NAPRANUM ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

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LOCAL CROC SAFELY RELOCATED



Rebecca Luta - SafeKIDS Team Leader

The Nanum Wungthim Land & Sea Rangers have worked alongside National Parks & Wildlife to safely remove a crocodile from a beach located in Napranum. Saltwater crocodiles are a natural part of the Queensland ecosystem and especially in the Cape where we are considered to be "Croc County". The Napranum Rangers have been doing an excellent job monitoring the behaviors and patterns of these crocs and setting traps in the areas where they have proved to be aggressive, taking dogs from the beach. Crocodile management is a complex issue that requires a multifaceted approach, with education and research playing a vital role. Our Rangers are well equipped and have been receiving support from the National Parks & Wildlife to be able to safely monitor and remove crocs when needed. Please ensure that if you are in **Croc Country** you are being **Croc Wise** as we share our home with beautiful yet dangerous wildlife.

Good News Story continued on pages 4 & 5

CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK

THE NEXT GENERATION: STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY

6-13 JULY 2025

Napranum NAIDOC Event

8th - 12th July 2025



WORDS FROM CEO

Queensland Cabinet Meeting Cairns

Following the advocacy work Councillors undertook in February; in March, the mayor and I travelled to Cairns to meet with the full Queensland Cabinet. Whilst Premier Crisafulli had to stay in Brisbane with Cyclone Alfred hitting Southeast Queensland, the rest of the state government cabinet ministers were in attendance.

This was a good opportunity for the mayors from Queensland's first nations councils to talk directly to the Queensland government Minsters on issues affecting communities.

Issues discussed included cost of living pressures in community, freight subsidies, funding for community housing and the establishment of a specific grant program that first nations communities can access for infrastructure upgrades.

Formal meetings are expected to be established twice a year, to give our mayors the opportunity to talk directly to the Premier and relevant State Government Ministers.





Councillor Training

In conjunction with Councillors from Mapoon our Councillors recently undertook refresher training with the Department of Local Government. With the training based around Conflicts of Interest and governance, our Councillors looked at ways to work together to ensure a high standard of accountability and good governance is maintained.

Snippets from the Council table

- Council is to submit an application for funding to undertake drainage improvements in Lee-Ding Street and to undertake design works for improved drainage in Waum Street for future funding opportunities.
- Council will make application to the State Government to change the locality name of the Napranum community area from Mission River to Napranum. (You will notice many government organisations recognise addresses in the community as Mission River. Changing the locality name will reduce confusion when dealing with emergency services and other agencies.)
- Council will provide sponsorship to the St Barnabas Uniting Church Youth Group to attend the Easter Madness Outreach event in Brisbane.
- The Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 22 April 2025 will now be held on Thursday 17 April 2025 prior to Easter.

Western Cape Futures Symposium

Hosted by the Western Cape Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Aurukun Shire Council, Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council, Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council, the Weipa Town Authority, James Cook University, the Torres and Cape Indigenous Council Alliance, Western Cape Communities Trust and Rio Tinto.

7-8th May 2025



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY















International Women's Day is an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to gender equality and to celebrate the contributions women make to our communities. Napranum honoured their women by celebrating the day at the Napranum Community Hall. Women from community were present as well as community stakeholders and invited guest speakers. It was a beautiful day with good company, beautiful food, and we enjoyed hearing the stories of women from all walks of life.





















REBECCA LUTA CELEBRATES 15 YEARS OF SERVICE TO HER COMMUNITY

Where did you work before starting at Act for Kids?
I worked for My Pathway and was a Supervisor at Napranum Tavern Take away.

What inspired you to apply for the role of Safe Kids Team Leader, 15 years ago?
I have always been working with children, from my previous roles in Napranum day care/pre-school, and other day care centres in NT. I was house parent at the time and when the former TL left the position at the old house, I stepped in as acting. When the position was advertised I thought I would give a go, and I did, got approved until today. I consulted with my sister the one before me and she said how will I know if I don't give a go and encouraged me that our creator will always be with me.

What stands out most to you about working here for 15 years?
Working with the children and understanding that these children that we care for have not asked to come to us, knowing that something has happened in their little lives and they end up with us. What stands out for me is just being here and understanding what is happening and supporting children and families the best we can. The connection with children and family and our staffs.

