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SEISIA
NEW MAPOON
BAMAGA
UMAGICO
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NPARC

NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA REGIONAL COUNCIL



The last few months have presented us with a lot of opportunities to work with community and to work with our regional partners, and state and federal departments. We were proud of the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area Regional Organisation of Councils and feel the opportunity to advocate in partnership will strengthen our voices. Some of the many highlights are...

- We appreciate the engagement in community meetings and the opportunity to reflect on our Corporate Plan which guides our vision.
- Consultations for the Community Safety program are underway.
- Preparations for the New Mapoon Multi-function Hall opening are underway.

At Council meetings, a variety of resolutions were passed. The meeting times, booklets and minutes can be accessed on our website.

Media Release: Council Meeting #32 Wednesday 14th December 2022

Resolution	Benefit for community
Planning Application Bamaga Farm	NPARC is seeking development approval to reconfigure a portion of Bamaga Farm to allow for a lease of greater than ten years and reconfiguration of the lot to create new boundaries. This will allow for the land to be better purposed to support local business.
Tender Award DRFA 2022	The scheduled works included in this tender relates to damage sustained on Council's unsealed road network. This will allow completion prior to the impending wet season.
RFQ – NPARC Transport Infrastructure Engineering Project Management Services	Aurecon will be Council's preferred supplier for Transport Related Engineering and Project Management Services, with a review to be undertaken in November 2023. This will assist projects to progress while complying to our financial obligations.
Update on the EOI for the Batching Plant 190	Under the Local Government Act, a full tender will need to be advertised with clarity of the scoring matrix to enable a decision by the Council. In the interim, A/CEO has done a projection of sales under the current major projects that are minimum over the next 2 years. The current price will include a 3% increase from \$779.10 to \$802.473. The local resident discount of 35% will continue but is limited to non-commercial purposes.

Media Release: Council Meeting #33 Wednesday 25th January 2023

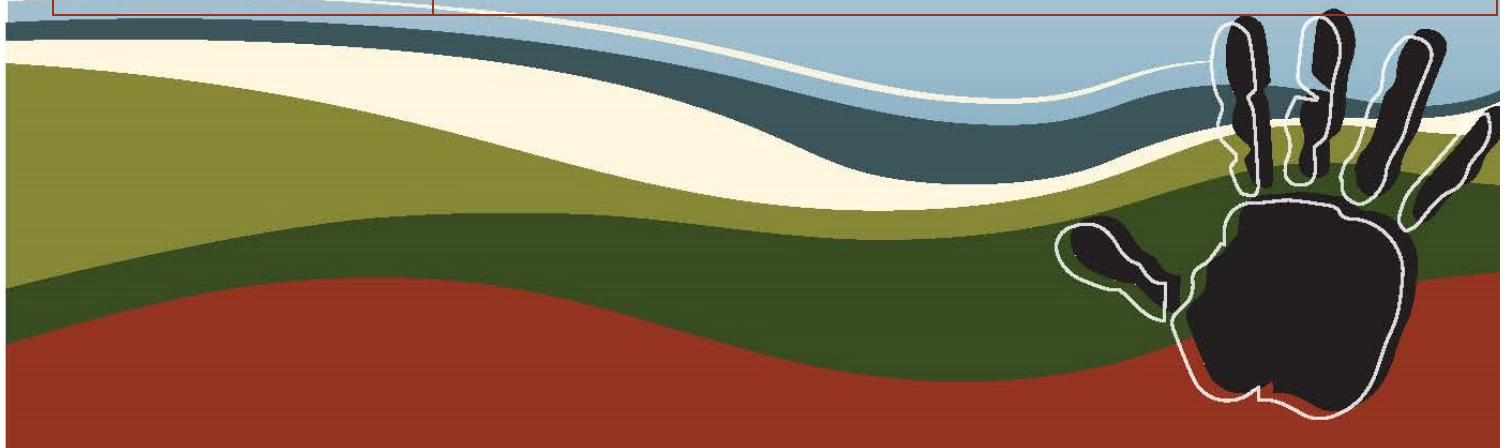
Resolution	Benefit for community
NPARC Boiled Water Alert	In the 5 days leading up to Christmas over 100mm of rain fell in the catchment and flushed large amounts of debris and contaminants into the Jardine River. This resulted in a significant increase in turbidity in the raw water from the Jardine River. It is expected that the Boil Water alert will remain in place until the end of wet season. This precaution will help community to have safe water.
Tender NPARC 01-12-2022	The tender was advertised between the 1st and the 15th of December, to sell NPARC's used plant and equipment to the highest tenderers. There were 17 submissions and were sold to local members and businesses of NPA to benefit from.
User Agreement for Youth Hub	The works to upgrade the old HACC building, as funded by DSDSATSIP into a youth hub are completed. The user agreement will allow NPAFACS the necessary access to the building and provide flexibility for other agencies to deliver youth services and programs from the building.
2023 Council Meeting Dates	NPA Regional Council has monthly meetings held in the communities. Local community members are encouraged to attend these meetings. The meeting times and booklets are available on the website.
Master Plan Adjustment – Lot 404 on SP273361	As this is already serviced and cleared land, consideration was given by the trustees to consider repurposing it to be used for future housing and seeking public consultation on the proposed change.

