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NAPRANUM ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER



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TURTLE PROJECT WINS BIOSECURITY AWARD

The Western Cape Turtle Threat Abatement Alliance (WCTTAA) proudly claimed the inaugural ''First Nations Award for Excellence in Biosecurity'' at the 2024 Biosecurity Awards at Parliament House, Canberra earlier this week.

The award was for the WCTTAA's outstanding contribution to Australian biosecurity and exceptional commitment to improving the protection of Country and people from pests, weeds and diseases. Cape York NRM's WCTTAA Coordinator Dr Manuela Fischer and Napranum Ranger Shalika Wapau accepted the award on behalf of the WCTTAA team.

Dr Fischer said she felt very humbled and honoured to receive such a respected award on behalf of WCTTAA.

It was a fantastic ceremony featuring so many other interesting and impactful projects and initiatives. "WCTTAA can be very proud of its achievements and I know that its success will continue'' she said.

Ms Wapau was in awe of the whole experience.

"For me, it was an experience of a lifetime. Coming to Canberra for this award meant a lot to me. It has shown me that hard work really does pay off.''

The project was nominated by National Feral Pig Management Coordinator Dr Heather Channon.

"I was delighted to nominate the WCTTAA for this award and am thrilled that their significant achievements have been acknowledged in this way by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry," she said.

What an outstanding achievement for First Nations leadership in biosecurity and conservation!



ENROL NOW FOR 2025

Community

Kluthuthu Christian College aims to build a strong community not just within the college, but one that branches out into the greater community, inducing the formation of strong, long lasting partnerships with elders and the wider community for cultural lessons.

Parental training and Seminars

Organised parental training programs and seminars ensuring Kluthuthu Christian College is an educational institution for not only the school community, but the entire community.



WORDS FROM CEO

Dogs in Community

Unfortunately, we have seen several very serious dog attacks on children in recent weeks.
We cannot have dangerous dogs roaming community; it is not good and quite frustrating how many dogs in community are messing in the streets, knocking over bins, and fighting etc.
Council is working to build a pound and introduce stricter dog control measures, however, ultimately it is a dog owner's responsibility to control their own dogs.
Whilst on the spot fines, or seizure and destruction of someone's pet is not what Council or community want, we need to ensure our streets are safe and our animals are looked after.
Please shut gates and make an effort to keep dogs off the street.
Let's keep our kids safe and our community clean.

Napranum Noise on Top

Last week in Weipa the Local Government Managers Association (LGMA) Qld ran an Indigenous Council Management Challenge.
The challenge is a staff development programme which provides council officers with real life problem solving experiences in a simulated challenge environment. Teams of four (4), were given a range of business related tasks and activities that give them a taste of what it is like to spend a "day in the life of a council executive".
The challenge is a professional development opportunity for future leaders in local government giving a hands-on approach to leadership development.
Council nominated a team dubbed "Napranum Noise" and I am proud to say our team of Ada Bowie, Dick Namai, Marietta Matasia and Bronwyn Sisson came away with First Place.
A great effort and a credit to these staff, all from different sections of Council who came together supporting each other, demonstrating great skills and team work.
Congratulations and Well Done!

Community Meeting

It was great to see a number of community members attend the Community meeting at the Napranum Community Hall last week. This meeting was a valuable opportunity for Councillors and management to listen to community voices.
A separate summary of the meeting has been included in the Newsletter / circulated through community, however I am happy to report Council has committed to continuing with public meetings to yarn with community and look at ways we can work together moving forward.









PUBLIC MEETING

We had our first community meeting on Tuesday evening. Thanks to the community members who came along.
We heard a lot from you. This is why we wanted to come together: to listen to each other; understand what is being done; and find answers about how we can move forward.

`Your councillors and I wanted to tell you what we heard:

Drinking water alerts: You want to know will they keep happening?



When Council gets a report about problems with our water treatment plant, we send out alerts to boil your water. This is to keep you safe. Council had organised repairs prior to the last problem which have now been completed so we believe the alerts will stop.

Education for our children and families: You said education is important for our future.



We have made good progress in Napranum. We have Kluthuthu Christian College, Western Cape College is working in our community, we have Clontarf for our boys and Stars for our girls. PCYC is running homework help if you need it. But, you want to know how families can help their children when they are not going to school or falling behind. And you want to know what the schools are doing to make sure they can catch up on learning they have missed. Both Council and PCYC have a close relationship with the schools. We will organise a presentation for the community to share the supports in place and hear more from you.