How has the company/your role changed during that time, and how have you adapted?
There has been a lot of changes from then until now, especially through the legal system. The organisation has made a lot of changes, that we have to adapt to, it has been a struggle but grateful for the support that is given to myself and staffs by the management team in managing and adapting to the changes.

What are you most proud of accomplishing during your time here?
I am proud of the reunification that happens between the children and families. I am proud of the children, when they are successful in what they want to achieve. I am proud of when a child, turns around and says to her friend after giving me a hug, this is the woman who looked after me. Brings great joy to me that we at the safe house have been a part of journey with the children and their family. I am also proud of supporting and reconnecting families with their children.

What has been the most rewarding experience in the last 15 years?
Most rewarding experience for me is when a child returns home to families. Staffs that have a passion for the work that they do, have reached 10yrs. The majority of my staffing group have been here more than 10yrs.

Looking Ahead...

What are you most looking forward to in the coming years at the company?
Looking forward to reaching my goal, to be in the role for at least 20yrs. Looking forward to just being here for the children and families of this community and neighboring communities.

What new skills or areas would you like to explore or learn within your role?
New skills for me would be opening up the house as a drop-in centre, where children can come to relax, have a meal, yarn about themselves. Somewhere where children can come in and feel comfortable in talking to someone if they have something happening in their own lives.

What are some of the positive changes you would like to see in the future for Act For Kids and their staff?
Positive changes, for training to continue with staffs, doing refreshers and just keeping up with the changes as it happens.

Personal Reflections...

How has your role in this company helped your personal or professional growth?
My role in this company has helped me grow personally and professionally. I am able to reach out to other team leaders and support them in their area of management in their houses that they manage. I have also been supported in filling in for management positions and that has built me up professionally. I have also had the opportunity to step in for other team leaders in managing their houses, which has been a very good experience for me, connecting with families from other communities.

What is your favourite memory or experience of being with Act for Kids?
My favourite memory is packing up and setting children up for their transition from our care. Seeing the excitement on their faces but also witnessing the sadness of moving away from our care.

What has been the greatest learning experience you have had during your 15 years at the company?
My greatest learning experience is understanding the children, their behaviors, their wants, their needs, filling that gap for them when they fret for families. Building up the trust. To just being here and having that listening ear for them to feel comfortable to share their journey. To mend their broken hearts.

What has been your biggest accomplishment?
My biggest accomplishment is being compliant in my unannounced audits. Also meeting the requirements on our HSQF audits. Team leader for my staffs and supporting my staffs in our role.

What is your favourite thing about working for the company?
My favourite thing is having a management team who supports me 100%. I know I can call someone and talk through things, the on call that is provided by the management.

In recognition of 15 years of dedicated service, we would like to honor Rebecca Luta for her exceptional contributions and unwavering commitment to the families of Napranum. Your dedication has made a lasting impact on our community and we wish you well for the future.



ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY























WESTERN CAPE COLLEGE

Financial Fun with WCC Teachers

Every Thursday at the PCYC Homework Club, learning extends far beyond the classroom. This term, thanks to the dedication of WCC primary teachers Miss Landro, Miss Stoddart, and Miss Harris—who generously give up their Thursday afternoons—students are gaining hands-on experiences that nurture essential life skills.

At the "PCYC Plaza," kids channel their creativity and financial savvy by setting up their very own shops. Through this initiative, students brainstormed business ideas, designed posters, and will "sell" items. They learn how to categorise money, calculate costs, and even manage customer orders. By engaging in these playful and structured activities, children have gained an understanding of financial concepts all while having fun.

The excitement builds each week as students accept a new "order" of our current week's business idea and then prepare products.

The PCYC Homework Club this term with Western Cape College teachers has assisted kids to build real-life money skills in a fun, hands-on way. Seeing their excitement and creativity at Homework Club shows that learning can be fun!















WESTERN CAPE COLLEGE

WELCOMING NEW STAFF

Western Cape College is excited to welcome three new staff members who will be working closely with our students and community. Their roles will strengthen the connection between home and school, ensuring our students receive the support they need to thrive.