Media Release: Council Meeting #34 Friday 24th February 2023

Resolution	Benefit for community
Operational Plan Update	There has been progress on much of the Operational Plan in the last quarter. The latest update can be accessed through the February Council Agenda.
NPARC Water Demand Situation Analysis Request for Quote Award	In September 2022, quotes were requested from two local buy registered suppliers, Unganco and Veolia to undertake an NPARC Water Demand Situation Analysis Request for Quote Award. A submission was received from Unganco and Veolia “declined to bid”. Unganco was issued with a purchase order to undertake the works.
Naming of Streets within new Seisia subdivision	The purpose of this was to officially name the three new streets in the new subdivision in Seisia being Isua, Ibuai and Aken St. In 2016, the former Seisia Councillor advised that the three new streets should be named Isua, Ibuai and Baira St.
March 2023 Council & Trustees’ Meeting Dates	The March 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting has been rescheduled to 22 March at Umagico Office. The March 2023 Trustee meeting has been rescheduled to the 24 March at the Bamaga Office.
Delegations – Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011	Council is required to accept the delegated powers from DES pursuant to the WRRRA Delegation. This resolution allows Council to delegate these delegations to the CEO and allow appointment of staff.
Councillor Remuneration	Each year, the Local Government Remuneration Commission prepares a remuneration schedule to determine remuneration for Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors. Council is then required to adopt this prior to June each year to enable the new rate of pay.
Torres Strait & NPA regional Organisation of Councils	On February 13th, a meeting was held between NPARC, TSIRC and TSRA to talk about the establishment of Torres Strait & NPA Regional Organisation of Councils. This will allow us to collectively address issues and advocate for our region on a state and federal platform.

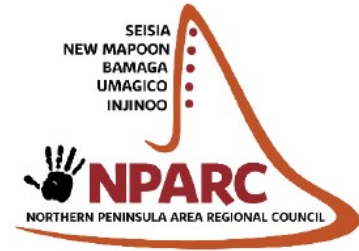
Media Release: Council Meeting #35 Wednesday 22nd March 20

Resolution	Benefit for community
Lot 109 Unnamed Rd Bamaga	This development will see the construction of 11 dwellings on Lot 209 on SP273361 to support employment of State Government Employees to provide services for the NPA Communities across a variety of agencies.
Administrative Increase	An administrative increase was applied to the current Certified Agreement to support staff as negotiations continue regarding a new Certified Agreement.
NPARC Structure	A minor adjustment was approved to the structure to support community engagement and the Local Thriving Communities framework.
Pajinka Redevelopment Contract	NPARC has awarded the Business Readiness and Capability Stage of the Pajinka Redevelopment contract to Gudang Yadhaykenu Aboriginal Corporation
Torres Strait Climate Centre of Excellence	NPARC has supported the proposed Torres Strait Climate Centre of Excellence with a number of conditions including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion of traditional owner representation from the NPA on the Interim Steering Committee • Allocation of at least 2 FTE positions to the Northern Peninsula Area • The implementation plan has strategic alignment to policies of Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council including but not limited to the Yumpla Coast Strategic Plan and the draft NPA Climate and Economic Development Plan



Advocating for the NPA

UNITED TO ADVANCE OUR REGION



On this truly historic occasion, Torres Strait Island Regional Council, Torres Shire Council and the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council have come together to formally launch the establishment of the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area Regional Organisation of Councils (TS&NPAROC). Collectively the TS&NPAROC represents the interests of residents of all 24 communities across the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area. Leading up to the launch, each local government resolved to endorse the charter for the TS&NPAROC and to allocate initial resources for incorporation and to set strategic direction.

The TS&NPAROC will undertake research and advocacy on key regional issues to State and Federal governments; will bring about regional tendering and purchase agreements to achieve economies of scale and better synergies in service delivery through better management of projects across the region and to facilitate cooperative projects between the constituent local governments through shared services and joint Local Government activities.

Torres Strait Island Regional Council's Mayor Phillemon Mosby said today, 'I'm excited that following years of discussions, we supported the development of the Masig Statement, Malungu Yangu Wakay, signed on the 23rd August 2022 commemorating the 85th Anniversary of the First Torres Strait Island Councillors Conference and now have our own ROC with the opportunities that provides for our region.'

Torres Shire Council Mayor Yen Loban observed, 'This is exactly what the region needs, recognition of our geographically and demographically unique location being the most remote region of Australia and the only to share an International Border. Our region faces challenges delivering services to 24 discrete communities.'

Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council Mayor Patricia Yusia noted, 'We know that this will provide an opportunity and an avenue for us to be more effective in serving our communities and in advancing the aspirations of all people in the Torres Strait and NPA region, in controlling our own affairs and in growing the wealth of our economies and strengthening Ailan Kastom and Aboriginal Traditions of the region.'

In officially signing the Charter of the TS&NPAROC, the respective Mayors expressed absolute enthusiasm for this strong collaboration. Shared resources, enhanced service delivery, regional deployment of staff on projects, effective management of projects with other levels of government, all the things that the Mayors and Councillors have been calling for over many years on behalf of our people to support our communities.



L to R: Mayor Yen Loban Torres Shire Council, Mayor Patricia Yusia Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council, Mayor Phillemon Mosby Torres Strait Island Regional Council

TORCH

On the 17th of January NPARC's Mayor, Councillors and CEO travelled to Thursday Island to participate in the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area TORCH Governance Forum. The TORCH project offers significant benefits to the region and NPARC is committed to working with stakeholders to ensure there are appropriate governance frameworks in place to enable genuine community input.



In January and February 2023, NPARC held community meetings in the five communities and with stakeholders to

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

provide an update on Council and operations, as well as from stakeholders across the community. We would like to thank everyone who attended and participated in these meetings. Following feedback, NPARC has requested Department of Housing hold additional workshops in the communities.

AMALGAMATION

As a result of the amalgamation NPARC is significantly disadvantaged in allocation of funding for example W4Q (Working for Queensland) funding.

Over a 3-year period, Kowanyama receives the same amount of W4Q funding of \$1.7mil which equals \$550k for their community each year. By comparison, NPARC received the same amount of funding, which when divided across our five (5) communities is \$110k per year. This shows the disadvantage in NPA because of amalgamation.

NPARC has sent correspondents to Minister Steven Miles Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, Minister Glen Butcher Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Mike Kaiser, Director-General for the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning requesting a review into amalgamation.

BOARDING SCHOOL

NPARC has been lobbying the Department of Education to establish a Board school transition support service in the NPA, because of this lobbying the Department of Education has agreed to establish the Transition Support Unit which will commence providing services to NPA from 2023.

The Transition Support Service specifically helps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from Cape York communities to gain and take placement at boarding school and to complete their senior schooling. They will support with the whole process including accessing Centrelink Support and Helping with Travel Arrangements. Transition Support Unit will visit the community each term. Their contact details

Transition Support Services UPCOMING VISIT 2023	
MARCH 22nd	UMAGICO IKC INFO SESSION FOR PARENTS 1.30PM-2.30PM STUDENT INFO SESSION 3PM-4PM
MARCH 23rd	SEISA IKC INFO SESSION FOR PARENTS 9.30AM-10.30AM NPAFAC'S INFO SESSION 11AM-1PM
MARCH 23rd	NEW MAPOON IKC INFO SESSION FOR PARENTS 1.30PM-2.30PM INJINOO IKC 3PM-4PM INFO SESSION
MARCH 24th	RADIO INTERVIEW WITH AMY AT RIBS 9.30AM



HOME OWNERSHIP

There are multiple benefits and challenges to Home Ownership. It is an extended process with multiple steps, but you can get the Expression of Interest application (EOI) from, and your questions answered by our Property and Leasing Manager Peri Sunai at the NPARC Bamaga office or can be contacted by phone on 07 4048 6803. More details are on Page 17.

NPA LOCAL THRIVING COMMUNITIES



Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council is seeking EOIs from Community Members who wish to be part of the Northern Peninsula Area Interim Local Thriving Communities Board. The Terms of Reference was adopted at the January Council Meeting as an interim arrangement for 12 months. Interested Community Members can contact the CEO for further information.

NPA LOCAL THRIVING COMMUNITIES EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council is seeking EOIs from Community Members who wish to be part of the Northern Peninsula Area Interim Local Thriving Communities Board

Selection Criteria

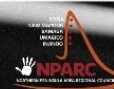
- Minimum Certificate IV Qualification in Any Field
- Preferably - Governance Experience
- Identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Resident of the Northern Peninsula Area
- Ability to maintain Confidentiality
- Well developed verbal and interpersonal communication skills
- Ability to participate in meetings

Applications to include

- A character reference from a respected community leader
- A letter outlining why you would like to be a member of the Interim Local Thriving Communities Board
- A copy of your resume

All applications to the CEO by 17 March 2023 via email at ceo@nparc.qld.gov.au or hand-delivered to NPARC Bamaga Office. Contact the CEO on ceo@nparc.qld.gov.au or 0401 278 497 if you have any questions.

