



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

Welcome ... to the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council's monthly newsletter for March 2021.

Council is very pleased to be able to get your favourite monthly newsletter back up and running - full of informative news about everyday events for your community about your council.

Such a lot has happened since our last issue - so much will be happening in the coming months, and this will be the best place to find out all about it.

Inside this month you will find:

What council is doing to make sure your water supply will be more reliable during the wet season?

If you use the Jardine Ferry then here's the latest news about it.

What meetings are coming up and where and when are they going to be held?

This year's Mud Rally and Pig Hunt is just around the corner - will you be part of it?

If you would like to share a story or advertise in this publication then please contact us at media@nparc.qld.gov.au or call 07 4090 4120.

Shannay Gebadi

Acting Media and Communications Officer



Emergency generator for Jardine Pump Station

NORTHERN Peninsula Area Regional Council and current water treatment plant operator TRILITY have started installing an emergency generator at the Jardine Pump Station.

Work is expected to be completed by the end of June this year.

Water needs to travel about 17 kilometres from the pump station to the Bamaga Water Treatment Plant, before being treated to a high standard and then piped to our communities as safe drinking water. It is the community's single supply of water.

In the past, the problem has been that the pump station was fed with an electrical connection from town on a single supply line.

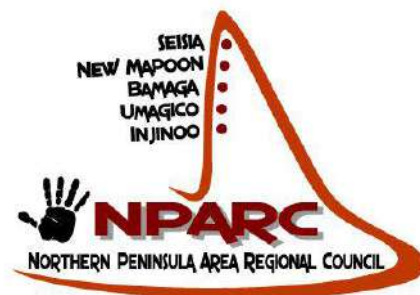
During the year, but mainly during the wet season, there were a number

of interruptions to this power supply from fallen trees across the power lines, lighting strike or transformer failure.

The remoteness of the pump station and the inability to safely access it during the wet season sometimes meant the pump's power supply was down for a number of days. This interrupted water supply.

Council's project included the design and installation of a back-up diesel powered generator, which will automatically start in the event of a power failure and is capable of running for seven days unattended.

Local contractors were also engaged to complete the installation works, and the generator will be installed and tested following the completion of the civil works.



Meetings

The Trustees Meeting for March will commence at 9am on Tuesday, March 16.

March's Ordinary Council Meeting will commence immediately after the conclusion of the Trustees Meeting.

Any business not considered at the Ordinary Council Meeting by 5pm on Tuesday will be held over until 9am Wednesday, March 17.

Jardine Ferry will be grounded for repairs

EVERYONE using the Jardine Ferry should be aware the ferry will be raised out of the water to undergo necessary and extensive repairs, which Council will endeavour to complete before the dry/tourist season.

Council would also like to take the opportunity to remind everyone that the Jardine Ferry is a cashless enterprise. All its users are required to prepay or use a card to pay their fares.

This system will be mandatory once the ferry is refurbished and back operation. Cash will not be taken by the ferry master.



**Abandoned Car Pickup
March 'til August**

**It's your chance to get
rid of your old cars,
trailers and parts.**

As part of our Cleanup the Cape initiative, Council has been out in the community marking abandoned cars since Monday, March 1.

Unregistered and abandoned vehicles will be marked with an X.

NPARC is now removing these marked cars and wrecks. If you have cars you are stripping for parts they need to be inside your property.

Any vehicles marked with an X that is left on the road, footpath or bushland will be removed as part of the cleanup.

If the car is in your yard and you want it gone bring it out now.

Let's keep our communities clean!

For more information contact the Umagico Council Office on 4048 6900

AUSTRALIA DAY 2021 MUD RALLY & PIG HUNT COMPETITION

Postponed to Saturday March 13th 2021



Time: 9.00am—4.30pm

Venue: Behind Bamaga

Yusia Ginou Memorial Oval



Pig Hunting

Weigh-in: with Ruby Neliman

Time: 5pm -10pm

Contact: 0448114819

OR

Weigh-in with Dean Hopson

at any time (24hr)

contact number: 0475889136

MALE & FEMALE DIVISION

**Hunting starts on 26th February
2021 and closes on
Friday 12th March 2021 at 12pm.**

**Register & pay the fee of \$60.00 at
the New Mapoon Office.**

**Payment must be made before hunting
and weigh-in.**

Mud Rally

Categories:

4cyl, 6cyl & EFI

turbo vehicle 2x time trials per driver.