Youth and youth justice: We want our youth to be safe here. You said they need good things to do.



These include On Country activities led by TOs, as well as activities within the community that keep our youth active, safe and happy. Lastly you told us the importance of community – it takes a community to raise a child. We are a strong community and we want to make sure we use this strength to help our young. We will continue to work with our Justice Group, the PCYC, our schools and Kuku'nathi to make sure we are helping our young people stay out of trouble and make sure they're ready for work as they get older.

PUBLIC MEETING

Our place and community:You talked about how our place can be better.
You talked about making it easier to get around the community with better walking surfaces and a ramp to get onto buses. You also talked about managing the dogs in our town and what we should do to stop noise. Your ideas are helpful. Council has got a plan to upgrade parts of town and about dogs. You said we should tell you about this in our next meeting. We will work together to decide how we should live together.

Better housing: You told us that housing is a big priority for you and your family.
Some things Council can assist with, and other issues require the Department of Housing to respond. We would like to have a longer conversation with you about housing and your concerns. We will try to involve the Department in our next meeting so that you can hear from them.

Getting into business: You told us that we need to do more to help local people get into business.
You want local people who have good skills to be able to get started as a business or get work, especially work in Napranum. We understand why this is important. We will learn from other communities about what they are doing and bring those ideas to our community. As an employer Council will explain what we need to be able to buy services from local people.

Getting the farm going again: We told you that we are beginning work to see if our farm can get going again. You said this would be good and you shared all the great opportunities the old farm used to bring to the community. This includes bringing money into the community, giving our youth something to do and being a good opportunity for people on work service orders to give back to the community. Importantly, you told us this is an exciting opportunity to bring the community together. Council has received some funding to begin planning the farm. We will continue to ask for your ideas as to how the farm will work best for the community.

Council will continue to look at opportunities for more meetings to yarn with community. For our community to be moving forward we know we must all work together; community; your Council and the other services we have here.

NAPRANUM ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

A CALL TO COMMUNITY

COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO CAME FORWARD AND EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERNS OVER THE USE OF THE NAPRANUM BOATRAMP OVER THE WEEKEND. THERE WAS EXCESSIVE WASTE LEFT THROUGHOUT OUR BEACH AND BOAT RAMP AREA AS WELL AS SMASHED GLASS, MAKING IT DANGEROUS FOR OUR FAMILIES TO ACCESS THE RAMP AND SPLASH PARK.

WE ARE NOW PUTTING A CALL TO COMMUNITY TO ENSURE THAT THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE NAPRANUM COMMUNITY SHOW CARE FOR COUNTRY AND RESPONSIBILITY. WE ASK THAT COMMUNITY COME TOGETHER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND THOSE VISITING.

THANK YOU TO THE TEAM WHO CLEANED THE AREA. WE HOPE THAT TOGETHER, WE CAN KEEP OUR COMMUNITY A SAFE PLACE FOR ALL TO ENJOY.

- NAPRANUM ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



What is your name and/or nickname?
Frank Sigai/Frankie

What is your cultural background?
Mum's side - Solomon Island and Napranum
Dad's Side - PNG and Saibai Island

What do you do for Council?
Napranum Ranger - Outstation Work

What inspired you to join the team here?
It's a part of my passion to be driving out on country and handling animals. I work a lot with my totem - crocodile from my Dad's side which I enjoy.

What do you like to do outside of work time?
Spending time with my school mates, fishing, traditional hunting and playing pool at the Alby.

What is your favourite food?
Coconut Curry Chicken

If you were stranded on an island, what are three things you would bring?
Water, lighter and an axe.

What is the best piece of advice you have ever been given?
"Listen to your elders"
What they tell you when you are young matters and you will realise when you are older.

If you could move anywhere in the world, where would it be?
Pilbara - I love that country. I used to work there on a cattle station and would love to own a property and retire there.

If you could recommend a place for people to visit, what would it be?
Pennefather Beach - The water in the morning is still and creates a calmness. You will experience all types of wildlife - turtles coming up to lay eggs, fish jumping, porpoise and whale sightings and dingoes up on land.

What would you like to be known/remembered for?
Making my community safer. Taking on challenges and being an example for younger generations.