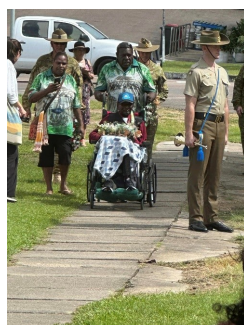
Note - if there are multiple applications; interviews may be undertaken



80TH ANNIVERSARY OF TORRES STRAIT LIGHT INFANTRY BATTALION

NPARC was honoured to be invited to the 80th anniversary of the Torres Strait Light Infantry Battalion on Thursday Island. In the early 1940s, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people could not enter a pub, they were not paid a fair wage, and they were not counted in the Commonwealth census, but when war was on the doorstep to Australia's north, 880 Torres Strait Islanders signed up to protect the country against the Japanese forces, which had been gathering strength throughout the Pacific.

Their unit became known as the Torres Strait Light Infantry (TSLI) Battalion, the army's first all-Indigenous battalion and the largest First Nations unit ever formed in Australia's military history.



QUEENSLAND POLICE

Thank you to all who attended the launch of the new Remote Assistance Trial here in the NPA. The new web form allows the community to easily make reports to QPS about non-urgent crimes such as noisy parties and vandalism. Flyers are available from Council Offices and other places across the community which has the QR Code that can be scanned.



**IF URGENT OR YOU ARE
IN DANGER CALL 000**

**Need to report something
to police?**

No immediate danger,
crime not happening now.



Queensland Police Service

CLIMATE CHANGE

The Torres Strait Climate Centre of Excellence (the Centre) Regional Round Table occurred on 18 January 2023 on Waiben (Thursday Island). The Regional Round Table was co-led by the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) and the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (the department). NPARC has supported the proposed Torres Strait Climate Centre of Excellence with a number of conditions including

- Inclusion of traditional owner representation from the NPA on the Interim Steering Committee
- Allocation of at least 2 FTE positions to the Northern Peninsula Area
- The implementation plan has strategic alignment to policies of Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council including but not limited to the Yumpla Coast Strategic Plan and the draft NPA Climate and Economic Development Plan

QPS INDIGENOUS MAYOR'S SUMMIT

NPARC attended the QPS Indigenous Mayors Summit on 9th March 2023. NPARC has provided correspondence to the Police Commissioner and Police Minister requesting progress on a number of issues for the region including:

- Community Police Options & QPS Staffing
- Additional Police Liaison Officer
- Increased hours for the Administration Officer
- Strategies for Public Disturbances & Youth Crime
- CCTV Trial
- Trial of School-Based Police Officer

FINANCE UPDATE

As was discussed at the August 2022 Community Meetings, NPARC has financial sustainability changes. We have been focusing on improving the position of the Council. Improvements in this area will enable Council to invest in Community Priorities. Over the past 8 months, NPARC has improved operational revenue for the period and expenses have remained in budget. Compared to the same period last year, the Council has managed to reduce the deficit from over \$10mill to just over \$318k.

COST OF LIVING SUMMIT

NPARC would like to thank Annastacia Palaszczuk MP for supporting the Cost of Living Summit for the Torres Strait & NPA on Thursday Island. Thank you to co-Chairs Cynthia Lui MP - Member for Cook and Mark Bailey MP as well as Minister Leeanne Enoch MP, Minister Shannon Fentiman MP and Minister Mick de Brenni for attending and listening to our issues. Thank you to all the community members who travelled across from the NPA to help advocate on our challenges.



A number of announcements were made at the Cost of Living Summit. Importantly for the NPA they included

- \$80mil for marine infrastructure upgrades
- \$64mil for freight subsidy
- Replacement of all street lights within the community

STAFF AWARDS



LEADERSHIP AWARD

Gina Peter

Acting Executive Manager Corporate Services



BEST WORKER AWARD

Mark Wasiu

Supervisor Landfill Transfer Station



MOST HELPFUL AWARD

Esme Newman

Records Officer



MOST RELIABLE AWARD

Karen Bond

Finance Officer



We would like to recognize these staff for these peer voted awards.

NPARC TEAM AWARD
Waste Management Team



EMERGING LEADER AWARD

Glendon Woosup
Manager Injinoo Service Station

Mud Rally & Pig Hunt 2023

For Australia Day in Bamaga, the NPA Regional Council held the annual Mud Rally and Pig Hunt competition for the local communities. Congratulations to all the following people:

Pig Hunt 2023

1st Place—Downtown Boys@ 73.8kg - Cash @ \$300 + Pig hunting accessories

2nd Place—Apocalypto @ 72.4kg – Cash @ \$200 + Pig hunting accessories

3rd Place—Work Mates @ 71.8kg – Car accessories

Mud Rally 2023

Best Dressed Vehicle – Ryan Poipoi in Weapon – Car accessories

Loud Noise Vehicle – Brent Wasui in Sinister - Car Accessories

Kids Bicycle Rider – Logan Sebasio—New Bike

V8

1st Place @ 56.37sec – Ryan Poipoi—Cash @ \$500 + Car accessories

2nd Place @ 57sec – John Sunai— Cash @ \$250 + car accessories

Turbo 6cyl

1st Place @ 53.87sec – Josiah James— Cash @ \$500 + car accessories

2nd Place @ 58.03sec – Alfred Nona— Cash @ \$250 + car accessories

Standard 6cyl

1st Place @ 1min 8sec.75 – Mylee Tabuai— Cash @ \$500 + car accessories

2nd Place @ 1min 31sec.29 – Yancy Williams— Cash @ \$250 + car accessories

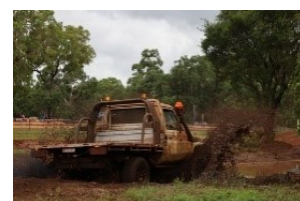
Overall Mud Rally Time 2023

1st Place @ 53.7sec – Josiah James— 6 sets Mud Terrain Tyres & Kangaroo trolley jack

2nd Place @ 56.37sec—Ryan Poipoi—Tool pro set, Audio & Coolant + Spotlight set



A special thanks to all the sponsors, businesses and people who made the event possible: Queensland Police, Ambulance, Peak Services, Preston Law, Cape York Ice & Tackle, Australia Day, Bamaga Enterprise Limited, Bamaga Tavern, CEQ, Bamaga Auto Marine, SES, QIVALS, NPA Family & Community Services, Yusia Earthmoving, QLD Health, Veolia, Apudthama Rangers, NPARC Staff, Tabuai Family Trust, Mona Townson, Ambassador Chris Tamwoy, Charles PoiPoi and Josie Nona (Food Stall Holders), Participants & Volunteers.



REOPENING ART CENTRE

The NPARC Art Centre located at New Mapoon community recently opened its doors to the public for its latest art exhibition. Guests were welcomed to the centre with traditional dancing led by Johnny Mark and his team, also with appearances from esteemed guest speakers Mayor Patricia Yusia and CEO Kate Gallaway.

The exhibition showcased a variety of pieces ranging from painting, sculptures and photography's. Attendees had the opportunity to explore the installations and participate in discussions about the artwork. Thanks to Art Centre Manager Dev Lengjel and the NPARC Community Service Team for an exceptional job organising a very successful event.





“Our aged care facility houses our greatest library, because Our elders hold our knowledge and truth.”

Said Cr Eric Cottis in his speech.

On the 4th of November 2022, there was an official opening of the new Home and Community Care Building in New Mapoon. This is a community care facility lead by local employees to provide day respite for our elderly. These improvements to facilities and services are all for the best to care for our Elders.

Separation of families has been a concern and now we are blessed that we have facilities to provide care in our community. Elders were being sent away to a place that is not their country and without their family. This is of great important to the social and emotional wellbeing of everyone in the NPA.

The HACC project started 27 years ago, and was located in Bamaga. It is run by NPARC employees but funded by the Department of Health and Aging. This facility is open to all elderly persons in the NPA.



Thanks to all the people who helped make this event successful for our Elders. We would also like to thank the HACC Staff who worked tirelessly to put this celebration together. *Photo credit: Daisy Fredricksson*

On the 15th of December 2022, collaborating with the NPARC, BEL sponsored a luncheon for the Our Home and Aged Community Care clients and employees. There was a great turn out, 10 elders attended this luncheon and had a great time. They were able to come together and reflect and celebrate a busy and productive year and the holiday season. At this event, Kate Gallaway, thanked BEL for their very generous sponsorship that helped provide our local elders and aged care workers with festive and delicious roast lunch for the occasion.



Welcome and thanks to everyone who helped organise this beautiful BEL sponsored Christmas luncheon for the elderly.



NPARC has begun a campaign to address issues with illegal dumping sites in our community. We have commenced assessing known sites and investigating complaints of illegal dumping. Offenders are being contacted and being requested to clean up the site or face a fine. We ask community to help us to identify new dumping areas that appear so we can address this ongoing issue. The Snap, Send, Solve app is a perfect way to help us register the location and amount of rubbish at new sites.



The purpose of the renewed approach to alcohol management is to ensure communities and individuals are safe, thriving and self-empowered to manage and reduce alcohol-related harm and improve wellbeing.

The renewed approach retains carriage limits and is based on a partnership between the Queensland Government and communities to:

- Co-design new Community Safety Plans (CSPs) and other coordinated initiatives and strategies that reduce demand; target illicit alcohol (sly grog and homebrew); build community capacity and readiness; and promote a healthy culture and attitude towards alcohol including through legal liquor licensing options.
- Explore minor changes to carriage limits on a case-by-case basis, pending community and Government agreement, and provided that a Community Safety Plan is in place.
- Revise AMPs to reflect the outcomes and results of co-design and community engagement.

The NPARC Community Safety Plan was endorsed in September 2022. The proposed actions within the plan are short term with immediate action required by Government.