Parade of best done up 4x4 Mud Rally
Vehicle

Loudest 4x4 vehicle rev's

**Registration opens on the
Monday 15th February 2021, pay fee of
\$50.00 at New Mapoon Office**

Or

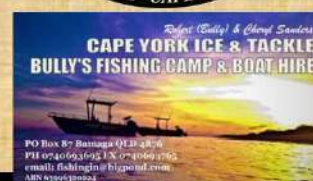
Register & pay at Mud Rally day

PLEASE NOTE

Participants for each Events will enter these
competitions **AT THEIR OWN RISK**. SES and/or
NPARC will not be
responsible for any injuries or Vehicle damages.

Proudly sponsored by

NPA ELECTRICS Pty



\$5000 worth of prizes to be won at our 2021 Mud Rally and Pig Hunt!



Division	Prizes
6 cylinder 1st place. Men	Trophy and Certificate
6 cylinder 1st place. Women	Trophy and Certificate
6 cylinder 2nd place. Men	Trophy and Certificate
6 cylinder 2nd place. Women	Trophy and Certificate
4 cylinder 1st place. Men	Trophy and Certificate
4 cylinder 1st place. Women	Trophy and Certificate
4 cylinder 2nd place. Men	Trophy and Certificate
4 cylinder 2nd place. Women	Trophy and Certificate
EFI Turbo 1st place. Open	Trophy and Certificate
EFI Turbo 1st place. Open	Trophy and Certificate
Pig Hunt 1st place. Open	Trophy and Certificate
Pig Hunt 2nd place. Open	Trophy and Certificate
Best done up 4 x 4 vehicles	Certificate
Loudest 4 x 4 revs	Certificate

Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council Scheduled Trustee Meetings for 2021

NPARC Trustee Meetings will be due to commence at 1pm at these scheduled venues and dates:

Umagico - Tuesday, March 16. New Mapoon - Tuesday, April 20. Seisia - Tuesday, May 18. Bamaga - Tuesday, June 15. Injinoo - Tuesday, July 20.

Umagico - Tuesday, August 17. New Mapoon - Tuesday, September 21. Seisia - Tuesday, October 19. Cairns - Tuesday, November 16. Bamaga - Tuesday, December 14.

Scheduled Ordinary Council Meetings for 2021

NPARC Ordinary Council Meetings will be due to commence at 9am at these scheduled venues on the following dates:

Umagico - Wednesday, March 17
New Mapoon - Wednesday, April 21.
Seisia - Wednesday, May 19.
Bamaga - Wednesday, June 16.

Injinoo - Wednesday, July 21.
Umagico - Wednesday, August 18.
New Mapoon - Wednesday, September 22.
Seisia - Wednesday, October 20.
Cairns - Wednesday, November 17
Bamaga - Wednesday, December 15



Registration - 8.00 am

Seisia Fishing Club

Supply your own hat gloves and water

Please work in groups or pairs



Black Star 91.9FM - Your local voice of NPA

GRAM (Queensland Remote Aboriginal Media) developed the formal concept during 2010/2011, with the first trial site established at NPA Radio in Bamaga on August 24, 2011.

Today Black Star works in conjunction with NPARC to support the local Remote Indigenous Broadcaster Services (RIBS) to maintain a daily show to all the NPA communities.

The focus on RIBS is to:

- Revive, rebuild, and maintain indigenous cultural identity through radio broadcasting

- Provide Indigenous people in remote Australia access to local Indigenous radio broadcasting services

- Develop Indigenous language and culture radio

Promote Indigenous language through radio

- Positively reinforce Indigenous achievements

- Advocate on behalf of RIBS communities at a local and national level to Government and associations.

- Maintain open communications with Shire Councils and remote communities

Now set up to provide The Voice of NPA, Amy McKeown has taken on the RIBS program to support all the NPA communities with a range of music, interviews, and community services announcements, such as government and school programs, community,

and cultural events from Monday to Friday at 10am to 12pm.

GRAM Technical Services are dedicated to Indigenous Broadcasting and provide support to RIBS throughout the Cape York, Gulf Country, and Western Queensland.

Black Star delivers the latest music updates, tailored news and weather, information segments and programs quickly and seamlessly online, and is designed for the convergent media environment being cloud based with broadband satellite back up.

You can connect live everyday from 6am to 9am with Mark Hogan on the Breakfast Show with all the latest happenings in your community, Birthday Shout-outs and a wide variety music.