COUNCIL STAFF TRAINING



In November some rangers, essential services, animal management , environment & WHS attend two days of Authorized Persons & Animal Management Training.
This training highlighted the legislation, procedures and protocols around begin an authorized person and working in animal management, with this training we have now began the process of been able to issue fines for illegal dumping, the use of legislative process in the seizure and termination of dangerous dogs and the legal ability to enter a premises depending on an individual's level of authorization witch will be issued by the CEO.
The training was a critical step in the area of compliance and power to enforce legislation in the Napranum area.











On the 13th & 14th November we held Snake Handling Training, across the two days we had staff from Napranum & Aurukun attend.
I would like to thank Dan from Hands on Wildlife for making the trip up with all his slithery friends, Ranger Dan brought with him Pythons, Death Adders, King Brown, Taipan, among others.
We saw many overcome their fear to make four successful catches to pass the course. Pictured is Noella practicing catching the python while Andrewina was overcoming her fear and having the snake crawl over her feet. I even roped the CEO into a photo shoot with the Python: Thanks Peter.

This training was held in order to gain additional staff on the ground who are trained in catching snakes to take the load of our current handlers and to speed up response times.
I would like to thank the Aurukun team, they were a pleasure to work with and it was great to get some inter council cooperation around training, as we were able to spread the cost among two councils to fulfill training needs.

WESTERN CAPE COLLEGE





Western Cape College Graduation Highlights

Western Cape College proudly celebrates the achievements of the Class of 2024, including 14 graduates from the vibrant Napranum community - 6 young women and 8 young men. These students have worked hard to complete their schooling and have achieved a range of qualifications that reflect their diverse interests and aspirations.

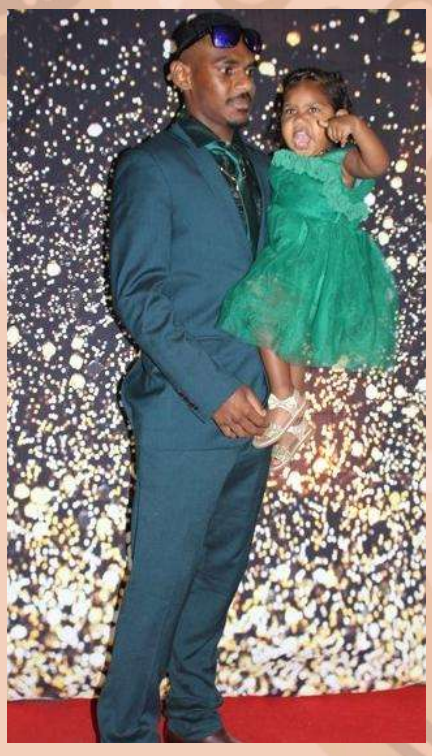
Among the qualifications earned by Napranum students are:

- Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management
- Certificate III in Visual Art
- Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation
- Certificate III in Health Services
- Certificate II in Engineering
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways

While not every student has completed all of these qualifications, each has reached significant milestones that we are incredibly proud of. Many of these graduates have spent their entire schooling journey with us at Western Cape College, and their achievements highlight their hard work and perseverance.

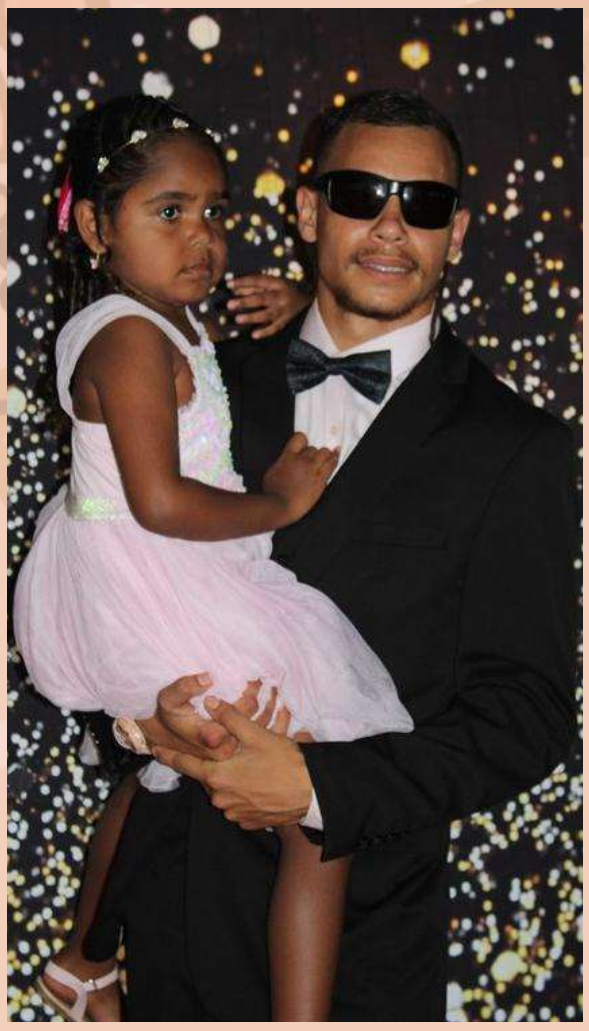
Congratulations to our Napranum graduates and the entire Class of 2024 - your community and school are proud of you!