Under this Safety Plan, NPARC has commenced a survey of adults regarding the Alcohol Management Plan and requesting everyone to complete and provide their feedback.



NPA Alcohol Management Plan

SURVEY

Have your say







Use the QR Code or go to our website

nparc.qld.gov.au

Financial Assistance for Community Members

1. The Council may, at the request of a Community Member give financial assistance through a waiver of fees and charges relating to hire of Council facilities when it is hired for cultural and community purposes.
2. A request for assistance must be made in writing to ceo@nparc.qld.gov.au.
3. Community members may be required to provide a bond to cover cleaning costs and damages if they occur.

for more details or to access support, please contact
NPARC Bamaga Office on 4090 4100



NPARC's Funeral Assistance Policy

Breaking of news day

Council will provide 20 chairs for the day at no charge and pick up the next day. Out of business hours requests, or late in day when no staff are available, the family will pick up chairs. Tea, coffee, sugar and a box of cups for a funeral at no charge to an immediate family member or executor.

For the funeral

To all residents a reduced fee rate for the following items that can be hired specifically for funerals; the current rate is included in the annual fees and charges adopted by Council:

- Hearse on a day rate with driver (weekends at higher rate)
- A funeral package of PA system, 6x6m pop up marquee, 20 chairs, water cooler, small skip bin or equivalent and 1 fold out table at half day, day and weekend rates OR

Hire of individual components of the package as follows:

- Chair hire for funerals per unit
- Table for funeral (1 only) per unit
- Marquee – large pop up 6x6m for funerals per unit
- Portable PA system for funerals on a day rate.

All hire items are subject to a bond and delivery charge where applicable.

for more details or to access support, please contact NPARC Bamaga Office on 4090 4100

On the request of an immediate family member, or executor, the Council will provide one or more of the following:

1. A credit at the Umagico Supermarket for authorised family members to purchase food items up to \$500 for the wake subject to those purchases being fully reimbursed by a payroll deduction by family members or other definite payment plan,
2. Excavation of grave site for burials within communities at designated cemeteries at no cost. Excavation of grave sites outside of community or designated cemeteries will be done on a cost recovery basis by a payroll deduction by family members or other definite payment plan.
3. Waiver of either Hearse Hire fees OR Funeral Package and individual component hire fees to the value of \$250.00.
4. Provision and delivery of up to 8m³ of sand.

Council requires at least 3 working days notice of requests for funeral arrangements.

Funerals/Burials outside of the Community Township and designated cemeteries

No supplementary services such as clearing weeds, roads or tracks, provision of rocks, fencing or excavation of a burial site will be provided for funerals and burials outside of the township and designated cemeteries.

Other exclusions - NPARC will not provide assistance with airfares. No burials will be conducted in cemeteries that are closed.

GET TO KNOW OUR STAFF



On the 25th and 26th of February, four NPARC staff members, Stanley Dai, Esme Newman, Leandra Newman and Marsat Newman, competed in SPARTAN, one of the world most popular obstacle races. It was held in Mt Baw Baw Alpine Resort located about 2.5hrs from Melbourne. All four felt they were pushed outside their comfort zones, running, hurdling, climbing, crawling through all sorts of rugged terrain and weaving through the ski fields. The two days were very cold with temperatures ranging between 7 and 18 degrees.

We would like to congratulate these staff on their resilience and teamwork. What a team of super beasts!

SPRINT 5km -20 obstacles

SUPER 10km-25 obstacles

BEAST 21km- 30 obstacles



TEAM
WORK
MAKES
THE
DREAM
WORK





Fridge/Freezer
365lt Haier

\$799.00



Heller Air
Conditioner 16kw

\$599.00



Heller Washing
Machine 8kg

\$699.00



Haier Clothes
Dryer 6kg

\$599.00



2kg Chicken Wings
27 Mar - 23 Apr

\$ 9.99



Melange Vegie Mix
While stocks last

\$ 9.99

BONDS

briefs, socks, tshirts,
shorts, bras

\$ 9.99

Opening Hours

Mon.....7.30 to 7pm

Tues.....7.30 to 7pm

Wed.....7.30 to 8pm

Thurs.....7.30 to 8pm

Friday.....7.30 to 8pm

Sat.....9.00 to 3 pm

Sun.....9.00 to 3 pm

Deals
at Alau Supermarket

RANGERS UPDATE

Since 2023 has started, the Apudthama Rangers have been busy looking after our environment around the NPA. They have been doing the following around the NPA Region:

- Beach Clean Up at Somerset Beach— fixing the fences where it is required and picking up rubbish from the beach.
- Campground Maintenance at Somerset Beach — general cleaning which includes picking up rubbish, mowing the grass and redoing the fences.
- Gravesite maintenance at Somerset Beach —fixing the fences around the gravesite mowing the grass.
- Track cleaning on the Somerset and Pajinka Road— moving fallen trees, cleaning around the signs, and picking up rubbish.
- Transect at Jardine Mouth — this is where the rangers do a beach clean up (25m x 6m) and they bring all the rubbish from on the beach back to the ranger base and count all the items that they collected from the beach. This data allows us to get a better picture of the impact of beach waste along our coast.
- Vegetation Management – Working with Biosecurity. The Ranger Officers have set biosecurity traps around the NPA region.
- Weed Mapping & Controls —The Ranger officers have been all around the NPA communities spraying gamba grass and finding hotspots. These hotspots are mainly located on the back roads of the communities.