Join the Black Star Morning Crew for entertaining and informative Breakfast and Morning Shows on any Black Star network station including:

Aurukun - 107.7FM

Doomadgee - 105.3FM

Kowanyama - 107.7 FM

Lockhart River - 107.7 FM

Mornington Island - 107.7 FM

Napranum & Weipa - 94.5 FM

NPA, (Bamaga, Injinoo, New Mapoon,

Sesia and Umagico) - 91.9 FM

Mapoon - 101.3 FM

Pormpuraaw - 106.7 FM

Woorabinda - 99.7 FM

Wujal Wujal - 107.7 FM

Black Star Tablelands - 96.7 FM

Black Star Yarrabah - 92.9 FM

Black Star Normanton & Karumba - 98.5 FM.

You can contact us on e-mail: community@blackstarradio.com.au or Call 07 4032 5022.

And remember, Black Star Radio can offer placement of ad spots across the whole network, or just to a specific community, or any combination of audiences across the network.

So, if you are wanting to target your business to the travellers heading North to The Tip choose all the networks to promote your business and services before they get here.

For more information on rates contact our sales rep Ray Wallace on 0418 180 895

Umagico Alau Supermarket

Operational Hours:

Monday - 8am to 7pm

Tuesday - 8am to 7pm

Wednesday - 8am to 7pm

Thursday - 8am to 8pm

Friday - 8am to 7pm

Saturday - 8am to 2pm

Sunday - 8am to 2pm

We will be open right through the Easter Weekend - Friday, April 2 'til Monday April 5.

Easter Trading Hours:

Friday, April 2 - 8am to 2pm

Saturday, April 3 - 8am to 2pm

Sunday, April 4 - 8am to 2pm

Monday, April 5 - 8am to 2pm

We have a range of electrical goods, furniture & variety products in-store now. If we don't have what you're after please ask and we will source it for you.

Great buys in-store now

Duo 5kg laundry powder \$18.99 - save \$7.40

10kg long grain rice \$9.99 - save \$21.26

Sorbent 24-pack toilet paper \$18.45

If you buy any washing machine you will receive 2 x 5kg boxes of Rinso washing powder for free (while stocks last).

If you would like us to order something for you please see one of our friendly team members.

...briefly

DURING the coming months, Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council will soon be announcing its Asbestos Cement Pipe (ACP) Replacement Project.

Maps will be developed and displayed so the community will know where the pipeline is being replaced, along with a planned works schedule.



QUEENSLAND Health, Tropical Public Health Services Cairns Department are conducting a dengue mosquito survey in NPARC communities.

The survey is to check for presence of the Asian tiger mosquito, and monitor the prevalence of Wolbachia in the dengue mosquito (*Aedes aegypti*) as a follow-up to the Dengue Out program that was rolled out in this council in 2019.

Council would like to remind community members to empty any water in old tyres, plant pots and buckets to prevent a breeding ground for the mosquitos.

Simple steps to reduce the risk of

CORONAVIRUS

for yourself and others



Wash your hands often with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds.



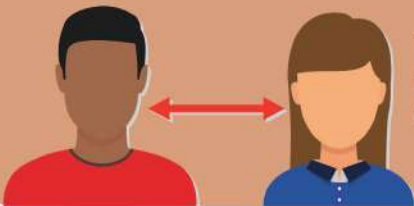
Have a plan for your family in case you need to stay home in isolation.



Cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue. Throw the tissue in a bin and wash your hands straight away.



If you are well you do not need to wear a mask.



Avoid close contact with anyone who has fever or a cough.



Stay calm and do not panic. Most people who get coronavirus will have mild sickness.



Stay at home if you feel sick. If you have a fever, cough or difficulty breathing call your local doctor or 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) for advice.



Elderly people and those with existing illnesses are most vulnerable.

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA

National Indigenous Basketball Australia NIBA has announced that they will be taking a team of players to the Championships in Gold Coast to Compete.

Two of our very own Timmy Panuel and Leah Elu will be players competing in Gold Coast taking place from April 11 - 16.

IBA is a not-for profit entity that delivers programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people. Offering the opportunity to gain essential basketball skills that may lead to an opportunity for selection to a national tournament and beyond all while having fun and staying active.

Council would like to congratulate the players and wish them luck throughout the championship tournament.



Annual 3 on 3 Basketball win

Torres Strait Youth and Recreational Sporting Youth association (TSYRA) held their annual 3x3 Boss Blo Courts Basketball tournament on Saturday March 6 on Thursday Island.

Teams consist of three players, up to one substitute per team. Under the timer a twelve second shot clock the first team to reach 21 points or most after ten minutes wins, games commenced at 10am finishing up at 6pm.

The NPA team went into the grand final going up against the TI showtime players. Returning home with a strong victory.

Council would like to also congratulate the players who participated in the comp.



(Left to Right) 3x3 Basketball, Thursday Island Raymond Panuel, Jacob Panuel, Richard Passi and Windsor Bowie.