GRADUATION

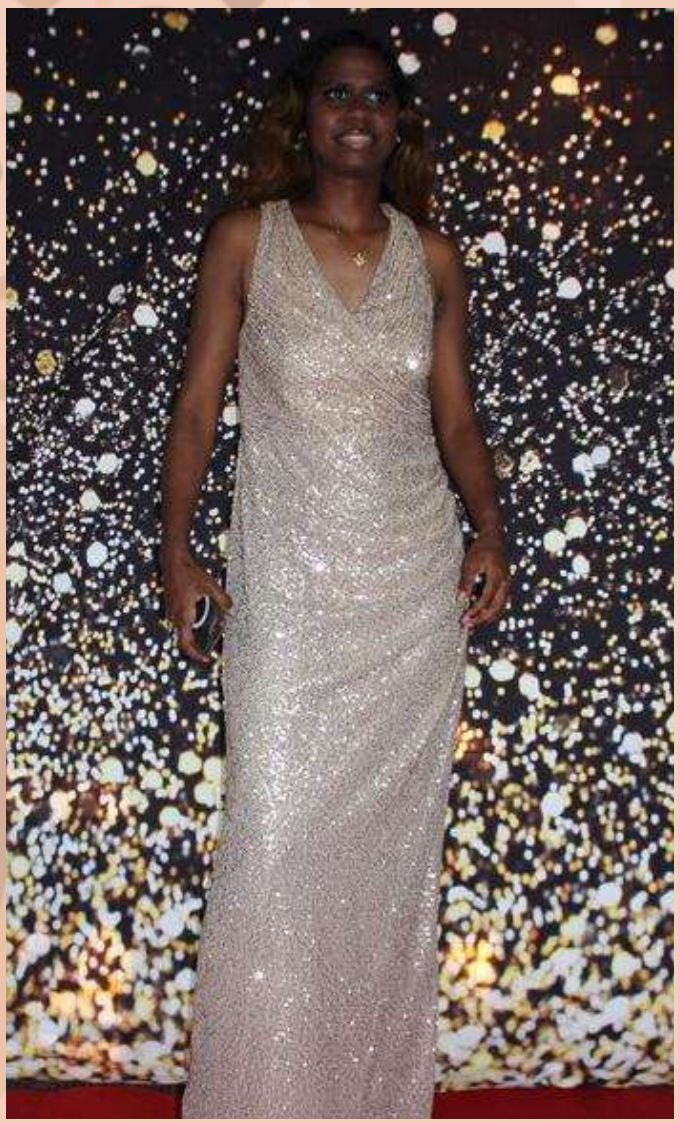












COMMUNITIES,CULTURE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Events

During the month of October, NASC held DOGIT Day. It was a great turnout on the foreshore, where the kids enjoyed the splash park, Rio Tinto activities and an evening BBQ. CEO, Peter O'May said a few words on behalf of Council about the history of DOGIT and its significance for Napranum. The evening was blessed with an amazing sunset.



From the 1st of December the Christmas tree will be put up. If you see any activity around the trees please contact one of the staff.

We are in the final stages of the preparations for the Community Christmas Party on Saturday 7th December. From Monday the 25th of November the Christmas Gift Cards will be available from the reception at Council. Only the head tenant will be entitled to pick up the Gift Card. There is only 1 card per household.