School Community Partnerships Facilitator

Fran Wymarra joins us as our School Community Partnerships Facilitator to lead the local implementation of the Partnership Initiative, fostering collaboration between schools, families, agencies, and community partners. Fran's role as the SCPF is to build strong interagency networks, coordinate support services, and promote culturally responsive practices that enhance student engagement and outcomes.

Teacher Aides

We also welcome Eileen Ludwick and Karlie Roseblade as Teacher Aides in the high school. Every day, they'll be in the classroom supporting students with their schoolwork, engagement, and wellbeing. Their presence helps create a supportive learning environment where every student can succeed.

We are incredibly fortunate to have Fran, Eileen, and Karlie as part of our team. They bring a deep understanding of our students and community, helping to make the transition between home and school smoother for our young people. Their knowledge and dedication will have a lasting impact on the college and our students' futures.





WE'RE HIRING

- Manager Community Services
- Community and Social Justice Manager
- Painter – Trade Qualified
- Plumber – Trade Qualified
- Boilermaker – Trade Qualified
- School Bus Driver
- Carpenter
- Local Laws Officer
- Cabinet Maker

Council is searching for committed and professional team members to utilise their skills and knowledge in order to achieve the objectives of the Council and Community

For more information, contact our Recruitment Team on 07 4090 5600 or email employment@napranum.qld.gov.au

Alternatively, you can drop in to the office to speak with our friendly staff about the vacant positions listed above

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COMMUNITY JOBS INFORMATION DAY AT THE SUZIE MADUA HALL ON TUESDAY 20TH MAY FROM 10AM TO 2PM.

Come down to hear about the new community jobs coming to Council. There are a range of positions that will be advertised in the near future. This is your opportunity to hear about these positions first hand from Council staff.



INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE CENTRE

"A library of influence, inspiring and connecting people through knowledge, storytelling and creativity"

"SUCCESS IS FUELED BY DETERMINATION"



Congratulations to IKC Officer - Tammy Wees on her selection to join the Milparanga Established Leadership Program. The Program will be held from 30th April - 9th May, 2025 on Wodi-Wodi (Kangaroo Valley) & Ngunnawal Country (Canberra). Tammy first attended the Changemakers workshop held at Weipa Town Authority in February of this year. The changemakers workshop focused on making progress with issues that your community may be faced with. Tammy enjoyed the workshop and came away feeling inspired to further her skills in the area of leadership. On her own initiative, Tammy then applied for the Milparanga Established Leadership Program. Her acceptance into the program was a testament to the strength of her application, and we congratulate you, Tammy on this achievement.

VISITING THE IKC



The IKC is now starting to become a space that has people passing through quite regularly thanks to the upkeep by IKC Officer - Tam Wees. One of the visitors this month was Rhonda Parry from 'Na Muck A Run' Mob. The group are currently based at the Kuku'Nathi office near the community yarning shed.

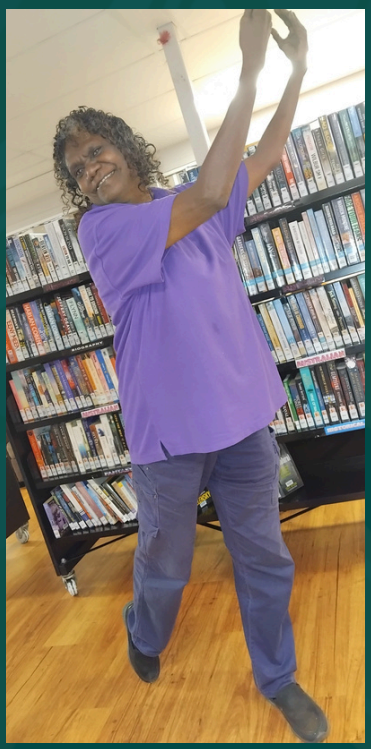
Rhonda works with Jack Wipa and their main objective is to assist/work with young people, aged 12yrs and up, who may need help with identification, social emotional & wellbeing, laundry and many more services.

If you would like more information, please contact Rhonda Parry at the Kuku'Nathi office.

Rhonda is a trained and experienced dancer who devoted many years to teaching young people in the community the art storytelling through dance. Though Rhonda has retired from dancing, she still enjoys performing and story telling.
Rhonda also attended the 'Change Maker Workshop' where Ronaldo Guivarra (Mayor of Mapoon) invited her to perform at the Panja Festival.

