said the community was set to benefit from the years of experience gained from the success of the World Mosquito Program's (WMP) method in Townsville, Charters Towers, Douglas Shire, Cairns and the Cassowary Coast, and in seven countries overseas.

"Years of field work carried out by our partner, the World Mosquito Program, have shown the method is sustainable, low-cost and safe for people, the environment and wildlife," Dr Gair said.

"We will introduce Wolbachia into the community's mosquito population over the next few months, and, when successful, we expect to see a reduction in the risk of dengue transmission."

The Dengue Out Program team has been speaking with local groups and individuals to raise awareness about the project and has received an overwhelming level of support.

The Northern Area Peninsula Council's Mayor, Edward Newman, said they were proud to be the first Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to host the Program.

"Diseases like dengue pose a threat to our way of life here on the Cape, and the Dengue Out Program provides a potential solution that requires little more than our encouragement and support," Mayor Newman said.

"Not only will this project help protect us from dengue, the bonus is that we are part of a global program that has the potential to benefit some of the world's most vulnerable communities."

The Dengue Out team will be delivering Mozzie Boxes which contain *Wolbachia* mosquito eggs and food, for approximately 8 - 12 weeks. Water is added and the Mozzie Box is placed in a shady spot in the yard.

The Dengue Out Program is a collaboration between Tropical Public Health Service, the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council and the World Mosquito Program.







"We do not expect locals will notice much of an increase in mosquito numbers but we do remind everyone to continue to protect themselves against mosquito bites as per usual," Dr Gair said.

The World Mosquito Program's Director of the Oceania hub, Professor Cameron Simmons, said the WMP was delighted to be collaborating on this important program.

"Through this collaboration, we look forward to seeing the WMP's unique method help to improve the health of Cape communities by reducing the threat and long-term impact of dengue outbreaks."

This approach is expanding globally, in an effort to reduce the estimated 390 million dengue infections that occur each year in over 100 countries. Locals wanting to find out more about *Wolbachia* and World Mosquito Program can visit http://www.worldmosquitoprogram.org/

To contact the Dengue Out Program team email cedengueout@gmail.com or call 1800 DENGUE.

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For further information contact:

Dengue Out Program Tracey Wilson 0419 688 372

World Mosquito Program Diana Robertson 0421 638 291

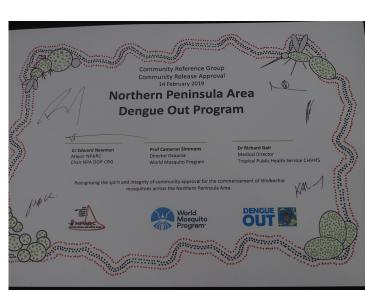
Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council Mayor Edward Newman (07) 4090 4100







Please again accept my sincere thanks to those all for their help and commitment in their roles as the Dengue-Out-Program (D-O-P) CRG members.





.Thanks again for your help and dedication to the Dengue-Out-program.

BE CROCWISE CROC COUNTRY

If you see a crocodile REPORT IT! Call 1300 130 372

- · Press 1 at all three prompts
- If you don't want to report it yourself, tell one of the local rangers and they'll report it for you —call 07 4048 6815



Rangers will be putting up these new croc signs at all boat ramps and fishing areas.





NPARC ART CENTRE

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Calling on all **Emerging and Established Artists** from
Injinoo, Umagico, Bamaga, New
Mapoon and Seisia

INTERESTED? PLEASE CONTACT

Yanti Ropeyarn – Art Development Coordinator

Phone: (07) 4083 0271

Email: arts@nparc.qld.gov.au

Location: New Mapoon Aboriginal Community (little green

shed off the highway)

Welcome to the NPARC staff

Nil to date

NPARC Employment Vacancies

Nil to date

For information contact Dalassa Sailor, Human Resource Advisor Phone: (07) 4048 6612 or Email: dalassa.sailor@nparc.qld.gov.au

FREE BOOK GIVE AWAY AT THE UMAGICO & NEW MAPOON IKC

PLEASE CONTACT LORRAINE on (07) 4048 6914 OR PAULINE on (07) 4048 6619











Contact us

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