Napranum Community Farm

NASC is pleased to announce that works will begin on the Community Farm. Over the next few months we will hold a cleanup, and get the soil and irrigation tested. We will hold a community meeting around February to have further discussions around the farm, produce and employment & training opportunities. If you have previously worked at the farm, have had training and would like to work there again please contact the Council.

NASC National Justice Reinvestment Program

As a part of the Napranum Community Safety Plan, NASC applied for the National Justice Reinvestment funding. We are pleased to announce that we were successful, and this is a huge achievement for the community. One of the main activities will be the Community Night Patrol. This will include several employment opportunities, with training as required. If you have previously worked on the Community Patrol at Council or hold Security Licenses and you are interested in working, please contact the Council.



Indigenous Knowledge Centre





We are proud to announce that NASC has been awarded a grant through the State Library Queensland to roll out a new program, Digital Inclusion. The program will offer training sessions throughout the year and will be commencing in February 2025. The training sessions will be available to groups of eight.

This is an exciting opportunity for the community to be more involved with the activities and events that Council delivers. It is also an opportunity for new initiatives, such as the re-opening of the Radio Station. These training workshops will create opportunities for community members to record stories and events, record the history of Napranum and surrounds, and explore new creative ideas.

The three selected training programs for first six months next year include:

· Digital Fashion
· Drone Essentials and
· Podcasting Sharing Oral History

Following that, the following year will roll out:
· Digital Arts
· Live Streaming and Digital Broadcasting and
· Pocket Cinema



Two NASC staff attended the Indigenous Knowledge Coordinator workshop for Digital Inclusion that was held in Cairns. Staff from the Cape to the Torres Strait attended the Indigenous Knowledge Coordinator workshop, as all Indigenous Knowledge Centre staff, digital experts, and council leaders have been exploring new ways to support and boost digital inclusion and engagement.

The workshop has been designed to inspire staff, enhance their digital skills and empower them to become digital mentors within their communities. Our IKC teams enjoyed a fun, hands-on opportunity to explore creative digital tools.

The interactive workshops showcased innovative new digital programs co-designed by the State Library and First Nations communities, including digital storytelling, digital art, and pocket cinema.







CLOSING THE GAP - Local Decision Making Board

This year our Local Decision Making Group consisted of 10 board members from community who met twice a month to hear from different stakeholders. The board were able to speak with these Stakeholders while raising issues and working together to see the beginning of positive change. We understand that the change we are all hoping for does not happen overnight but Council would like to thank the current Board Members for their dedication and commitment throughout this year. We look forward to continuing the work with the Local Decision Making Body and elevating the Community Voice.