The Apudthama Ranger Base's goal for March 2023 is:

Making sure that the gamba grass is all sprayed before April when they start having seeds—all around the NPA communities.



Home Ownership

There are multiple benefits and challenges to Home Ownership. It is an extended process with multiple steps, but Peri Sunai can assist Community Members with the EOI form if necessary.

Who is eligible

Under the Relevant Acts, an eligible lessee may be:

- an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person;
- a spouse, or former spouse of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person (this includes a de factor partner and a registered partner);
- a spouse, or former spouse of a deceased Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person; or the holder of an existing lease within the community.

The eligible lessee may apply for a lease over an existing social housing dwelling, or over vacant land. They will have exclusive use of the land which can only be primarily used the residential purposes. Under the Relevant Acts, a dwelling house needs to be constructed within 8 years of the grant of the lease, if a dwelling is not already located on the land.

STEPS TO HOME OWNERSHIP

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EOI

Step 1: Submit EOI

- Completed by the applicant
- Separate forms for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander land
- Once completed, emailed or hand-delivered to Peri Sunai – Commercial Leasing Manager

Step 2: EOI Assessment

- Completed by NPARC and can take 6-8 weeks
- Once assessment is completed EOI is presented to the Trustee Meeting for decision

Step 3: Notify Applicant

- Once the decision is made by the trustee, the applicant will be notified of the outcome via email

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Step 4 and 5 Notice of intent

- If there is an existing social housing lease, Notice of intent to lease is sent to DCHDE by NPARC
- DCHDE will respond to the Notice of Intent to Lease and confirm the sale price

Step 6 and 7 – Agreement to Lease

- Once the sale price is confirmed, NPARC will provide an Agreement to Lease (ATL) to the applicant
- Once the terms are agreed, it will be signed by the applicant and Trustee

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PROCESS

Step 8 Finance

- Applicant provides financial evidence to the Trustee you can cover the sale price
- Loans are available from TSRA, Indigenous Business Australia & Ely Trust
- If it's a cash payment, ask your bank for evidence

Step 9 Building and pest inspection

- This looks at structural, conditional and/or design defects and is completed by the applicant

Step 10 Native Title

- NPARC will issue a PAN under the current ILUA to the PBC
- There are consultation requirements under the Native Title Act which can take time
- NPARC is working with Ipima Ikaya Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC for standardised compensation for all home ownership leases

Step 11 Surrender existing 40 year Lease

- This is an administrative process where an existing social housing lease is surrendered to allow a new lease to be registered. Completed by DSDSATSIP

Step 12 Maintenance

- The building and pest inspection will inform maintenance work to be completed by DCHDE prior to the sale. There will be agreed timeframes in the ATL for DCHDE to deliver any maintenance required

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SETTLEMENT

Step 13 Settlement

- Sale price payment is made to NPARC by the applicant and the Loan Provider will support you with this process

Step 14 Lease Document

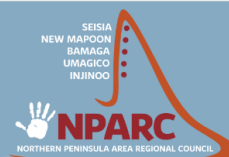
- The 99 year lease document is signed by the applicant and trustee

Step 15 Duty

- ATL and lease document is provided to the Queensland Revenue Office by the applicant for duty assessment and there may be duty payable to the state government
- If you are going to be living in the property and do not sell in the first year, you are able to claim a home concession
- Even if there is no duty estimated payable, the forms still need to be completed and submitted to QRO

Step 16 Registration

- NPARC will lodge the lease document with the Titles Office for Registration



OPERATIONS UPDATE

Capital Project Summary

Somerset Campground Toilets were completed in 2022 which was really needed for families and tourists that visit this beautiful area



Injinoo Esplanade was completed late 2022 with 3 shelters – 4 powered BBQ's and water, footpaths connect all shelters to the road allowing easy access for all users – Fitness equipment is planned to be installed this year.

Umagico Park Upgrade was completed late 2022 with a large shelter and 2 bench tables and chairs was installed so parents and children can enjoy shelter from the hot sun while the children play, pathways connect both ends of the park to the shelter and Basketball court. The sand pit was installed to be used as a touch footy area and sand volleyball court – basketball court will be painted when the rain stops.