We would like to thank Rhonda for taking the time to stop in at the Mary Ann Coconut Library and look forward to more community members.

We encourage everyone to stop in at the IKC. There is beautiful history on the walls, books to be read, computers available for public use and a space created to relax.



NAPRANUM AGED & DISABILITY SERVICES

APRIL 2025

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
CLOSED Public Holiday.	1st Town Run 	2nd OT 	3rd Town Run Woolworths	4th Centre Based WK1H/A 
7th Morning Tea, SH Exercises & Activity 	8th Town Run 	9th Rev Tevita Church service & morning tea 	10th Town Run 	11th PCYC youth Week WK2H/A 
14th Morning Tea, Exercises & Activity 	15th Town Run 	16th Op Shop & Morning Tea 	17th Town Run 	18th Making Wreaths WK3H/A 
21st Morning Tea, Exercises & Activity 	22nd Town Run Woolworths	23rd Rev Tevita Church service & morning tea 	24th Town Run 	25th ANZAC DAY WK5H/A PUBLIC HOLIDAY
28th Morning Tea, Exercises & Activity 	29th Town Run. 	29th Town Run 		*Napranum Aged and Disability Service. Ph.: (07) 4090-5600*

If you would like to join us on any of these days please contact the center on **40697588** between 8.00am-3.30pm M-F to have you secure a spot or speak to one of our staff members. Pick- ups for these trips start from 9.30am and returns will be around 12.30 – 2 pm depending on the activity for that day. This service is for all Napranum Aged and Disability Services clients.

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PCYC NAPRANUM

Napranum youth and community members achieving!

PCYC Napranum Braking the Cycle/Changjng Gears Program is our volunteer driver mentor program designed to support young people to obtain their learner and provisional licences who have limited access to a supervisor or registered vehicle to complete their logbook hours. It also provides financial support to all participants to obtain birth certificates, online tests such as PrepL and hazard



perception, through to the payment of learner licence, booking fees for practical driving test and the successful attainment of provisional licence.

Our program in 2025 has seen five participants obtain their provisional licence, a further eight gaining their learner licence with another 35 signing up to participate in the program.

It brings great joy from all staff at PCYC to see the young people of Napranum achieving to succeed.

If you are interested in being a driving mentor to support our young people, we would love to hear from you.

Please pop in to the Club or email Club Manager at **pcycnapranum@pcyc.org.au**







Giving Our Younger Youth Opportunities!

Every Wednesday PCYC Napranum transport our younger youth into Weipa to participate in the Weipa Junior Netball Competition. Playing netball offers numerous benefits, including improved physical fitness, enhanced teamwork and communication skills, and the development of crucial life skills like resilience and leadership. Staff are so pleased to be able to offer this opportunity to the younger youth whose commitment is rewarding. The enjoyment and laughter in their faces is so great.







Youth Week

PCYC Napranum

Easter School Holidays 6th – 12th April 2025

Monday 7th April	2:00-5:00pm Stakeholder's Sideshow and stalls (Napranum PCYC)
	5:00-6:00pm Colour Explosion – All ages (Napranum Splash Park)
Tuesday 8th April	Cultural and Sporting Exchange Day Trip to Aurukun (+ 12)
	6:00-9:00pm After Dark – Team Sports
Wednesday 9th April	9:30am- 12:00pm Slime Obstacle Course (Weipa) – All ages
	2:00-6:00pm Mental Health and Wellbeing Showcase (+ 12)
Thursday 10th April	5:00-7:00pm Youth Pool Night Weipa Aquatic Centre (+ 12)
Friday 11th April	2:00-4:00pm Nutrition & Cooking Workshop (QLD Health)
	5:00pm-9:00pm YOUTH WEEK DISCO