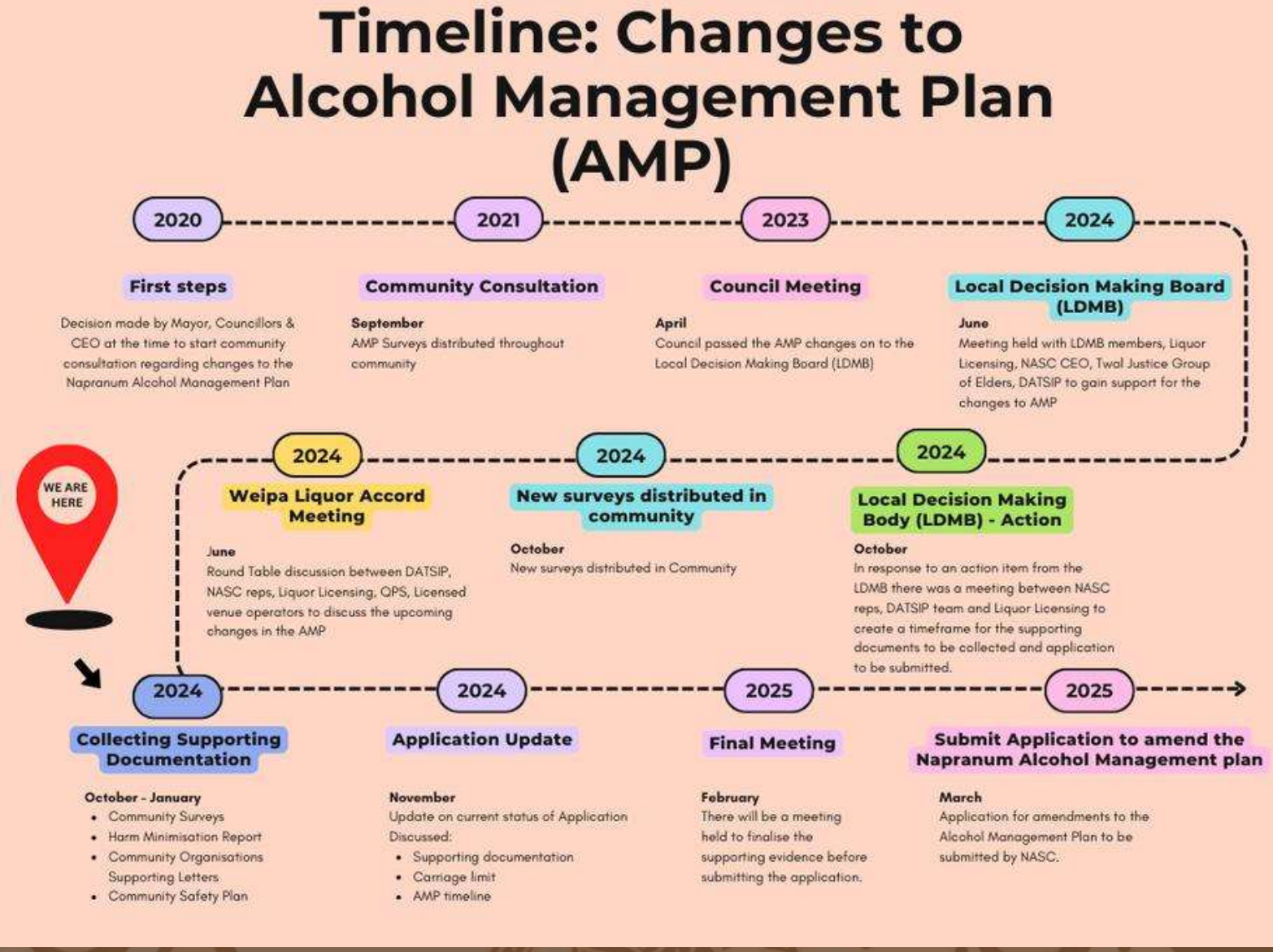
2024 RECAP

February - LDMB Committee Meeting
March - LDMB Committee Meeting
June - LDMB Committee Meeting
August - Board Member Training
September - LDMB Committee Meeting
October - LDMB Committee Meeting
November - LDMB Committee Meeting
December - Christmas Luncheon





AMP CHANGES



- Council have been in the process of submitting an application to change the current AMP for Napranum.
- Here is some helpful information on what that timeline looks like.
- Keep an eye out for the surveys that have been circulating around community. We need to hear from community regarding the AMP and what the future may look like.

KLUTHUTHU CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

FUTSAL COMPETITION - CAIRNS

Futsal Titles – Four KCC students competed in the Far North Queensland Futsal Titles at Redlynch Central Sports Stadium, Cairns. This two-day futsal tournament ran from 1-2 November 2024. This was the first futsal competition for all our students. Their excellent performance qualified the team for the semi-finals.













Year 6 - Canberra Trip

Visit to Canberra – On 13 November 2024, five Year 6 students from Kluthuthu Christian College visited Canberra. This visit involved a tour of Parliament House, the War Memorial, Questacon, the Australian Institute of Sport and a visit to the Stromlo Forest. Students also engaged in Bush Art and Traditional Indigenous Games.











KLUTHUTHU CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

YEAR 6 - CANBERRA TRIP CONTINUED..







YEAR 6 - GRADUATION

The climax of the College Year was our Presentation-Graduation Night. This event was held at the Napranum Community Hall on Wednesday, 27 November 2024. It was a successful and well-attended event! Students performed well and enjoyed receiving their well-deserved awards and trophies!












Congratulations on your graduation and best wishes for your next adventure!




NAPRANUM EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE - GRADUATION

Graduation is always a celebration of our kids completion of kindergarten and their transition to “big school”. It's a time given to honor each child’s journey through their early years and to receive a graduation certificate from Kindy.

Thank you to the parents for giving NECC the opportunity to contribute to your child’s earliest memories of learning and trusting our staff to nurture their growth and development.

We wish all our graduates the very best as they continue on their journey of learning.