NPA Foot / Cycle path is near complete, The Cycle / Pedestrian pathway runs from Injinoo to Umagico, 2 bridges have been installed over water crossings – bridges will be connected when we start the next section of footpath that runs from Umagico to Bamaga.

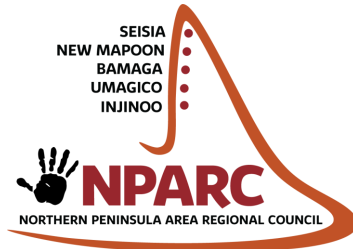
Current Projects

- Jacky Jacky Boat Ramp Car Park** upgrade civil works was completed last year, sealing is planned to coincide with other sealing projects
- Refurbishment of the **Jardine River Ferry** will include new Ferry ramps with wear plates, new drive motor and rope drive pulley and hydraulics to ensure the ferry stays operational. Seisia Esplanade is going to receive some refurbishment to the Timber Jetty shelter and other community shelters, a big clean up of the area including installation of new bollards, concrete footpath repairs which will include bench seats for use along the esplanade – design is yet to be approved by council.
- Mutee Heads camp site** will receive an upgrade with 2-3 shelters with tables and chairs, toilets similar to Somerset campground is also planned.
- William Crescent Park** is to be cleaned up, funding identifies 3 possible options for the park that is installation of play equipment, half a basketball court or shade structures.



TENDERS

NPARC is inviting tender submissions from businesses and individuals seeking to be placed on Council's Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers. Supplier Information Evening was held at Bamaga Hall on Wednesday 22nd March. More information can be found on our website <https://www.nparc.qld.gov.au/council-information/tenders-expressions-interest>



Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers

Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council (NPARC) is inviting tender submissions from businesses and individuals seeking to be placed on Council's Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers for:

**Supply of Trades Services – Contract No. 2023-03-01
and**

Plant Machinery Hire (Civil & Building Works) – Contract No. 2023-03-02

Interested companies and individuals may complete a Schedule for one, multiple, or all of the listed categories in the supplier registers and return with the completed Tender Response.

A Supplier Information Evening was held on Wed 22 March 2023.

Tenders, suitably endorsed, are invited and will be received via email tenders@nparc.qld.gov.au, until closing Noon, Tuesday 11 April 2023 and will not be opened publicly. The lowest or any Tender will not necessary be accepted. Council may change the Specifications during the tender evaluation period and invite Tenderers to change their Tender.

Tender Specification documents are available to download via Council's website [www.nparc.qld.gov.au\Council Information\Tenders and Expressions of Interest](http://www.nparc.qld.gov.au/Council%20Information/Tenders%20and%20Expressions%20of%20Interest). Further information can be obtained by contacting Council's Operations Department via email tenders@nparc.qld.gov.au.

**Kate Gallaway
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

OPENING HOURS

Pool: 4069 3659

Monday to Thursday: 6:00am - 7:00am & 9:00am - 5:00pm
Closed for lunch 12:30pm - 1:30pm
Friday: 6:00am - 7:00am & 9:00am - 3:00pm
Saturday - 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Friday 6:00am - 7:00am & 9:00am - 3:00pm
Saturday 2:00pm - 5:00pm Sunday CLOSED

Umagico Supermarket: 4048 6920

Monday to Tuesday 7.30am - 7:00pm
Wednesday to Friday 7:30am - 8:00pm
Saturday and Sunday 9:00am - 3:00pm

Service station Injinoo: 4048 6819

8am to 6pm on weekdays
8am to 2pm on weekends

New Mapoon Office: 4048 6600

Bamaga Office: 4090 4119

Umagico Office: 4048 6900

Injinoo Office: 4048 6802

Monday to Thursday 8:00am - 5:00PM
Friday 8:00AM - 12:15PM

LFS

Bamaga Office: All hours
Other Offices: 2-4pm Mon-Thurs

WEBSITE

<https://www.nparc.qld.gov.au/>

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Seisia IKC: 4069 3690

Monday to Thursday 8:00am - 5:00pm
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Friday 8:00am - 12:15pm

New Mapoon IKC: 4048 6619

Monday to Thursday 8:00AM - 5:00PM
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Friday 8:00am - 12:15pm

Bamaga IKC: 4090 4138

Monday to Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm
Friday 8:00am - 12:15pm

Umagico IKC: 4048 6914

Monday to Thursday 8:00am - 5:00pm
Closed for Lunch 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Friday 8:00am - 12:15pm

Injinoo IKC: 4048 6810

Monday to Thursday 12:00pm - 5:00pm
Friday 8:00am - 12:15pm

Centrelink and postal services

Umagico and Seisia
Monday to Friday 8.30am-10.30am
Umagico and Seisia

Waste transfer station

Monday to Friday 7:00AM - 6:00PM
Saturday - Sunday 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Art Centre

Tues-Thurs: 10am-12pm, 2pm-4pm
Fri-Sat: 9am-1pm

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