PCYC QUEENSLAND

Building safer, healthier communities through youth development

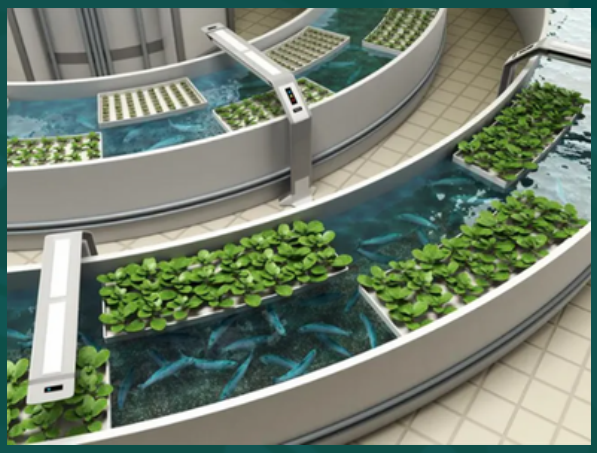
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COMMUNITY, CULTURAL & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Aquaponics and Hydroponic Designs







Napranum Community Farm - as we know there has been the recent lack of supply for fresh fruits and vegetables in the region. This is a key factor to the importance of the farm for Napranum community and the region. We are working with stakeholders to determine other needs for the region.

- Sourcing funding to support the planning, design and infrastructure for the farm
- Discussions are being held with government departments and other stakeholders for their support and buy-in
- Funding has been sourced for staffing, equipment and infrastructure, we expect an outcome by June 2025
- Soil has been tested by JCU and it is of a high quality and would support many types of in-ground crops
- We are hoping to secure some major funding before the end of June and additional funding by September
- We invite the community to give us feedback on what you would like to see from the farm

Produce









Types of Fish







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CAPE YORK HEALTH COUNCIL

In consultation with our team, Thilim Health Action Team, Napranum Community, community stakeholders.

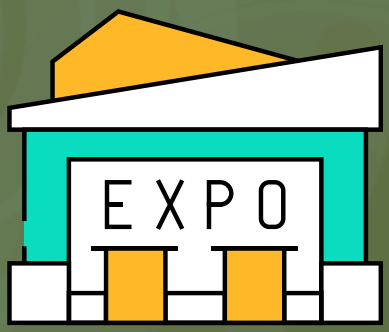
Heart of Australia truck visiting this year in May 2025 on the 26th 27th & 28th parked at our site, our clinical team here at Charkil Om PHC have identified patient/s who will be eligible to participate.



Silver Fluoride application for those children/s that their parent has signed consent for last year. Apunipima CYHC and Indigenous Oral Health Unit will meet May 6th - 16th 2025, at their homes, at the centre, or PCYC.



Health Expo/NAIDOC Week Tuesday 8th July 2025.
At the footy oval, promotion of our services and hosting NAIDOC activities. Working with stakeholders and other service providers.



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NAPRANUM ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

ABN 43 593 215 992

ANZAC DAY

Service

Lest we forget

Friday, 25th April 2025

from 9am - 12pm

Brunch will be served at 11am.

Napranum War Memorial Site

320 Wa-Tyne Street, Napranum, QLD. 4874

WEIPA COMMUNITY CARE

NILS at The Druamalon Women's Centre

The NILS support workers will be in Napranum at The Druamalon Women's Centre every second Tuesday at 9:30am

- Tuesday the 8th of April
- Tuesday the 22nd of April
- Tuesday the 6th of May
- Tuesday the 20th of May
- Tuesday the 3rd of June
- Tuesday the 17th of June

We look forward to assisting you with any NILS enquires..

PH: 4069 7361

NILS

WEIPA COMMUNITY CARE ASSOC. INC.

AT THE JUSTICE GROUP THURSDAY FORTNIGHTLY FROM **9:30AM - 12:00PM**

DATES WEIPA COMMUNITY CARE WILL BE AT THE

JUSTICE GROUP FOR NILS 2025

FEBRUARY	6TH	20TH
MARCH	6TH	20TH
APRIL	3RD	17TH
MAY	1ST	15TH & 29TH

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 4069 7361

No Interest Loans

WEIPA COMMUNITY CARE ASSOC. INC.

KIDS CLUB NAPRANUM

AGES 0-4



Come and join us for craft and play activities.
Free tea/coffee and snacks provided

Druamalon Women's Centre

1st April
29th April
27th May

WEIPA COMMUNITY CARE ASSOC. INC.