REMEMBER, LEARNING IS THE KEY TO ALL YOUR DREAMS



















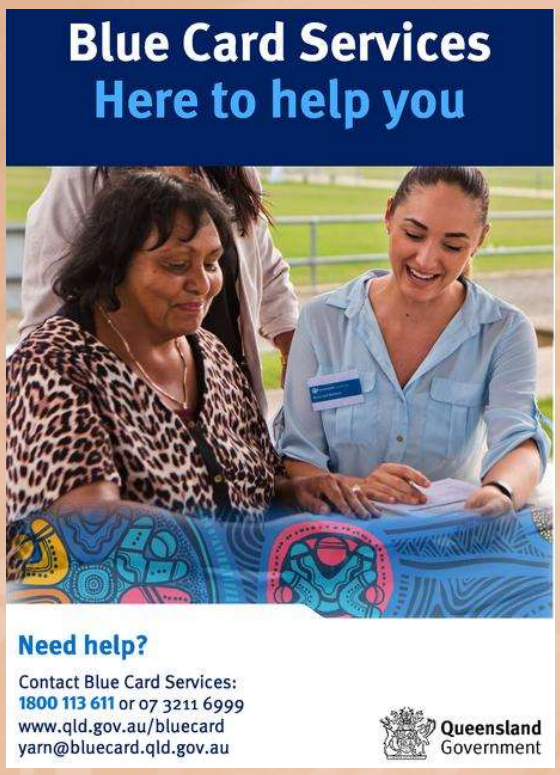


NAPRANUM EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE - CELEBRATES 50 YEARS



Please get in contact with the Napranum Early Childhood Centre if you would like to contribute to the 50th year celebrations in 2025.

BLUE CARD SERVICES



Blue Card Services visit to Weipa and Napranum – October 1st to 3rd 2024.

In August, Weipa and Napranum held its bi-monthly interagency meeting where services meet to discuss local issues, share information and strengthen interagency partnerships within the region. The issue of blue cards was raised by several members of the group in relation to the application process, requirements and barriers that people within community have when applying. It was decided it would be beneficial to invite Blue Card Services to do a community visit to engage with stakeholders to provide information on the requirements and available supports for organisations. As an action item for ATSIP staff to follow up, Darren made contact with Blue Card services and invited them to come to community to engage with stakeholders. Blue Card Service were responsive to the request and followed through with a community visit in the first week of October. They spent the week meeting with various key stakeholders within the communities and managed to meet with a total of 18 stakeholders in both Napranum and Weipa. They were able to share some important information with organisations whilst also assisting 4 submission enquiries and 3 new applications. Feedback from community stakeholders were overwhelming positive, with many expressing a desire to continue collaborating with Blue Card Services to navigate the process effectively. This is also a good demonstration of the outcomes that can be achieved through the interagency meetings, by working collaboratively and in line with community's priorities.



COMMUNITY INFO

CRIME STOPPERS
.com.au
1800 333 000
Queensland

Charkil Om Primary Health Care Centre (Apunipima)



Phone: 07 4037 7390

Opening Hours
Mon - Thurs 8.30am - 4pm
Friday 8.30am- 12pm

HOUSING

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1300 650 910 (maintenance enquiries)
1800 808 107 (emergency maintenance after hours)
Fax:
07 4036 5575
Opening hours
Please contact 07 4036 5555 to make an appointment.



APOSTOLIC JESUS NAME FELLOWSHIP

Church Services

Mens Tarry: Wed 7pm
Women's Ministry: Fridays 5.30pm
Children's Ministry: Sunday mornings 9am
Sunday Morning Church Service: 10.30am
For more information please contact:
Pastor Egito Mairu: 0458330179

Napranum Housing Office will be open bi-weekly (every second week)

Opening hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri (half day)

8.30am - 4.30pm
(2pm - 4pm home visits)

Charkil Om Primary Health Care Centre (Napranum)

Street address: 412 Moun Ding Street, Napranum
Open: Mon - Friday
Call in to see availability of staff
Business Phone: 07 4037 7390
Business Fax: 07 4038 4390

St Barnabas Uniting Church

Church service: Every Sunday 10am - 12pm lunch provided
Prayer meeting: Every Saturday 6am-7am
Combined Service:
Sunday 25th August 5pm



For more info please contact:
Rev Tevita Niurua