KIDS CLUB NAPRANUM

AGES 0-4



Come and join us for craft and play activities.
Tea/Coffee and Snacks provided

Mary Ann Coconut Library

15th April
13th May
10th June

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With a fleet of high-quality, heavy-duty equipment, Western Civil & Earthmoving specialise in a wide range of projects, from residential landscaping to large-scale commercial construction. Their team of skilled operators brings years of experience and a comm-itment to safety, ensuring every job is completed efficiently and effectively.

For more information please email westerncearthmoving@gmail.com or call 0477538049

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ON COUNTRY CONSULTING



On Country Consulting gives people an opportunity to engage with the owner and lead consultant - Ernest Madua Jnr, a traditional owner of the Alngith clan group. You will gain insights into specific cultural practices, country, beliefs, and values. This process is crucial to ensure culturally appropriate practices and policies are being carried out. It promotes inclusivity, respect for diversity, and mutual understanding, leading to more effective communication and decision-making.

For more information please contact Ernest Madua Jnr on 0482515194

COMMUNITY MEDIATORS

Mediation can help resolve disputes in a less adversarial way. When done right, it can lead to mutually beneficial outcomes and preserve relationships.
Do you have a need for a mediator? You are in luck!
Community members: Julie Mairu, Moira Bosen and Adidi Wigness are all qualified mediators.
For more information please contact:

Twal Justice Group of Elders 0438234739



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RURAL MACHINERY & MECHANICAL SERVICES

Whyte Adidi is a dedicated and skilled technician and an expert in handling a wide range of machinery.

Rural Machinery & Mechanical Services provide a skilled service with prompt response times and a commitment to customer satisfaction.

For more information please contact Whyte Adidi:
Mobile: 0477938320
Email: ruralmmservices@gmail.com

NAPRANUM TAKEAWAY & CATERING

Craving delicious food but don't want to cook? Look no further than Napranum Takeaway & Catering, the café by the sea! They offer some great snacks and meals to help pass the time as you wait for the sunset or cool off at the waterpark.

Mon-Fri 8am - 2pm & 4pm - 7.30pm
Saturday 10am 7.30pm
Sunday 10am - 6.30pm

For more information please call Angela on 0474890328

TJITHII LAWN CARE & SERVICES

Transform your yard with Tjithii Lawn Care and Services! Tjithii specialize in making lawns look their best. Their services include mowing, edging, weed control, and rubbish removal, all tailored to your lawn's specific needs. Their team of experienced and dedicated professionals use top-of-the-line equipment and products to ensure your lawn is not only beautiful but also healthy.

For more information please email
margie@tjithiilawncare.com.au or call 0499356879

WOMEN'S LEGAL SERVICE nq





Free Morning Tea and Legal Information



Topic: Yarn for domestic violence awareness
Location: Napranum Women's Centre
Date: Tuesday 15 April 2025
Time: 10:00am

For more information contact Chey 07 4033 5825



Together, we can raise awareness and work towards a safer North Queensland for all women and children



COMMUNITY INFO

HOUSING

Address:
320 Wa Tyne Street
Napranum Qld 4874

Email:
FNHHWeipaHub@housing.qld.gov.au
Phone:

- **4036 5555**
- **1800 325 111 (toll free within area)**
- **07 4082 4702 (if office is unattended)**
- **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.**



NAPRANUM

Napranum 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)

St Barnabas Uniting Church

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

Fore more info pls contact
Rev Tevita Niurua



Tjithii Lawn Care & Services

For all your gardening services please contact Margie and Jason. Support your local business owners!

Ph: 0499356879
Email: margie@tjithiilawncare



Napranum Takeaway & Catering

Mon-Fri
8am - 2pm
4pm - 7.30pm
Saturday
10am 7.30pm
Sunday
10am - 6.30pm



RG Wigness Contracting

Garden Maintence and Fencing services available. Support your local business and get in touch with Robert Wigness. Details below

Ph: 0473020135



E:robertwigness48@gmail.com

APOSTOLIC JESUS NAME FELLOWSHIP

Church Services
Mens Tarry: Weds 7pm
Womens Ministry: Friday's 5.30pm
Childrens Ministry: Sunday mornings 9am
Sunday Morning Church Service: 10.30am

For more information please contact:
Pastor Egito Mairu: 0458330179



Charkil Om Primary Health Care Centre (Apunipima)

Phone: 07 4037 7390

Opening Hours

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